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### **Introduction:**

**Double standards is a political concept that was formulated in its modern form in 1912. It symbolizes the contradictory policy of countries and organizations in their dealings with the same issue or a specific group in more than one country. That is, they support the oppressed when the matter is in their favor and support the oppressor if he is an ally or friend. This is governed by private and political interests, security and economic considerations, and accordingly, provisions, principles and laws become politicized according to race, gender, religion and even skin color, and here discrimination also becomes in the identity of the killer and the murdered.**

**Double standards can also be described as a type of bias and discrimination because it violates a basic principle in modern legal jurisprudence: that all parties must stand on an equal footing before the law. It is also considered a violation of the principle of justice known as impartiality, which is based on the assumption that the same standards should apply to all people, and subjective bias based on social class, rank, race, gender, religion, nationality or other form of discrimination.**

**Applying to the Palestinian situation, talk about a solution in Palestine always comes from Israel's interest. That is, when observing Western talk about a two-state solution, a Palestinian state, or a settlement, we see that it comes out of defending Israel and legitimizing its right to exist, but Al-Aqsa flood process that began On October 7, 2023, in addition to the Gaza war and the massacres it is witnessing, expose all this "Western hypocrisy," and silence about the injustice of the Palestinian people and their siege, and even saying that the Palestinian people do not have the right to rise up, defend themselves, or resist, are outside the borders of the international community.**

**So, while the Palestinians were - and still are - resisting the Israeli occupation and defending their land and their stolen rights for more than seventy years, the international community did not see their struggle as a legitimate right worthy of support. On the contrary, when Al-Aqsa flood broke out, the West and its media directed the Palestinians as terrorists and murderers, while in Ukraine, in its war, which is entering its second year, the situation is different. What the Palestinians were demanding over the past seventy years was implemented by the West within five days in Ukraine, sanctions, sports and cultural boycotts of everything related**

to Russia, closure of the airspace, and military, intelligence and technological support for the Ukrainian army. And opening the door to volunteering for recruitment into the Ukrainian army. On the other hand, any request to impose sanctions on Israel seems like an old “comic joke” that no longer works. However, any initiative to pressure Israel is faced with an American veto and anti-Semitism.

Thus, it becomes clear that the existing Western systems are essentially based on duality, meaning: with regard to the peoples and societies within these systems, his tries to deal with them according to the values of freedom, democracy, and so on, but his relationship with the other has nothing to do with morality, but rather is based on interests if their interests are based. To kill people like the people of Palestine. Therefore, Israel always enjoys all Western support and sympathy, as a victim of ( Hamas terrorism), by providing military and non-military aid quickly, ignoring all international norms and conventions, as well as directing the media to spread its poison in the world and attract global support and solidarity with Israel. Without covering everything related to Palestine or distorting the tragic Palestinian reality, in addition to using the “right of veto” in all decisions related to condemning the Israeli side.

Following Al-Aqsa Flood operation, this unlimited Western support for the Israeli side appeared, as Western governments, led by the United States, rushed to present a unified and firm message of support to Tel Aviv, based on at least 4 overlapping elements, namely: that Israel is the victim of a terrorist attack that it did not commit. It is a provocative act that led to it, and that Israel has the right to defend itself, and that the West fully stands with Israel against the barbaric violence of the Palestinians, and that it was Hamas that initiated the hostilities and forced Israel to use force, while hiding behind civilians, and therefore it is partly to blame. Or completely to cause the killing of all civilians on both sides,” through the work of political, media, and educational institutions in the West to marginalize and silence the Palestinians and their supporters, which gives Israel the green light to unleash unrestrained Israeli violence against the Palestinians, in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and Jerusalem.

In general, it is not strange that European and American countries pursue a policy of double standards, as we did not see during the period of the indiscriminate Israeli bombing of the Gaza Strip in 2014 any

European or American reactions or statements similar to the same reactions and statements about Ukraine when Israel killed civilians in Palestine and displaced thousands from their villages inside The Green Line despite the appeals of international humanitarian organizations at the time to cease fire on the residents of the besieged Gaza Strip, not to mention the absence of sending aid to them in those harsh conditions or providing financial donations to rebuild the Gaza Strip, which was destroyed by the Israeli war machine, or at least to rebuild the homes of the Palestinians whose homes were destroyed by Israeli army bulldozers. In the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, this is happening again now, but in an even uglier and more brutal way.

In the face of this duality, we wonder what is the difference between a Ukrainian and a Palestinian, and how does the Russian invasion differ from the Israeli occupation??!

Therefore, this report will explain how Western countries, represented by the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, dealt with the Israeli war against the Gaza Strip, following Al-Aqsa Flood operation, and focus on the extent of Western double standards.

### **1. At the United States level:**

Israel is the largest recipient of American foreign aid since World War II. American support for Israel began since its establishment in 1948, as the United States was the first country to recognize the establishment of the Israeli occupation state. Since that time, a long and continuous history of political, military and economic support has extended, including joint cooperation. In the fields of education, health, energy and scientific research. According to official American indicators, the total aid provided by the United States to Israel between 1946 and 2023 amounted to about \$158.6 billion.

America has approved an aid package for Israel from 2019 to 2028 worth \$38 billion. American military aid to Israel represents 18% of the latter's military budget, according to which it purchases weapons worth \$815 million annually, and allocates \$500 million to strengthen missile defenses, including the Iron Dome system. In aid, America paid 5 billion dollars to settle immigrants in Israel.

The volume of American political support and foreign aid to Israel reflects the amount of attention given by successive American administrations to



establishing the presence of the occupying state in the Middle East, which the United States considers a vital partner in the region, with common strategic goals.

American duplicity became clear when the war broke out between Russia and Ukraine, as Washington supported Kiev with all material and military aid, including drones, fighter jets, missiles, weapons and military equipment, in order to regain control over the lands that Moscow was able to control, but the matter is different when Palestine demands its right. In its territories and confronting the Israeli occupation, here in Ukraine it is considered resistance against Russia, and in Palestine it is considered terrorism against Israel.

