**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.

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| **Name of submitting individual/entity** | **IDSF-Habithonistim** |
| **Contact of submitting individual/entity** | Email(s): **tomerila@gmail.com**  Telephone/WhatsApp/Signal/Other:  Web Address:  Agree to be contacted by the COI: **Yes** No |
| **Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s** |  |
| **Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred** | As requested by the CoIOPT-Israel, the IDSF-Habithonistim NGO would like to submit one of the underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict, which is financial incentives provided by the Palestinian Authority to Palestinian terrorists and their families to carry out terrorist attacks.  ➢ The Palestinian Authority (PA), which has crafted an image for itself as a bureaucratic, moderate, pragmatic and civilian-led Palestinian government, certainly when compared to its rival Palestinian organization, Hamas, plays an active role in the armed struggle against Israel in multiple ways, including the administration of a well-oiled and well budgeted economic apparatus designed to incentivize organized as well as random acts of terror perpetrated by Palestinians against innocent Israelis. This is the “Pay for Slay” apparatus.  ➢ According to Palestinian law, which designates the terrorists as “the Palestinian people’s combat wing”, imprisoned terrorists are rewarded on a sliding scale, based on the number of years they are serving in prison. Upon their 30th year in prison, their salaries reach $3,750 USD per month, equivalent to the salary of the President of the Palestinian Supreme Court, and eight times the average minimum salary in Gaza and in Judea and Samaria (“the West Bank”). It is also 4 times the per capita average monthly salary earned by Palestinians.  ➢ Incarcerated terrorists who were released after having served more than 5 years in prison continue receiving a salary, even after their release, as well as a one-time release payout ranging from $5,000 to $25,000.  ➢ PA law mandates employing released terrorists in government agencies in order to provide them with permanent financial security, including fully subsidized healthcare and education. It also confers to them priority employment placements across government ministries. ➢ Furthermore, the PA provides compensation, in the form of monthly allowances, through the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to the families of the “martyrs” (terrorists who were killed or wounded during terror operations).  ➢ On average, the PA spends over $300 million USD every year on this, an amount equivalent to about 7% of its annual budget during most of the surveyed years, and almost half of the foreign financial aid it receives from donor countries and other contributors.  ➢ Approximately 5,000 prisoners, 7,200 released prisoners, as well as 37,500 families of the “martyrs” and wounded terrorists, benefit from the cash allowances and employment opportunities provided through this policy. ➢ To appreciate the gross incongruity in priorities, in 2018, the budget of the Palestinian Ministry of Health, which is budgeted for 5 million inhabitants, stood at $530 million USD ($112 USD per capita per year), while the terror apparatus budget, which serves 12,200 incarcerated and released prisoners, and 37,500 family members of “martyrs” and wounded terrorists, that constitute a fraction of the population, stands at $370 million USD ($8,820 USD per capita per year).  ➢ Among the terrorists receiving these benefits are Omar Abu Jalal, who murdered three members of the Solomon family and is expected to receive about $2.04 million USD throughout his lifetime; Abdel Hakim Asi, who murdered Rabbi Itamar Ben Gal, and is expected to receive a similar amount; and Amjad and Hakim Awad who murdered the five members of the Fogel family, including a 3-month-old baby, and sentenced to 5 life sentences and another 7 years in prison, and each is expected to receive a combined $4.26 million USD over the course of their lives.  ➢ Terrorism is considered a legitimate and primary tool in fulfilling the PLO’s and PA's ultimate goal of establishing a Palestinian state while eliminating the State of Israel. In this context, the PA views the cash incentives and employment preferences as constituting an important element in institutionalizing its terror apparatus.  ➢ This is the Palestinian Authority's explicitly, defined policy as expressed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, who called the “martyrs” “stars in the sky of the Palestinian nation's struggle,” who are the “top Palestinian priority,” and who stressed, on several occasions including to the UN General Assembly, that “even if we were left with just one penny, we would pay it to the families of the martyrs and prisoners.”  Please refer to the full report “Terrorists in Civil Service - Palestinian Authority's Well-Budgeted and Institutional Apparatus Designed to Incentivize Terrorism and Create Jobs for Terrorists” by **IDSF-Habithonistim, which is attached to this form.**  With regards to CoIOPT-Israel request for recommendations on accountability measures, with a view to avoiding and ending impunity and ensuring legal accountability, including individual criminal and command responsibility, please refer to Recommendations section in the attached report, page 44. |
| **Violations of the laws and customs of war (international humanitarian law)** |  |
| **Date/s of incident/time period** |  |
| **Place of incident** | Village/township/city:  Province |
| **Name/s of alleged victim/s gender, age** | Name:  Gender:  Age:  Father’s name:  Nationality: **Israeli (Jewish)**  Profession:  Phone number/email:  Address: |
| **Identification of those allegedly responsible** | Name of alleged perpetrator if known:  State or non-state entity with which perpetrator is affiliated, if any: **Palestinian Arabs**  Any identifying marks of the perpetrator which indicate their affiliation, such as the colour or pattern of their uniform and uniform’s insignia: |
| **Description of the incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)** | Detailed description of:   * the incident(s) or alleged violation(s), including dates, specific locations (e.g. street, building) and number and types and name(s) of victim(s) * the context in which they took place * alleged perpetrators * alleged motive   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). |
| **Description of the State’s response, (500-word limit)** | Indicate whether the incident was reported to the authorities: Yes NoIf yes, which authorities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Information on any investigations, judicial processes, decision/judgements and sentences, including reparations, in response to the incident: |
| **Methodology employed in the collection of information** | 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. |
| **Consent** | **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:**  **INFORMED CONSENT TO USE THE INFORMATION:**    1. Use internally and publicly (e.g. public report, press release), with without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  2. Use internally only (within the COI), with without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  **INFORMED CONSENT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION:**  1. Raise the case with national authorities, courts or accountability mechanisms that respect international standards (including due process) with without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  2. Share info with national human rights institutions, with without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  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 without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  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 without personally identifiable data. **Agree**  **Additional Details on Consent:**  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 No ; consent provided by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If necessary, please explain: |
| **Description of any broader issues not related to specific violations (2000-word limit)** | Description should be succinct, highlighting issues of relevance to the mandate of the COI, and include concrete examples whenever possible.  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. |
| **Any other human rights NGOs to whom you reported the incident** | If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any other person or organization to whom the incident was reported. |
| **Additional materials (documents, images, videos, etc) relevant to the incident(s)/allegation(s)** | 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.  Date of publication: **October 2021**  Title:“Terrorists in Civil Service - Palestinian Authority's Well-Budgeted and Institutional Apparatus Designed to Incentivize Terrorism and Create Jobs for Terrorists”  Source (author/organisation): **IDSF-Habithonistim**  Web link; <https://www.idsf.org.il/>  **Document is embedded into this form (below) and was also sent as a separate PDF file**  Type of material: 1 **Document** (total doc); Images (total images);  Videos (total videos); Other (please specify) |
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