



جانب وزارة الخارجية والمغتربين  
مديرية الشؤون السياسية والقصلية

الموضوع: متابعة مقتل الصحفي عبدالله

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع والمرجع أعلاه نحيطكم علماً بأن هذه البعثة قامت بإرسال كتابين رسميين إلى كل من المفوض السامي لحقوق الإنسان، السيد فولكر تورك، وللمقرر الخاص لحماية حق الرأي والتعبير السيدة إيران خان. تجدون ريباً صورة من المراسلتين اللتين تشيران إلى ظروف هذه الجريمة النكراء وطابعها المخالف لحقوق الإنسان وخاصة الحق في الرأي والتعبير، وتطالب المسؤولين الرفيعين بضرورة تسليط الأضواء عليها دولياً والعمل على محاسبة المرتكبين.

وتجدر الإشارة إلى أن رئيس البعثة لا يوفر لقاء ثانياً أو اجتماعاً موسعاً إلا ويثير هذا المسألة واضعاً إياها بإطار تصاعد الأعمال العسكرية الإسرائيلية ضد لبنان إبان العدوان على غزة.

تجدر الإشارة في سياق متصل إلى أن العدوان الإسرائيلي لا يوفر الإعلام الفلسطيني ويستهدفه بشكل ممنهج وقد ارتفع عدد القتلى الصحفيين حتى الساعة إلى 16.

نرجو التفضل بأخذ العلم.

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المنير  
سليم بدرة





مرقأ رقم ١٠٠

Geneva, 20 October 2023

Mr. High Commissioner,

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As you well know, Israel has recently intensified its inhumane siege of Gaza and is ramping up its military operations there as well as at the Lebanese border leaving a trail of gross violations of human rights and war crimes.

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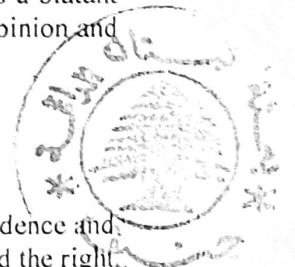
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The media crews were targeted while operating from what was considered a safe distance from the frontlines and from the ongoing military operations or installations. Moreover, those journalists were careful to observe all safety protocols, which included clearly identifying themselves as journalists and wearing protective vests and helmets.

These details strongly suggest that the Israeli targeting of the journalist crews was a deliberate act, devoid of any military justification whatsoever and constitutes a blatant use of violence against journalists seeking to exercise their right to freedom of opinion and expression for the common good.

Mr. High Commissioner,

You have always stood among other things for media freedom and independence and for the right to freedom of opinion and expression and you have continuously found the right,



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words for condemning the crimes committed against these rights. We therefore kindly urge you to make use of all relevant measures afforded by your mandate to make sure that this new Israeli crime won't remain unnoticed and its perpetrators unaccountable. Given your dedication and your high moral standing, any action from your side could contribute to prevent the recurrence of such crimes that add up to the ongoing atrocities and war crimes committed by the occupying power against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Mr. High Commissioner,

Journalists operating in war zones put bravely their lives and safety at risk on daily basis. They do it because they believe that timely, reliable and complete information is vital in times of war, which is indisputable. Hence, we owe it to them to protect their lives as well as their freedom of expression and opinion. Let us all join hands in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

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بعثة لبنان الدائمة  
لدى الأمم المتحدة والمنظمات الدولية  
جنيف

حرفه رقم ٥

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Madam Special Rapporteur,

Your mandate was created to protect and promote freedom of opinion and expression and to take action when this right is violated. Knowing your dedication, we therefore kindly urge you to make use of all relevant measures afforded by your mandate to make sure that this act won't remain unnoticed and its perpetrators unaccountable. Any action from your side could contribute to prevent the recurrence of such crimes that add up to the ongoing atrocities and war crimes committed by the occupying power against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

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