

**Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**

Al-Quds as Israel's capital?



**Mr. President,**

The United States is violating international commitments by recognizing Al-Quds as Israel's capital. All member states of the Four Geneva Conventions, including the United States, must guarantee Israel's commitment to international humanitarian law as noted in those conventions, including articles 49 and 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, instead of themselves helping violation of those rules. Announcement of al-Quds as the capital of Israel will, in fact, confirm all violations, already committed by Israel, against international commitments of the United States.

**Mr. President,**

We ask all members of the international system to take steps toward bolstering peace and security at regional and international levels and do not recognize any status that is against their international commitments. Governments, as the main political players in the international system, must avoid any measures that would contravene their commitments. Attention to decisions made by the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly with regard to the issue of Palestine and Israel, in general, and relative to city of al-Quds, in particular, can provide a road map, which must be then followed by all members of the international community.

As a human rights NGO, we call on all regional and international NGOs to join hands and pave the way for establishment of peace in the region and support the people of Palestine. Now, it is a duty for all NGOs to strive toward just and peaceful settlement of disputes.

We, urge the States not to take any step against decisions made on the issue of Palestine by the UN. We condemn any actions, which supports the occupation and confirm this illegitimate act.