
Senior UN envoy condemns deadly suicide bombing in Tel Aviv



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6 January 2003 – The top United Nations envoy in the Middle East, Terje Roed-Larsen, has condemned the double suicide bombing by Palestinian militants in Tel Aviv over the weekend in which at least 20 people were killed and dozens more wounded.

Mr. Roed-Larsen, the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, reiterated the UN's long-standing position that terrorist bombings such as Sunday's were morally reprehensible and completely unjustified. "They also run counter to every effort to find a peaceful solution to the conflict," he added in a statement released yesterday in Jerusalem.

"Violence cannot solve the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Mr. Roed-Larsen stressed, repeating his call to all Palestinians to pursue "non-violent policies," as embodied in the international attempt to end the crisis through the diplomatic Quartet and its road map for a just and comprehensive peace.

The Special Coordinator, "mindful of the tragic killings of civilians that shatters lives on both sides, also urges Israel to act with restraint in responding to this deadly terror attack."