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Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"
On the occasion of Universal Declaration for Human Rights and Human
Rights' Defenders**

**Violating against Palestinian Peoples' Rights since the issuance of the
Universal Declaration for Human Rights**

"SHAMS" center **reminds** the United Nations Organization and other peace-loving countries that the Palestinian people has been fallen under the Israeli occupation and has suffered from huge infringements upon its basic rights in spite of the passage of 65 years on the issuance of Universal Declaration for Human Rights. These infringements include violations against right to life, arresting thousands of individuals and sending them to jails, preventing freedom of movement and accessing holy places, extracting trees, confiscating lands, building and expanding settlements, isolating villages by the apartheid wall, devastating homes, dividing the homeland, setting barriers, forcing unfair besiege, keeping the isolation of Jerusalem from its Palestinian surrounding, using internationally prohibited weapons, stealing resources and destroying the environment besides infringing upon journalists and freedom of opinion. Violations are not only represented by the previously mentioned procedures, but also the occupation forces and settlers are increasing their violations against the right of the Palestinian people of self-determination ignoring all regulations of the International Law and decisions of the International legitimacy which forbid occupying other's lands.

"SHAMS" center **perceives** that work's conditions for human rights' defenders and non-governmental organizations have been described as difficult and they also have been exposed to threats, infringements, breaches and open assaults on their personal reputation and safety which aim at hindering their work and affecting their integrity. It should be noted that human rights defenders face threats, breaches and assaults, and despite the fact that International Law of Human Rights has developed much regarding control's mechanisms, it hasn't developed in terms of cooperation's mechanisms since the guarantee and protection of human rights is the responsibility of each country firstly.

"SHAMS" center **emphasizes** that Universal Declaration for Human Rights represents the base for International Law of Human Rights, represents the first universal declaration concerning the basic principles for inalienable human rights and represents a joint standard for achievement within all peoples and nations. In the thick of celebrating this declaration, the long-lasting significance of this live document should be reminded of regularly, in addition to its internationalism and inclusion of all of what we all celebrate. Currently, the Universal Declaration for Human Rights since its issuance for 65 years is considered essential more than before because it has stood with steadiness and resistance against changes and fluctuations which passed within the international system.

"SHAMS" center **stresses** that human rights don't only symbolize mutual heritage for international values that exceed the limits of culture and traditions, but also symbolize a base for local values as well as national commitments according to international agreements besides national constitutions and laws. The declaration represents a contract between governments and its peoples in which peoples have the right to request respecting this contract. Despite the fact that not all governments have become parts in all human rights' conventions, though this declaration has been approved and accepted by all countries since it emphasizes the originated human dignity and value of each person exists in this world without any discrimination in addition to enhance human rights.

"SHAMS" center assures that the primary motive for issuing this declaration is the increasing interest of peoples and its continuous struggle for attaining its rights and freedoms from one side, and the interest of the international community in human rights and securing guarantees for that in order to contribute to the consistency of the international community and to the adoption of international peace and stability from the other side. Also because the United Nations Charter hasn't tackled human rights and freedoms completely and appropriately since human rights has had a great role in deepening peace, solidarity and stability among nations. And based on understanding this fact by the international community, it had decided then to issue International Bill of Human Rights so as to accomplish international solidarity for defending human rights accordingly, attaining security and stability. It should be taken into consideration that we should preserve and highlight those international principles connected with justice, equality and fairness, which have been enhanced for the first time in this declaration especially in a world threatened by ethnic, racial, economic and religious divisions.

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