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January's Top Stories:

#### AP Partners Take Action for Peace as Gaza Crisis Escalates

Civil society in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and around the world reacted strongly to the Israeli attacks in Gaza. Throughout January, AP posted updates about the crisis from its partners, including the AIC, DWRC, and Women in Black-Serbia.

Traveller Families Plan for Homelessness, Prepare to Resist

After a British Court of Appeal ruling paved the way for their eviction, Traveller families at Dale Farm are registering as homeless, but vowing to do all they can to remain in their homes.

# EU Parliament Officially Recognizes Srebrenica Genocide

The Parliament of the European Union voted overwhelmingly January 15 to commemorate July 11 as a day of remembrance and mourning for the genocide in Srebrenica. The massacres began on July 11, 1995.

### UNDP Apologizes to Kosovo Women's Leader

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has apologized to the Kosova Women's Network after UNDP officials censored the speech of the group's leader at a conference in December.

### JMC Protests Killing of Nepalese Journalist

Reporters from the Jagaran Media Center (JMC) joined protests across Nepal after the murder of Nepalese journalist Uma Singh, who reported on women's rights.

# UN Forgets Roma on Holocaust Remembrance Day

The United Nations held its annual event remembering Holocaust victims January 27 without inviting any representation from the Roma community. It is estimated that 500,000 Roma died in mass shootings and Nazi gas chambers during World War II.