Gaza's Return Marches: The Gendered Impact of the Excessive Use of Force by Israeli occupation forces on Civilians

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1. Introduction

1.1 This submission has been prepared by the Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC) to assist the Commission of Inquiry on the 2018 protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory in the fulfillment of its mandate. The submission is based primarily on testimonies gathered by WCLAC and is supplemented, in some parts, with information from other sources.

1.2 Our focus is the gendered impact of the excessive use of force on Palestinian women civilians, who participated in the return marches. Civilians were directly targeted while they did not pose any imminent threat to life to others; the unjustified excessive use of force practiced by the Israeli army forces resulted in many deaths and major limb injuries. As illustrated in this submission, such violations had the biggest impact on women. The submission focuses on three themes:

- Targeting of civilians who did not pose any imminent threat to life to others.
- Targeting human rights defenders, medical workers, journalists, civil servant volunteers.
- The excessive use of internationally prohibited weapons

1.3 The appendix to this report contains the testimonies collected by WCLAC'S field researchers from Gazan women relating to direct and indirect violations of international humanitarian law committed by the Israeli occupation forces during the return marches.

2. Background

2.1 Since 2006, Palestinian women in the Gaza have faced significant challenges. Their status has been affected by both the political sphere of the governing as well as by the actions taken of the Israeli forces. Women are consistently faced with increasing challenges because of the domestic patriarchal conservative society and the interference from Israeli forces in further curtailing freedom of movement, restricting access to healthcare and obstructing key trade and import routes.

2.2 The continuation of the blockade imposed on Gaza since 2007 in addition to the repetition of Israeli attacks on the Gaza (operation cast lead in 2008, operation pillar of defense in 2012, operation protective edge in 2014) has constantly affected the lives of Gazan women. They live under extremely difficult

circumstances, which include obliterated infrastructure, shortage of electricity and lack of water and sanitation.

2.3 The decision that was made by the US President, Donald Trump to move the US embassy to Jerusalem resulted in a chain reaction of movements and protests by the Palestinian people. The reaction prove the "Great March of Return" demonstrations, which began on the 30 March 2018, resulted 186 deaths, including 26 children, one woman, two journalists, three paramedics, and three persons with disability. 9,543 people were injured, including 1,754 children, 417 women, 112 paramedics, and 86 journalists[1].

2.4 As of the 30th of July, a total of 164 Palestinian men, women and children killed outside of the context of demonstrations.[2] As of the 24th of July, according to WHO, out of the 412 people injured in Gaza, 178 required immediate medical transfer aid to NGO clinics for 37 children, 11 women.[3] The total number of reported hospitalized injuries in Gaza, as of the 30th of July 2018, stood at 7,584 adults and 1,487 children; of these 8,464 were males and 607 females.[4]

2.5 Actions such as these exacerbate the already delicate balance between the medical and societal capabilities of the Palestinian people that reside in Gaza.

2.6 In addition, The Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Network (MHPSS) stated that, following the events of The Great March of Return demonstrations, 7,490 people will have severe mental health problems, and 29,960 people will endure mild to moderate problems obtaining the necessary psychosocial support. Furthermore, 295,913 children (150,915 boys and 144,998 girls) are in dire need of structured psychosocial support and child protection services.[5]

2.7 The psychological impact on the future generations of women speaks volumes of the difficulty Palestinians growing up and living in Gaza have to deal with on a daily basis. These issues, in combination with the difficulty in accessing healthcare, further complicate the challenges that persist in the Gaza. Women are particularly affected because the social challenges they face within their community are compounded by the other obstacles affecting all segments of society.

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[1] Al-Mezan center: http://www.mezan.org/en/post/23218/Three+Protesters+Killed+and+172+Injured+at+Friday+Demonstrations+in+Gaza

[2] Child Protection-MHPPS-Flash Update August 2018

[3] WHO: Situation Report 14th-30th July, available at: https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/WHO-Health-Cluster-Special-SitRep-24-30-July.pdf

[4] WHO: Situation Report 14th-30th July

[5] Child Protection-MHPSS-Flash Update August 2018

3. International Humanitarian Law:

3.1 Article 12 of the additional protocol to the Geneva Convention 1 (1949) states that "Medical units shall be respected and protected at all times and shall not be the object of attack."[6]

3.2 Article 15 of the additional protocol to the Geneva Convention I (1949) states that, "Civilian medical personnel shall be respected and protected."[7]

3.3 Article 35(2) of the additional protocol to the Geneva Convention I (1949) states that "It is prohibited to employ weapons, projectiles and material and methods of warfare of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering."[8]

3.4 Article 48 of the additional protocol to the Geneva Convention I (1949) states "In order to ensure respect for and protection of the civilian population and civilian objects, the Parties to the conflict shall at all times distinguish between the civilian population and combatants, and between civilian objects and military objectives and accordingly shall direct their operations only against military objectives."[9]

3.5 Article 79, (1) and (2) of the additional protocol to the Geneva Convention I (1949) states that "Journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict shall be considered as civilians within the meaning of Article 50, paragraph 1" and that "They shall be protected as such under the Conventions and this Protocol, provided that they take no action adversely affecting their status as civilians, and without prejudice to the right of war correspondents accredited to the armed forces to the status provided for in Article 4 A 4) of the Third Convention."[10]

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[6] [6] Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977. Available at:

https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl.nsf/Article.xsp?action=openDocument&documentId=F5EB0BA69E4A8E9CC12563CD0051D824

[7] Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.

[8] Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.

[9] Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.

[10] Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.

3.6 These rules, along with many other IHL rules, have been continuously violated by the Israeli occupying forces in their handling of the protests. A striking example is the fact that, since the Great March of Return, including the events of the Nakba protests on the 14th of May, 488 women, 905 under 18-year-olds, 228 medical personnel and 124 journalists have been killed or injured. [11] In addition, 3,569 people were victims of live ammunition from Israeli forces, including, doctors, paramedics, journalists, women, children and the elderly;[12] 111 died as a result. This clearly illustrates the indiscriminate use of force used by Israeli actors on the protestors in Gaza.

