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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - The UN chief "deplores" Israel's demolition of the Shepherd Hotel in East Jerusalem and said it only served to heighten tensions between Israel and the Palestinians, a UN spokesman said January 10. "It is deeply regrettable that growing international concern at unilateral expansion of illegal Israeli settlements is not being heeded," UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said in a statement summarizing Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's reaction to the Israeli move.

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