➤ **Regarding political actions and support:**

**Following Al-Aqsa flood and in light of the successive brutal attacks on the Gaza Strip, the American position was evident in spreading the confirmed lies that Israel is the victim of a terrorist attack and that it did not carry out a provocative act that led to it, and that Israel has the right to defend itself, in addition to declaring complete solidarity with Israel against violent barbarian Palestinians.**

This became clear through statements made by US President Joe Biden, confirming his country's full readiness to provide the Israeli occupation authorities with all military and material capabilities, ammunition and missiles in their war on the besieged Gaza Strip since October 7.

The US State Department supports the same approach as the US President. **During the recent visit made by Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to Tel Aviv**, he said in a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "I am grateful to be here in Israel, and personally, I came as a Jew, and we expect that there will be additional requests from Israel, and we seek to have everything it needs, and we will emphasize the strong message that President Biden delivered to any party that could try to exploit the situation, and this message is, "Do not do that."

**The matter did not stop at the US State Department in its inflammatory statements to continue the war against the Palestinian people. The matter reached the US Department of Defense, the Pentagon**, which announced that Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, in a phone call with his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant, confirmed Washington's commitment to accelerating the arrival of air defense capabilities and the ammunition

requested by Israel. The US Department of Defense stated in a statement that Austin contacted Gallant to renew steadfast American support for Israel. According to reports, the Secretary of Defense instructed special operations hostage rescue teams to “engage” in support of Israel and its efforts to free the hostages, primarily through planning and intelligence efforts. However, underlying these efforts is the desire to keep the US role limited to consultation.

Moreover, at the end of last week, **the Pentagon sent** shipments of Patriot missiles and air defense battalions to confront high-altitude air attacks, under the full supervision of the US Army’s Central Military Command.

**The Pentagon announced** the diversion of the USS Ford, which is considered the newest and most advanced in the world, with a crew of about 5,000 individuals, from the western Mediterranean to a place closer to the waters. Israeli regionalism.

**The Pentagon also announced** plans to enhance the presence of its fighter aircraft in the region, which includes a group of F-35 aircraft. This means reintroducing the advanced fifth-generation fighter to the region, after the F-35 aircraft that had been deployed had been returned. Previously to the United States last week - having been sent to deter Russian aggression in Syria and Iranian behavior in the Gulf. Moreover, the Carrier Strike Group would likely add a layer of air defense and radar coverage to Israel's network, while providing another level of intelligence knowledge to Israel's other fronts.

**According to the Associated Press**, leaders in the Pentagon confirmed sending American military advisors to Israel, in anticipation of the large-scale ground operations that Israel plans to carry out in the Gaza Strip, explaining that among the sent American advisors is a general who specializes in urban combat and clashes in built-up and urban areas. American advisors were also dispatched to help Israel accelerate the improvement of the efficiency of its air defense systems.”

**The news agency revealed that** among the American leaders sent as advisors to the Israeli military command was General James Glenn, who had previously contributed to supporting the American special combat operation force that fought ISIS in the well-known Iraqi region of Fallujah, where fierce battles took place, stressing that its sources in the Pentagon refused. Disclosing any more extensive information about the nature of General Glenn’s work in Israel, saying only that “he has long experience in clashing with terrorist elements without causing significant civilian losses in urban

theaters of operations, due to his operational experience in Fallujah during the confrontation with ISIS.”

**As for National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan**, he said that his country would provide “the necessary expertise in the hostage issue,” adding that President Biden directed his team to take immediate measures to ensure that Israel gets what it needs to defend itself.

**In continuation of this series of endless support for Tel Aviv**, the United States used its veto in the UN Security Council against a resolution calling for a humanitarian truce in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian factions to allow aid to enter the Gaza Strip, and Washington always protects its ally, Israel, from any action against it in the Security Council, and the American administration is working to prevent international pressure on Tel Aviv as well.

It is worth noting that the countries that supported the draft resolution were China, Gabon, Mozambique, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates. France, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States opposed it, and six members abstained from voting (Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana, Malta, and Switzerland).

**At the same time, an American project was presented in the Security Council regarding the Israeli war on Gaza, the most prominent of which was focused on:**

- Describing the Palestinian resistance as terrorism, and attempts to undermine this resistance.
- There is no clear call for an immediate ceasefire, as the text focuses only on ensuring the unhindered flow of humanitarian aid.
- The language of the resolution blaming Iran for supporting the Palestinian resistance could be used in the future to justify the use of force against Iran.
- Classifying Hamas as a terrorist organization, because it may lead to the imposition of sanctions or armed actions against any country that deals with it in the future.
- Affirms Israel’s right to defend itself and demands that Iran stop military support for “militias and terrorist groups that threaten peace and security throughout the region.”
- Call for the protection of civilians, including the delivery of “continuous, adequate and unimpeded” aid to the Gaza Strip.



**All of this is in light of American attempts to end the Palestinian issue (the framework plan), known as the Kerry plan, which is based on geographical separation between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It is a plan based on the exchange of lands while considering the apartheid wall as the borders of the State of Palestine.**

**In the latest development in its “unconditional support” for Israel,** President Biden’s visit to Israel is the first of its kind in American history for an American president to visit the Israeli entity during times of war. The United States also decided to increase its military aid to the Israeli army, which he expressed. President Biden, in a televised speech, called on Congress to approve an “urgent and unprecedented” budget that would be allocated to support Israel and Ukraine, “essential partners,” describing this budget as “an unprecedented commitment to Israel’s security, which would enhance its qualitative military superiority.”

Biden added that supporting Tel Aviv and Kiev is “a smart investment that will pay dividends by strengthening American security for generations to come, and will help us keep American forces out of harm’s way, and will also help us build a safer, more peaceful, and more prosperous world for generations of leaders.”

