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**Human Rights and Democracy Media Center– SHAMS:****The Israeli Occupation's Crimes Require Accountability and International Criminal Prosecution**

Ramallah: Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- **SHAMS**, condemns strongly the crime of the Israeli occupation in Nablus on Tuesday 9/8/2022 where three Palestinians, Ibrahim en- Nabulsi, Islam Suboh, and the child Hussein Jamal Taha, were murdered in cold blood. SHAMS Center emphasized that killing the three Palestinians is another indication of the criminal mentality that characterizes the Occupation and the systematic oppressive policy that the occupation applies against Palestinians. SHAMS Center states that the occupation state believes only in killing, destruction, and bloodshed where this is the military doctrine of the occupation's army. In this regard, the number of Palestinians killed by the Israeli occupation mounted to 129 since the beginning of the year, including 46 martyrs killed during the latest aggression on Gaza Strip. According to SHAMS Center, the Israeli army commits the crimes against Palestinian civilians and civic establishments through invading the Palestinian cities, refugee camps, and villages all over the West Bank. According to SHAMS Center, the crimes of the occupation require accountability and international criminal prosecution.

**SHAMS Center reminds** that Palestinians had been in a case of self- defense even prior to Belfour Declaration of 1917. Palestinians are in direct confrontation with the Zionism Colonial Project that seeks evicting Palestine from its indigenous people. For that, the International Community has to fulfill its responsibilities towards Palestinians and stop applying double standards. According to SHAMS Center, applying the double standards policy is the reason that encouraged the Israeli occupation during the previous decades to proceed in the crimes and violations of Palestinians rights. According to SHAMS Center, the suspicious international silence stands as encouragement of the occupation to commit further crimes where the world's silence is interpreted as if it were a green light to pursue the occupation's crimes against Palestinians.

**SHAMS Center calls** upon the United Nations and the Special UN Human Rights and Right to Life Rapporteurs, for immediate intervention to stop the Israeli crimes against Palestinians in the entire Palestinian cities and localities. SHAMS Center calls upon all Palestinian actors to intensify their efforts to pursue the occupation state in front of the various international litigation channels and, at the same time, calls upon the International Community to provide protection for Palestinians.

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