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Targeting unarmed Palestinian fishermen by the Egyptian army is a war crime

The Egyptian authorities must release the injured detainee Yasser Al-Zaazou immediately

The international community must take prompt actions to end the inhumane blockade on the Gaza Strip

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) stressed that the targeting of a Palestinian fishing boat with live bullets on Friday 25 September, killing two fishermen and injuring the third, by the Egyptian army is a war crime.

AOHR UK emphasized that the Egyptian forces' targeting of unarmed fishermen using excessive violence is unjustifiable and reflects the Egyptian army's recklessness of lives and disregard of the international humanitarian law, as the fishermen did not pose any threat and they could have been easily arrested.

The two killed brothers are Mahmoud Mohamed Al-Zaazou, 22, and Hassan Mohamed Al-Zaazou, 26, and their third brother, who got injured and is currently detained Yasser Mohamed Al-Zazaou, 19, went fishing and trying to provide for their families during the siege imposed by the Israeli occupation on the Gaza Strip, only to find themselves facing the fire of the Egyptian army forces.

AOHR UK called on the Egyptian authorities to immediately release the injured detainee, Yasser Al-Zaazou, to open an investigation into the killing of his two brothers, to hold the perpetrators accountable, and to take the necessary measures to ensure that these crimes do not recur in the future.



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AOHR UK also called on the international community to take immediate action to end the suffering of two million Palestinians and to compel the Israeli occupation to end the illegal and inhumane blockade on the Gaza Strip.

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