

Press release regarding the attack on military ambulance and the killing of a Syrian injury

Al Marsad condemns the incitement of hatred and the attack against the ambulance and the two wounded Syrians who were being transferred for treatment in Israeli hospitals.

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On the 22nd of June 2015 a group consisting of mostly teenagers attacked an Israeli military ambulance belonging to the occupying Israeli authorities, which was transferring two Syrian fighters to a hospital for treatment.

According to our sources, the ambulance was attacked in the centre of Majdal Shams at 9pm, the driver succeeded to continue driving from Majdal Shams to the hospital when the ambulance was once again stopped by a large crowd at the entrance of the Neve Ativ settlement situated on the slopes of Mount Hermon in the north of the occupied Syrian Golan which is built on the ruins of the Syrian village of Jubatha Al –Zet which has been under occupation since 1967.

According to our sources, the ambulance was surrounded by between 200 and 300 people who proceeded to attack both the vehicle and the two injured soldiers with sticks and stones which resulted in the death of one and led to the serious injuries to the other. It is worth noting that this attack came during a time where huge efforts are being made both locally and internationally to calm the tensions in Syria, keep the peace between people and curb all forms of needless violence and terror.

Al Marsad condemns this crime against the two Syrian fighters and against the medical personnel who sought to provide them with treatment for their injuries. Al Marsad condemns all forms of incitement to violence against people regardless of their national, religious or ethnic backgrounds and identities and calls upon:

- All governments including those parties directly involved in the Syrian conflict to stop all kinds of incitement and spreading of hatred and violence on national, religious and ethnic grounds;

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- The Israeli occupying authorities to open a transparent investigation into this incident, in order to ensure that no officials were involved in the leaking of sensitive information which could have led to the rallying of crowds intent on causing harm or damage;
 - All political and social leaders in the Occupied Syrian Golan to condemn this crime and to put substantial efforts in place to stop an incident like this from happening in the future, including pursuing those responsible to be held accountable for their crimes;
 - The people of the Occupied Syrian Golan come together to condemn this crime, and ensure that the Golan remains a safe and peaceful place for people free from violence and mob rule.

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