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Prime Minister: the New Israeli military order threatens the emptying of large areas of land from its Palestinian inhabitants, demanding its cancellation, and calling on the U.S and the International Community to take up its responsibilities

Prime Minister Salam Fayyad condemned the Israeli Military order number 1650 which is termed 'Prevention of Infiltration' which enters into effect tomorrow morning 13/4/2010 and which could lead to the deportation of tens of thousands of Palestinian citizens residing in the West Bank to other regions in the Palestinian Territory or abroad. Due to its broad definitions undefined powers the order opens the door for Israeli Occupation Authorities to empty areas in West Bank of its residents and transfer them en masse under the cover of having 'no permits'. This policy aims at deepening the hold of the occupation in the West Bank and facilitating more Israel land-grab. Moreover, the Policy aims at expanding Israeli illegal settlements activity, specifically in East Jerusalem, the regions behind the Israeli wall and Jordan valley area, which Israeli occupation authorities classify as military closed zones.

This order carries many dangers in regarding to the possibility of forced deportation of thousands of Jerusalemite families, which Israeli Occupation Authorities have not granted them the legitimate right to reside in East Jerusalem. The order prevents Jerusalemites from entering into the West Bank and leads to separation of families from each other.

The order targets thousands of Palestinians from Gaza who work and live in the West Bank and could lead to their forced deportation to the Gaza Strip. In addition, the order could lead to forced deportation of thousands of Palestinians from their homeland under the justification of them not completing residency procedure, as well as for



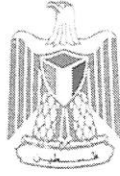
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foreigners residing in the West Bank for multiple reasons including those married to Palestinians.

Prime Minister Salam Fayyad said this order is a contradiction with international law including Security Council decisions which condemn forced deportations. The order contradicts International Humanitarian Law, which include the fourth Geneva Convention. In addition, the order contradicts agreements between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel and threatens in a dangerous way the continuity of Palestinian occupied land. The order also limits PNA's powers when it comes to agreements giving it responsibility over its own citizens and population record. The order goes as far as canceling all these PNA responsibilities through its classification of large segments of Palestinian population as 'infiltrators' in their homeland, including those who are officially registered with the PNA. All of these come under the justification of having a prior permission and opens the possibility of declaring any Palestinian area as military closed zone. This means that entry to those areas will need prior Israeli permission in a step that gives wide powers to the leaders of the Israeli Forces restricts Palestinian freedom of movement. This also prevents from entry to the targeted areas as a prelude to confiscating and expanding illegal settlement build-up on it, in a stark contradiction with International law and the Peace Process.

The Prime Minister called on the United States, the International community and the Quartet to pay close attention to the dangers of such violations and illegal measures. Prime Minister Salam Fayyad added that the interested parties must take up the political, legal and ethical responsibilities and a strong position against the aforementioned order. In addition, the Prime minister called on the abovementioned parties to require the Israeli government to adhere to International law and to pressure Israel to stick to International Humanitarian law, specifically the fourth Geneva Convention.

The Prime Minister also called for the immediate reversal of this order and all military orders which marginalizes the PNA's role. In addition, Prime Minister Fayyad



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called on the abovementioned parties to pressure Israel in sticking to Palestinian right to freedom of movement and the execution of Access and Movement Agreement and stopping the undermining of Palestinian effort to build strong and effective institutions able at serving its citizens.

The Prime Minister expressed that the PNA is working with all International parties to ensure the cancelation and reversal of this order.