

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOON BRIEFING BY STEPHANE DUJARRIC**  
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**MOZAMBIQUE**

Today, from Mozambique, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said that sporadic fighting was still being reported from Palma, in northern Mozambique. The UN expects that thousands more people are fleeing the area and making their way by foot, boat or road to reach safer destinations.

The International Organization for Migration confirmed that more than 3,360 people displaced from Palma arrived in Nangade, Mueda, Montepuez and Pemba districts. That was as of yesterday afternoon. The numbers, however, might be higher and are expected to increase over the coming days.

UN colleagues on the ground say that displaced people, including children, are arriving in dire conditions. They have been traumatized, or injured, or in need of urgent medical attention, or all three. Many saw their family members killed or had to hide for days, without food or water, to evade the armed men who attacked their communities.

The UN, along with its humanitarian partners, are rapidly mobilizing personnel and resources and are supporting people at their arrival points. WFP is providing emergency food assistance while IOM is providing medical supplies and other emergency items.

For its part, the UN Refugee Agency and the UN Children's Fund are supporting identification and referral of vulnerable people at their arrival points.

As said yesterday via email by the Spokesman, the UN is deeply concerned by the still evolving situation in Palma. He said we strongly condemn the attacks that have taken place and extend our deep condolences to the families of the victims, as well as the Government of Mozambique.