

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Human Rights Situation in Yemen, Myanmar and OPT (Occupied Palestinian Territories)

Mr. President,

In line with the annual report by the HC on the situation of human rights around the world, ODVV expresses its concerns over the continuous conflicts in Yemen, Myanmar and the long term occupation of OPT.

In Yemen, the statistics of a 1000 - day war indicate the death of about 14,000 people, while millions are displaced and need urgent humanitarian aid.

- Therefore, ODVV calls on the Security Council to use its political power and urge the Coalition to stop the air strikes and remove the blockade on the ground.
- Also ODVV urges the members of the international community to contribute to the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan fund because 22 million Yemenis are estimated to be in urgent need of humanitarian help.

In Myanmar, the atrocities and catastrophic displacement of 600,000 Muslim Rohingya, their continuous killings and torture looks endless. Stressing on the responsibility of the government to protect its population ODVV calls on Myanmar to:

- Ensure the access for a U.N. fact-finding mission to the region.
- End excessive use of military force against the Rohingya.
- Implement the recommendations by the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State.

In the OPT, the deteriorating situation of human rights in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza is reflected in severe limitation of access to basic services and medical care.

- Noting the SR on OPT report, ODVV echoes the recommendations and calls on Israel to stop the 50 – year occupation of OPT.
- ODVV also urges the UN General Assembly to mandate a UN study to investigate the legality of Israel’s continued occupation of OPT.