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The Governor of Ramallah and the UNDP Special Representative visit the erupted Petrol Station in Um Al Sharayet

Jerusalem, February 13, 2007 — Further to the explosion of the petrol station in Ramallah, Mr. Jens Toyberg-Frandzen, UNDP Special Representative, accompanied by Mr. Khaled Shahwan, Deputy Special Representative (Operations) met with the Governor of Ramallah Dr. Said Abu Ali on 13.02.2007.



Mr. Frandzen conveyed his sympathy to the Governor and the families of the dead and injured and expressed the programme's interest in offering assistance and advice to further enhance the capacities of civil defense teams: "It is important to strengthen the national structure, support the development of existing capacities and review best practices in order to prevent such unfortunate reoccurrence", he stated.

Dr. Abu Ali commended the civil defense teams, police, ambulances and civilians for their help in evacuating the injured and the UNDP for their quick response. In addition, he emphasized the importance of developing an operational system and coordination mechanisms to respond quickly and effectively to natural and man caused disasters.

The meeting was followed by visit to the site where the massive explosion took place killing 8 people and wounding 20.

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