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**Statement for the immediate release from
The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"
The Assault against the Human Rights Activist Mahmood Abu Rahma
Is an assault against all Human Rights Activists.**

The "SHAMS" Center looks at the assault against the Human Rights Activist Mahmood Abu Rahma the manager of the communications and international relations unit at the Meezan Center for Human Rights, in the city of Gaza fearfully, considering it a slide towards violence and extremism, and using the law of the jungle rather than the rule of law, the assault against Mr. Abu Rahma, represents an attack against all Human Rights Defenders. The Human Rights and democracy Center "SHAMS" this attack that is a stranger from our culture and customs, looking at this reprehensible act that comes at a time we need cooperation and brotherhood, and observing the culture of tolerance rather than that of violence.

The "SHAMS" Center affirms that this aggression is unacceptable and is condemned with the strongest of expressions as it insults the work of Civil Society, not only to Mr. Abu Rahma, but to a Palestinian organization that has a long history in defending Human Rights.

The "SHAMS" Center calls for the resigned government of Gaza to realize the importance of pursuing the perpetrators of this act and present them to a fair trial, and the importance of supplying Human Rights Defenders with the necessary protection they need, and to facilitate their work, for not taking a position towards the pursuing of the perpetrators will open a door wide open to other violations that we will not know their results.

The "SHAMS" Center calls to the regional and international committees that mean to support human rights and human rights protectors to the necessary movement to stop the series of violations that have been a staple of the careers of Human Rights Activists and supply them with much needed Protection.

The "SHAMS" Center also states its solidarity and stand at Mr. Abu Rahma's side as well as the Meezan Center, absolutely refusing all forms of violence as an alternative to dialogue to affirm once again that the logic of direct dialogue to resolve any conflict and issue without resorting to violence in all its forms and names.

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