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Occupied Palestine,

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Mr. Ban Ki-Moon

Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

United Nations

New York, NY 10017

United States

Dear Secretary-General,

Subject: Urgent Appeal

We write to you to ask urgent action against Israel's systematic policy of ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, and the discrimination against Palestinians in occupied Palestinian land in 1948. We urge the United Nations to finally acknowledge the systematic killing and injuring of Palestinian civilian as a war crime and a crime against humanity, and act effectively to stop Israel's violations and save the lives of Palestinians.

Until today, the United Nations have taken no explicit and tangible actions to address the recent Israeli attacks in the occupied Palestinian territories since 1st October; where the Israeli forces remarkably escalated the use of force against Palestinian civilians participating in demonstrations in the occupied Palestinian territories, using their internationally proscribed weapons against the unarmed stone throwers.

These demonstration came as a rejection for continuous Israeli crimes which are represented by Israeli settlers' daily attacks on the Palestinians in holy city of Jerusalem, The daily arrests by the Israeli forces, the systematic policy of torture of the Palestinians, and settlers' crimes against the Palestinians, such as; burning them alive. A latest incident of "Dawabsheh" family in Duma village, in the governorate of Nablus is a live example of the terrorism being implemented by the Israeli settlers.

In addition to the continuous occupation activities, such as land confiscation and settlements expansion over the peasants' lands, the systematic Israeli polices suffocating the Palestinian economy, and the abject failure in peace negotiations between the Palestinian Authority and Israeli forces, which lead only to more Israeli occupation's control over the Palestinian sovereignty.

All of these violations have forced the Palestinians to arrange demonstrations all over West Bank, Jerusalem, Gaza and the occupied Palestinian land in 1948, to express their anger, where Israeli forces brutally repressed protesters by killing them in front of the eyes of the whole world, and conducted daily executions against Jerusalemites just because they are Arab Palestinians.

During the reporting period, the number of martyrs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has reached to 80 Palestinian civilians, including 17 children, while more than 3,327 were wounded with live ammunition and rubber bullets, and 6000 were suffocated by teargas. At least 1436 Palestinians were arrested 224 of them were children; these events inclusively are located in Jerusalem and the governorates of Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Tulkarem, and Qalqilya.

Moreover, the Israeli settlers carried out a series of attacks on the Palestinian civilians and their agricultural lands; the last incident was the burning of dozens of dunums in the villages of Burin and Hawara in the governorate of Nablus. Other settlers' crimes represented by their attempts to kill students attending their schools in Jerusalem, which repeats the memory of the crime of burning alive of the innocent child Mohammed Abu Khudair last year in Jerusalem

The Israeli occupation and settlers have converted the Palestinian streets to death streets, where the Palestinians are under threat of being killed with bullets; either by an armed settler, or by an Israeli sniper. Whereas, the occupation media still conspires with the Zionist tale that creatively converts the image of the Israeli as a victim ignoring the real fact.

It is beyond doubt that the United Nations is well aware of the ongoing crimes against humanity.

We therefore ask you to ensure:

- the United Nations and the international community to speak up, denounce the ongoing crimes against Palestinian people
- the United Nations put sanctions on Israel to end its violations of Palestinian human rights and international law
- the United Nations force Israeli Occupation to respect the international laws and the charter of the United Nations principles to stop their crimes.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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