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"SHAMS" Center Welcomes condemning the Israeli Occupation by the UN Investigation Committee about occupied Palestine and Jerusalem

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center **"SHAMS"**, welcomes the report released by the independent international investigation committee of the United Nations about Occupied Palestine and Jerusalem. The report emphasized that the continuation of the Israeli occupation and discrimination against Palestinians, are the root causes of the ongoing tension and instability as well as extending the duration of the conflict .

"SHAMS" Center stresses that the occupation's crimes and aggressions against Palestinians had never stopped since the beginning of the occupation. The Israeli attacks are part of a systematic policy that includes extra- judicial killing and killing Palestinian civilians in cold blood. Additionally, Israel targets kids by killing and arrest as well as holding the corpses of the Palestinian martyrs. Likewise, thousands of Palestinians are detained in the Israeli jails. Thousands of houses are demolished, denying Palestinians' access to worship places, uprooting thousands of trees, confiscating lands and natural resources, and expansion of the existing settlements and building new ones, are also among the crimes of Israel.

Not only that, but also the Israeli practices against Palestinians include: isolating some Palestinian villages by the annexation wall, fragmentation of the Palestinian territory, imposing military checkpoints, sieging Gaza Strip, and continue isolating Jerusalem. The Israeli occupation uses internationally prohibited weapons against Palestinians, robs and controls the natural resources of Palestinians, and intimidated destruction of the Palestinian environment.

On a related level, the Israeli forces are attacking the Palestinian journalists and destroying the headquarters and equipment of Palestinian media outlets as well as targeting the medical and first aid teams. The Israeli occupation and its settlers escalate their attacks against Palestinians more than any other time recently and proceed in denying Palestinians right to self- determination in clear negligence of the



International Humanitarian Law and the International Legitimacy that bans occupying the lands of others.

"SHAMS" Center calls up the international community, above all the United Nations, to respect the recommendations of the investigation committee report and apply these recommendations with no delay. SHAMS emphasizes the necessity to end the impunity of the occupation and that Israel should be held accountable for her crimes against Palestinians including its denial or war laws and customs that include the military occupation as well. The organization calls upon the need to initiate in launching the judiciary accountability tools to ensure the individuals and state's responsibility of the crimes committed by the occupation against Palestinians.

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