Once again, without introductions or justifications, Israel violates the international laws, covenants and commits a crime that shook the world’s opinion by assassinating the icon of the Palestinian press, Sherine Abu Akleh, who was the truth voice, a model of professionalism and high journalistic ethics, thus dealing a new blow to speech freedom that exposes its crimes against the Palestinian people.

Sherine, who embodied a women role model in Palestinian and Arab communities, her loss was tragic news for ADWAR Association and the Women organizations in Palestine and for the Palestinian people in general. Why not, as she struggled for more than 25 years in her journalistic career to convey the truth and document it by all means, she was loved by all her society, which was always close to its concerns and dreams.

Israel doesn’t just with its crime of assassinating Sherine, but also insists on killing her again, claiming that she was not killed by the bullets of the occupation army in an attempt to evade responsibility and accountability, knowing the extent and atrocity of the crime. This claim does not carry any logical criteria and is not based on any facts, and the evidence for this is abundant. All indications indicate that Sherine was hit by a sniper’s bullet, and that, contrary to Israel’s claims, the site where she was hit did not witness clashes, according to eyewitnesses who were at the site. Accordingly, we hold Israel fully responsible for this crime and demand that the perpetrators be prosecuted in international courts because the passage of this crime without accountability or punishment is a clear and flagrant violation of human rights and freedom of the press.

In the end, we console ourselves and the free world for the loss of this icon. Due to all these facts, we cannot but re-emphasize that the continuation of these daily violations is the result of the policy of imposing a fait accompli practiced by Israel, including its refusal to implement the two-state solution, depriving Palestinians from entering Jerusalem and violating freedom of worship, which are combined factors that led to the disruption of the Human rights system in general in Palestine and put obstacles in the way of improving the reality of women. The policies of the occupation have led to the obliteration of the Palestinian women aspirations for a better future. We see every day the demolition of homes, daily arrests and killings, scenes of suffering and pain for Palestinian women and girls in light of the lack of security and freedom sense that this causes.

Accordingly, ADWAR Association requests the world’s free countries who believe in women’s and Palestinian people rights to gain freedom and independence to stand by us in order to have our freedom and eliminate violence against the Palestinian people and build their independent state that promotes the principles of human rights and social justice.

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