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Take action now to stop Israeli violations committed against the Palestinian people

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In recent weeks the Israeli occupation has escalated attacks on Palestinians, violating international humanitarian law and human rights including: Unlawful killings; forcible transfer; arbitrary detention; collective punishment; closure of the Gaza Strip and unjustified restrictions on movement; confiscating land & exhausting natural resources; building Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land, Israeli settler violence against Palestinians along with more Israeli discriminatory policies and actions such as:

- Since December 12th, 2018, violence has increased in the West Bank due to actions taken by the Israeli occupation forces and Israeli settlers residing in unlawful settlements. Over 187 Palestinians were arrested in the West Bank including Jerusalem, five Palestinians were extrajudicially killed, and two Palestinian homes were unlawfully demolished.¹
- On December 15th, 2018 Israeli politicians and Israeli settlers and Jewish organization “Way of Life” have joined forces in inciting against President Mahmoud Abbas, calling for his assassination and the killing of other Palestinian politicians. Likud Lawmaker Oren Hazan also called for assassination of President Abbas and his Fatah deputy Mahmoud Aloul.”²
- On November 21st, 2018, Israel’s “High Court of Justice” rejected a petition filed by over 100 Palestinian residents of Jerusalem’s neighborhood of Silwan to stop efforts by an Israeli organization to evict them from their homes. The organization had gained control

¹<http://www.addameer.org/publications/past-5-days-israel-kills-5-palestinians-and-arrests-187>

²<http://english.wafa.ps/page.aspx?id=80D9Fca107763185178a80D9Fc>

of the properties by invoking an Israeli law by which Israelis may claim lands they owned prior to 1948. Palestinians are however excluded from the same right.

- Legislative committee of Israeli government drafted a new law of collective punishment to forcibly displace families of those suspected of attacks against Israelis.
- Another bill is drafted under the title "Regularization Law 2" to legalize 60 illegal outposts built on Palestinian private land.
- Israel's new nation-state law "turns a 'de-facto' dual law regime into a 'de-jure' reality, burying the rights of the Palestinian people including Palestinians rights to self-determination. It establishes Hebrew as Israel's official language and downgrades Arabic. The law also stipulates that "Jewish settlements as a national value" and mandates that the state "will labor to encourage and promote its establishment and development" on Palestinian land.
- The closure and blockade regime in the Gaza Strip continues with and the collective punishment Palestinians have had to endure for over 11 years. Over 234 Palestinians have been killed; of them 178 unarmed protesters, and over 22,000 injured by Israeli fire since 30 March 2018. Israel occupation forces use excessive and lethal force against the Palestinians participating in the "Great March of Return"; killing and injuring demonstrators who do not pose any threat in a continued, flagrant defiance of international law.
- All these violations come in the backdrop of continuous attempts by the United States and Israel to dismantle the UNRWA and end Palestinians refugee issue outside the Right of Return and international law framework. The US stopped its support to the refugee programs, which has deteriorated the humanitarian situation.

State Actors and intergovernmental organizations are under an outstanding obligation to cooperate to end all serious breaches of peremptory norms of international law. Inter-State diplomatic measures must be taken to hold Israel accountable for its violations of peremptory prohibitions of colonialism and apartheid, and ensure protection of the civilian population through effective mechanisms of accountability and redress. We call on States to:

- Recognize these Israeli violations of international law and condemn them;
- take effective steps to stop Israeli practices of collective punishment against Palestinians and the expansion of settlements on Palestinian land and theft of natural resources in the Palestinian occupied territory not for the benefit of the occupied population;
- Refrain from recognizing Israel's illegal annexation of East Jerusalem or its continuous attempts to annex Palestinian territory in the West Bank, which it acquired by force, through the consolidation of Israeli settlements. States must ensure that they and actors functioning under their law do not aid or abet such grave violations of international law;

- Adopt measures to compel Israel to abide by the rules of international law and reinstate rule of law, including dismantling illegal settlements and halting the ongoing annexation regime in occupied Palestinian territory;
- Assisting and facilitating the work of the International Criminal Court toward a speedy opening of a formal ICC investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in oPt, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.