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The child Abu Alia is a victim of the world's silence about the violence and the crimes of the Israeli colonial system

"SHAMS" Center condemns in the strongest terms the cold-blooded shooting of the child (Ali Ayman Nasr Abu Alya), (13) years old, from Mughayir village, northeast of Ramallah, with an explosive bullet in the abdomen. On Friday 12/4/2020, (4) young men were injured with various serious injuries, after the occupation suppressed a peaceful march from the center of the village towards the area of Ras al-Tin, which belongs to the lands of Kafr Malik to the east, denouncing the intention of the Israeli colonial system to establish a new settlement outpost in the Palestinian Occupied land, as settlement is considered a war crime under the Rome Statute, as well as targeting civilians, in particular children, which makes this crime double.

"SHAMS" Center reminds that the killing of the child Abu Alya, which coincides with the start of the celebration of Christmas around the world, is part of a continuous series of crimes carried out by "Israel", the occupying power against Palestinian children in the occupied territories, as the number of child martyrs has reached since the beginning of the year until the date (7) martyrs of children of the age group (13-17) years. This killing is expected to continue in the face of this silence from international actors and the weak response to Palestinian rights and the constant disregard for them. It should be borne in mind that this silence is understood as ignorance, which encourages the continuation of crimes against Palestinian civilians.



"SHAMS" Center calls for dispatching a special UN commission of inquiry into crime, and for redoubling efforts aimed at holding Israeli officials accountable for human rights violations, and supporting and accelerating the efforts of the International Criminal Court in this direction.

"SHAMS" Center calls on the international community to assume its responsibilities in providing urgent international protection to the Palestinian people in the face of the crimes of the Israeli occupation soldiers and the terrorism practiced by its settlers, calling for the use and activation of all tools to stop the systematic crimes committed by the colonial system and its tools.