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Israel has issued another provocative, racist and illegal military Order effective from today the 13th of April 2010

Israel, today issued yet another Military Order against the Palestinian Civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem (OPT). This order gives the Israeli Occupying Forces unprecedented power to detain, imprison and deport Palestinians in the West Bank that are deemed to be "infiltrating" the OPT.

This Military Order threatens the deportation of tens of thousands of Palestinians by the Occupying power from the OPT under the pretext that they are 'residing illegally' there. It especially targets Palestinians holding Gaza Strip Identification and who live in the West Bank as well as Palestinian Jerusalemites. It also targets the hundreds of Palestinian Expatriates now engaged in the state and institutional-building effort as well as international citizens living in the OPT, whether they are married to a Palestinian or are working on development, humanitarian aid and other projects. It is estimated that it will directly affect up to 70,000 Palestinians, threatening to divide thousands of Palestinian Families.

Dr. Hikmat Ajjuri; Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland States that **"These new measures reflect the Apartheid and anti peace nature of Israel. The implementation of the aforementioned order will for sure poison any healthy environment conducive to a peaceful settlement. A Few weeks ago, it was the issue of the illegal settlements in Occupied East Jerusalem and now the ethnic cleansing of the indigenous people in the OPT."**

Israel's Military Order is aimed at impairing the demographic and geographic presence and contiguity of Palestinian People in their homeland as a pre-emptive measure that would annul any and all efforts to realise any future two-state solution.

It must be noted that by adopting this Military Order, Israel, is negating previously signed agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Moreover, it constitutes a flagrant violation of International Law, including international humanitarian and human rights law. It is a breach of Article 49 of the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of Civilian Persons in the Time of War and it violates one of the most basic human rights tenets, I.e. the right of a citizen to choose his/her place of residence in his homeland. Further this Military Order constitutes yet another violation of the numerous Security Council Resolutions deploring Israel's deportation of Palestinian Civilians and calling on it to cease this illegal practice, including resolutions 607 (1988), 608 (1988), 636 (1989), 641 (1989), 681 (1990), 694 (1991), 726 (1992), and 799 (1992).

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