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"SHAMS" Center: Regardless of Israel state of terror labeling (6) human rights organizations "terrorist" Civil society will not halt its pursuit of exposing Israeli crimes and violations.

"SHAMS" Human Rights and Democracy Media Center, strongly condemns the unprecedented decision of the Israeli minister of security in Friday, 22nd of Oct, 2021, labeling (6) human rights and civil organizations as "terrorist". The organizations are: Al Haq, Addameer, Bisan for research and development, Defense for Children International-Palestine, the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees.

"SHAMS" center stands in full solidarity with the organizations targeted by the Israeli terrorism, this systematic practices aim to abolish the Palestinian civil society struggles and aspirations working in exposing the Israeli crimes and violations, it constitutes a colonial approach based on these organizations activities providing basic human right's services to their communities, which takes role in a situation where the Israeli colonial occupation follows a systematic smearing campaign against the Palestinian civil society organizations, since the Israeli ministry of strategic affairs, and the Israeli racist organizations funded by the extreme right (MONITOR NGO) play a key role in these practices and policies.

"SHAMS" center stress that the Israeli occupation with its long history of terror, war crimes, human rights violations, which are being investigated by the international criminal court, is in no position to label others of terror, and that the practices adopted by the Israeli occupation to block the civil society from exposing their violations and crimes will not work, with the Palestinian civil society continuing to fulfilling their duties, backed by the Palestinian people whom the society works on developing and helping.

These policies and violations are not practiced against Palestinian activist and advocates only, but also against international activist and advocates, "SHAMS" center points out that the Israeli occupation has denied to issue permits or visas to international employees working for the office of the higher commissioner for human rights in Palestine, and for united nations human rights committee, as well as many other international committees concerned with human rights violations and investigating them, moreover, the on-going propaganda that the Israeli occupation has implemented against the international criminal law and its judges, after starting an investigation of war crimes in the Palestinian territories.



“SHAMS” center urges to form a national committee to follow up with this issue locally and internationally, and points out to the importance that the Palestinian authority issues a statements that emphasizes the legality of human rights organizations in Palestine, as well as their comprehensive refusal of the Israeli policies, the center also requires the Palestinian authority to move on international level against such decisions and designations made by the Israeli occupation against Palestinian human rights organizations, activist, and advocates, to stop there unfair policies and practices, the center stresses on the importance that the international society and the local and international organizations working in the human rights field to take an immediate action against the Israeli racist colonial practices implemented in the occupied Palestinian territories, and that do not respect nor commit to the international law or human rights, constituting desperate actions to get away with their crimes and violations. it is necessary that the united nations and the human rights international expert take action against this decision and its implications on the organizations targeted, the center calls on activists, advocates, and human rights organizations to intensify the efforts in documenting the Israeli violations and follow up closely on the Palestinian human rights situation, as well as develop and start new international partnerships and coalitions that would help create a sphere protecting the human rights of Palestinians, as well as the civil society organizations that closely document violations and advocate for the basic human rights of Palestinians.

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