

**Submission sheet**

Individuals, groups and organizations wishing to submit information and documentation to the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (hereafter the “COI”) are kindly asked to fill in this sheet 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 consent.

Unless indicated otherwise in the form, the COI will consider all materials received to be usable in its reports, but without attribution as to the source

<b>Name of submitting individual/entity</b>	<b>The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA)</b>
<b>Contact of submitting individual/entity</b>	Email(s): <b>tomerila@gmail.com</b> Telephone/WhatsApp/Signal/Other: Web Address: Agree to be contacted by the COI: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>
<b>Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s</b>	The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs is a leading independent research institute specializing in public diplomacy and foreign policy. Founded in 1976, the Center has produced hundreds of studies and initiatives by leading experts on a wide range of strategic topics. The Center is headed by Amb. Dore Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the UN and director-general of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
<b>Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred</b>	<b>The JCPA hereby submits a report detailing Iran’s involvement in War Crimes during the 2021 Gaza war.</b>  <b>As detailed in JCPA Submission #3 to COI-OPTEJI, Hamas committed numerous war crimes during the 2021 Gaza war.</b>  <b>This submission details Iran’s responsibility for and involvement in Hamas’ war crimes.</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Senior Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders in Gaza were in contact with Iran’s top brass, including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei and the heads of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, during the 2021 Gaza War. Sources close to Hizbullah revealed that the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Hamas, and Hizbullah coordinated the</b></li></ul>

	<p><b>military confrontation in Gaza from a military operations center in Beirut. The commander of the IRGC's Quds Force, General Esmail Qaani, visited Lebanon twice to attend meetings at the joint command center.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>• Iranian aid to Hamas and Islamic Jihad is constant and flows all the time through various channels, regardless of the economic situation in Iran and Lebanon. Iranian influence could be seen in Hamas' efforts to attack Israel's strategic and energy infrastructures, including efforts to damage Israeli gas rigs in the Mediterranean. This copies the efforts of the Houthis in Yemen to attack similar targets in Saudi Arabia.</b></li><li><b>• These efforts involve long-range attack drones, GPS-guided unmanned suicide vessels, underwater guided weapons, and long-range missiles. The Houthis in Yemen are using these capabilities against oil infrastructure in Saudi Arabia and against civilian infrastructure such as airports, power plants, and desalination facilities. Iran seeks to develop these capabilities and test them against Israeli civilian and military targets.</b></li><li><b>• From their perspective, Iran's leaders see a string of successes, including confronting sanctions, surviving the Trump administration and ex-Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, maintaining an active military</b></li></ul>
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	<p>nuclear program, overthrowing Saddam Hussein, the Shia revival in Iraq, and the “victories” of the Palestinians in Gaza and Hizbullah in Lebanon against Israel with Iran’s support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They believe that the prophecy of the leader of the 1979 Iranian Revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini, regarding the destruction of Israel will eventually be fulfilled, and that Iran has the power to bring it about.</li> <li>• For Iran, “Palestine” is only one part of a complex strategy of building the Axis of Resistance from the Persian Gulf to Lebanon, aimed at Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria, and Lebanon; each arena has its own blueprint, a toolbox of hostile insurgency actions, and the guidance of Hizbullah, the Quds Force, and well-trained militias.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the full report: <a href="https://jcpa.org/article/the-gaza-war-2021-how-iran-and-hizbullah-view-the-attacks-on-israel/">https://jcpa.org/article/the-gaza-war-2021-how-iran-and-hizbullah-view-the-attacks-on-israel/</a></p>
<b>Violations of the laws and customs of war (international humanitarian law)</b>	
<b>Date/s of incident/time period</b>	
<b>Place of incident</b>	Village/township/city: Province:
<b>Name/s of alleged victim/s gender, age</b>	Name: Gender: Age: Father’s name: Nationality: Profession: Phone number/email: Address:

<b>Identification of those allegedly responsible</b>	<p>Name of alleged perpetrator if known:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini</b></li> <li><b>The commander of the IRGC's Quds Force, General Esmail Qaani</b></li> <li><b>Hizbullah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah</b></li> </ol> <p>State or non-state entity with which perpetrator is affiliated, if any:  <b>Islamic Republic of Iran</b>  <b>Hezbollah</b></p> <p>Any identifying marks of the perpetrator which indicate their affiliation, such as the colour or pattern of their uniform and uniform's insignia:</p>
<b>Description of the incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)</b>	
<b>Description of the State's response, (500-word limit)</b>	<p>Indicate whether the incident was reported to the authorities: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, which authorities:</p> <p>Information on any investigations, judicial processes, decision/judgements and sentences, including reparations, in response to the incident:</p>
<b>Methodology employed in the collection of information</b>	<p>Please provide a description of the methodology employed in the collection of the information shared- primary, secondary sources, means of verification, etc., along with how informed consent was gained from the information provider. If needed, attach a copy of the relevant standard operating procedures followed.</p>
<b>Consent</b>	<p><b>Please indicate whether you, the person submitting the information, agree to the following use of the information by the COI with or without personally identifiable data:</b></p> <p><b><u>INFORMED CONSENT TO USE THE INFORMATION:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use internally and publicly (e.g. public report, press release), with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></li> <li>Use internally only (within the COI), with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>INFORMED CONSENT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise the case with national authorities, courts or accountability mechanisms that respect international standards (including due process) with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></li> <li>Share info with national human rights institutions, with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></li> </ol>

	<p>3. Refer to national or international organizations (including UN human rights mechanisms and other UN entities) providing victim assistance (e.g. ICRC, medical, legal), with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></p> <p>5. Share info with international and regional courts – including the International Criminal Court (ICC) -, or accountability mechanisms of other States that respect international standards (including due process) with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. <b>Agree</b></p> <p><b><u>Additional Details on Consent:</u></b></p> <p>Please indicate if consent to provide this information to the CoI has been received from the alleged victims (any consent given must be provided by the victim or by relatives or legal representatives on their behalf, or by a parent/legal guardian in case of a child) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>; consent provided by: _____</p> <p>If necessary, please explain:</p>
<p><b>Description of any broader issues not related to specific violations (2000-word limit)</b></p>	<p>Description should be succinct, highlighting issues of relevance to the mandate of the COI, and include concrete examples whenever possible.</p> <p>Please also include information on the impact of these violations, as well as age and gender-sensitive considerations (e.g. how these violations affected women and men, girls and boys differently) as relevant.</p>
<p><b>Any other human rights NGOs to whom you reported the incident</b></p>	<p>If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any other person or organization to whom the incident was reported.</p>
<p><b>Additional materials (documents, images, videos, etc) relevant to the incident(s)/allegation(s)</b></p>	<p>Please indicate, if you are aware of, or in possession of, any additional materials from other sources (including the media and NGOs) in which the above incident(s)/allegations are cited, that are deemed relevant/useful. The COI may follow-up at a later date in order to receive the material(s) indicated.</p> <p>Date of publication: <b>Published: 28/06/2021</b></p> <p>Title: <b>The Gaza War 2021: How Iran and Hizbullah View the Attacks on Israel</b></p> <p><a href="https://jcpa.org/article/the-gaza-war-2021-how-iran-and-hizbullah-view-the-attacks-on-israel/">https://jcpa.org/article/the-gaza-war-2021-how-iran-and-hizbullah-view-the-attacks-on-israel/</a></p> <p>Type of material: <b>1 Document</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (total doc); Image <input type="checkbox"/> (total images); Video <input type="checkbox"/> (total videos); Other (please specify)</p>
