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**SHAMS condemns the assault on Mr. Abdel-Aziz Tarakji director of the Palestinian  
Human Rights Foundation (Monitor/RASED) / Lebanon**

Staff of Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "**SHAMS**", volunteers and friends of the center received with astonishment and indignation and severe condemnation the news of the attack against Mr. Abdel Aziz Tarakji director of the Palestinian Human Rights Foundation (Monitor).

This attack is totally rejected and condemned in the strongest terms and not only harming Mr. Tarekji as a person but to a well known foundation that dedicated its efforts in defending the principles of human rights and to the public and civil society entirely.

We at "**SHAMS**" fully stand behind Mr. Tarakji Foundation "Monitor" in defending the rights that have long struggled to maintain and defend.

We reiterate our condemnation in the strongest terms to this attack and reject to resort to violence in all its forms and means.