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Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "SHAMS" welcomes the initiative of Al-Jazeera public freedoms and human rights network

The Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation "**SHAMS**" Welcomes Al-Jazeera satellite for its initiative in launching the freedoms and human rights network as an important step in light of the growing violations of freedoms and human rights under the international cover for the so-called war on terrorism.

This courageous initiative confirms the giant role of this channel in the Arab and global media and reaffirms its credibility and transparency as a free media forum in delivering the media message freely and independently.

SHAMS center believes that Aljazeera channel has always been at the heart of the event taking into consideration the Human Rights issues in its news and remained always the first to introduce innovative ideas and creative messages that serve the Arab media in delivering its message to the rest of the world and served as a large window for Arab journalists to deal realistically with the different events.

The case of (Sami Al Hajj) reaffirms the credibility of Aljazeera channel and shows that there is always a price for the truth and for being the first to extend the hand to all those who subjected to abuse and violation in various forms and means.

The Center considers this initiative as an important step that will give new impetus to the journalists and institutions working in the field of human rights to intensify their activities in this direction towards the protection of human rights and freedoms and will serve as a powerful momentum in front of all endeavors aimed at confiscating the human right to freedom voice.

The center reflects its willingness to fully cooperate with the Department of Public Freedoms and Human Rights at ALJAZEERA as the Director-General of Al-Jazeera Mr. Waddah Khanfar stressed the importance of coordination with those working in the field of human rights organizations and associations and individuals.