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“SHAMS” center: force feeding law for detainees on food strike is an early murder

Ramallah: Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" warned that permitting force feeding law for detainees on food strike will represent a legal coverage for committing a crime against detainees on food strike and aims to assassinate leaders of Palestinian detainees especially those who are on food strike. The resolution comes in line with the positions of the extremist Avigdor Lieberman who calls for ratifying penalty law against the Palestinian detainees. The center also mentioned that the bill will allow Israel to feed detainees on strike forcibly and this is considered as torture. The alternative for such discriminatory resolutions is to make dialogues with detainees and to abolish the arbitrary administrative detention which is considered as a form of psychological torture practiced by Israelis on the Palestinian detainees. The was mentioned within a press release issued by the center for this purpose.

The center reminded that establishing the International Medical Union in 1947, following the horrible facts revealed by Nuremberg trials that Japanese and German physicians were involved within investigations' oppression and torture against detainees as well as making unethical researches on humans. The center also reminds that International Medical Union has adopted the drafting of medical ethics standards of 1964 headed by (Helsinki Declaration) which has become the top of ethics and scientific research globally. In addition to the next declarations like Geneva and Tokyo Declarations issued by the International Medical Union in 1975 which have prevented physicians from being involved, supporting or keeping silence when torture is practiced against prisoners, or when they are treated disgracefully especially within conflicts. As well as the human rights resolution issued by the 42nd International Medical Assembly in California-USA in October 1990 and other resolutions.

“SHAMS” center asked the head of Israeli Medical Union Dr. Lioned Edelman and Doctors without Borders organization and other Israeli human rights organizations to assume its ethical and occupational responsibilities to stop the Israeli discriminatory law against Palestinian detainees because force feeding represents torture. Several Palestinian detainees who were on food strike were martyred due to the Israeli discriminatory policies like Abdul-qader Abu Elfahem in his participation of Asqalan strike in 1970, Rasem Halawa in his participation of Nafha strike in 1980, Anis Dawla in his participation of Asqalan strike in 1980. After that, they were followed by a group of martyrs on food strikes as Ishaq Maragha in his participation of Be’ir Alsabe’ strike in 1983 and Hussein Obeidat in his participation of Asqalan strike in 1992.



The center calls the Palestinian Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Medical Association to mobilize within Arabic and international levels to reveal Israeli measures against Palestinian detainees. International community as well should assume the responsibility in addition to serious steps by World Health Organization, Arab Medical Union, International Medical Union and Amnesty International to stop Israel and request to respect human rights. And not to issue legislations against international charters related to human rights since it is considered as obligatory, and the need to apply Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law on the occupied Palestinian territories.