4. Targeting civilians who did not pose any imminent threat to life to others.

4.1 Based on testimonies collected by WCLAC, it is obvious that civilians are being directly targeted without posing any imminent threat to life to others; in most of the cases, civilians were taking part in cultural events organized in areas where marches of return took place, and were not taking part in any hostile acts. This is demonstrated clearly in the following testimonies:

4.1.1 Fatima A, a 47-year-old, mother of 11 children, was targeted with a bullet in her back on 14 May 2018, while she and other mothers were helping young boys (around 20 of them) to get out of a hole in which they were trapped and sprayed with tear gas. Her injury is affecting her life tremendously; she cannot sleep on her back and can hardly switch positions while sleeping. She has also been unable to take baths by herself and required help from one of her daughters. [11]

4.1.2 Shireen N, a 30-year-old was targeted with a bullet in between her chest and shoulder, on the 14th of May,2018 while she was participating in a peaceful march near the eastern border of Gaza. The march was met with heavy and random gunfire that resulted in the crow being dispersed. That is when Shireen saw an injured child "with his brain out of the skull and his stomach above the ground"; she was injured while she was trying to approach the child. [8]

4.1.3 Nisreen A, 33-year-old, mother of three children, was hit with an explosive bullet in the left side of her chest. On the 11th of May 2018, Nisreen was signing out loud with a group of women and children about 600 meters away from the border. The Israeli occupation forces started to randomly shoot at

[11] Aljazeera, Palestinian Great March of Return: Counting the Human Cost, available at: https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2018/05/palestinians-great-march-return-human-cost-180516110538165.html

[12] https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/05/israel-green-lights-live-ammunition-palestinians-180525091141209.html

them. She was immediately transferred to the Indonesian hospital, where she stayed there for three days; afterwards she had to leave the hospital due to the large number of serious injuries arriving to the hospital and the lack of medicines. Nisreen then continued her medical treatment on her own, for a period of two months she covered her medical expenses, for this purpose she has to move from her house and to live in a rented storage basement. Her son Ali (16 years) had to drop out of his school and to work instead to help his mother get money, her husband suffers from back sickness and he earns 15 NIS a day from selling wall paintings in a shop. [13]

4.2 The random indiscriminate targeting of civilians by Israeli occupation forces did not spare persons with disabilities. Although in many cases their disability was clearly showing, many cases have been reported. The famous case of Ibrahim Abu Thuraya 29-year-old, who had lost his legs in an air strike previously in 2009 which made him a disabled person. He was shot dead by Israeli forces while protesting against the US decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital,[13] is only one of many cases.

4.2.1 Lamia M, a 36-year-old, mother of six children. Lamia lost her husband on 27 July, 2018 when he was directly targeted while sitting under an olive tree on the area of the eastern borders of Gaza. Lamia's husband had a disability in his legs and, yet, he was targeted; she reported "I wish I could raise a case against the occupation army, because my husband was assassinated, and he suffered from disabilities in his legs, he was sitting under the tree far from the border. An explosive bullet was fired on his head from the right and went out his left ear with parts of the brain, His assassination was premeditated".[12]

4.2.2 Alaa S, a 26-year-old girl, suffering from a speaking disability; she was targeted on 13 May, 2018, when she was walking with her friends observing cultural activities such as the Dabke 800 meters away from the eastern border of Gaza city. Alaa was hit in her stomach with an explosive bullet. When paramedics provided her with help, she could not express herself or speak properly due to her disability; she only succeeded in pronouncing her name but was not able to provide her mother's phone number. She was then transferred to Al Shifa Hospital where she stayed under surgery for four hours, it turned out that the explosive bullet had penetrated the Intestine and pancreas and the Aorta**.** Five days later, she was she was transferred to the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan in 20/05/2018, for full cover treatment due to the lack of medicines and medical accessibility in Gazan hospitals**.** [10]

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[13] Ibrahim Abu Thuraya: Disabled Palestinian activist shot dead by Israeli troops in Jerusalem protest, 16 December 2017.
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/ibrahim-abu-thuraya-dead-shot-killed-israel-jerusalem-protest-disabled-no-legs-wheelchair-a8114766.html

4.3 Children were directly targeted during activities took place for the marches of return. In most of the cases; the targeting involved the use of lethal and excessive force that included the use of weapons that amounts to superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering.

4.3.1 Ina'am D, mother of six children, talks about her 15-year-old son Adam, who was injured and had his leg amputated as result. "While Adam was in the front of the tent along with my nephew Mahmoud (15years), he saw a child aged 11 getting closer to the barbed wire on the border and shouted at him 'come back! come back!' but the child didn't respond to him. Adam decided to go towards him and force him to go back so he would not get hurt; at 50 meters away from the border, Adam saw a military car getting closer to them and starting to shoot. The child and my nephew ran away, and my son Adam got shot in his right leg which made him fall."[9]

4.3.2 Fatima N, 33-year-old mother of 4 children, talks about her son 11-year-old son Abdul-Rahman, who was targeted in his left leg during taking part in a football match on the eastern border of Bureij refugee camp on 17 April 2018. Due to his injury, Abdul-Rahman was transferred to Ramallah, " Abdul Rahman was in the operating room at Al Istishari Al Arabi Hospital from 7 am to 10:30 am to get his leg amputated from the knee; his leg was buried in Ramallah."[1]

5. Targeting human rights defenders, medical workers, journalists, civil servant volunteers

5.1 The fact that medical workers, journalists and civil servants volunteers are protected persons under international humanitarian law did not stop the Israeli military army from targeting them. Even though, they were identifiable from their uniforms, they were frequently targeted; a living example is the case of Razan Al Najjar who was shot and killed while aiding injured demonstrators; she was shot even though she was clearly identifiable as medical volunteer[14].

5.1.1 Maryam AD, 26-year-old a mother of a one child. She works as a freelance journalist and photographer at a media institution in Gaza. Although Maryam would always wear her press jacket to make herself identifiable, the Israeli army forces repeatedly targeted her during her coverage of the marches of return on different days. On the 7 May 2018, while she was covering the marches and wearing her press jacket and holding her Canon 650D camera, Israeli occupation forces fired a gas bomb at her which targeted her face; she was able to move the camera in front of her face to protect it; this resulted in the destruction of the camera and her suffocation, however she managed to survive. [2]

[14] Human rights watch, Medical workers shot in Gaza demonstrations, available at: https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/06/11/medical-workers-shot-gaza-demonstrations

5.1.2 Taghreed K, 26 years old, is a medical volunteer providing medical services for civilians injured during the marches of return. On 6 July 2018, she was injured due to bullet fragments, while she was providing medical volunteering services. [7]

5.1.3 Iman A, 30 years old, was injured on 14 May 2018, while she was helping the injured civilians talking part in the marches of return. Iman suffered a serious foot injury. "I was injured 400 meters from the border, while I was helping an old woman not to suffocate from a gas bomb that had been thrown on the ground near us. During that, I was shot with an explosive bullet in my right ankle, which led to a hole in it. I fell on the ground and could not move. A group of young people came to help me and the Israeli army started shooting at them. "[5]

6. The use of internationally prohibited weapons

6.1 In most of the cases documented by WCLAC, Israeli occupation forces had used explosive bullets on civilians taking part in the marches of return;[15] this kind of weapon is prohibited under international Humanitarian law, as stated in the 1899 Hague Convention on Forbidden Weapons and Stifling gazes.[16]

6.2 Israel has been deliberately using excessive use of force on civilians; the use of weapons was not proportionate with the served aim; in many cases the situation did not require the use of weapons and, yet, weapons were used. In other cases, weapons such as gas bombs were misused, as demonstrated in the testimonies gas bombs were used to target body parts but not to disperse the demonstrators.[17]

6.3 The targeting of certain body parts, including the upper body parts and limbs, was obvious in all of the cases documented. The injuries resulted in permanent and temporary disabilities for the injured persons.

