

UN chief expresses 'profound sadness' at Florida gun massacre

Secretary-General António Guterres has expressed his profound sadness at the horrific gun massacre in Florida in a message he wrote to the Governor and to the United States' Ambassador to the United Nations, UN spokesman said Thursday.

"It is wrenching to see so many young lives cut short – in a place where students should feel safe – as well as so many families torn apart, and yet another community thrown into shock," Mr. Guterres wrote to Governor Rick Scott and US Permanent Representative to the UN, Nikki Haley.

"At this time of profound sorrow, we at the United Nations wish to say that our thoughts are with all those who have been touched by this tragedy," Mr. Guterres added, according to his Spokesman Stéphane Dujarric.

News organizations reported that 17 people were killed and another 14 were wounded in the shooting that took place Wednesday at a high school in Parkland.