**The White House revealed that** Israel’s share of that budget amounts to about 14.3 billion dollars, that is, about 4.3 billion dollars greater than what Tel Aviv requested, and that this aid will finance the readiness of Israeli missile defense systems, including strengthening the Iron Dome system, and these funds will also be used in replenishing ammunition stocks.

Meanwhile, **Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said,** during a visit to Israel, that American lawmakers discussed supplying Tel Aviv with 155 mm ammunition, alternative ammunition for the Iron Dome missile defense system, precision-guided bombs, and the “JDAM” system to convert regular bombs into precision munitions.

➤ **Regarding the right to demonstrate and protest peacefully:**

This duality was also evident in internal affairs, regarding American sympathizers with the Gaza Strip, as the American Constitution guarantees freedom of expression and opinion, and the right to peaceful protest, and many university officials rely on the Calvin Commission report of 1967 in defending students’ freedom to express their positions. At the same time, opposition to Israel in the United States is a right protected by the Constitution, and all individuals or groups are free to express their opinions on this issue, or any other issue, without fear of any legal consequences, but the winds blow against

the ship's desire, despite media efforts in demolishing the suffering over what Gaza is being exposed to and the massacres committed against its children and its development, but this did not prevent university students from knowing the truth, and disobedience in universities demanding that they meet the demands of their wealthy supporters who support Israel, which was evident in the protests in support of the Palestinians carried out by many students. University, especially at Harvard University, where several student associations denounced, in a petition, the Israeli regime's responsibility for the attacks launched by the Islamic Resistance (Hamas) on October 7.

This prompted many wealthy Americans who support the Israeli occupation to threaten universities, especially Harvard, with cutting off the aid they provide to universities unless measures are taken against these students.

For example, billionaire Kenneth Griffin, founder of the hedge fund, who donated \$500 million to Harvard University, called on the administration of the famous University of Massachusetts to intensify its efforts to defend Israel, describing the denunciations of student unions as "inexcusable."

Griffin was not the only person, as the head of the Pershing Square hedge fund and Bill Ackman requested a list of members of the associations that signed the petition, saying, via Twitter previously: "A number of CEOs are waiting for Harvard to publish a list of the names of the members of each of those organizations that... "I published the statement attributing full responsibility for Hamas' heinous actions to Israel, so that none of us would unwittingly employ one of them."

The famous law firm, Davis Polk, also rescinded job offers made to three students from Harvard and Columbia University in New York, saying: "The opinions expressed in some statements are in direct conflict with our value system. To ensure a supportive and inclusive work environment, the student leaders who signed these announcements are welcome.

While Secret Leslie Wexner, the former president of Victoria, decided to sever his ties with Harvard University, and World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder threatened to cut off donations to the University of Pennsylvania after he criticized its hosting of a Palestinian writers festival in which anti-Semitic statements were allegedly made, as announced by the former US ambassador to China's Jon Huntsman said he would "close his checkbook."

As a result of students expressing their opinions in support of Gaza, the university system in the US state of Florida, in cooperation with the state's

governor, Ron DeSantis, directed colleges to close branches of a student organization whose national leadership supported the Hamas attack on Israel. The Florida university system announced that Students for Justice in Palestine chapters should be dismantled as part of the Republican-led state's "crackdown" on student demonstrations that provide "harmful support to terrorist groups." According to several reports, Florida authorities are considering suspending students and firing administrators and faculty who made these pro-Palestine demonstrations possible.

According to the New York Post newspaper, a number of pro-Palestine demonstrations witnessed violence, while demonstrations swept across the country. Nearly 20 demonstrators were arrested in New York City during an anti-Israel demonstration in Brooklyn, while marches were marred in Illinois. Minnesota and Oregon reported violence, according to authorities in those states.

Lincolnwood police said that during a pro-Israel event in Skokie, Illinois, about 200 pro-Palestinian demonstrators attended, and as they crossed the street in front of a mall, a man pulled out his weapon and fired into the air. At the same protest, a person was hit by a car and the driver then fled to an unknown destination.

At least 15 pro-Palestine demonstrators were also pepper-sprayed, a spokesman for the American Palestinian Community Network in Chicago said. Also on the West Coast, a man was arrested after police said he fired a "spatter ball" at demonstrators during a pro-Palestinian rally for Palestine.

➤ **Regarding the right to work:**

MSNBC has quietly suspended three of its Muslim anchors - (each of whom had an hour-long program presented by himself daily) - since the start of the Gaza crisis on the 7th of this month, and the three became: Mahdi Hassan, Ayman Mohieldin, and Ali Velshi. They appear only as commentators on events.

Lenox Hill Hospital, in Manhattan, New York City, also fired the emergency department doctor, Dana Diab, for allegedly praising what Hamas did and rejoicing in the tragedies, after a complaint from the "Stop Anti-Semitism" organization.

➤ **Regarding the right to life and security:**

Attempts to silence voices also extended to members of Congress, and the progressive Democratic female representatives in the House of

Representatives, known for their criticism of Israel, faced a violent reaction from their Republican and Democratic colleagues as well, in addition to Jewish organizations, because of their statements after the start of “Al-Aqsa Flood” operation. The most important of these representatives is Ilhan Omar from Minnesota, Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Cori Bush of Missouri, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

Condemnation of violence and demands for the necessity of working to achieve peace and a ceasefire dominated the MPs’ reaction to the events, but that position angered supporters of the Israeli side who only wanted to attack and condemn the Hamas movement without addressing the suffering of the Palestinians, or the violence practiced against them.

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar also said she received death threats following the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, and she and other progressive lawmakers critical of Israel also received a briefing by US Capitol Police, warning them of potential threats.

As a result of the American measures and hate speech against the Palestinians, the Palestinian-American child Wadih Al-Fayoum, aged six, was killed by an elderly American, aged 71, after he was stabbed 26 times, in addition to seriously wounding his mother, aged 32, in the state of Illinois, and the police linked the crime to the ongoing fighting between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip and to the fact that they are Muslims. A group of students also killed the young Algerian man, “Abdel Rahman Mufti,” (19 years old), by throwing him from the sixth floor at Montclair State University in the United States because of his support for the Palestinian cause. However, the university administration claimed that the young man committed suicide and denied the existence of any criminal suspicion!!