7. Direct and indirect Impact on women

[15] https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/palestinians-face-explosive-bullets-dangerous-gas-bombs-180501091514736.html

[16] Convention (II) with Respect to the Laws and Customs of War on Land and its annex: Regulations concerning the Laws and Customs of War on Land. The Hague, 29 July 1899. http://www.opbw.org/int_inst/sec_docs/1899HC-TEXT.pdf

[17] https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/palestinians-face-explosive-bullets-dangerous-gas-bombs-180501091514736.html

7.1 Palestinian women living in Gaza were found to be suffering on psychological, physiological, economic and social levels, due to Israeli violations committed during the marches of return. Women suffer on all levels, whether they themselves were directly targeted or indirectly and even when one of their family members or loved ones was targeted.

7.2 Women are living in a constant fear and pressure, which cause long-term psychological stress. In many cases women experienced the trauma of losing a family member, which was clear in the case of Maryam AD, who, in reporting the events took place during the marches of return, said that she was shocked to see the body of her brother who had been brutally killed by Israeli military forces.

7.3 Women are to bear harsh living conditions, including by struggling to provide for the living expenses of her family. They often find themselves responsible for providing an earning for their families, especially in cases when the main provider of the family is injured or killed. The situation could be even worse for divorced mothers who are the only income resource in the family. In many cases and due to their injuries, women had to abandon their houses and move to a cheaper house in order to be able to pay for their medical treatment; the case of Nisreen N, is a living example of such cases.

7.4 A woman, especially when she has more than a child injured in the family, she finds herself isolated from the community, overloaded with household duties, while taking care of her children and paying special care to her injured ones. This is the case of Saida AG, who has two injured daughters, one of whom is married and lives far away from Saida. Saida has to divide herself on daily basis between her house and that of her daughter since she is the only care provider.

8. Recommendations

- Call on members of the Commission of Inquiry to give a special attention in their report, to the gendered impact of the Israeli direct and indirect violations against Palestinian women during the peaceful marches of return.

- Hold Israel accountable and seek criminal accountability for Israel's violations of IHL, including by requesting the international criminal court to open an investigation.

- Demand that Israel ends the blockade on Gaza and respects the human rights of Palestinians.

- Ends -

9. Appendix - testimonies

Appendix – testimonies: Gaza's Return Marches: The Gendered Impact of the Excessive Use of Force by Israeli occupation forces on Civilians

1. Fatima N

Name	Fatima N
Age	33 years
Location	Nusseirat - Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting civilians- Injury.
Date of violation	17\4\2018

" I am Fatima N, 33 years old, mother of four children: Maria 14 years, Abdul al-Rahman 11 years, Maram 6 years, Mustafa 1 year and a month. "

"On Tuesday, 17/4/2018, corresponding with the Palestinian prisoner's day, my son 'Abdul al-Rahman came to me while I was sitting at home. Around 3:30 pm, he told me that he was going to participate in a football match on the eastern border of Al-Bureij refugee camp. On the prisoner's day. I totally rejected, Abdul came out as he was playing in front of the house."

"At 5:30 PM, I had a call from a security officer who worked with my husband and he was a security man in the return marches. He told me that my son 'Abdul al-Rahman was shot by an Israeli soldier. I could not believe him. I told him he was playing in front of the house and I went quickly to the window to call him, but he did not answer."

"I called his father; he was in Gaza at the time to tell him. However, he did not answer me. Then my sisters came to me and they confirmed the news. I could not believe it; I went to Al Aqsa hospital in Deir Al Balah to tell me my son's injury was serious. The first thing that came to mind was his martyrdom. He was immediately transferred to Shifa Hospital I saw his left leg and I was sure when I saw it that it would have to be amputated."

"On Wednesday, April 18, 2014, he was in Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza; an American professor told me that there was a nourishing artery for the foot. There was no need for amputation, but we wanted to transfer him abroad. The possibilities in Gaza were not available."

"I submitted a request to transfer him to Ramallah at 5:00 pm. We received a call from the Israeli authorities to refuse him and me. After many appeals from us, we received a call at 10:30 pm to

accept his travel, but not with me. My mother Rahma, 53 years old, traveled with him. It was a difficult feeling."

"My mother arrived at 2:00 am to Ramallah to Al-Estshari Alarbi Hospital and there, as she told Abdul (they said that the situation is critical and 'Abd al-Rahman poisoning reached the lung and kidneys, so they cleaned and put blood units into him because his blood was low)."

"On Thursday, 19/4/2018, Abdul Rahman entered the operating room at Al-Estshari Alarbi Hospital from 7 am to 10:30 am to get his leg amputated from the knee down, which was buried in Ramallah."

"Abdul Al-Rahman was taken out of the hospital on 8/5/2018 and came to Gaza. I received him from the border crossing (Erz), but his leg was amputated. I cried a lot and he also cried, but there are things that force you to be strong as a parent, my son and his psychological situation needed support, so I had to be strong. Nothing will change my fate and my sons' fate."

"It was necessary to return to Ramallah to complete his treatment as recommended by his doctor on 30/5/2018, but he was rejected four times by the Israeli occupation forces without giving reasons."

"Now, I do not know who I'm talking with to help me, also I do not know what I can do, I'm trying to get any medical transfer to any country. I cannot send my son for treatment in his own country because of the Israeli occupation, which does not know the meaning of humanity. It is not enough for them that my son is going to live the rest of his life without a leg. I do not know what to do. He is a child and must be able to move and play freely."

2. Maryam AD

Name	Maryam AD
Age	26
Location	Nusseirat - Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting journalists
Date of violation	7\5\2018

" I am Maryam AD divorced and I have a son named Ghaith seven and a half years old, I work as a freelance journalist and photographer at a media institution in Gaza 5 years ago as a volunteer."

