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**A statement for immediate release issued by**

**Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"**

**"SHAMS" center condemns the Israeli occupation's infringement upon the  
Palestinian journalists**

**"It is not only the career of troubles but also looking for the truth "**

**"SHAMS"** center **condemns** what the Palestinian and foreign journalists faced in terms of oppression, breach, thunder-flashes and tear gas on Qalandya check point to the north of the occupied Jerusalem during the peaceful march organized by the Palestinian journalists' syndicate to ask for free movement to Palestinians in general and to journalists in particular since it is a guaranteed right within International Bill of Human Rights especially article (13) of Human Rights International Declaration, and article (12) of the Special Covenant of civic and political rights consequently. This violation is added to the record of the daily Israeli violations against the Palestinian citizens which neglect all related agreements and conventions. It should be mentioned that Palestinian journalists are not enemies to any one and not biased to any side over the other but they are biased to the truth and they are enemies of rights and freedoms' violators and they are considered as messengers and defenders of truth with objectivity, impartiality as well as professionalism.

**"SHAMS"** center **asks** international community to stand firmly against the Israeli violations against the Palestinian journalists in addition to stop the discrimination policies of the occupation since the Israeli policies are considered as discriminatory against the Palestinian citizens and represent an infringement upon the international law which result in breaching the principles of the international law as well as international human law which are obligatory for everybody, and each country has the right to follow certain procedures in order to attempt to end this breach. Boycotting the occupation's state by any country for this purpose or for respecting the rights of the Palestinian individual as well as breaking- off the diplomatic relations is a legitimate boycott since each state has to protect the international legitimacy. And it has the right to judge the occupation's government before International Justice Court or other judicial side since it is

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interested in respecting the international law, and this is applied particularly on Arabic and Islamic countries which have public interest in respecting international law besides a private interest because it is affected directly by the Israeli violations.

“SHAMS” center **stresses** that infringement upon the Palestinian journalists’ right to protection is considered as war crime according to the principles of international human law and its civil and military perpetrators should comply with international criminal courts regardless of their positions and they should be punished. This issue requires unifying efforts of international organizations, concerned governments, institutions and syndicates to which those media representatives headed by International Federation of Journalists so as to reveal perpetrators and involved people in killing, detaining and torturing journalists in addition to destroying the venues of mass media. In spite of having decision (1738) issued by Security Council in the United Nations which condemn intentional attacks against journalists, claim official sides to stop these practices and point to significantly considering journalists as civilians who should be protected holding this characteristic, and that their equipment represent civil purposes and it is not allowed to be a purpose for any attack or revenge actions. As well, reports reveal and actions emphasize that targeting and violating against journalists in terms of killing, arrest or injury are still continuous by the Israeli occupation and troops of settlers.

“SHAMS” center **reminds** of the exceptional role for the “fourth authority” in enhancing democracy and good governance, supporting development all over the world. It is an occasion to highlight journalists’ sacrifices and huge tasks they carry out while doing their role in finding facts and supplying audience with news, and to remind government to the substance to respect its commitments toward freedom of journalism as well as protecting journalists. It is also a chance to identify people with the nature of violations against journalists since they give their life and freedom to defend their impartiality and credibility in terms of killing, detaining, torture, and kidnap or hide which represented the price of the truth they look for while practicing their duty.

“SHAMS” center **tributes** all journalists, media representatives and bloggers who reinforce their career and defend their peoples’ worries credibly and honesty. It also salutes all local and foreign reporters and journalists at various news agencies and Arabic channels who transfer the truth in order to disclose the Israeli occupation’s violations against the Palestinian people.

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