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**The deliberate killing of child Ali Abu Alia at the hands of Israeli forces is a war crime**

**Israeli Occupation Forces continue to use deadly force against Palestinian children**

**8 Palestinian children were killed and over 230 were injured with live ammunitions in 2020**

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) condemns the heinous crimes committed by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF), notably the most recent child killing of Ali Abu Alia, 13, on Friday, December 4th, who was shot in the chest and stomach with live bullets while participating in a peaceful demonstration in Ramallah, West Bank, confirming that it is just another deliberate killing to be added to the heinous record of crimes committed by the Israeli occupation.

AOHR UK pointed out that the IOF continue to use lethal force in the face of peaceful demonstrations, where it fired live bullets at a crowd near Ramallah, killing and injuring protestors randomly.

AOHR UK stated that the use of force against Palestinian children is a systematic policy by the IOF, in violation of the international laws and conventions.

At least 8 children between the ages of 13-17 were killed and more than 230 have been injured, including 4 in the past two weeks, who were severely injured the chest, eye and head, two of them still in Intensive Care Unit, and a third lost his eyesight.

AOHR UK said that while the escalating brutal practices of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinians continue, the Arab governments around the world continue to normalise relations with Israel, in an attempt to enhance economic and



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security cooperation with them, sending by that a dangerous message of impunity to the Israeli forces.

AOHR UK added that the position of the world decision makers has become non-existent, as they no longer move at any level to stop the crimes of the occupation and to protect the rights and interests of the Palestinian people, despite the fact that such non-actions amount to a breach of each nations pledge.

AOHR UK calls on the international community to take a decisive stance in order to prevent the occupation forces from using force against Palestinians, particularly children. It is crime, in light of all these violations, to remain silent.

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