“On Friday, 30/3/2018 the anniversary of Earth Day, I left at 9:30 am to go to the eastern border of the city of Khozaa in the southern Gaza Strip, to cover peaceful activities during my work as a photographer and a journalist. There was firing of gas bomb through an M-16 directly at me; I was treated in the field at the time.”

“On 7/5/2018, during the coverage of the return marches I was wearing a press jacket and with my camera (Canon 650D) a gas bomb was fired directly at me, but I put my camera in front of me, which led to its destruction and my suffocation.”

“On 14/5/2018 and in the same area of Khozaa on the eastern border, I was hit by a gas bomb fired from an Israeli warplane, which resulted in yet again being suffocated. I was treated in Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, with oxygen for respiratory distress and took four anti-oxidation injections in my veins and muscles.”

“On Friday 20/7/2018, I prayed and went to the eastern border at 5:00 pm. I wore a protective press shield and went to the media tent in the area. during taking photos, I saw a child 14 years old, opening a border gate with the occupied land 48. I focused the camera to take a picture, suddenly and in the same second, there was a violent shooting, I got very confused and could not take the picture. In the same time, we heard the sound of heavy shelling, I heard people around me say that it was a bombed point for resistance I went quickly to take a photo. When I arrived, I saw sceneries of martyrs bodies and I passed by one of the corpse, I looked at him and said “God give patience to his family”."

“I immediately called my colleague in Ramallah at the Donia Al-Watan news Agency, Ahmad, to tell them the latest developments and events. I told him: “there are shreds of corpses passing by me, give me some minutes and I will give you their names”. At this moment, I saw my brother Ahmad, 29, who works in the civil defense. I said to him: “do you know the names of martyrs? Give me the names now to send them to the agency”, without any hesitation, he told me your brother Mohammed was martyred. I threw the camera out of my hands, i fell to the ground and i was shocked. I saw martyrs and wounded people and their picture, but my brother, i could not bear the feelings.”

“I went to the European hospital, while i was on the road, i informed the news agency that my brother Mohammed AD was the one who was martyred. I was able to convey the news to everyone, but i could not tell my family and my mother, I myself did not understand the news until today.”

“In the European hospital I saw the body of my brother; I looked at him and said:" I passed by you and did not recognize you, I took a picture of you my love and I did not recognize you, forgive me”.

3. Alaa N

Name	Alaa N
Age	15 years
Location	Al Bureij Camp- Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting children / injury
Date of violation	27\7\2018

“I am Alaa N, 15 years old, a student in the eighth grade; I got a 94% average in school.”

“I began to participate in the return marches from the first Friday, 30/3/2018, same as any Palestinian girl who grew up in refugee camps demanding her right to return to her land, which our ancestors were expelled from. On Fridays, as part of the return marches, I was involved in traditional events and in providing first aid treatment for youth (boys and girls). I ‘ve seen terrifying scenes of broken children's legs, young men bleeding on the floor, wounded women sitting on chairs in the tent. We all participated. We were not carrying weapons, bombs or rockets, we were not wearing protective vests, and despite all of that, we were met with live and explosive bullets, nerve gas and the most powerful war machines, they are such a coward army.”

“On Friday 27/7/2018, I went alone to the eastern border of El-Bureij in the central Gaza Strip at 5 pm and went in the tent there were many events. At 7 pm, I went out to see what was happening outside. I walked forward. The atmosphere was very quiet. Suddenly the shooting started, looking around me I did not find anything, suddenly I felt something penetrated my backbone, it was very painful and I immediately fell on the ground.”

“I was evacuated to al-Aqsa hospital in Deir al-Balah at approximately 7:45 pm. I was later found to have an explosive bullet wound that is about half a cm from the spine. I was provided with the proper treatment at the time.”

“I cannot walk like before, I cannot sleep anymore. The injury is very close to the spine, as I cannot sleep on my back and I cannot not move during sleeping as well. Even when I want to get up, I cannot even do it by myself; my mother is helping me when using to bathroom or when showering.”

“I want to be able to move, in order to normally by able to go to my school and procced with my study and excel as usual. I felt rather confirmed that the occupation army deliberately target us in certain areas of our bodies not to kill us, but to make us live disabled, to hate ourselves and hate our homeland, and this will never happen.”

4. Esra A

Name	Esra A
Age	26
Location	Shajaiya- Gaza
Type of violation	targeting Journalists
Date of violation	8\6\2018

“I am Esraa A, 26 years, Master's degree student at Al-Islamya University in Gaza. I work as a freelance journalist in several websites and newspapers.”

“On Friday, 8/6/2018, I went to cover a photojournalistic exhibition in al-Awda refugee camp east of Gaza City, which is 800 meters away from the eastern border.”

“After the media coverage of the exhibition, I went to cover the peaceful marches and report on a Palestinian rebellious woman, and the role of the Palestinian woman in defending her cause. Immediately after, the shooting began, tear gas were thrown directly at us by the Israeli occupation forces, and we started to retreat back 200 meters. Immediately after that, nerve gas was thrown at us, I did not feel my body and was immediately taken by my colleagues to the field hospital in the camp and I lost consciousness until I was transferred to Al-Quds Hospital in Tel al-Hawa in Gaza.”

“In Al-Quds Hospital, after I recovered consciousness, I completely lost my movement due to my injury with gas bomb in my back. For three days in the hospital, I received intensive treatment. I was discharged on the fourth day but I could move my hands and body parts. I needed to complete treatment at home, as I takes six months for the Gas to come out from my body.”

“I spent Eid al-Fitr in the bed of illness, I cannot live my life as it was before, I can’t bear the smell any gas even cooking gas, my body shivers and I cannot bear the smell at all.”

“The gas also affected the hormones of my body. The first period I never felt any pain of PMS and was strange in terms of color and quantity. In the following month, I felt very colic and intense vomiting until I was transferred to the hospital to take an injection of painkillers.”

“I have postponed all of my activities and work because I cannot work and I cannot go to the university and attend the masters' lectures, not even write regularly because there is a jerk in my hand.”

5. Iman A

Name	Iman A
Age	30
Location	Bureij camp - Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting Civilians\ injury
Date of violation	14\5\2018

“I am Iman A, 30 years old, has a BA in Islamic Education from the Islamic University of Gaza 2009. I live in Al Bureij Camp with my family.”

“On 30/3/2018, I started to go to the return camp on the eastern border of Bureij in the middle of the Gaza Strip, to participate in the activities of the return march and demand the legitimacy of my right to return to the villages of Al-Maghar district of the Ramleh.”

