

Mladenov: UN and Egypt working to keep Gaza from exploding

The UN has “been able to engage actively and constructively in a very strong partnership with Egypt to keep the situation in Gaza from exploding,” Mladenov said.

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The UN has worked “actively and constructively” with Egypt to keep the situation in Gaza from exploding, the UN’s Mideast envoy Nickolay Mladenov said on Monday.

Mladenov’s comments, at a conference on Israel’s relations with the UN held at the [Institute for National Security Studies \(INSS\)](#) in Tel Aviv, comes three weeks after the latest round of fighting in Gaza, which saw some 700 rockets fired on Israel from Gaza in a 48-hour period. Mladenov and the Egyptians were instrumental in drawing up understandings that led to an end to the fighting.

Neither Israel nor Hamas has formally recognized a cease fire, though the violence has been substantially tamped down.

Mladenov said that much of his work in the last few months has been “focused on preventive diplomacy,” an area he said where UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wants the UN to focus its efforts – not only on dealing with the aftermath of conflict, but to “try and work with all parties to prevent conflict.”

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