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Local EU statement on NGO offices raided by Israeli security forces

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are deeply concerned by the incursion by Israeli Security Forces into Ramallah on 11 December, to raid the offices of 3 NGO's with which the EU and some of its Member States have implemented cooperation projects: Addameer, the Union of Palestinian Women Committees (UPWC) and the Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO).

Incursions by Israeli forces into Palestinian cities where the Palestinian Authority under the Oslo Accords assumes the powers and responsibilities for internal security and public order, put in jeopardy the internationally recognized success of Palestinian institution building efforts.

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah see Palestinian civil society as an essential partner in the shared project of democratic state building.