“On Monday, May 14th, 2018, at 10 am, I went to the return tent and sat in the women's tent. The Israeli occupation soldiers started shooting gas bombs in a random and intense way. I took my bag out of the tent and took out the yeast and water, to wash my face immediately. It reduces the effects of the gas; I looked around me and began to help many suffocated civilians by washing their faces with yeast and water.”

“400 meters from the border, I was injured, while I was helping an old woman suffocating from the Gas that was thrown on the ground. I was targeted by an explosive bullet in the ankle on my right leg, which led to a hole in my ankle with parts of flesh and pain. I fell on the ground and I could not move.”

“A group of young people came to help me and the Israeli occupation forces started shooting at them. I stood up and walked 20 meters, i could not move any more. A paramedic person quickly took me to the field hospital that was set up in the camp. I waited a quarter of an hour until the ambulance came to transfer me to the hospital, because of the large number of injuries that day. I was taken to Deir El-Balah Hospital.”

“I was injured at 12:30 pm and i arrived at the hospital 1:30 pm, one hour later. I then was immediately transferred to the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Due to the large number of injuries, I was transferred to the operating room on the second day 15/5/2018 at 4 pm and went out at 6:30 pm.”

“I was taken out of the hospital after four days of my injury; the bed was emptied for another injured person. Now I am following and being treated by a private doctor.”

“I cannot walk on my leg, there is a constant severe pain and there is erosion of bone. I know this will affect my future, the doctor prescribed me calcium injections, it cost $250 to strengthen the bone but I have not started to take them until now because of the poor economic situation.”

"So far on my account, I thank God for everything, all I want to be able to do, is to take a shower independently and be independent. I cannot counterbalance my body as I used to before, and the injury has affect me too much."

6. Nabila H

Name	Nabila H
Age	48
Location	Bureij camp- Gaza
Type of violation	targeting civilians\ injury
Date of violation	13\7\2018

"I am Nabila H, 48 years old, a mother for 10 boys and girls: the oldest Walaa (29) and the youngest Youssef (8). I have a BA degree in Arabic language (2005) from Al-Quds Open University in Gaza."

"On 30/3/2018 at 8:00 am, we ordered a car to pick us up (me, my sons, my daughters and my husband) from our house in Al Bureij refugee camp to the eastern border of Al-Bureij in the middle of the Gaza Strip, where the return tents were."

"We participate in the march of return to prove our existence and our right to land and life. I am originally from al-Maghar village, the district of the Ramleh, and I came and lived in Gaza as a refugee. I live in a refugee camp, and I want to implement a UN decision to return."

"We went to a tent that is about 800 meters away from borders and we were carrying the key of return, and slogans we wrote, "I will return" and "Maghar". We were many families from the same village of Al-Maghar. We started the heritage activities."

"The mothers of the martyrs, prisoners and the wounded set fire to the firewood, they baked bread for us along with olive oil and zaatar, and we ate in the tent. The Palestinian traditional Dress was present, as every woman was wearing the traditional dress of her village and her hometown, all of this was pure peaceful activities."

"My daughter Duaa 28 years, was injured on 25/5/2018 while participating in the march of return activities, she was hit by shrapnel from an explosive bullet fired at a young man beside her, the shrapnel hit her in her right hand and left leg, her injury can still be seen on her body until today."

"On June 15th , 2018, while she was peacefully sitting in the return tent. Duaa was targeted by a gas bomb, fired at her from an M-16 warplane; as a result, she suffered from severe burns in both of her thighs."

"On July 13th , 2018, while she was standing at the border about 200 meters away. She was taking pictures with her mobile phone camera at about 5:15 pm. A snipper in the Israeli occupations forces targeted her; she was shot by an M-16 assault rifle in both of her legs."

"She was shoot in her right leg under the knee with an inlet and outlet bullets, and she was shoot in her left thigh, with an inlet and outlet bullet."

"She was transferred to the hospital and arrived around 5:30 to Shuhada' AL Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al-Balah, where she was treated."

"Duaa receives physiotherapy from Doctors without borders foundation, as she has difficulties walking on her legs."

7. Taghreed K.

Name	Taghreed K.
Age	26
Location	Al-Tuffah, Gaza
Type of violation	targeting medical volunteers
Date of violation	6\7\2018

"I am Taghreed k, 26 years old. I have five brothers and five sisters. I live in a house now with my sister who is 23 years old, we share the same room, my father and my mother are in another room, my brother is in the living room, and the others are married outside the house."

"On Friday, 6/7/2018, at 2:00 PM, I went to the return march events, as every Friday I went to Malka area in the eastern border of the Gaza Strip. I was a volunteer providing first aid to the injured. At 7:00 pm when my returning to the house time was approaching, suddenly and without introduction, heavy gunfire was initiated by the Israeli soldiers."

"Next to me, there was one person injured, and I felt something entered my legs, but from the difficulty of the situation, I did not focus much on my injury. I fell back about ten meters and suddenly I could not walk or progress a step forward, I felt a very heavy pain, a sharp burn, and fell to the ground."

"My two cousins, Hind 27, and Heba 30, and my friend Elaf16, took me to a field hospital. I was completely conscious and I felt great pain in the thigh area. I was transferred to Shifa Hospital in Gaza. The doctors said the shrapnel was difficult to remove because the injury in the leg stabilized the bone. Moreover, the other injury located in the area of the pelvis was far and deep I felt very cramped with abdominal pain and severe pain in my feet. Until now, I feel this pain."

“Now, I cannot sleep, my temperature suddenly rises and I feel pain in my entire body. So I tend to sleep on the tiles on the ground, to cool my body. The presence of the strange shrapnel in my body causes inflammation of the bone on the long term, and that is why my body temperature rises.”

“Now I will focus on completing my education. I hope that I can study journalism and media at University of applied sciences once again. The socio-economic situation is a major obstacle in front of me but I will not despair.”

8. Shireen N.

Name	Shireen N.
Age	30 years old
Location	Al Tuffah , Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting Civilians
Date of Violation	14\5\2018

“I am Shireen N. 30 years old, divorced after 4 years of suffering from physical and mental abuse from my previous Husband.”

“On 14/5/2018 at 7AM I went to a peaceful march in Alawdeh camp, Al Malekah area eastern of Gaza city near the eastern border. At 10:30 I marched with men and women south from Malekah to Hagar Al Deek in large groups, we cheered for the return of refugees and the Palestinian cause. All of a sudden we heard heavy and random gunfire shoots, which made the crowd disperse and runaway.”

