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Lawlessness and Proliferation of Weapons

Misuse of Weapons by Armed Groups and Security Forces

Field Update

23 December 2008

6 Palestinians, Including 4 Children, Injured in Gaza Due to Misuse of Weapons

In the past three days, 6 Palestinians, including 4 children, were injured as a result of the continuation of the misuse of weapons. The wounds of 3 children were described as serious. The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) remains deeply concerned over the re-occurrence of such incidents that are part of the state of security chaos and misuse of weapons plaguing the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).

According to investigations conducted by PCHR, at approximately 16:15 on Monday, 22 December, 2008, 3-year-old Myassar Mousa Wahdan, was injured in the abdomen and chest and her 5-year-old brother, Mohammed, was injured in the head by shrapnel from a locally produced rocket that was fired by members of the Palestinian resistance. The rocket fell on agricultural land near Beit Hanoun Agriculture College in the north to Beit Hanoun town in the northern Gaza Strip. The two children were immediately transferred to Beit Hanoun Hospital for treatment. Medical sources described the wounds of Myassar as serious and reported that she was admitted into the intensive care unit. The wounds of Mohammed were described as moderate.

In another incident, at approximately 17:30 on Sunday, 21 December, 2008, Hanan Sohwaile, 32, was lightly wounded by shrapnel to the right hand when a locally produced rocket exploded near her house in al-Zaytoun quarter in the west of Beit Hanoun Town. She was immediately taken to Beit Hanoun Hospital for treatment.

At approximately 14:40 on Saturday, 20 December, 2008, a locally produced rocket fired by members of the Palestinian resistance fell near a group of children who were playing in a bystreet to the east of the industrial zone, west to Beit Hanoun town. Shrapnel from the rocket

wounded two children. The two children were taken to Beit Hanoun Hospital for treatment and then transferred to the intensive care unit at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City , since their wounds were serious. The two children were identified as Sari Mana'a al-Sama'ana, 9, and Safi 'Eid al-Sama'ana, 8.

Also on Saturday, 20 December, 2008, at approximately 00:30, gunmen on a motorcycle fired at Nayef Nasser al-Mahmoum, 20, while standing near his house in al-Tannour neighborhood in Rafah town in the southern Gaza Strip. Al-Mahmout was wounded by a bullet to the left arm. He was taken to Martyr Mohammed Yousef al-Najjar Hospital for treatment.

PCHR is gravely concerned over increasing casualties resulting from the misuse of weapons, which is part of the state of security chaos prevailing in the OPT. PCHR calls upon concerned authorities to investigate these attacks and bring the perpetrators to justice. PCHR calls also upon Palestinian resistance groups to be far away from civilian populated area when conducting military actions.

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