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Statement by Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, on Rafah

(14 February 2024) The Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, echoes concerns expressed by other senior UN officials about the reported plans for a full military incursion in Rafah, which would almost certainly have disastrous consequences for the civilians in the area, both those who live there and the more than a million internally displaced persons who have taken refuge in Rafah fleeing the violence that has afflicted them in the rest of the Gaza Strip.

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