“I looked ahead and I saw a 13 year old child laying on the ground, his head in the dirt, brain out of the skull and stomach above the ground, making him look like he was praying. I started to shout: “shahid, the child is dead”, with fast steps I walked towards him and the Israeli soldiers, shouted at me, through the microphone to go back. I answered him saying “have mercy he’s just a kid, I want to carry him back”. I kept walking and as soon as I was close to him I felt that something hit me.”

“I then lost consciousness and fell on the child. After 15 minutes, the Red Cross persons saw me and a paramedic person said to me: “Are you ok sister can you walk?” all of a sudden, my leg was numb and I had a lack of vision. A female paramedic came and I held her hand because I couldn’t walk by myself, she put her hand on the injury but there was no blood, so she ripped my clothes. The doctor said, “don’t move her

and bring the wheelbarrow, tether her arms and legs together so she won't move while transferring her to the hospital""

"At 11:15 I arrived to Al Shifa' hospital in Gaza, I needed 3 units of blood which was attached to the injured place after my heart stopped. The CPR continued until 16:30. I was in the ICU and then got transferred to operation room, where doctors used about 31 units of blood while I was on the operating table. I was in the operation room from 4:30 PM until 3 o'clock in the morning; my family sighed with relief after the operation was complete, because the margin of success was very small."

"In the operation they discovered abdominal swelling due to explosive bullets. The iron was stuck and the bullet had fragmented inside my abdomen. The fragments had ruptured my spleen, part of the liver, and 2cm of the stomach and 3cm of diaphragm. I was in the hospital until 20/5/2018."

"In 2/6/2018 I felt a stomach ache and after doing an x-ray it was discovered that the stomach nerve was removed so nothing was being digested in my stomach but water and juice. This led me to lose 40kg from my weight and I am still losing more. I am empty from the inside of my body, not to mention the pain I feel."

"Last Friday a foreign doctor came to Alshifa' hospital and he made CAT scan and found Remnants of explosive bullets that were damaging the liver; so he transferred me to Al Ahleya hospital in Hebron. However, on Thursday 26/7/2018 I was rejected by the Israeli military without the causes being revealed."

"Instead I was transferred to Nasir medical institution in Egypt. The transfer cover was 2500 Egyptian pounds, which will not be enough to cover all the expenses. My family and I, have nothing to survive on, but social welfare and people's charity. Someone sponsored my treatment in the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, and now I am waiting for an approval to be able to travel through Egypt. But it will be expensive and difficult on me and my companion."

"There is an injection that costs 180 shekel for the liver, which I have to take it 3 times monthly until time of operation. There is also another injection, which costs 30 shekel, and I have to take it daily so that I am able to sleep, sometimes I can afford it, but sometimes i cannot. Now I am surviving on Analgesics so I can continue my daily life. Economic conditions in Gaza are really bad and everybody is trying to survive; now I'm looking for person or institution to cover my transportation to Jordan.

9. Ina'am D

Name	Ina'am D
Age	40

Location	Gaza –Alshati camp
Type of violation	Targeting children
Date of violation	27\6\2018

"My name is Ina'am D, I am married and I have 6 kids, Adam 21, Mayson 20, mo'min 18, Adam 15, Mohamed 15, and maysa 7."

"On Wednesday 27/6/2018, my son Adam and I we were in my father's house in Tal Alzattar north Gaza. Adam and my nephew, Mahmoud, 15 years old, went to visit my brother's plot of land, located in Abu Safia land on the north border of Gaza. The location is 200 meters far from the borderline. On arrival, they felt thirsty but there wasn't any water, so they walked to the Alawdeh tent near the property to drink water."

"While Adam was in the front of the tent, he saw a child aged 11 getting closer to the barbed wire on the border and shouted at him (come back – come back) but the child did not respond to him. Then Adam decided to go to him and force him to go back so he would not get hurt, 50 meters away from the border, Adam saw Israeli military car getting closer to them, and they start shooting. The child and my nephew ran away, and my son Adam was shot in his right leg, which made him fall. Three Israeli occupation soldiers arrived where Adam was and one of them start to pull him, the other was talking on the radio, and the third one was shooting at the tent without any resistance. Adam was aware of what was going on, Adam asked the soldier for water, but he carried him on his back, put him in a hole not too deep to hurt his legs, and gave him water. He was transferred to military hospital in Parzalin in Magdal city. He then lost his Conscious and was awake to find out that he have metal in his leg and three soldiers in his room."

"Adam stayed in the room for two weeks, in first two days the doctors were visiting him but the rest of the days no one checked on him. Not to mention the amount of insults and provocation and beatings he received directly on his leg, getting on the bed and shaking it. "My son didn't go to the bathroom for 14 days, they were spraying nasty smells in his room", even with the food, Adam was asking for food and they would give him the spoon and take it back quickly, so he came back looking like a skeleton."

"During Adams detention, I was unaware of his situation; I did not hear anything from the Red Cross or human rights organization. On day 14 of his arrest, an Israeli soldier entered talking on the phone, he was speaking Hebrew and the person on the other line was speaking Arabic. They told Adam they are going to release him. The day after that they showed Adam a video of a person that resembled Adam, where he looks and dresses like Adam, trying to stab an Israeli soldier. They threatened him that if he came back to the return marches or speaks about what happened with

him, they would accuse him for trying to stab an Israeli soldier, and they will bomb his house. Adam didn't speak a word and shook his head in agreement."

"On Tuesday 10/7/2018, we were informed that Adam was released, and we went to Irez checkpoint to receive him. When we arrived, I went to meet him, and I could not believe what I saw; he lost so much weight, his right leg was covered by white fabric, and he was wearing a hospital gown. I took him home, after 2 hours I smelled a bad smell from the white fabric. I removed the fabric on his leg to find his leg in green color and bad smell and wired liquid coming out of his skin. The wound had gone septic. We called the ambulance to take him to Alshifa' hospital in Gaza, and took a CT scan for his leg and decided to amputate it to save his life."

"Thursday 12/7/2018 at 10 o'clock AM Adam entered the operation room, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon he came out with his right leg having been amputated. He needed six units of blood for the operation. Adam stayed in the hospital for 8 days before he finally came back home. Now his life and our life is not the same before his injury, he cannot go to the bathroom by himself and needs to be helped with going up and down the stairs. Adam's mental situation is getting worse and worse; one day he woke me up to tell me his right leg, the amputated leg that was buried next to his grandmother, was hurting him. Adam needed to cut his toenails and itch his left leg to feel like he is itching his right leg."

