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Israel attempts propaganda to hide massacre, and is supported by UAE and Bahrain



The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights condemns the ongoing oppression, violation and murder of human rights defenders, journalists, citizen journalists, athletes, artists, women, men, children in Gaza and Palestine by Israeli occupiers, and backed by the United States and much of the Western international community.

In an illegal air raid by Israel on northern Gaza during the weekend of May 6, 2018, over 350 Palestinian protesters were injured, some critically. These injuries

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will likely lead to an **increase in the over-all death toll of the Great Return March**. Israeli occupiers continue to use illegal live ammunition and tear gas on the protesters. The use of these munitions is in direct and clear violation of international humanitarian and human rights laws. As well Israeli forces have shot dead at least two Palestinians in the Gaza strip this past Sunday, Baha Abdul Rahman Qdeih, 23, and Mohammad Khaled Abu Rideh, 20, which raised the death toll of Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers since the beginning of the great return march – a movement by Palestinians demanding the right to return to their homes seized by Israel 70 years ago - on March 30 to at least 43

While protesters are being targeted, the abuses against Palestinians that have occurred in the past decades continue through the rest of the county- Palestinians are unjustly imprisoned, barred from fair legal process and trial, physically, verbally, psychologically and sexually harassed and abused while imprisoned, tortured, denied access to basic rights including healthy food and clean drinking water, denied freedom of movement, illegally surveilled, and systematically and grossly oppressed, controlled, and violated.

In a propaganda attempt to garnish further international support and to be viewed as an acting and decent member of the international community, Israel is paying \$11.9 million to host the Giro bike races. This internationally acclaimed athletic event is further being supported by Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. These states have sent athletes to the event, implying acceptance and even support of the ongoing slaughter of innocent Palestinians.

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This hypocrisy by Israeli's GCC allies is shameful, and obscene. **Shame on Bahrain and the UAE for supporting the massacre of Palestinians.** The oppressed lives and painful murders of Palestinians matter- and should matter to all members of the international community. They should not be swayed by expensive propaganda attempts by the US or any of its allies to whitewash the horror of Israel's treatment towards Palestine, now or at any other time.

ICSFT stands with the Great Return March and Palestinians, and will continue to until Palestine is returned to its rightful occupants.