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STATEMENT ON ARRESTED STAFF MEMBERS

The UN understands that two of its national staff members have been arrested. The two employees, one from UNHCR and one from UNOPS, were reported as missing 8 days ago, after which it emerged that they had been taken into custody. We are not aware which if any charges have been laid, and nor are we aware of the details of any accusations. The UN is in contact with the government over the matter, and has requested details as to their well-being and the basis on which they are being held. We are providing all assistance possible to the authorities in the interest of due process.

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