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Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS Condemns Executing Two Palestinian Children in Less than 24 Hours

Ramallah: Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS, strongly condemns execution of two Palestinian children by the Israeli Occupation Army in Less than 24 hours. The crime indicates the systematic policy of the Occupation to target Palestinian children.

An Israeli settler murdered the 17 years old Palestinian child (Ramzi Hamed) in Silwad Town- Ramallah. The child was in his family's car when a group of settlers from the illegal settlement called (Oufra) built on the lands of Silwad, attacked him a few days ago and shot him with several bullets in the chest. He was referred to Palestine Medical Complex- Ramallah, but his death was declared Monday 7/8/2023.

Within the same context, a special unit from the Israeli army, known as Yamam Special Force, executed the 15 years old child (Baraa Ahmad Fayez Al Qurm) from Jalqamous Village- Jenin, while he was in a car with another two adults, where they were subject to direct targeting, by the given Israeli force, close to Arraba Junction- Jenin. The three targeted were killed immediately.

SHAMS Center affirms that the crimes committed by the Israeli army and armed settlers are a clear manifestation of the Israeli systematic policy to increase the loss of lives among Palestinians and abolish their national question and national rights. The mentioned policy interprets the culture of resentment, crime, ethnic cleansing, and murdering that is taught and promoted within the official Israeli institutions based on extreme religious radical thought.

SHAMS Center stresses that the murder crime of the two children (Ramzi Hamed and Baraa Al- Qurm) is recognized within International Law as a war crime. The



crime stands as a clear violation of the International Human Rights Law and the Geneva Fourth Convention that protects children and civilians under armed conflicts. Furthermore, it violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on Child Rights- 1989.

The Center urges all the local and international legal organizations for immediate intervention to protect Palestinian children against the organized terrorist attacks of Israeli soldiers and settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. These crimes are committed in the light of incitement against Palestinians and encouragement from the Israeli ministers themselves, where the extremist minister named Itamar Ben-Gvir, the minister of the so-called National Security, called upon armament of the Israeli settlers and to reward any settler, who kills a Palestinian, with a financial incentive. Such policy represents the disgusted face of the Israeli Occupation where the ministers encourage killing Palestinians.

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