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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 <u>particular</u> <u>attention should be given to filling in the section on consent</u>.

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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individual/entity	
Contact of submitting individual/entity	Email(s): yonishmueli58@gmail.com Telephone/WhatsApp/Signal/Other: Web Address: Agree to be contacted by the COI: Yes \Box No \Box Yes
Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s	
Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred	A root cause of terrorist attacks and other human rights violations against Israeli Jews is pro-terrorist propaganda disseminated by various international organizations.
	One of the organizations defending those linked to terror is <u>Holy Land Trust (HLT)</u> .
	 In July 2021, Holy Land Trust promoted a "campaign to free Khalida Jarrar," a senior official of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization, who was convicted and sentenced to two years in prison following "her own confession, of the offense of holding office in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine from 2016 until her arrest in 2019." In May 2018, during the violence on the Gaza border, Jonathan Kuttab, President of the Board of Holy Land Trust, accused Israel of putting "almost 2 million people live in a congested open-air prison." Kuttab also justified terrorism and downplayed Hamas war crimes by writing that Hamas "occasionally dares to resist by shooting largely ineffective rockets at Israel; it even dares to dig tunnels to break out of its suffocating isolation, while Israel routinely invades its territory and bombs Gazans, mostly civilians, at will." Speaking at the National Leadership Conference for the Vineyard Church in 2009, Awad told the audience:

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	 "We've actually done training in non-violence for Hamas leaders and other militant groups as well" (at 01:20:27 in the audio). Hamas is listed as a terrorist organization by the <u>US State Department</u> and the <u>EU</u>. Further, the US Supreme Court upheld a law criminalizing material support for terror organizations. (Holder, Attorney General, et al. v. Humanitarian Law <u>Project et al. 2010</u>.) The law defines "material support" as including "any property, tangible or intangible, or service, including training, expert advice or assistance" (See above for details of US government funding of HLT.) HLT also <u>supports</u> the Kairos Palestine document. The Kairos Palestine document calls for BDS against Israel, denies the Jewish historical connection to Israel in theological terms, and blames Israel solely for the continuation of the conflict. It also characterizes terrorist acts of "armed resistance" as "Palestinian legal resistance"
	 In December 2014, following the EU no longer considering Hamas a terrorist group, Kuttab tweeted that it was "Time for US to do same." He then tweeted "How can you even hope to bring about peace between <u>#Israel</u> and <u>#Palestine</u> if you criminalize contact with <u>#Hamas</u>?"
	By disseminating pro-terrorist propaganda , Holy Land Trust is promoting racism, human rights violations and violence against Israeli civilians. Holy Land Trust managers must be held accountable for their crimes.
Violations of the laws and	crimes.
customs of war	
(international	
humanitarian law)	
Date/s of incident/time	
period	Village (connection / sites
Place of incident	Village/township/city: Province:
Name/s of alleged victim/s	Name:
gender, age	Gender
	Age:
	Father's name:
	Nationality: Israeli (Jewish)
	Profession
	Phone number/email:
	Address:

Identification of those	Name of alleged perpetrator if known:
allegedly responsible	HLT Board Members:
	Jonathan Kuttab (Chair of the Board) Mai Nassar (Vice Chair) Abdalla Attalla (Treasurer) Suzan Sahori (Secretary) Amal Jado Bishara Awad George Abu Dayyeh Charlie Abu Sa'da Nael Shyoukhi
	State or non-state entity with which perpetrator is affiliated, if any: Holy Land Trust
	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	Detailed description of:
incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)	 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 No If 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 \Box without \Box personally identifiable data. Agree
	2. Use internally only (within the COI), with \Box without \Box 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 \Box without \Box 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 \Box without \Box 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 \Box No \Box ; 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	If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any
NGOs to whom you	other person or organization to whom the incident was reported.
reported the incident	
Additional materials	Please indicate, if you are aware of, or in possession of, any
(documents, images, videos,	additional materials from other sources (including the media and
etc) relevant to the	NGOs) in which the above incident(s)/allegations are cited, that are
incident(s)/allegation(s)	deemed relevant/useful. The COI may follow-up at a later date in order to receive the material(s) indicated.
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