



**Statement by Robert Serry
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On the situation in Jerusalem**

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"I continue to follow with concern developments in East Jerusalem and continuing tensions in the city. The approval of new units in the settlement of Pisgat Zeev, in violation of Israel's Roadmap commitments, is wrong. I am also concerned at reports of house demolitions today. My office is monitoring closely the fate of four members of the Palestinian Legislative Council who face the threat of expulsion from the city. At the current juncture, it is essential for all parties to respect international law, refrain from provocative actions, and take positive steps to build confidence and create an environment conducive to successful negotiations."

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