"Now Adam is getting ready to go to high school and his spirit is good, but it will be a new financial burden on us when it comes to transporting him and the cost for artificial limbs. We do not know what to do with all these expenses. I cannot express my feeling when I look at my son who love's soccer so much and watching the Spanish and English league, being reminded every time that he won't be able to play the game ever again, and all he can do is only Spectate his friends playing, it hurts in side of my heart so much."

10. Intisar S

Name	Intisar S
Age	60
Location	Al Zayton - Gaza
Type of violation	targeting people with disabilities- injury
Date of violation	13\5\2018

"I am the mother of Alaa S, 26 years old. Alaa' has a speaking disability from a young age. This is because I inhaled Israeli toxic gas one year before I gave birth to her in 1992."

“On Sunday 13-05-2018, at five o’clock the neighborhood girls gathered to get in the bus to go to Maleka area on the eastern border of Gaza city to participate in return marches.”

“Alaa’ was carrying a small purse she had embroidery tools inside the bag to complete a scarf she was making for me, with food and water.”

“She arrived to the Maleka location, to see the Dabke and Dehia activities in the tents that were located 800 meters far from the Barbed wire.”

“At 6:30 pm Alaa’ and her friend walked out the tent to see the rest of the activities that were going on. Alaa was shot in the stomach and the impact made her fall on the ground. She told her name to the paramedic and she tried to tell the paramedic my phone number, but she could not because of her disability, so she took her friends cellphone and dialed my number and then lost consciousness.”

“I arrived to Alshifa’ hospital to the pronouncement that Alaa was in critical condition. The family and I denied it at first; her brothers did not know what happened to her. However, after 4 hours in the operation room the doctor came out and told us that the bullet had penetrated the Intestine and pancreas, Duodenum and Aorta. She was in the ICU and no need to be in the hospital.”

“After 5 days of suffering from high body temperature and throwing up, she was transferred to the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan in 20/05/2018. For full cover treatment from the king of Jordan because of the lack of medicines and medical accessibility in Gazan hospitals. I travelled with her and stayed there for 40 days, intensive treatment was provided to her. Her body responded with the treatment and began to recover quickly because of her strong will.”

11. Fatima A

Name	Fatima A
Age	47
Location	Al Bureij - Gaza
Type of violation	targeting civilians’ \ injury
Date of violation	14\5\2018

“I am Fatima A, 47 year old, married; I have five boys and six girls.”

“On 14/5/2018 at 1:30 afternoon, while I was on to the eastern border of Al-Bureij in the middle of the Gaza Strip, I was helping young guys after Israeli occupation forces threw gas bombs on them as I was carrying water and yeast. I looked to my side and saw about 20 guys in a hole, and the gas bombs were thrown on them randomly. I went there to try to pull them up with a group of mothers, when I got closer a bullet hit me in the back. I did not speak at first then I start to walk back slowly, and I stood and put my hand on my back and the blood was all over it. I kept walking back for about 200 meters to the ambulance, they ripped what I was wearing off and put something on the wound and transferred me to Al-Aqsa hospital in Deer Al Balah city. They told me that the bullet entry point was 2 cm wide and exit length was 3 cm.”

“I checked out at the same day due to the overcrowded hospital, wounded people filled it. I saw wounded men and women on the floor in the hospital that day, after three days I felt a lot of pain so I went to Bessan medical center in Al Bureij city. I have been told that the injury is infected and is opened again; they put me under anesthesia and started to clean it.”

“The injury affect my life tremendously, and now I cannot sleep on my back, I feel pain when I switch my position while sleeping. I could not take a bath the first couple of days; my daughter was cleaning my body by wiping it.”

“Nevertheless, thanks god for everything, that is what Palestinian women’s life look like, I am a mother of a Shahid (martyr), a wounded and a prisoner.”

12. Lamia M

Name	Lamia M
Age	36
Location	khan Younis - Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting people with disabilities\ death
Date of violation	27\7\2018

“I am Lamia M, 36 years old, married; and mother of 6 girls and boys we live in a 45-meter house, two rooms, a kitchen, and balcony that we turned it to a bathroom. I am a volunteer paramedic during the return marches.”

“i married to Ghazi M, since I was 14 years old, I was at school and did not complete my studies. After I gave birth to all my children, I decided to complete my education. I did not find anyone to encourage me except my husband, Ghazi. He went and bought to me the textbooks and completed the procedures to return to school. I succeeded in school and studied nursing at Palestine University and I graduated in 2014. Ghazi is the one who supported me every step of my life and that is why I call him “Baba”.”

“On 30/ 3/2018 I volunteered as a paramedic in return marches, my husband encouraged me and came with me. He always carried a box of Colonia and white gauze for gas. He was injured in his left eye in 1992, he cannot see out this eye. That day, I gave him first medical cure when he inhaled gas, which the Israeli occupation forces fired at peaceful demonstrators.”

“On 14/5/2018, he was hit in Khozaa on the eastern border of Khan Younis by a bullet in his left foot. In 4/5/2018 he was hit directly by a gas grenade fired through the M-16, causing severe burns on his right thigh. In addition, in 8/6/2018 he was shot and wounded by a gunshot wound to the knee and leg. This caused the tendons to be cut off in his left leg. He was in a wheelchair and then on crutches and finally able to walk a little.”

“On 27/7/ 2018, Ghazi went alone to the return tent in Khozaa, I went after him. He called me and he said:" Lamia, why are you late? I wanted to see you." I went at 2:00pm I sat with him until 4:30 pm. Then I left him sitting under the olive tree because he could not move easily due to his disability and I went to work. There was a wounded young man who needed help. I went with him by ambulance. When I was on my way back to the tent. I got a call, I did not understand much, but there was many voices.”

“When I came down from the ambulance, I saw a large gathering around the tent and an unusual movement. People were saying to me, 'God be with you.' They asked me to go to the Red Crescent tent. I went and watched the doctor resuscitate a person lying on the ground, and from the resuscitation process, I realized that this man had died. When I came closer, I found that this man was my husband Ghazi. The people tried to get me out of the place, the shock was immense, and I could not believe that this person was my husband.”

“He was transferred to European hospital, and because I live in a situation of denial of what happened. I went to the house and after an hour, I lost consciousness, so I was taken to the hospital and when I woke up, I asked to see my husband alone. I went to the refrigerator that houses the dead and saw him, he was smiling, I gave him a hug, and it was a very difficult moment because it is difficult to hug someone without feeling the reciprocation.”

“The next day he was buried, his children and relatives had a farewell memorial for him for the last time. Now I have a bigger responsibility, my daughters must complete their education that is what Ghazi wanted, This was a promise and I must work to achieve its fulfillment.”

