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Violations Of Women's Rights In Israel

For more than half a century, the Occupying Power, relying on racist ideologies, keeps violating Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories without paying the price. It pays no attention to international principles, commits violence and murder, and exposes the Palestinian people to economic and military suffering. Palestinian homes are being demolished for Jewish settlements. Palestinian women and children are attacked and deprived of home, education, and health. Today we are witnessing appalling and inhumane conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories, a situation that affects not only the oppressed Palestinian territories but also the Jewish residents.

While physical domestic violence represents a large majority of complaints, new forms of violence gradually emerged as well. Beatings, rapes, murders, threats, blackmail, harassment – more than 200,000 women in the Occupying Power are victims of domestic violence each year, and only a quarter of them report it to authorities.

This Occupying Power has failed to provide and maintain the basics of Human Rights in its society. If we take a closer look at Human Rights issues, the helplessness of governors in resolving Human Rights issues is crystal clear. It was not able to attain an acceptable score when it comes to ensuring women's rights in society and women's condition is against all values, principles, and decisions of international organizations.

There are many reports regarding violations of women's rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, and unfortunately, discriminatory behaviors against women are getting normal. Women do not enjoy the basic needs of security and do not participate in political decision-making. Although women are experiencing and enduring violence and gender discrimination, the Occupying Power and its Cabinet do not pay any attention to the very issue. Roughly one in four women performing compulsory national service in a police force and prison service have suffered sexual abuse on the job.

The Institute for Protection of Women's Rights (IPWR) urges the Human Rights Council to take the international obligation into account and take effective measures against constant Human rights violations of the Occupying Power and pave the way for women's progress and autonomy.
