

## Recalling Algiers attack, Secretary-General says, 2007 bombing 'hit heart of the UN'

11 December 2017 – In a message commemorating the 2007 bombing of the United Nations offices in Algiers, the capital of Algeria, [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres expressed the Organization's continuing support to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

"These terrorists hit Algeria, but they also hit the UN in the heart. It was the entire staff of the Organization who was touched, who felt this pain," said the Secretary-General, in a message in French.

"Unfortunately, these attacks are only increasing and we are now targeted around the world, while we are here to support the most vulnerable populations," he highlighted.

Seventeen staff members from several UN humanitarian and development agencies were killed on 11 December 2007 when a car bomb ripped through the offices. A number of Algerians were also killed and over one hundred injured.

"We will not forget them. We will not forget the pain of those who remain, who must survive after such trauma and continue their lives, broken homes and interrupted dreams," he added in his message, expressing his deepest sympathies and support.

Also in the message the Secretary-General expressed his full solidarity with the people and the Government of Algeria in their efforts to fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

"The United Nations will always be at your side," he said.