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**Mr. Hans Gaasbeek, Founder of the International Day of the Endangered Lawyer
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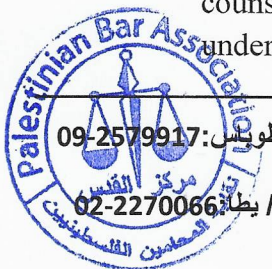
The Palestinian Bar Association presents its respectful greetings and has the honor to submit the following formal statement regarding the grave and unprecedented challenges facing Palestinian legal professionals:

1. Loss of Life and Systematic Destruction in Gaza

- Since October 2023, 240 Palestinian lawyers—men and women—have been killed in the Gaza Strip, marking an unparalleled loss within the global legal community.
- On 9 October 2023, the main headquarters of the Palestinian Bar Association in Gaza was bombed and completely destroyed — only three days after the outbreak of the war — followed by the destruction of all branch offices, hundreds of lawyers' offices, and thousands of legal files, case documents, and professional records.
- The justice sector in Gaza has entirely collapsed following the destruction of courts and prosecution facilities, in clear violation of international humanitarian law, which obliges parties to protect civilian institutions essential for the administration of justice.

2. Violations in the West Bank: Restrictions on Movement and Due Process

- In the West Bank, lawyers face severe and systematic restrictions on their freedom of movement due to military checkpoints, road closures, and iron gates. These measures directly impede their ability to reach courts and represent clients, in violation of the right to freedom of movement and the right of access to justice as affirmed under international human rights law.
- Some Lawyers were also subjected to administrative detention, under which individuals are held without charge or trial on undisclosed evidence inaccessible to both detainees and legal counsel. This practice constitutes a serious breach of international due process guarantees, undermining the independence of the legal profession and the principles of a fair trial.



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3. Call for International Solidarity

In light of these conditions, the Palestinian Bar Association respectfully calls upon the Dutch National Bar Association to:

Publicly condemn the killing of Palestinian lawyers and the destruction of legal and judicial institutions;

Recognize Palestinian lawyers as an endangered professional group, consistent with the principles of the International Day of the Endangered Lawyer;

Support international efforts aimed at protecting legal professionals, safeguarding their freedom of movement, and upholding their rights to due process and fair trial guarantees under international law.

The Palestinian Bar Association reaffirms its commitment to justice, the rule of law, and the protection of the legal profession, and expresses its sincere appreciation for your solidarity and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely

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