

## **Palestinian protesters in Gaza throw shoes at UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon**

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*Angry Palestinian protesters have hurled shoes and stones at a convoy of vehicles transporting UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon into the Gaza Strip.*

The protesters pelted the convoy as it crossed through a checkpoint in northern Gaza from Israel on Thursday.

Nobody was injured and the convoy left the area.

Many of the protesters were reportedly the relatives of the Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli jails.

The UN chief is on a trip to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories apparently to push for the resumption of Palestinian-Israeli talks that stalled in September 2010 after Israel declined to renew a 10-month freeze on its illegal settlement construction in the West Bank.

Acting Palestinian Authority chief Mahmoud Abbas said on January 26 that several meetings between low-ranking Palestinian Authority officials and Israelis in Jordan over the past few weeks ended inconclusively.

Palestinian protesters on Thursday accused Ban of “bias towards Israel” and said the UN chief had “refused to meet” the relatives of prisoners.

On Wednesday, Ban met with the Palestinian Authority chief in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The UN chief said in a joint press conference with Abbas that all the Israeli settlements in the West Bank are “contrary to international law.”

On Wednesday, Israel once again rejected calls by Ban to stop its illegal settlement construction in the West Bank.

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