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**H. E Antonio Guterres**  
**Secretary General**  
**United Nations**  
**UN HQ – NY**

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**Dear Mr. Guterres**

The Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR) extends its greetings and best wishes to your Excellency, and seeks your strong intervention to the immediate cessation of the gross Israeli human rights violations committed against the Palestinian peaceful protestors, including the intentional killing and injuring of the protestors, including Women and Children.

It is documented by various human rights groups and entities, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) that the Israeli Military Troops have used excessive and deadly force against the protestors they launched their "Return Marches" in March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Israeli gross violations has caused the loss of 47 lives, including children and Journalists, in addition to approximately 7000 were injured, with 200 still under medical care in great danger, and 350 will live with disabilities, taking into consideration that the acts of protestors hasn't endanger the life of the Israeli occupation soldiers.

Your Excellency's call on Israel to comply with the rules of engagement has not been adopted, and human rights entities, including OHCHR has indicated that the murdered protestors and a large number of the injured has been targeted in the higher part of their bodies, which constitute a deliberate and intended murder crimes.

The failure of the UN Security Council to address this massacre, and to even issue a statement last April is a great land mark on the failure of the international community to secure justice for all the human beings, and hinders the effectiveness of the international law, the international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and such failure would more provoke the non-respect to peace and stability around the globe.

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Your Excellency's voice is highly needed, and today before tomorrow, taking into consideration the next week expectations for huge demonstrations in the memory of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1948 which represented the beginning of the 70 years of great suffer for approximately 2 million of the Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian occupied territories and 7 million aboard.

The AOHR -along with the AOHR's 24 affiliated members of the human rights association- strongly believes it should be clearly noted that civilians protestors is protected by international law, and that the Israeli human rights violations wouldn't be tolerated, and human rights and criminal law standards will be imposed.


The AOHR urges your Excellency to act immediately through a clear statement and through all the UN mechanisms to secure that none of the peaceful protestors would be further harmed.

As long lasted known, peace is the most needed aim, and deserves our sacrifice to reach, and the AOHR is confident that your Excellency won't spare an effort to fulfill your noble mission to protect the lives of the human beings and their rights.

Best regards

Sincerely

Alaa Shalaby



Secretary General

