



## Press Statement

Surprisingly, official Hungarian statements of condemnation, condolences, wishes and recognizing “right to self-defense” pour swiftly when it relates to Israel on the one hand, while it becomes an incomprehensible silence when it comes to Palestine and the Palestinians on the other.

The system of morals is indivisible, and values and principles cannot be seen in one region and overlooked in another. Terrorism remains terrorism wherever it is, regardless of the name of the criminal or the background of the victim.

Unarmed Palestinian civilians- children, women, and elderly - are killed on a daily basis, openly and with everyone's knowledge. Israeli sniper kills (with premeditation) a Palestinian journalist (Shireen Abu Akleh) and Israeli soldiers systematically target Palestinian journalists and human rights organizations. Palestinians are arrested – kidnapped – without any charge, their homes are demolished by the occupation forces, millions of them are besieged, their houses are raided, their lands are stolen to build illegal settlements, their money are subject to occupation piracy, their resources are pilfered, and even the corpses of their sons are abducted, and yet we are yearning for a condemnation from Hungarian government! Isn't this state terrorism worthy of condemnation!

Gangs of armed settlers, protected by Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF), attack unarmed Palestinian civilians, burning their homes, mosques, churches, lands and crops. Is this not terrorism worthy of condemnation? Is this not an act necessitates a statement “recognizes Palestine's inalienable right to self-defense and to guarantee the security of its citizens,” or this right is guaranteed solely to Israel and its citizens?

The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary, acknowledges that Hungary is committed to international law and international legitimacy. The embassy recognizes as well that Hungary rejects double standards and highly values human lives, rights and equality.

Bearing this in mind; appreciating the friendship between the Palestinian and Hungarian peoples on the one hand, and awareness of the pain of occupation and its practices, the displacement of citizens, and annexation of large swathes of

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national soil on the other hand, would make us expect nothing but a firm Hungarian stance opposing and condemning crimes committed against Palestinian citizens, their lands, and homes, and supporting justice and a legal act by calling a spade a spade: Occupation is illegal and immoral.

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