"I wish I could raise a case in the ICC against the occupation army, because my husband was assassinated, and he suffered from disabilities in his body and was sitting under the tree far from the border. An explosive bullet was fired on his head from the right side and went out his left ear with parts of the brain. The assassination was premeditated."

13. Nisreen A

Name	Nisreen A
Age	33
Location	Bet Lahia - Gaza
Type of violation	Targeting civilians, injured
Date of violation	11\5\2018

"I am Nisreen A, 33 years old. I have three children: Ali, 16 years old, Yousef 14 years old, Khadra 10 years old."

"I got married when I was 14 years old. After my children were born, I decided to finish high school, I challenged myself, and succeeded in a high mark in 2010 to register at Al Quds Open University in the northern Gaza Strip and study Arabic language, I studied two semester and stopped because the financial situation was difficult."

"I participated in the first Friday of the return marches. I was a volunteer to provide first aid to the injured. I crossed the border to get the injured youth out of the border. I convinced myself that the Israeli soldiers would avoid getting closer with us as women especially that we are without weapons, our activities are peaceful, and that is what happened at the beginning."

"On May 11, 2018, me and my daughter Khadra and my friends went to Abu Safiya, east of Jabalya. I arrived there at 3:00 pm to participate in the peaceful activities of the return march, and to support my family and brothers from the refugees to demand their right of return, I am from Bit Lahia and not a refugee."

"We were in a group, and all of children and us women were chanting (freedom, freedom, victory and liberation of the Palestinian cause). We were about 600 meters away from the border. Then heavy shooting started in the area by Israeli occupation soldiers. Suddenly I felt something entered in my chest on the left, I was in full consciousness to put my hands in that area and when I saw my hand it was full of blood."

"I was wearing the Palestinian embroidered dress and while I was looking at the ground I saw a large amount of blood around me. When I took a step back I found a 9-year-old child who had been injured in his foot. Later I learned that due to his injury his foot was amputated."

“I walked back a couple of steps to see a journalist and referred to him because I could not speak, and that there was something in my back and could not feel it. I was then taken by ambulance to the Indonesian hospital. Several ultrasounds were taken to reveal whether there were shrapnel in my body or not. I received treatment for three days, and then I was discharged and completed my treatment at home due to the large number of serious injuries in the Indonesian hospital.”

“After that, I had to leave my house and rent a store to live in, to provide money from the first rent, and my son Ali left school - he was in the ninth grade - to work in collecting the plastic and stone companies to save money. My husband is sick with cartilage in his back, works in a shop, and takes 15 NIS per day.”

“Now, I am very tired my left hand is no longer as before. I no longer work at home or meet the needs of my children.”

“We sleep (my husband and I) between the kitchen and the bathroom, one night my son was shy to go to the bathroom because his father and I were sleeping and especially since there was no door. He wanted to enter the bathroom at night. He went outside the house and there was a dog that attacked him in the street. Life is very difficult this is the life of most Palestinians; they killed our ambition, hope and life.”

14. Saida AG

Name	Saida AG
Age	60
Location	Al Tofah - Gaza
Type of violation	targeting civilians\ injury
Date of violation	15\4\2018

“I am Saida AG, 60 years old, Mother of 12 sons and daughters, 7 boys and 5 girls. Five of boys are married and live with us at home and two of my daughters are married but they do not live in our house.

“On Monday, 14/5/2018, I along with my daughters Duha 24 years old, Asma 25 years, and Samia 22 years old, went out at 10 am to participate in the events of the return marches, east of Gaza City at the eastern borders. While my 29-year-old daughter, Aya, went to the Bureij border because she was living there. “

“ My daughter Aya AG, 29 years old, married and mother of four children Oday 8 years, Rimas 7 years, Yousuf 5 years, Salsabil 3 years. She lives at Al-Bureij in the central of Gaza Strip.”

“She was targeted by the Israeli occupation forces on 15/4/2018, in her both knees, during her participation in the events took place during the return marches, on the borders of Bureij. She was targeted directly and deliberately and without taking part in any act of hostile.”

“Aya was transferred to Al-Aqsa hospital in Al-Bureij, where she stayed there for ten days. Her legs were stitched in the knee area with 20 stitches. Aya had to sit for two months on a wheelchair due to her injury.”

“Until now, Aya has to stay at home, and I am lost and scattered between my daughters Duha and Aya, as my daughter Duha was also wounded, she was targeted on 14\4\2018, on the eastern border of Gaza City. Duha lives with us in our house, however Aya she lives in her husband’s house, both of my daughters are wounded and cannot move without my help.”

“One time when I went to take care of my daughter Aya and her children at her place, I was only 15 minutes late. I found that she bed wetted herself while she was on her wheelchair; she was unable to go to the bathroom.”

“Aya was taking birth control pills so that she will not get her menstrual cycle (period), because of the difficulty of her movement. I would look at her and I would thank god that she did not have any of her legs amputated.”

“I take care of my daughter Duha and at the same time take care of my daughter Aya, since I am the one who could enter with both of them to the bathroom, when using it and when bathing. I distributed myself between the neighborhood of apple (our neighborhood) and Bureij (Aya’s neighborhood).I thank God for everything, the most important thing is to see them wealthy.”

15. Shaima Sh

Name	Shaima Sh
Age	20
Location	Al Bureij Camp- Gaza
Type of violation	targeting children\ death
Date of violation	14\5\2018

“I am the sister of Wesal Sh (15), born on 7/12/2003. from the central region, Al-Bureij in the Gaza Strip.”

“On Monday 14/5/2018, Wesal left at 9:30 am, to gather with girls and women from our region in order to go to the peaceful marches of return on the eastern border of the Gaza Strip, to demand the implementation of the UN resolution on the return of Palestinian refugees to their towns and villages.”

“Wesal was a believer in this great right and has the right to participate peacefully in these marches to return to her village in Swafeer.”

“At 10:30 am, Wesal was hit in the thigh; she was standing and had no means of self-defense. Then, according to what my brother Mohammed, informed me (who was in the same area during this time). After being, injured Wesal managed to crawl to penetrate the border and hide behind a large concrete stone escaping from the Israeli bullets. A bullet managed to penetrate her head from the back and she died immediately.”

“She was then transferred by the ambulance to Al Aqsa Hospital, in the city of Deir Al Balah and officially pronounced dead.”

“We lost an important character in the house, a unique laugh; we now live in our grandfather's house in the beach camp in Gaza. We left our home where no one wants to go back and see; even my father does not like to go to the Middle area of Gaza, where we use to live.”