

Over 200 Organizations Demand International Community Stand Against Raids and Closures of 7 Palestinian Organizations

Amid Israel's escalating attacks targeting their work, a group of more than 200 Palestinian, regional, and international organizations express our full solidarity with the designated seven leading Palestinian civil society organizations, [Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association](#), [Al-Haq Law in the Service of Man \(Al-Haq\)](#), [Bisan Center for Research and Development](#), [Defense for Children International-Palestine \(DCI-P\)](#), [Health Work Committees \(HWC\)](#), [the Union of Agricultural Work Committees \(UAWC\)](#), and [the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees \(UPWC\)](#).

On the morning of 18 August 2022, the Israeli occupying forces (IOF) raided and sealed the doorways into the offices of the seven Palestinian organizations. The IOF also confiscated documents and equipment and destroyed items in the offices. On the doors of the organizations, military orders were left behind ordering the closure of the offices under Article 319 of the Emergency Regulations of 1945. This development follows the [19 October 2021](#), Israeli Defense Minister [Benny Gantz](#) designation of six leading Palestinian civil society organizations as terrorist organizations under Israel's Anti-Terrorism Law (2016), which was then extended to the West Bank on 3 November 2021 by a [military order](#) that outlawed the same organizations.

We urge the international community to unequivocally condemn Israel's targeting of Palestinian civil society and tactics to further repress of freedom of expression. States must take all necessary action to support and protect Palestinian human rights defenders and ensure the continuation of their invaluable work.

These raids and closures represent the latest escalation in Israel's widespread campaign aiming to silence and discredit any Palestinian individual or organization that dares to seek accountability for Israel's grave human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. The "persecution of organizations and persons, by depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms, because they [oppose apartheid](#)" is a method used by Israel, amounting to acts of apartheid prosecutable under the Rome Statute, to maintain its domination and oppression over the Palestinian people.

The organizations remain at an additional risk of closure of bank accounts, travel bans and movement restrictions, and the arrest and detention of staff members for their work. Israel's attacks against these organizations pose an existential threat to independent Palestinian human rights organizations and civil society who work to monitor and document violations of human rights and provide basic services to the Palestinian people.

We call upon the international community to demand that Israel immediately revoke its designations of Palestinian human rights and civil society organizations as "terrorist organizations," reverse the military orders designating the organizations and closing their offices and repeal its Anti-Terrorism Law (2016) as it does not meet basic human rights standards.

Moreover, we call on the international community to take effective measures to end all other actions that deny Palestinians their inalienable human rights.

Lastly, we call on the members of the international community to continue their support and increase funding to the organizations and engage with financial institutions to ensure the transfer of funds to the organizations.

Signatories:

1. Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
2. 11.11.11
3. Abductees' Mothers Association
4. Abs Development Organization for Woman & Child
5. Academic Program for Studies of Arab and Muslim Communities in Diaspora
6. ACAT-France
7. Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association
8. Advokatfirmaet Roli
9. Africa4Palestine
10. Ahel Organization
11. Al Mezan Center for Human Rights
12. Al Tawasol Forum Society (TFS)
13. Al-ataa Benevolent Association
14. Albanian Human Rights Group
15. Aldameer association for human rights
16. Al-Haq
17. Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society
18. Andalus Institute for Tolerance and anti-Violence Studies
19. Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ)
20. Arab Institute for Human Rights
21. Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development
22. Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)
23. ARTICLE 19
24. Artists for Palestine UK
25. Asha Parivar
26. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
27. Asociacion Palestina Biladi
28. Association Belgo-Palestinienne
29. Association des Universitaires pour le Respect du Droit International en Palestine (AURDIP)
30. Association for Freedom of Thought and Expression
31. Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS)
32. Aswat Nissa
33. Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children'
34. Australian Centre for International Justice
35. Basmeh & Zeitooneh for Relief and Development
36. Baytna
37. Bds Maroc
38. BDS Netherlands
39. BDS Vancouver Coast Salish Territories
40. Belgian Campaign for Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (BACBI)
41. Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
42. Bytes For All, Pakistan
43. Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME)
44. Center for Constitutional Rights
45. Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)
46. Center for Strategic Studies to Support Women and Children
47. Centre for Global Education
48. Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales
49. Charity & Security Network
50. Citizen News Service (CNS)
51. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
52. CNCD-11.11.11
53. Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid
54. Comhlamh Justice for Palestine
55. Committee for a Just Peace in the Middle East, Luxembourg
56. Committee for Justice
57. Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)
58. Community Empowerment and Social Justice Network (CEMSOJ)
59. Conectas Human Rights
60. Cultura è Libertà, una campagna per la Palestina
61. Defence For Children International
62. DefendDefenders (East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project)
63. Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN)
64. Dibeem for Environmental Development
65. Een Andere Joodse Stem / Another Jewish Voice (Belgium)

66. Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms
67. Egyptian Front for Human Rights (EFHR)
68. Egyptian Human Rights Forum
69. Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights
70. El Nadim Center For Management & Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence
71. Endorois Indigenous Women Empowerment Network (EIWEN)
72. Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network
73. ESCR-Net, International Network for Economic, Social & Cultural Rights
74. EuroMed Rights
75. European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine – ECCP
76. European Legal Support Center (ELSC)
77. European Trade Union Network for Justice in Palestine
78. FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
79. Financial Justice Ireland
80. Foundation for Middle East Peace (Washington, DC)
81. Foundation for the Conservation of the Earth, FOCONE
82. France Palestine Mental Health Network
83. Front Line Defenders
84. Fundación Mundubat
85. Fundacion Promocion Humana
86. Gaza Action Ireland
87. Global Focus
88. Global NPO Coalition on FATF
89. Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
90. Grassroots International
91. Herbst Law PLLC
92. Het Actiefonds
93. Housing and Land Rights Network; Habibat International Coalition
94. Human Rights & Democracy Media Center “SHAMS”
95. Human Rights for All (HR4A) Saskatchewan
96. Human Rights in China
97. Human Rights Watch
98. Human Security Collective
99. ICAHD-USA
100. International Accountability Project
101. International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group
102. International Commission to support Palestinian People’s Rights
103. International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)
104. International Service for Human Rights
105. International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific
106. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign
107. Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
108. Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions – UK
109. JAHALIN SOLIDARITY
110. Just Peace Advocates/Mouvement Pour Une Paix Juste
111. Just Words Limited
112. Justice for Palestinians Calgary
113. Justitia Center for legal protection of human rights in Algeria
114. Kairos Ireland
115. Kenya Human Rights Commission
116. L’association ACDA (Agir pour le changement et la démocratie en Algérie)
117. l’association joussour de citoyenneté
118. Law for Palestine Organisation
119. League for the Defence of Human Rights in Iran (LDDHI)
120. Libyan Organization for Legal Aid
121. Local Development and Small Projects Support (LDSPS)
122. Lok Shakti Abhiyan
123. Makan
124. MakeShiftPublishing
125. Manushya Foundation
126. MENA Rights Group
127. Muslim Peace Fellowship
128. Mwatana for human rights
129. National Lawyers Guild
130. Natural Resource Women Platform
131. Nederlands Palestina Komitee
132. New Weapons Research Groups
133. Niagara Movement for Justice in Palestine Israel
134. North Bronx Racial Justice
135. Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO-Norway)

136. Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees
137. NOVACT Institute for Nonviolent Action
138. Oakville Palestinian Rights Association
139. Palestina Solidariteit vzw Belgium
140. Palestine House
141. Palestine Solidarity Alliance
142. Palestine Solidarity Campaign Cape Town
143. Palestine Solidarity Campaign Gauteng
144. Palestine Solidarity Campaign UK
145. Palestine Solidarity Network – Edmonton
146. Palestine Solidarity, St. John’s, NL
147. Palestine Solidary Organisation at Nelson Mandela University
148. Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU)
149. Palestinian Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign (Stop the Wall)
150. Palestinian Centre for Human Rights
151. Pan African Palestine Solidarity Network
152. Paz con Dignidad
153. Peace and Building Foundation
154. PeaceWomen Across the Globe
155. PEN International
156. Physicians for Human Rights Israel
157. Platform of French NGOs for Palestine
158. Poetic Justice Foundation
159. Potchefstroom Free Palestine Committee
160. Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED)
161. Project South
162. Refugee Welfare Association Cameroon (REWAC)
163. Riposte Internationale
164. Sadaka-the Ireland Palestine Alliance
165. Sadaqa
166. Sagner Family Foundation
167. Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
168. Santa Feans for Justice in Palestine
169. Scottish Friends of Palestine
170. Sexual Rights Initiative
171. Socialist Party (India)
172. SOLIDAR
173. Solsoc
174. South African BDS Coalition
175. South African Jews For a Free Palestine
176. STEILAS
177. Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM)
178. Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights
179. Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights
180. Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice
181. The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
182. The Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ)
183. The Association of Norwegian NGOs for Palestine
184. The Canadian BDS Coalition
185. The civic coalition for Palestinian rights in jerusalem
186. The Community Action Center / Al-Quds university
187. The Danish House in Palestine
188. The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)
189. The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA
190. The Norwegian Initiative DEFEND INTERNATIONAL LAW
191. The Palestine Committee of Norway
192. The Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy
193. The Palestinian Human Rights Organization “PHRO”
194. The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy – MIFTAH
195. The Rights Forum
196. The Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP)
197. Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA (Australia)
198. United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI)
199. Unites States Food Sovereignty Alliance

200. United Methodists for Kairos
Response
201. University Network for Human
Rights
202. University of KwaZulu-Natal
Decoloniality Action Group
203. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
204. USA Palestine Mental Health
Network
205. Visualizing Palestine
206. Viva Salud
207. Vrede vzw
208. West African Human Rights
Defenders Network
209. Women in Black Vienna
210. Women Now for Development
211. Women's Centre for Legal Aid and
Counseling (WCLAC)
212. Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom
213. World Organisation Against Torture
(OMCT), within the framework of the
Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights
Defenders