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General Debate - Urgent Issues that require the Council's attention

Suppression of Palestinian Resistance

Mr. President and member states,

BADIL brings the following issues to the Council's attention as representative and urgent examples of Israel's policy of suppression of Palestinian resistance:

1. Under the false claims of self-defense and counter-terrorism, Israel has increased practices of terrorizing, maiming and willful killing of protected people; mass and unjustified destruction of civilian property; and the forcible transfer of thousands of Palestinians and secondary transfer of Palestinian refugees in Jenin, Nablus, Aqbat Jaber, Gaza and other areas of Palestine.
2. Israeli suppression of resistance extends to Palestinians with Israeli citizenship, in particular youth who were arrested due to their participation in popular demonstrations and protests during the Unity Intifada of May 2021. These Palestinian youth are being sentenced to excessive and discriminatory sentences of 7-10 years.
3. Israeli suppression of resistance extends to Palestinian prisoners who are subjected to arbitrary, ill and cruel treatment. This is exemplified in the continued arbitrary detention of Walid Daqqah and Asif Rifa'e'. Both suffer from terminal cancer and are being denied adequate medical attention and early release, despite numerous appeals.

The suppression of resistance is one of Israel's main policies to maintain its domination over the Palestinian people as a whole.

In light of Israel's escalating attacks against Palestinians and its illegality, BADIL calls on the Council to take practical measures to end Israel's colonial-apartheid regime.