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**The Statement of Human Rights and Democracy Media Center (SHAMS)  
"SHAMS" center condemns the GCC's imposition of death sentence for the  
citizen (M/E)**

**"SHAMS" center strongly condemns** issuing death sentences by the de facto government in Gaza that the GCC – unanimously- sentenced the citizen (M/E) to be hanged until death for killing his wife '*Nuha Saed Khaziq*' (31 Year) on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022 based on penalty law (74/1936).

**"SHAMS" center stresses** that issuing such death sentences in the Palestinian occupied territories -clearly- violates international laws including disrespecting the guarantees of fair trial and the required legal proceeding. Furthermore, the previously mentioned sentence has been issued before in cases considered a public opinion case according to the statement of the Higher Judicial Council (HJC).

In fact, the sentence was issued after a month and a half from transferring it to the GCC. Thus, citizen (M/E) was accused of killing his wife on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022 after beating her up causing her a severe bleeding. It is noted that the sentences issued by the GCC formed by the HJC are in accordance with its policies of public opinion cases including murder, drugs and corruption. Also, the speed of issuing sentences in these crimes aims to keep the society safe from crime.

**"SHAMS" center assures** that the continuity of the de facto government in Gaza in issuing death sentences is challenging the laws of international community especially the opposition of the UN of death sentence. In fact, the General Assembly voted to stop this punishment for the first time in 2007. Also, in January, 2012 the voting process was done again with (111) countries voting in favor, (41) voting against and (34) abstaining from voting calling for the gradual constraining of issuing this sentence.