## 2. At the level of France:

Signs of solidarity with Israel have doubled in France, 3 days after the start of Operation “Al-Aqsa Flood” against the occupation army, and why not, as it includes the largest Jewish community in Europe, as immediately after the news of the Hamas attacks on the borders of the Gaza Strip spread, the President quickly Emmanuel Macron, Prime Minister Elizabeth Bourne, and the Ministers of the Interior and Foreign Affairs, Gerald Dramanin and Catherine Colonna, called for denouncing the “terrorist” acts committed by Hamas fighters, affirming absolute support for Israel and its “legitimate right” to self-defense, and that “the war against terrorism is a common cause. We will continue... “Following it up with Israel and with all our allies,” but they

did not condemn Israel's killing of civilians and its destruction of homes on the heads of their residents, nor did they utter the terms and vocabulary of brutality, barbarism, genocide, and war crimes, as this is self-defense.

In France, there is a great emphasis on the fact that the war is not between Palestine and Israel, but rather between Israel and Hamas, in order to gain popular sympathy, which did not accept that France's views were against the Palestinians.

➤ **Regarding political actions:**

The first step of support after the statements was the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to Tel Aviv, to declare solidarity with Israel after the attacks launched by the Palestinian resistance on towns surrounding Gaza, and to seek to revive the peace process and prevent further escalation in the region, saying that he came to Israel to remind everyone recognized it "right to defend herself" in the face of what he described as destruction.

He added, in a press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in occupied Jerusalem: "Our priority and the priority of all democracies and France is victory over terrorist groups," proposing to build a regional and international coalition to confront the groups that threaten everyone.

He pointed out: "We will continue our efforts to release the French hostages," and that Hamas detained a French woman and this is certain, while there are 6 other French nationals who are missing and may be hostages.

With the authorization of French President Emmanuel Macron, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin announced intensive strengthening of security in 400 places where the Jewish community gathers, including places of worship, schools and monuments, in which security measures had previously been strengthened since mid-September, coinciding with the Jewish holidays which was celebrated.

The French Minister of the Interior also announced a new step targeting associations in France that stood in solidarity with Palestine, as judicial measures will be taken against these associations under Article 40 of the Penal Code, on charges of supporting Al-Qsa Flood Operation.

➤ **Regarding the right to demonstrate and protest peacefully:**

In a related context, French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin decided to ban demonstrations in support of the Palestinian people throughout the country,



as he directed instructions to ban pro-Palestinian demonstrations to local authorities, through a statement the contents of which were published on the website of the French Ministry of Interior, justifying the ban by saying that these demonstrations would lead to "disturbing public order" in France. In addition to banning demonstrations in support of the Palestinian people, the French authorities have tightened security measures around hundreds of sites, including Jewish schools and synagogues.

The French government, following the closure of the broadcast of Al-Aqsa satellite channel affiliated with Hamas, since October 12, banned "all pro-Palestinian demonstrations," claiming that they "could disrupt public order," and in light of the gathering of some supporters of the Palestinian cause, the French security forces did not hesitate to fire gas. Teardrops and water cannons were used to disperse the demonstrators and 4 people were arrested after chants such as "Israel is a killer, Macron is an accomplice," were heard, according to the Lyon municipality.

In the city of Montpellier, police officers arrested a person who appeared to be of Arab origin, after he chanted "Freedom for Palestine" during a pro-Israel march.

In Paris, incidents were observed in front of Jewish synagogues in the 16th arrondissement, where police arrested a man on Sunday on charges of "promoting terrorism and directing a racist insult," in addition to arresting 4 people in the 17th arrondissement for the same reason. In another demonstration organized in the French capital, security forces stopped demonstrators who were carrying Palestinian flags and wearing keffiyehs around their necks, and imposed fines on a total of 752 people, in addition to arresting 13 people in Strasbourg, and 4 people in Marseille.

Despite the restrictions and silencing, in the end the solidarity marches with Gaza were victorious in a number of Western countries. In Paris, the French government acquiesced after French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin banned pro-Palestinian demonstrations, and once the Administrative Court in Paris announced the lifting of the ban.

➤ **Regarding the right to express one's opinion:**

Meanwhile, French Minister of Justice Eric Dupond-Moretti threatened "seven years in prison" for anyone who sympathizes with what Israel is being exposed to, supports Hamas, or declares its support, saying: "Some have recommended that Hamas and Israeli representatives sit around one table! It is as if you are asking someone to The French government must sit with ISIS at the same table."

He continued, saying: "I also want to remind you that anyone who calls on people to pass a positive judgment on Hamas or Islamic Jihad will face a 5-year prison sentence...and if they broadcast provocative speech on social media, they will be imprisoned not only for 5 years, but for 7 years."

The French authorities not only banned demonstrations in support of Palestine, but also imposed house arrest on the 71-year-old Palestinian activist Maryam Abu Daqqa, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, in preparation for her expulsion from the country, amid widespread condemnation of this measure by French politicians and activists in the country.

The justifications given by the French authorities to expel the Palestinian activist, whose 27 family members were martyred in the ongoing aggression launched by the Israeli occupation against the Gaza Strip, stated that the measure comes in view of "the threat that (Abu Daqqa) poses to public order in the current context."

"It is characterized by extreme tension related to the war between Israel and Hamas."

While the leader of the French "New Anti-Capitalist Party", Philippe Bouteau, faces prosecution on charges of "anti-Semitism and supporting terrorism," Bouteau had expressed his "full support for the struggle of the Palestinian people to liberate their land, including the struggle of armed resistance, against colonialism that... "Led by the war-hungry state of Israel."

