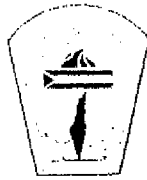


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البعثة الرابطة الدائمة
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In the early hours of this morning, Wednesday, 8 November, 2006, Israeli occupying forces shelled a residential neighborhood with 12 missiles in the town of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip, killing 19 civilians and wounding at least 54, 15 seriously. These civilians were shelled during their sleep and while they were fleeing the shelling in the neighborhood of Al-Kafarneh, where 2 homes were specifically targeted. The victims included 16 members of one family, Al-Athamneh, including a one-month old baby, a one-year-old baby girl, 7 children and 6 women. Palestinian medical personnel have been unable to identify several victims due to the severe burns, amputations and in shattered distorted body parts caused by explosives of non-conventional nature. Doctors in Gaza Strip insist that these kind of severe injuries are caused by a weapon that Israel, the occupying Power, started using in the Gaza Strip six months ago.

This horrific crime took place less than 24 hours after the Israeli occupying forces declared an end to its aggression in the area, which has been carried out since 1 November 2006 and left over 100 dead and over 350 injured, many seriously. Alongside their crimes in Gaza, Israeli occupying forces killed 5 Palestinians in Al-Yamoun village near Jenin in the West Bank. There are signs that four of them were executed after their arrest by the Israeli occupying forces.

These despicable crimes took place following a letter from President Mahmoud Abbas to the President of the Security Council in which he called upon the international community to shoulder its responsibilities and to stop Israel's brutal crimes against Palestinian civilians in Beit Hanoun and elsewhere in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In this regard, and with a sense of great urgency, we call the international community to exert concerted efforts to launch an independent investigation into Israel's deliberate targeting and killing of Palestinian civilians. The United Nations should examine these atrocities committed by Israel, the occupying Power, and take action to bring them to an end.

In line with the above-mentioned developments, it is starkly evident that Israel, the occupying Power, is destroying all chances for peace and escalating the situation on the ground by causing as much death and destruction as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory through the deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the Palestinian civilian population.

H.E. Mr. Jorge Voto-Bernales
President of the Security Council
The United Nations
New York

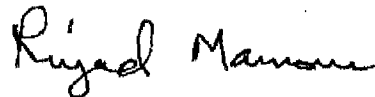
Indeed, in both word and action, Israel, the occupying Power, has indicated that it will in fact continue with its aggression and illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, who are already forced to bear inhumane conditions under its brutal occupation. Hence, we continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease immediately its military aggression and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 270 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 November 2006 (A/ES-10/364-S/2006/862), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 59 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4385.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex made available for the members of the Security Council for their urgent consideration.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Dr. Riyadh Mansour
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

**Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces
in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*
(From Friday, 3 November 2006 to Wednesday, 8 November 2006)**

Friday, 3 November 2006

- 1- Iyad Abu Al-Jidyan
- 2- Mahmoud Sabah
- 3- Abdel Kareem Khaleel Sobeh (14)
- 4- Ahmad Mansour Abu Humaid
- 5- Tha'er Ahmad Hassan
- 6- Basil Ashour
- 7- Salman Saber Odwan
- 8- Ra'ed Yasseen (17)
- 9- Ayman Yasseen (19)
- 10- Mostafa Habeeb

Saturday, 4 November 2006

- 11- Ilaa' Talal Nasser (15)
- 12- Israa' Talal Nasser (19)
- 13- Ammar Omar
- 14- Ahmad Al-Madhoun
- 15- Lou'ai Al-Bornou
- 16- Ibrahim Al-Bassiouni (18)
- 17- Ra'ed Siyam
- 18- Marwan Abu Harbeed

Sunday, 5 November 2006

- 19- Ra'ed Abdel Al
- 20- Hossam Mohammad Obaid
- 21- Mahdi Al-Hamadeen
- 22- Fatmah Abdel Fattah Zahran (70)
- 23- Mazen Hani Shabat

Monday, 6 November 2006

- 24- Mahmoud Awni Taha
- 25- Mohammad Ahmad Ashour Al-Kafarneh (19)
- 26- Ramzi Al-Sharafi (15)
- 27- Alaa' Tawfeeq Siyam
- 28- Ahmad Mutei' Al-Hossary
- 29- Mohammad Ahmad Ashour
- 30- Mirvat Mas'oud (18)
- 31- Usama Saleh Jabr

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

- 32- Badr Faisal
- 33- Usama Mohammad Al-Hobail
- 34- Mahmoud Abu Haba!
- 35- Abdel Hameed Al-Gharbawi
- 36- Nahla Al-Shanti
- 37- Ra'ed Al-Qorom
- 38- Handi Al-Batsh
- 39- Nader Abu Al-Omrain

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

- 40- Iyad Suwailam
- 41- Deema Magdi Al-Athamneh (1)
- 42- Maysaa' Ramzi Al-Athamneh (3)
- 43- Fatmeh Al-Athamneh (5)
- 44- Saa'd Magdi Abu Amsheh (8)
- 45- Mahmoud Amjad Al-Athamneh (12)
- 46- Mahdi Saa'di Al-Athamneh (13)
- 47- Mohammad Saa'di Al-Athamneh (14)
- 48- Arafat Al-Athamneh (17)
- 49- Nihad Al-Athamneh
- 50- Sameer Mas'oud Al-Athamneh
- 51- Mohammad Ramadan Al-Athamneh
- 52- Sanaa' Ahmad Al-Athamneh
- 53- Manal Ahmad Al-Athamneh
- 54- Saqr Mohmmad Odwan
- 55- Sabah Al-Athamneh
- 56- Mas'oud Abdallah Al-Athamneh
- 57- Ni'mat Al-Athamneh
- 58- Mohammad Nimr Abu Al-Nadi
- 59- Ilaa' Al-Athamneh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4385