Call for submissions issued on 30 September 2025

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The United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has been investigating international crimes, violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of international human rights law committed in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The Commission has issued this call for submissions in the scope of its investigations for its reports to  be presented to the Human Rights Council during its 62ndSession (June 2026) and to the United Nations General Assembly during its 81st Session (October 2026).

The Commission invites States, individuals, groups, and organisations to submit information concerning killings and causing serious bodily or mental harm committed by any State or non-State actor since 7 October 2023, more specifically on:

* killings and causing serious bodily or mental harm by Israeli security forces and settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem;
* killings and causing serious bodily or mental harm by Palestinian security forces and armed groups in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;
* killings and causing serious bodily or mental harm linked to aid distribution in Gaza;
* killings and deaths of Palestinians in Israeli detention facilities;
* killings and death of Israeli hostages in Gaza.

The Commission also plans to look into historical cases and would welcome receiving information, including testimonies from witnesses and survivors, on major incidents of killings and causing serious bodily or mental harm by Israeli and Palestinian state and non-state security forces from the periods of 1948-1949, the 1950s, and the years 2000-2005.

In addition, the Commission would welcome information on issues related to freedom of movement, the right to an adequate standard of living including adequate food, clothing and housing, the right to health and the right to education in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

The Commission welcomes information concerning those most responsible for the violations, including the identity of individuals (for the purpose of individual criminal responsibility, including command responsibility), organizations or groups, armed groups, and government, security or military units. It would also welcome information concerning the identity of victims and witnesses.

The information collected will be used in the preparation of the Commission’s reports to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly. The information may be shared with accountability mechanisms including criminal investigations and other legal proceedings upon request.

**Procedure for submissions:**

Information can be submitted in English, Arabic and/or Hebrew, but due to resource constraints, the Commission of Inquiry would welcome receiving information and documentation in English.

The Commission invites States, individuals, groups and organisations to submit information which is not publicly available.

The Commission attaches the utmost importance to the safety and security of people and the protection of sources, notably concerning the respect for confidentiality and the ‘do no harm’ principle (not to jeopardize the life, safety, freedom and well-being of victims, witnesses and other cooperating persons). If applicable, information providers should state their wish to remain confidential when transmitting information to the Commission.

Individuals, groups and organizations wishing to submit information to the Commission are kindly asked to fill in this [**sheet**](https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/coiopt/cfi-sept2025/coi-opteji-cover-sheet-submission-o-sept-2025.docx)with any information they are able to provide and attach it to their submissions. It is not a requirement to provide all requested information if not available, though particular attention should be given to filling in the section on informed consent.

Organizations specifically documenting violations related to children’s rights and women’s rights are strongly encouraged to submit any relevant information pertaining to acts listed above.

Submissions should be sent via Tresorit, a secure file transfer service, using the following link: [**https://web.tresorit.com/r#nmOU6gfD5wMDxh6nqKm96g**](https://web.tresorit.com/r#nmOU6gfD5wMDxh6nqKm96g).

Upon accessing the link, please click "Add Items" and select the information you wish to submit. Please insert your email address in the given text box, so that we can identify the sender, and then click "Upload".

Please do not send sensitive information through email. Should you have any questions, including on how to submit sensitive information to the Commission, please contact the Commission at **coi-opteji@un.org**

Please note that individual acknowledgements of receipt of information will not be sent. It should be noted that not all information provided will be reflected in public reports of the Commission.