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A statement for immediate release issued by
Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"

**About the plan of the Israel state to deport the Bedouins of the West Bank and
combine them in Abu Dees town to the east of Jerusalem.**

**"SHAMS" Center warns of the Israeli policy of ethnic cleansing through deporting the
Bedouins of the West Bank**

"SHAMS" center **stresses** that Israeli procedures which aim at expelling the Palestinian citizens represent a violation and abuse against the International Bill of Human Rights and the International Humanitarian Law especially Geneva Fourth Convention article (49) "individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory to the territory of the Occupying Power or to that of any other country, occupied or not, are prohibited, regardless of their motive". This confirms that the state of the occupation neglect the International Humanitarian Law as well as other treaties adopted with the Palestinian Liberation Organization. And the abusive Israeli procedures embody old plans in order to continue the project of settlements to stop any possibility for establishing the independent Palestinian state and to separate the Palestinians lands and set cantons.

"SHAMS" center **calls** the Palestinian National Authority PNA to immediately turn toward the international community particularly to countries which encourage the peace to put them in the picture of the circumstances as well as to inform them about the Israeli abusive practices and measures against the Palestinian citizens, which aim at emptying the Palestinian lands from its originals residents. The center also calls the PNA to include Bedouins gatherings and needs within the national developmental plans, in addition to support citizens, strengthen their steadfastness on their lands and provide financial and logistic support through developmental projects.

"SHAMS" center **demands** the International Community headed by the United Nations, European Unions and regional organizations to stand firmly against the Israeli arrogance and abusive procures so as to expel thousands of the Palestinian Bedouins in the West Bank from different governorates by force and then combine them on the lands of Abu Dees town in the occupied governorate of Jerusalem. Concurrently, Israel keeps abusing the International Law through targeting innocent people, building and expanding settlements, lands appropriation, destroying homes, preventing permissions for building, closing crossings, cutting trees, confiscation of natural wealth of the Palestinian people, building the apartheid discrimination wall and dismemberment of the homeland in light of neglecting the legal rights of the Palestinian people adopted by the International legitimacy since 1948.

"SHAMS" center **warns** from the dangerous effects of these procedures which form the beginning for additional procedures that aim to establish for settlers' dominance over the lands of the Palestinian people through constructing isolates. It should be mentioned that land appropriation by the Israeli forces regardless of the purpose represents a violation against the rights of the Palestinian people while this procedure will prevent hundreds of Palestinian families from its only source of living which will increase unemployment among the Palestinian citizens.

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