In Parliament, Republican MP Stephane Le Rodolier called on Prime Minister Elizabeth Bourne to dissolve the "New Anti-Capitalist Party," the "Proud France" movement, and the "Indigènes de la Republic" party, because he accused them of "supporting terrorism and anti-Semitism."

In addition, the star of the French football club Montpellier, Musa Al-Taamari, was exposed to many threats as a result of his continued support for Palestine and Gaza, which could expose him to imprisonment for a period of no less than 5 years, according to French law.

➤ **Regarding the right to work:**

Also, the Egyptian TikToker, Karim Qabbani, was fired from his job in France because of his solidarity with the Palestinian cause, saying, in a video clip of him on his account on the TikTok website: "I was fired from work because my opinions are controversial, and there is a colleague at work who always spreads her support for the occupation forces via the Story feature."

Karim Qabbani said: “The employer told me, Karim, that you have been uploading stories and reports for a while, and this is not the right thing because you have a lot of followers and the customers will not like this. I told him that you want me to stop what I am doing, but he said no.”

He added: “They called me on my day off from work and said, ‘Come on,’ and I actually went to meet them and they showed me a piece of paper with items stating that we both dispense with each other, and before I went to meet them, they took me out of the WhatsApp group. I felt a little bit wronged, but this is not necessary for those who are being wronged in Palestine.”

While the French club Nice also issued an official statement in which it announced the suspension of Algerian international Youssef Atal until further notice, due to a post in which he supported the Palestinian cause, claiming that this post was anti-Semitic. The club also announced, via its website, disciplinary sanctions that were taken with immediate effect, before other sanctions were issued by the French sports and judicial authorities, especially after the Public Prosecution in the city of Nice opened a preliminary investigation against the Algerian national team star on charges of “defending terrorism,” and “Incitement to hatred or violence based on a particular religion.”

➤ **Regarding the right to nationality:**

Sport, which is the people's outlet, was not spared from these human rights violations and attacks, as the star of the Saudi Al-Ittihad club and the French national team, winner of the 2022 Ballon d'Or, Karim Benzema, was subjected to a major attack by French ministers, parliamentarians, politicians and journalists against the backdrop of his declaration of solidarity with Palestine, after writing a pamphlet on the “X” platform, he said: “All our prayers are for the people of Gaza who are once again falling victim to this unjust bombing that does not spare women or children.”

Following this publication, French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin accused Benzema of belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood in a television interview. The Interior Minister’s statements opened the appetite of French politicians and journalists to attack Benzema, as parliamentarian Valerie Poyer said on her page on the “X” website: “If Karim Benzema is linked to the Muslim Brotherhood, we must at least withdraw the Ballon d’Or from him (a symbolic punishment), but also and above all his French nationality,” demanding that French nationality and the Ballon d’Or be withdrawn from Karim Benzema, the Saudi Al-Ittihad player.

The campaign to smear Benzema, in addition to Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin, included several French political figures, including former European Parliament member Nadine Morano, who told C News and Europe 1 radio that Benzema chose his camp and became “an agent of propaganda.” It is practiced by Hamas and aims to destroy Israel.”

It was the turn of the far-right politician, John Masiha, to attack the former Real Madrid star. He said, “Benzema feels more connected to the Islamic nation than to France, and like many others, he is French only on paper.”

As for Karim Benzema's lawyer, Hughes Vigier, he confirmed that his client is preparing to file a lawsuit against the French Minister of the Interior and his instigators.

### 3. At the level of Germany:

In German society today, support for Israel is seen as a prerequisite for a newly constructed collective German identity. While a degree of sensitivity toward Israel seems understandable given Germany's brutal anti-Semitic history, the issue has become more problematic in recent years, as responsibility for Israel's security is increasingly emphasized in terms of the need to provide a "safe haven" for Israeli Jews, which was confirmed by the speech of then German Chancellor Angela Merkel before the Knesset in 2008, where she declared that Israel's security is an integral part of Germany's *raison d'être*. Likewise, the German Foreign Ministry, in its 2016 Bundeswehr strategy proposals, cited the “special responsibility” to protect “Israel's security,” and the “right to exist” as strategic priorities for German foreign and security policy.

While Germany's position on recognizing the Palestinian state is clear from the statement of German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, following a meeting with the Palestinian President in Berlin on August 17, 2022, that he believes that the time is not appropriate to recognize a Palestinian state, calling for a negotiated solution between Israel and the Palestinians, before changing the current status of Palestine as an observer state in the United Nations.

The German position expressed by Scholz appears to be consistent with the American position expressed by President Joe Biden by saying that the two-state solution option is a very distant goal. Germany, along with the United States and the United Kingdom, had opposed a draft resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly by a majority (87) votes on December 31, 2022, calling on the International Court of Justice to express an “advisory opinion” on the issue of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, and to determine “the legal consequences of Israel's continued violation of the right to the Palestinian people are entitled to self-

determination,” in addition to its measures “to change the demographic composition, character and status of the city of Jerusalem,” and Israel’s adoption of discriminatory legislation and measures to perpetuate this policy the day after Benjamin Netanyahu assumed the presidency of a government that is the most right-wing in Israel’s history.

At a time when Germany condemns the actions of some Palestinian factions by targeting the Israeli interior, it also gives Israel the right to respond and defend itself. While Germany always affirms the right to establish two states, and always rejects the construction of settlements, it believes that the time is not appropriate to recognize a Palestinian state.

That is, the German position is characterized by complexity and sensitivity regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The complexities of the German position are represented by several angles, the first of which is that Germany has a critical view of the Israeli settlement policy, and it also has concern about the human rights situation in Israel. Germany is also the largest country in the European Union, which in turn supports the Palestinians politically and economically. From another angle, "Germany is considered Israel's most important partner, after the United States, and for historical reasons there is German support for Israel."

