

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

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Contact of submitting individual/entity	Email(s): yonishmueli58@gmail.com Telephone/WhatsApp/Signal/Other: Web Address: Agree to be contacted by the COI: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s	
Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred	<p>A root cause of terrorist attacks and other human rights violations against Israelis is justification and defense of terrorism by various international organizations.</p> <p>One of the organizations defending those linked to terror is <u>Human Right Watch</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In March 2017, HRW Research Assistant Abier al-Masri posted a series of tweets praising Basel al-A'raj, a terrorist leader killed by the IDF during a violent exchange. According to the IDF, Al-A'raj was active in purchasing the weapons used in terror attacks. Masri tweeted pictures of Al-A'raj, as well as Al-A'raj's will, stating, "Peace be upon your pure spirit." In his will, A'raj writes: "All the wills of the Shahids... do not quench our thirst in the search for the question of the Martyr... is there anything more eloquent than the Martyr's deeds?" In 2011, Kathleen Peratis, co-chair of the Advisory Committee of HRW's Middle East and North Africa Division, visited Gaza and met with several Hamas officials. Hamas is a designated terror organization by Israel, the U.S., EU, and Canada. In her article about the visit, Peratis describes her experience exploring smuggling tunnels from Gaza into Egypt with members of Hamas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December 2019, HRW published a report titled “Born Without Civil Rights” that accused Israel of “draconian military orders” and relying “on broad provisions of military law to ban associations as ‘hostile organizations.’” The report misleadingly truncates quotes and withholds vital information, including whitewashing terrorism. The primary examples are individuals who are members of internationally recognized terrorist organizations and/or groups closely linked to these organizations and who have been convicted of incitement, terror financing, and membership in terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). • • In June 2021, HRW Israel and Palestine Director Omar Shakir participated in a conference, “Challenging Apartheid in Palestine: Reclaiming the Narrative, Formulating A Vision,” hosted by the Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. Conference organizers and sponsors, as well as other participants, were linked to various terror groups, including Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). <p>https://www.ngo-monitor.org/reports/watchlist-human-rights-watch-leads-effort-promote-impunity-palestinian-terrorists/</p> <p>By defending terrorists, Human Right Watch is promoting human rights violations and violence against Israeli civilians.</p> <p>Human Right Watch must be held accountable for their crimes.</p>
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: Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch

	<p>Human Rights Watch Board members:</p> <p>Amy Rao Neil Rimer Betsy Karel Oki Matsumoto Amy Towers Catherine Zennström Bruce Rabb Akwasi Aidoo Lishan Aklog George Coelho Roberto Dañino Kimberly Marteau Loubna Freih Leslie Gilbert-Lurie Paul Gray Caitlin Heising Judith Heumann David Lakhdhir Louisa Lee-Reizes Alicia Miñana Ambassador Robin Sanders Bruce Simpson Joseph Skrzynski AO Donna Slaight, C.M Siri Stolt-Nielsen Marie Warburg Isabelle de Wismes Masa Yanagisawa Andrew Zolli</p> <p>State or non-state entity with which perpetrator is affiliated, if any: Human Rights Watch</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>
<p>Description of the incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)</p>	<p>Detailed description of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <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).</p>
<p>Description of the State's response, (500-word limit)</p>	<p>Indicate whether the incident was reported to the authorities: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, which authorities: _____</p>

	<p>Information on any investigations, judicial processes, decision/judgements and sentences, including reparations, in response to the incident:</p>
<p>Methodology employed in the collection of information</p>	<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>
<p>Consent</p>	<p>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:</p> <p><u>INFORMED CONSENT TO USE THE INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>1. Use internally and publicly (e.g. public report, press release), with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. Agree</p> <p>2. Use internally only (within the COI), with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. Agree</p> <p><u>INFORMED CONSENT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>1. 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. Agree</p> <p>2. Share info with national human rights institutions, with <input type="checkbox"/> without <input type="checkbox"/> personally identifiable data. Agree</p> <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. Agree</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. Agree</p> <p><u>Additional Details on Consent:</u></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>Description of any broader issues not related to specific violations (2000-word limit)</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>Any other human rights NGOs to whom you reported the incident</p>	<p>If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any other person or organization to whom the incident was reported.</p>
<p>Additional materials (documents, images, videos, etc) relevant to the incident(s)/allegation(s)</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: June 29, 2017 Title: Watchlist: Human Rights Watch Leads Effort to Promote Impunity for Palestinian Terrorists</p> <p>Source (author/organisation): NGO Monitor Web link; https://www.ngo-monitor.org/reports/watchlist-human-rights-watch-leads-effort-promote-impunity-palestinian-terrorists/</p> <p>Date of publication: June 22, 2021 Title: Human Rights Watch (HRW)</p> <p>Source (author/organisation): NGO Monitor Web link; https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/human_rights_watch_hrw/</p> <p>Type of material: 2 Documents <input type="checkbox"/> (total doc); Images <input type="checkbox"/> (total images); Video <input type="checkbox"/> (total videos); Other (please specify)</p>