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## "SHAMS" Center: the continuing arrests of the Palestinian prisoners is a violation of international law

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" condemns the continuing arrests of Palestinian prisoners by the Israeli occupation, given that there are (4450) prisoners, including (32) are women, (160) are children younger than 18 years and (530) are administrative detainees. This is a violation of international humanitarian law, particularly the Third Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, in accordance with the article (118) of the convention (prisoners of war shall be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of hostilities active, in the absence of stipulations to the above effect in any agreement concluded between the parties of the conflict with the view to the cessation of hostilities, or failing any such agreements, each of detaining powers shall itself establish and execute without delay a plan of repatriation in conformity with the principles laid down in the foreign paragraph). Also, the war prisoners shall be informed of planned measures, as the article (77) of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in the time of war provides that (protected persons who have been accused of offences or convicted by the courts in the occupying territory, shall be handed over at the close of occupation, with the relevant records, to the authorities of the liberated territory).

"SHAMS" center stress that the Israeli occupation practices against the Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli prisons are expressions of raciest mentality and the raciest policies exercised by Israeli occupation against the Palestinian prisoners. Israeli Occupation denies Palestinian Prisoners their acquired rights, furthermore the collective punishment policy against them, many of psychological and physical violations were committing against them, and the attempts to hurt their dignity and rights that are provided in the laws and in the Third Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War 1949. Also, these violations are considered a violation to the international human rights law and to the international humanitarian law under the article (147) of the Fourth Geneva Convention 1949.

"SHAMS" center stress that the medical negligence policy followed by the occupation against the Palestinian prisoners, from the outset of their arrest, during the investigation, through their whole period of arrest until serving their prison term



with no medical care nor appropriate treatment which are their most basic rights that have been guaranteed under the international law and relative conventions. Israeli occupation does not operate surgeries to the prisoners. Also they do not provide the appropriate treatment to the prisoners. The Israeli occupation reneges on its commitment to provide the necessary health care and the periodic medical examination. These violations come within the willful medical negligence policy. So, Israeli occupation are breaching the articles of the Third and Fourth Geneva Convention, namely the articles (29,30,31) of the third Geneva Convention and the articles (91, 92) of the fourth Geneva Convention which guaranteed the rights to medical treatment and medical care. It is worth noting that in the prisons of the occupation (600) sick prisoners, and (200) chronic diseases were diagnosed, including (22) prisoners with cancer and tumors of varying degrees, and the occupation prisons administration is holding (15) sick prisoners in what is the prison of the Ramla Clinic. It is the prison that the prisoners call "the Slaughterhouse" and it is considered one of the worst and oldest prisons. as such he martyrs are prisoners in the prisons of the occupation Their number reached (227) martyrs, including (72) martyrs as a result of prisoners Procrastination of the Prison Authority in providing appropriate treatment As a result of medical negligence policy.

**"SHAMS" center stress** The need of formation a UN committee to monitor the conditions of male and female prisoners in the occupation prisons, to oblige the occupying state Applying international human rights standards and international humanitarian law, provided that they are under the supervision of the UN Security Council, and working on the implementation of the Convention against Torture, in order to limit the torture that Palestinian prisoners are subjected to in the prisons of the occupation. And to the need to put a national strategy organization to manage the prisoners' file at the regional and international levels. And to Importance of Communicate with international organizations concerned with human rights The human. and orientation To all international and human rights institutions, especially the United Nations, for calling on it to take urgent action to fulfill its responsibilities in providing legal and humanitarian protection for prisoners., and to exposing practices of the Israeli prisoners in front of international public opinion. By enhancing the presence of our embassies and consulates in various countries of the year, and a greater presence of the diplomat public and popular.

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