➤ **Regarding political actions:**

Following the start of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz condemned the Hamas movement's attack on the Israeli entity, stressing that Berlin will not abandon its goal of making its Israeli and Palestinian friends who want peace live side by side without terrorism. The German Chancellor was also part of a joint statement issued by France, the United States and Britain. During the statement, firm and united support for the State of Israel and categorical condemnation of the Hamas movement and its horrific terrorist acts were expressed, and it was stressed that there is no justification or legitimacy for the terrorist acts it carries out, and it must be universally condemned, as well as supporting Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against similar atrocities, claiming that they recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people and support equal measures of justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike, and that Hamas does not represent these aspirations and does not advance the Palestinian people. "Nothing but more terror and bloodshed."

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humanitarian aid. Federal Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock declared, on the NTV program “BuisenHearts,” that development cooperation and humanitarian aid are “two different things,” adding: “I think it would be fatal to say "Now we simply should no longer provide food aid, for example." This was confirmed by the Minister of Development and International Cooperation, Svenja Schulze, that she is in the process of conducting a review of the aid it provides to the Palestinians, as Berlin has always been keen to verify that the use of funds is limited to peaceful purposes, adding: “However, these attacks on Israel have created a major rift, causing... We will review all our dealings with the Palestinian territories,” she added, saying that her country will discuss with Israel the best ways to serve development projects in the region in coordination with international partners.

In a related context, German Chancellor Olaf Schulz visited Israel on October 19, 2023, and during this visit he made many statements about Operation Al-Aqsa Flood and the Israeli war on Gaza, stressing his support for Israel in “defending itself,” and urging the German security services not to tolerate with any demonstration that shows solidarity with the Palestinian resistance that fights the Israeli occupation, and that “Israel’s security is one of Germany’s national interests, this applies especially in difficult hours like these. We will act accordingly.”

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German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius stressed that “Germany stands with Israel and its people,” repeating the message of solidarity that Schulz conveyed during his visit to Tel Aviv, promising to support the Israeli army with everything it needs.

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➤ **Regarding the right to demonstrate and protest peacefully:**

Germany was one of the most stringent countries in suppressing demonstrations in solidarity with the Palestinian case coinciding with the bombing of Gaza, despite the fact that the first paragraph in Article 8 of the German Constitution indicates: "All Germans have the right to assemble peacefully without weapons, without registration or requesting permission." There are significant obstacles and impediments if this right to assembly is to be restricted and a ban on demonstrations is imposed; The ban must have strong justifications, as Germany's highest court, the Supreme Constitutional Court, clearly confirms.

However, there are some prohibitions imposed on pro-Palestine demonstrations, as anyone who violates Article (86A) of the Penal Code, i.e. publishing or using symbols or signs of anti-constitutional and terrorist organizations, shall be punished with imprisonment of up to three years or a fine. In the context of demonstrations in Germany regarding the conflict in the Middle East, the use of flags of organizations classified as terrorist: "Hamas," "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine," "Palestinian Islamic Jihad," and "Hezbollah" is prohibited, according to the response of the Ministry of the Interior in Bremen to a question asked by the public media organization ARD in Germany. It also prohibits signs and banners that support Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel, as well as banners that openly call for murder, rape, hostage-taking, and encouragement of violence against Israel and the Jews (Paragraph 140 of the Penal Code). Burning the Israeli flag is also considered a criminal act punishable by law. An article in the Penal Code was amended three years ago, making burning all flags legally prohibited.

It is worth noting that on May 13, 2023, the German authorities also refused to grant licenses for pro-Palestinian demonstrations and gatherings in Berlin on the occasion of the Nakba. The German police said that these events included a call to hatred and denied Israel's right to exist.

This extremism was clearly demonstrated by the ban on solidarity demonstrations with the Palestinians since October 11. A demonstration that was scheduled to be organized in Berlin was banned, at a time when about

750 people participated in a demonstration in the city of Frankfurt, where the police briefly arrested 100 people under the pretext of verification. From the identity, the German Federal Police announced that it would work to prosecute according to the evidence, after identifying all the people who refused to leave the demonstration.

Despite the ban, thousands of demonstrators took part in various German cities, marching in solidarity with Palestine. For example, in the capital, Berlin, about 6,000 people marched from the Oranienplatz area to Hermannplatz Square in a demonstration under the slogan “Get rid of colonialism against global oppression.” Demonstrators in Berlin also held an absent funeral prayer for the victims of the Israeli aggression in Palestine. In the city of Dusseldorf, about 7,500 people participated in a pro-Palestine demonstration.

On October 15, the authorities broke up a peaceful protest - before it began - in Potsdamer Square in Berlin, due to “the influx of large numbers of people carrying pro-Palestine slogans,” and the police subsequently arrested 127 people. The German authorities also banned the wearing of the Palestinian “koffiyeh”/ scarf in schools. The presence of flags and symbols supporting Palestine became sufficient reason for the authorities to break up demonstrations and marches and arrest their participants.

A police spokesman announced that the Berlin police had approved two requests to organize pro-Palestinian demonstrations, and the request to authorize them was submitted as two silent protests.

But at least seven were refused permission, including one under the slogan “Berlin Jews Against Violence in the Middle East” and another under the slogan “Youth Against Racism,” and at least 190 people were arrested during protests.

It is worth noting that court decisions in Germany regarding allowing demonstrations vary depending on the location of the demonstration and the organizers. This is because the authorities must assess, before the demonstration, the risks to determine the possibility of violations and crimes occurring.

On the other hand, the German authorities allowed the organization of a large demonstration in Berlin on Sunday, October 29, 2023, where the primary goal will be against anti-Semitism and solidarity with Israel. The main speaker at the event, which will be held at the Brandenburg Gate, will be German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and the organizers expect the



participation of About 10,000 people, and Israel's ambassador to Germany, Ron Prosor, is scheduled to speak at the event as well.

