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

War crimes and crimes against Humanity are not outdated

Israel can't escape from the punishment of its war crimes and violations

"SHMAS" center extremely **convicts** Israeli huge violations to human rights and infringements against international human law in Palestine, and the enormous bomb over citizens. Aggression against Gaza and what accompanied like crimes against innocent citizens is a model of other massacres the Israeli occupations have implemented in Palestinian villages, cities and camps since the forties of the current century. Israel intended historically to kill innocent people, and this killing wasn't new because Israeli record is full of crimes, violations and massacres. Israeli violations against international human law and human rights have extended for days in the long aggression hours. The calls of United Nations, Red Cross and civil society local and international organizations have failed to affect to crimes and excesses which were committed.

"SHMAS" center **claims** again to establish a high ranking committee in order to investigate in targeting civilians, to check the kinds of weapons which were used by Israel and to conduct an independent investigation in which international experts take part regarding Israeli huge human rights violations and random extensive air forces attacks, as well as the enormous bomb over civilians and over the basic civil dynamic constructions. The center worries about the continuous harm to human rights and human status of civilians in Gaza Strip. It's emphasized that attacking and killing civilians and innocent people, destroying homes and properties is considered as an infringement against United National International Charter, International law, international law and human rights. The essence of having therapies to treat human cases in Gaza is also notified through many ways including direct raise for the Israeli siege on Gaza. The center highlights the environmental regression due to Israeli attacks and its impact on health, beside worrying about targeting communications' network and mass media. And when Israel continues its wild killing for children, women and aged beside other civilians in Palestine without any punishment, this indeed angers all related sides.

"SHMAS" center **emphasizes** all over again the purposes and principles in the United National International Charter, and emphasizes on the Universal Declarations of Human Rights,

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Declaration and program of action- Vienna and notifies to the International Convention of civil and political rights, International convention of economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Child Rights Convention beside other human rights agreements. It handovers to the fact that peace, security, development and human rights are the vitals of United Nations System in reference to the General Assembly decision 251/60 dated on 15th of March 2006 in which the assembly decided that Human rights Council shall a) handling the cases of human rights violations including huge systemized violations and give recommendations about. B) Immediately react toward urgent cases related to human rights referring to United National Charter, related human rights agreements and International Human law, especially Hague conventions for 1899, 1907 regarding laws and rules of land war which prohibit attacking and bombing civilians and citizens' targets and which illustrate liabilities to provide public security away from dangers resulted by military operations for civilians and hospitals, relief materials and transportations means. It points to the liabilities of contracting parties in Geneva Convention dated on 12th of July 1949 and its additional protocols. And emphasizes once more the liability of the contracting parties in Geneva Convention about protecting civilians in war time (Geneva Fourth Convention) in taking measures against people who were alleged to commit enormous violations against the convention or who were ordered to do so. It signifies the convention of non-prescription of war crimes and crimes against human rights, and highlights that Human Rights Law and International Human Law are integrated and complementary.

"SHMAS" center **reminds** that Right to life represents the most important basic right of the entire human rights so; it condemns Israeli aggression on Gaza which is considered as enormous systemized attacks against human rights, and which is infringed by Israeli extensive assaults that caused killing and injuring hundreds of innocent civilians, huge destroying to public and private properties and displacing thousands of people because of bomb and shoots against citizens. It strongly convicts Israeli extensive and random air attacks, targeting the medics and making them victims and preventing them from picking – up bodies under soils, and targeting United Nations locations, journalists and citizens specifically aged, women and children.

"SHAMS" center **stresses** the significance to obligate the international society to get Israel directly subjected to its liabilities according to Human Rights Law, and especially Child Rights Convection and International Human Law. And obligate Israel so as not to perform any military operations against citizens or civil targets in the future, these operations which lead to killing, destroying and violating human rights.



"SHAMS" center **calls** to significantly establish a high ranking committee in order to investigate in systemized targeting civilians by Israelis and killing them, to check all weapons they uses, the compliance of these weapons to the International Law, and evaluate the volume of Israeli attacks and its destructing influence on human life, properties and environment. It calls the secretary general of United Nations to provide all kind of administrative, technical and logistic required assistance to empower the investigation's committee to accomplish its mission fast and efficiently. And ask the international community to supply the Palestinian National Authority with human and financial assistance to enable it to break up its falling human catastrophe, rehabilitate the victims and turning homeless people back to their land and restore the basic constructions.

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