Immediate Statement: Minister of Defense announces six leading Palestinian human rights organizations now designated by Israel as "terrorist" organizations due to alleged affiliation with PFLP

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The designation of Minister of Defense, Benny Gantz, of six Palestinians organizations and terrorist organizations is an extremely dangerous and populist measure, intended to deal a disastrous blow to Palestinian civil society. This declaration constitutes a direct attack on Palestinian civil society, and human rights organizations in particular, crossing red lines and beckoning a new age of suppression.

We stand beside our colleagues, the courageous Palestinian human rights organizations, who have faithfully served their people for decades under military occupation and an apartheid regime.

Over the years we have worked closely with several of the organizations included in this designation and are proud of our joint efforts.

The designation did not include any evidence to substantiate its claims, and to the best our knowledge, European states have rejected these allegations.

We express our deep solidarity with our friends in these Palestinian organizations and reaffirm our commitment to continue cooperative efforts as much as possible.

We continue our fight against occupation and apartheid.