Islam Hosni, an Egyptian residing in Germany, says that despite allowing those in solidarity with the Israeli occupation to demonstrate and raise their flags, some universities have announced that they will not allow demonstrations on their campuses in support of the Palestinian case, and anyone who declares his solidarity with the case on social media sites is exposed to harm in his work. For example, An Egyptian doctor was prevented from receiving his shift at the hospital, and was suspended from work simply for writing a blog post declaring his solidarity with Gaza. He stressed that these measures include Arabs, Muslims, and even Germans who support the Palestinian case, and that any resident, whether working or studying, is threatened with arrest or deportation if his/her sympathy for Gaza is proven.

➤ **Regarding the right to express one's opinion:**

In continuation of the series of violations of the right to expression and opinion, German Chancellor Olaf Schulz announced, in a statement in the German Parliament "Bundestag", that the Palestinian "Samidoun" network, which celebrated "one of the largest terrorist attacks" in the streets of Berlin, will be banned, as according to "Commission for the Protection of the Constitution" (domestic intelligence); Samidoun is anti-Israel and part of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, also announcing a ban on the activities of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) in Germany after Operation Al-Aqsa Flood.

Egyptian journalist activist Basma Mostafa said: "As an immigrant in Germany, I face restrictions on freedom of expression and threats of expulsion because I defend Palestine despite Berlin's claim that it possesses democratic values."

➤ **Regarding the right to work:**

**German sporting clubs did not differ from the German government's approach in restricting supporters of the Palestinian case.** The German club Mainz terminated the contract of its Dutch player of Moroccan origin, Anwar Al-Ghazi, after he published a blog post declaring his solidarity with Palestine against the brutal aggression by the Zionist entity. This came after only one month. Since he joined the team on a free transfer, and although the player deleted the post after the fierce attack he received from the club's

fans, the German club imposed the largest possible penalty and terminated the contract with him.

Meanwhile, Issa Al-Aidouni, a player for the Tunisian national team and the German club Union Berlin, is being subjected to a fierce attack on social media by fans of the German club because of his declaration of solidarity with Palestine. The club's supporters demanded the necessity of terminating the contract and removing the player from the team's ranks because of his support for the Palestinian people.

While the German fans of Bayern Munich launched a massive attack campaign against the Moroccan player Nassir Mazraoui, Bayern Munich defender, after he expressed his opinion through a post in which he supported Palestine, which prompted the club to conduct an investigation into "Mazraoui's actions," provided that there is a hearing. With the player, after his return from participating with the "Atlas Lions" national team.

#### 4. At the level of Britain:

It is no secret to anyone that Britain's role is the reason for the presence of the Israeli enemy entity in the heart of the Arab world, especially in Palestine, because of its importance to Muslims and honorable Arabs. Therefore, the British role has not changed now following Al-Aqsa Flood operation, as the UK's positions are based on adopting and supporting the Israeli vision, Israel remains as an advanced outpost for their goals, thereby weakening the Arabs in particular and the region in general, and keeping it tense so that it does not achieve growth and stability.

#### ➤ Regarding political actions:

While speaking for the first time about the situation in Gaza before the House of Commons in its first session since the beginning of the current Palestinian-Israeli war, the British Prime Minister of Indian origin, Rishi Sunak, said that the solution to the crisis between Gaza and Israel would be a two-state solution, announcing that Britain would spend 10 million pounds sterling. Additional humanitarian aid to Gaza, where thousands died as a result of Israeli air strikes, while hundreds live in the Strip without electricity and water.

But it seems that the British position towards the war between Gaza and Israel has changed, as on October 12, the British government announced the deployment of military equipment for maritime and air surveillance in the

eastern Mediterranean “to support Israel, enhance regional security, and prevent any escalation,” In light of the war between the Hebrew state and Hamas.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office said that London will deploy two British Royal Navy ships, helicopters and surveillance aircraft in the eastern Mediterranean in support of Israel and to enhance regional stability.

Sunak’s office said in a statement: “Maritime patrols and surveillance aircraft will begin operating in the region starting Friday to monitor threats to regional stability, such as the transfer of weapons to terrorist groups,” explaining that the military equipment sent includes a B-8 aircraft and two ships belonging to the Royal Navy. Three Merlin helicopters and a company of Royal Marines.

Sunak’s office said that the military will be on alert to provide “operational support” to Israel and ensure “deterrence,” adding: “Our military and diplomatic teams across the region will support international partners to re-establish security and ensure humanitarian aid reaches thousands of innocent victims of this barbaric attack by Hamas terrorists.” ”.

British Home Secretary Suella Braverman sent a letter to senior police commanders in England and Wales, warning them of any manifestations of support for the Hamas movement in the streets, following the attack launched by the movement inside Israel, calling on the police to use full force to prevent the appearance of what she described as “symbols or slogans.” “Antagonism to Israel on the streets of the country, especially in neighborhoods inhabited by the Jewish community.”

The Minister of Interior stressed that anyone who wears the movement’s uniform, chants its slogans, or carries flags and pictures supporting it “disrupts public order and commits a criminal offense punishable by law.”

The British Home Secretary also submitted a proposal to the police to criminalize the raising of Palestinian flags and chants in support of Arab countries during demonstrations, considering that “waving the Palestinian flag or chanting a chant calling for the freedom of Arabs in the region may be a criminal offense.”

She said: “I encourage the police to consider whether chants such as: ‘From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free’ express a violent desire to erase Israel from the world, and whether their use in certain contexts may be acceptable or amount to extreme racism.”

Palestine solidarity groups in London commented that this message set “a dangerous precedent in denying democratic rights, but they still expect tens

of thousands to come out” in a march through the capital in support of Palestine. The director of the “Palestine Solidarity” campaign, one of the six groups organizing the march, described Braverman's letter, called it “an attack on the fundamental right of British citizens to show solidarity with the legitimate desire of the Palestinian people to realize their rights.”

On October 19, British Prime Minister Sunak also went to Israel to visit it, and during the visit he declared: “We are by your side, we want you to win,” stressing: “Britain stands with Israel and it is necessary to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, given that the Palestinians are some kind of victim.” Hamas did it.”

