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INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
ON THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND ISRAEL
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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 particular attention should be given to filling in the section on consent.

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

Name of submitting individual/entity	**Shmuel Baron**
Contact of submitting individual/entity	Email(s): **baronshmuel65@gmail.com** Telephone/WhatsApp/Signal/Other: Web Address: Agree to be contacted by the COI: Yes ☐ No ☐ **Yes**
Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s	
Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred	
Violations of the laws and customs of war (international humanitarian law)	Unintentional civilian casualties in Gaza were the results of Hamas well-documented practice of <u>using civilians as human shields, which is a war crime and a crime against humanity by Hamas.</u> Yahya al-Sinwar, head of the Hamas political bureau in the Gaza Strip, admitted that the organization's military positions were located within the civilian population, confessing it was a "problem" (al-Jazeera, June 5, 2021)
Date/s of incident/time period	May 10-May 21, 2021
Place of incident	Village/township/city: **Gaza Strip** Province:
Name/s of alleged victim/s gender, age	Name: Gender: Age: Father's name: Nationality: Profession:

	Phone number/email: Address:
Identification of those allegedly responsible	Name of alleged perpetrator if known: **HAMAS Chief of the Political Bureau Ismail Haniyeh** **HAMAS Deputy Chief of the Political Bureau Mousa Abu Marzouq and Khaled Mashal** Yahya al-Sinwar, head of the Hamas political bureau in the Gaza Strip **HAMAS Spokesperson Fawzi Barhoum** State or non-state entity with which perpetrator is affiliated, if any: **HAMAS** 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 incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)	Detailed description of: - 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 ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. **Agree**

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2. Use internally only (within the COI), with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. **Agree**

<u>INFORMED CONSENT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION:</u>

1. Raise the case with national authorities, courts or accountability mechanisms that respect international standards (including due process) with ☐ without ☐ 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 ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. **Agree**

<u>Additional Details on Consent:</u>

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 ☐ No ☐; consent provided by: _____

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Description of any broader issues not related to specific violations (2000-word limit)

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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.

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Any other human rights NGOs to whom you reported the incident

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If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any other person or organization to whom the incident was reported.

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Additional materials (documents, images, videos, etc) relevant to

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Please indicate, if you are aware of, or in possession of, any additional materials from other sources (including the media and NGOs) in which the above incident(s)/allegations are cited, that are deemed

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| the incident(s)/allegation(s) | relevant/useful. The COI may follow-up at a later date in order to receive the material(s) indicated.

Date of publication: **Published: 23/06/2021**

Title: **Hold Hamas Accountable for Human-Shields Use During the May 2021 Gaza War**

Source (author/organisation):
FDD Foundation for Defense of Democracies.
Web link;

https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2021/06/23/hold-hamas-accountable-for-human-shields-use-during-the-may-2021-gaza-war/

https://www.fdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/fdd-memo-hamas-human-shields-2021.pdf

Date of publication: **Published: 29/06/2021**

Title: **An analysis of the names of Gazans killed during Operation Guardian of the Walls indicates that about half of them were terrorist operatives**

Source (author/organisation):
The Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center
Web link;
https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2021/06/E_093_21.pdf

Date of publication: **Published: 02/05/2015**

Title: **UN report outlines how Hamas used kids as human shields**

Source (author/organisation):
New York Post
Web link;

https://nypost.com/2015/05/02/un-report-outlines-how-hamas-used-kids-as-human-shields/

Title: **EU condemns Hamas for using civilians as human shields**

Source (author/organisation):
i24 News
Web link;
https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/172755-180420-eu-condemns-hamas-for-using-civilians-as-human-shields

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