

**A statement for immediate release from
The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center**

“SHAMS”

**On the storming of the Al-Quds Educational Television and Watan TV by the
occupation**

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center **“SHAMS”** condemns the storming of the Al-Quds Educational Television and Watan TV, what the fear employees of the aforementioned stations underwent, the confiscation and destruction of equipment, censorship, piracy, detention, and threatening are all violations of International Human Law, conventions, declarations that are related. And that the journalists are not enemies or opponents of anyone, and are not biased to one side over there other, however they are biased to the truth, and are enemies of those who violate freedoms and rights, considering they are guardians of the truth and defending it objectively, and professionally.

The **“SHAMS”** Center calls on the International Federation of Journalists to exert efforts in order to guarantee a level of protection for Palestinian journalists similar to that offered to humanitarian workers and United Nations employees to keep them from being targeted and assaulted. The **“SHAMS”** Center also calls on the United Nations and all peace loving countries to retain the occupation’s government and obligate it to respect international conventions and declarations.

The **“SHAMS”** Center states that the piracy and hijacking that the forces of the occupation have done in order to silence the voices that are described as professional, and to place an obstacle in the face a civil, independent, and diverse Palestinian media that is capable of delivering information, for under the oppressive practices the forces of the occupation and groups of settlers commit, in terms of killing, deportation, attacks on houses of worship, the uprooting of trees, the denial of Palestinian rights, the continuing occupation of the territories, these reckless and irresponsible acts from the extremist right-wing government in the occupying state, in an attempt to export its crisis outside, in an attempt to silence the Palestinian voice which exposes the occupation and its inhumane practices against the Palestinian people.

The **“SHAMS”** Center sends its regards with all respect to the journalists, bloggers, and reporters whom are victors for their profession, whom honestly and loyally defend the concerns of their people. The **“SHAMS”** Center also hails Palestinian and International journalists and different news agencies; Arab and International satellite channels that bring the truth in exposing the practices and the policies of the

occupation against the Palestinian people. And from our position we declare our stand beside our colleagues at Watan TV and Al-Quds Educational Television as well our solidarity with them in the face of this mad attack.

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