

Email 1:

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: 26 January 2024 15:42
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Allegations against UNRWA staff

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for reaching out on this. At this stage, I do not have anything further to share other than the statement you have seen below. Once more information is available, we will share this as a matter of urgency.

I would also like to link you to the statement of the SG on the matter
to: <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2024-01-26/statement-attributable-the-spokesperson-for-the-secretary-general-%E2%80%93-allegations-concerning-unrwa>

Best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 5:34 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: Allegations against UNRWA staff

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Dear [redacted],

We are deeply concerned about the following news release related to serious allegations against UNRWA staff in the Gaza Strip. I would appreciate if you could please provide an update on this statement as a matter of urgency:

[Serious allegations against UNRWA staff in the Gaza Strip | UNRWA](#)

Best Regards
[redacted]

[redacted]



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Email 2:

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: 12 February 2024 14:22
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Allegations against UNRWA staff

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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for reaching out on this.

To confirm please see my responses in red below to your questions.

Very best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:44 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Allegations against UNRWA staff

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Dear [redacted],

Further to my email below, I would be grateful if you could please provide an update on:

- The timescales for the investigation into the involvement of UNRWA staff in Hamas attacks in Israel on 7 October. **The OIOS investigation has commenced, please find the latest PR on this here: <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/allegations-against-unrwa-staff>. Note the SG has requested OIOS to conduct this investigation as quickly as possible with an interim report being published after four weeks.**
- An update on what Scottish Government's contribution to the UNRWA appeal has been spent on and assurance that it has not contributed to funding any proscribed terrorist groups. **Scottish funding within the UNRWA appeal has been used to contribute towards supporting lifesaving activities targeting vulnerable groups (children, women, and elderly) with protection and emergency hygiene needs.**

Thanks in advance,
[redacted]
[redacted]

Email 3:

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: 01 February 2024 19:26
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI request - public release of SG/ UNRWA email correspondence

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for reaching out and consulting us on this matter, from our side we do not see anything that would pose a security risk to the UNRWA or is otherwise sensitive.

While we understand that the Scottish Government is bound to certain domestic legal obligations that govern Freedom of Information Requests, we also note that pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, “[t]he archives of the United Nations, and in general all documents belonging to it or held by it, shall be inviolable wherever located.”

Accordingly, these documents are being made available on a voluntary basis, without prejudice to the privileges and immunities accorded to the United Nations, including UNRWA, under international law. If the documents will be used for any other purpose (e.g. submission in a court proceeding), then separate authorization would be required.

Thank you again for contacting us about this.

Best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:14 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI request - public release of SG/ UNRWA email correspondence

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Dear [redacted],

Following the Scottish Government’s donation to the UNRWA’s flash appeal in November of last year, we have received a Freedom of Information request seeking details of donations of aid to Gaza, as well as details of all correspondence with recipients of these donations.

We have reviewed the correspondence between Scottish Government International Development colleagues and UNRWA staff and prepared the attached documents for release. We have redacted the personal information of individuals on both sides,

as well as the UNRWA's banking information and information you shared regarding the security details of your distribution centres.

As is standard procedure for all such enquiries, I am contacting you in advance to make you aware of the information proposed for release. As we are legally obligated to release this information, we are unable to request your approval before release. However, if there is anything in the attached that you consider would pose a security risk to the UNRWA or is otherwise sensitive, please do let me know and I can consider what exemptions may apply in that case.

With apologies for the tight deadline, **I would need a response by 08:30 UTC tomorrow, Friday 2nd February** in order to be able to consider any further redactions and have them cleared at the appropriate level before the case's statutory deadline tomorrow afternoon.

Happy to have a discussion on the phone if helpful.

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