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Legal Empowerment of the Jerusalemite workers and Access to Justice

third Quarter Report on Violations of Palestinian workers' rights in Jerusalem

Israeli authorities continue executing arbitrary measures against Jerusalemite workers including violations and derogations of their rights ensured by the International law and Israeli law. Israeli employers cut off the salary of Palestinian Jerusalemite workers and derogate their rights that include insurance, compensation, safety work measures, while such violations are being ignored. In addition, Jerusalemite workers are subjected to repeated and increasing discriminatory violations by settlers, while Israeli police give their tacit approval for such measures, which gives way for the continuation and escalation of settlers' attacks.

Two Jerusalemite young men M.A (24 years old) and F.R (22 years old) were attacked during their way back from west Jerusalem while passing a Jewish orthodox quarter. A group of settlers attacked them and hit them using iron rods all over their bodies. M was severely injured in his head and he suffered from brain concussion while F. was injured in his joint elbow of his right arm as a result of a direct hit he received from his back using an iron rod. An Israeli police officer visited the accident site and he did not do more than hearing the complaints of the injured.

On 8/5/2012, the worker A.L, 24 years old, was attacked during his way back from work in West Jerusalem. A group of Israeli settlers hit him on his head and he fell unconscious and transferred to the hospital.

On 28/5/2012, Y.N. fell from a 10m height during a workshop which led to fractures all over his body and he was transferred to hospital. This results from the lack of safety measures at work as it turned out that the worker did not wear special work uniform.

On 25/7/2012, worker A.Sh, who works in one of Israeli factories in west Jerusalem, was dangerously injured due to his exposition to an electric shock as a result of the negligence of Israeli employers towards Palestinian workers in Jerusalem.

On 28/7/2012, worker Y.N fell from a 10m height during a workshop which resulted in a fracture all over his body and so he was transferred to the hospital. This results from the lack of safety measures at work as it turned out that the worker did not wear special work uniform. On 30/7/2012, around 12:30 AM, a group of 14 Palestinian workers from various villages of Jerusalem and Ramallah governorate reached the

military checkpoint located near the East Zaim- East Jerusalem in order to enter into Israel and work in Jerusalem. The Palestinian workers did not have work permits in Jerusalem. When they arrived the check point, the car stopped working and a group of Israeli soldiers encircled them. Some of the safety guards fired bullets against the car which resulted in one death and injury of three workers.

On the beginning of July 2012, Israeli Minister of Justice decided to prevent Palestinians ,who entered Israel through illegal bypass roads from, resorting to Israeli courts. The decision bans these workers from filing judicial lawsuits against Israel and/or Israeli employers in regard to work cases filed by Palestinians working within the green line and who had their rights violated by Israeli employers. Also, Palestinians holding a Jerusalemite blue ID or a permit from the Israeli Ministry of Interior are allowed to file a case. The decision will enter into force starting from September 2012.

On 17/8/2012, worker J.A (21 years) was attacked by a group of settlers in West Jerusalem during his way back from work with his colleague. A group of 40-50 Israeli including an Israeli girl attacked them. While his colleague succeeded to escape, J fell on the ground and the Israelis hit him which caused his loss of conscious and his transfer to the hospital. On 23//8/2012, A.A was injured due to falling from a high height in the industrial area near settlement (Shaer Benjamin). The worker was transferred to Ramallah hospital to receive treatment. This is due to the negligence of Israeli employers and lack of safety measures inside work in addition to the fact that Palestinian workers do not ask for safety measures in fear of dismissal from work.

On 12/9/2012, worker F.T (28 years) was attacked by several settlers during his way back from his work at the hospital in West Jerusalem. Around 11:00 PM, more than 6 settlers attacked him which caused a fracture in his right leg. F.T was transfered to the hospital while the settlers succeeded to escape.

On 14/9/2012, Fathi Abu Rumoz F.A.R (21 years old) from Jerusalem was injured all over his body after 4 settlers attacked him at his workplace in West Jerusalem. On 2:00 AM, when he was working at the gas station, a car arrived to get some fill but one of the passengers asked for water from Fathi. When he offered him the water, the passenger attacked him and hit him on the head and he then fell on the ground. The passenger along with others continued abusing Fathi until he lost his conscious and was transferred to the hospital. On 24/9/2012, more than 13 workers from the West Bank who work in Um Fahem, located inside Israel, were attacked by unidentified people. Some of them were injured and thus transferred to the hospital to receive necessary treatment. This is considered part of the series of attack executed against Palestinian workers inside the green line.