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**"SHAMS"**

**"Israeli Knesset's Endorsement of Amended Criminal Investigation Law is a Permission for Interrogators to Practice Torture"**

"SHAMS" Center **confirms** that the Israeli Knesset's approval of the amended criminal investigation law which exempts (the police and intelligence service òShabakö) from documenting investigation of òsecurityö charges in breach of the law which states that investigations of charges that may result in punishment of more than 10 years must be filmed or recorded unveils the reality of the occupying state and its blatant violation of the international law. Further, it reveals how it turns a cold shoulder on the international humanitarian law and human rights law.

"SHAMS" Center views the endorsement of this law by the Israeli Knesset with 29 votes for and 7 votes against a clear collusion among the different components of the Israeli political system which ensures a cover up for the Israeli interrogators and allows them to use inhumane, immoral and illegal methods of investigation. Such discriminatory law indicates Israel's determination to continue its violation of human rights in contravention of international human rights standards. It also reflects its nonchalance of human rights, respect of which should be inherent in the senses and culture of every people. This law, furthermore, reveals how racist and faked the occupation is trying to achieve security and peace for its people at the expense of the rights and dignity of another people.

"SHAMS" Center recalls that this racist law is in contradiction with the universal declaration of human rights, Geneva third and fourth conventions, standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners, international covenant on civil and political rights of 1966, UN's declaration of protection of all persons against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of 1975, convention against torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of 1984 and Rome statute of the ICC of 1988.

"SHAMS" affirms that this racist law was enacted to cover up the violation of the law during interrogation and to conceal psychosomatic torture practiced by the Israeli occupation interrogators against the Palestinian detainees. This law is flagrantly racist targeting the Palestinians, contravening democracy, trespassing human rights and denying the right to due process. It is also discriminatory and illegal unjustifiably giving green light to Israeli occupation interrogators to practice torture.

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