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**On the occasion of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the
International Day of Human Rights Defenders**

Palestinian State's Independence: No double standards in International Bill

"SHAMS" center reminds the United Nations and other peace- loving countries that Palestinians' suffering is still continuous since the issuance Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since that date Palestinian people are still suffering due to the Israeli occupation's grieves in terms of displacing people out of their safe cities and villages within the most forceful eviction a safe people is exposed to. As well, the Israeli occupation has practiced violations and excesses against the Palestinians in light of the Israeli occupation's suppressing measurements and settlers' groups in terms of killing, eviction, aggression against religious places, building settlements, confiscating lands, destruction, frightening people, burglary, constructing the apartheid wall, cutting lands, setting check points to prevent people from moving freely or going to pray, closing, siege, destroying homes, extracting trees, denying Palestinians' rights and continuing the occupation. All of these measurements are under the hearing and sight of the international world without moving, this confirms again the duplication of criteria, and this instead a shameful infringement of international human law and human rights law.

"SHAMS" center stresses that the Israeli aggression over Gaza and the random air attacks and what accompanied in terms of killing innocent people, targeting hospitals, relief, medical staffs and journalists, public facilities and the extensive destruction for public and private homes as well as the infrastructure was intended and embodied a part of the occupation's military strategy. These infringements emphasize that there is no correctness in the Israeli militaries and no innocence in their weapons considering it as an occupier and capturer. The Israeli soldiers' practices against the Palestinians not only represent huge human rights violations but also the absent ethics among them, and they are extremely away from being noble worriers, and their



military policy based on discrimination and superiority over others beside killing, destruction and bloodshed. This is their education and their incomplete military education.

"SHAMS" center perceives that the conditions of human rights defenders and non-governmental organizations are still hard. They are still exposed to threats, assaults, nuisances, discomforts and public aggression on their reputations and their personal safety in order to hinder them and pull down their credibility, human rights defenders are facing actual challenges and threats. Despite the fact that the international law of human rights has accomplished an obvious progress in control's mechanism, but it hasn't advanced in cooperation's mechanisms since defending and securing human rights is firstly the responsibility of each country.

"SHAMS" center emphasizes that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the base of human rights internal law and it represents the first international declaration regarding the inalienable basic principles of human rights, and a mutual standard for progress for all peoples and nations. Therefore, the permanent importance and universality of this document should be emphasized since human rights are original rights for everybody, and its fundamental value includes worldwide justice and equality, in a world full of ethnic, economic and religious discriminations. We have to defend and show up those universal principles which were devoted for the first time in this declaration, the principle that are connected to equity, justice and equality. Human rights is not only a mutual heritage of universal principles without borders of cultures and traditions, but also a valuable base and national commitments adduce to international agreements as well as national rules and constitutes, the declaration represents an accepted contract among countries and promotes original human dignity without discrimination.

"SHAMS" center invites the Palestinian National Authority during the celebration of the sixty four anniversary for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to significantly conduct a national evaluation regarding the status of human rights in Palestine, to stand on obstacles and challenges which face them, and that Palestinian state should approve on international conventions regarding human rights. Also to support the movement of human rights defending, to use official media to disseminate the culture of human rights and to revise the related prevailing regulations by virtue of the principles of human rights international bill. As the



Universal Declaration of Human Rights was and is the inspirational source of ideas and activities connected to of Human Rights in each place in the world, and a basic source of all related human rights' national and international agreements and conventions, which formed joint aspirations between all civilizations and cultures so human rights' issue will be on the universal level.

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