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**A statement issued by Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"
About threatening writers in Gaza Strip by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)
No guardianship over thought**

SHAMS center **observes** the threats issued by the (ISIL) seriously against writers and creative minds in Gaza Strip, and mentions that threats of the obscurant powers against writers and educated people who face the occupation and spend long time in prisons, exile and resistance are not actually away from threats directed by the obscurant powers in some Arabic countries.

SHAMS center **reminds** of the horrible views shown on the international and Arabic channels in regard to obscurant groups in which they slaughter innocent people with cold blood which are similar to crimes committed to the powers of colonialism and occupations against the oppressed nations. Field executions, assassinations, random killing, cutting heads, kidnapping, public flogging, rubbery and displacement in addition to violations and excesses committed by these gangs against the innocent people especially women distort the image of Muslims and Islam which has been established upon mercy, tolerance and love.

SHAMS center **emphasizes** that extremism and excessiveness represent one of the most dangerous risks that face young people especially within hard social and economic circumstances, poverty and ignorance in rural areas, camps and some cities. These conditions have formed a suitable environment for protest as well as disobedience among young and marginalized groups besides the speeches of some fanatic Islamic trends and its promises to the youth if they commit to its instructions and adopt its references hence, we can understand why these groups have formed the main source for these groups for a long time.

SHAMS center **highlights** that the threats of the obscurant powers negate Islam which has emphasized the importance to respect the mind based on the fact that "thinking is an Islamic ritual" and to appreciate humanity as the "builder of earth" however, these



obscurant powers play a role which preclude opening the channels of Islam to modernity but within a way that preserves the civilizational image of Islam. And these

obscurant powers set its fatwa regarding the freedom of thinking and creativity through previous consequent procedures on the scientific and intellectual debate in addition to attempt to color a holy feature despite the fact that it is based on a human explanation of the holy words represented in the holy Quran so, staying in a continuous intellectual debate, with what is being raised by the elite like secular or religious groups in both the issues of the past and the future. Accordingly, these powers follow any cultural outputs that are considered as "a breach of religion" which is already mentioned within jurisprudence or directly a breach of the explanation of these powers.

SHAMS center **calls for** organizing an extensive campaign of solidarity with writers, intellectuals and creative minds in order to defend the freedom of opinion, expression, thought and creativity, besides conducting seminars and meetings about the intellectual freedom the Palestinian governorates and establishing a joint network to keep defending the concept of civil state, disseminating it between citizens and realizing the different between it and the concept of "atheism".

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