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BY Human Rights & Democratic Participation Centre "SHAMA" Ramallah- Palestine Solidarity with the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens Rights

the Center for Human Rights and Democratic Participation, "**SHAMS**" Reflects its outrage and vehement rejection for the statement issued by the Fatah movement in Nablus that carries defamation, threats and intimidation against the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens Rights, at the same time we announce the full standing by colleagues in the Palestinian Independent Commission for Human citizen, and call on all institutions of Palestinian civil society to a wider campaign of solidarity with colleagues in the Commission. Considering the attack on the independent Commission is an attack against all institutions of Palestinian civil society.

The independent commission is one of the most important Palestinian civil society organizations, well known in credibility and professionalism, impartiality and objectivity, and reports of the commission's reports are documented based on observation and scrutiny, investigation and exploration, and considered an important reference tool to human rights activists, and for scholars and researchers.

The mandate of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizen's entitles it to carry out its duties and responsibilities freely and any external interference or any kind of intimidation against the staff and commissioners.

The completion of the investigation of Najah National University incidents is a real expression of professionalism based on the rule of law, and the search for truth.

SHAMS center calls upon H.E President Mahmoud Abbas in his capacity as Chairman of the Palestinian National Authority and Chairman of the Fatah movement to prevent all abuses of civil society institutions by virtue of rule of law.