➤ **Regarding the right to demonstrate and protest peacefully:**

Although the British Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, directed the senior police commanders in England and Wales to use full force to prevent the appearance of what she described as “anti-Israel symbols or slogans in the streets of the country,” many demonstrations began in the heart of the British capital, London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other cities. It has different political backgrounds, such as the International Network of Jews with Palestine, the British Socialist Labor Party, and the Association of Colored Women, and they declared all support for the Palestinians.

Perhaps the most prominent demonstrations were those near the headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), before a demonstration near Parliament and the residence of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak in Downing Street. Some demonstrators threw red paint on the facade of the BBC headquarters, and a group announced Palestine Action claimed responsibility for the work, accusing the network of complicity that “stains blood on its hands” against the backdrop of its coverage of the war, while some during the London demonstration raised Palestinian flags and banners with slogans written on them, including “Freedom for Palestine,” “Stop the massacre,” and “Sanctions for Israel.”

British police arrested three people during a demonstration in front of the Israeli embassy in London, and arrested four other people in St. Peter's Square. Greater Manchester Police also announced that four people had been arrested on suspicion of breaching the peace, and video footage on social media shows a young man with a flag. The Palestinian, wrapped around his shoulders, is walked towards a police car by a crowd of officers. A 22-year-

old woman was reportedly arrested in Sussex, in southeastern England, on suspicion of giving a pro-Hamas speech.

➤ **Regarding the right to express one's opinion:**

In a related context of suppressing the right to express opinion, **the London Transport Authority announced** that the subway driver who led the chant of “Free, Free Palestine” on the London Underground train was suspended from work pending further investigation into the incident.

Notably, the driver of the Central Line service said “free, free,” while passengers responded with “Palestine” — a popular chant at the protests — leading to pressure to sack the driver.

Glen Barton, chief operating officer at TfL, said: “We carried out an urgent and thorough investigation into the footage showing a Tube driver abusing the PA system and leading chants on a Central Line train. The driver has now been identified and suspended while we continue the full investigation into "The incident was in line with our policies and procedures."

➤ **Regarding the right to work:**

Meanwhile, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) announced that it was investigating 6 of its Arab journalists after they praised on the “X” platform Al-Aqsa Flood Operation, which was launched by the Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation, while the BBC retreated from describing supporters of the Palestinian cause as supporters of the Islamic Resistance Movement. (Hamas), and British reports stated that the BBC suspended 6 of its Arab branch correspondents. As a result, the BBC witnessed several resignations, especially for its contribution to the bombing of Baptist Hospital, following the publication of a report entitled “Is Hamas building tunnels under hospitals and schools?” The most prominent of these resignations are: The BBC’s correspondent in North Africa, the Tunisian journalist. Bassam Bounni, and Lebanese journalist Ibrahim Shammas.

➤ **Regarding sports:**

**Reactions varied at the level of British sport.** The British Minister for Culture, Media and Sport, Lucy Freeze, criticized the Football Association’s decision due to the decision not to light the arch of Wembley Stadium in the colors of the Israeli flag before the friendly match between England and Australia, and to allow only flags, playing shirts, etc. that reflect identity of fans of competing teams inside the stadium.



Fraser said she was "extremely disappointed" by the decision given that the arch of England's national football stadium had previously carried the yellow and blue colors as an expression of solidarity with Ukraine after the Russian war.

The English newspaper "Mirror" reported that a number of Arab and Muslim football stars informed their clubs in the English Premier League that they reject any manifestation of bias towards Israel or disrespect for the martyrs of Palestine during matches and that they will leave the field immediately in the event of a violation of these provisions. The newspaper also revealed that one of the clubs in The English Premier League separated two of its players after they clashed over differences of opinion regarding the events in Gaza.

Meanwhile, Arsenal issued an urgent statement to the Egyptian team's midfielder, Mohamed Elneny, following the player's support for Palestine and the Palestinian cause, in light of what the Palestinian brothers in Gaza have been subjected to during the past days by the occupation army. According to the British newspaper The Telegraph, the club warned its player of the violent reactions he might face due to his posts. The club did not order its players to delete their messages or replace emojis, but told them that any posts on the topic could cause discomfort or anger among their global fan base.

### **General analysis**

- What is happening on the international scene in terms of declared support for the crimes of murder and destruction practiced on the people of Gaza, is an indication that Western countries, especially the United States, no longer have a need to adorn themselves with the terms of diplomacy, human rights, freedom and democracy that they take as their slogan in international forums, as Achieving its interests has become the priority on which their arrogant decisions in support of Israel are based, without the slightest regard for international legitimacy.
- Since the start of "Al-Aqsa Flood" battle on October 7, Western governments, by exploiting their media, have been practicing a scandalous double standard: unspeakable bias towards Israel, adopting lies and fabricating fake news while transmitting stories about killing children, beheadings, slaughtering and raping Israeli women, and all this is in order to portray Israel as an oppressed victim that fell easy

prey to the fangs of the Palestinian “criminals/terrorists,” all while Western governments, regardless of all Israeli violations and violations of international laws and standards in the Gaza Strip, by targeting civilian facilities, and carrying out large-scale attacks on civilian infrastructure in Gaza, as well as in the West Bank, which is devoid of the “ Hamas” movement, which Israel uses as an excuse to kill Palestinians. This indicates that “ Hamas” was only an excuse to implement what Israel aspires to, which is displacing the Palestinians from Gaza, and getting rid of them forever.

- While, during the Russian-Ukrainian war, Western countries accused, first and foremost, Moscow of practicing “aggression against a sovereign state,” in addition to accusing it of occupying and bombing infrastructure facilities, such as hospitals, schools, energy facilities, and civilian government centers, without evidence and for the sake of political agendas. It has become clear today, and therefore, it is supplying Ukraine with all types of advanced weapons available in order to defeat Russia, in addition to that it did not hesitate to put pressure on the International Criminal Court to issue an arrest warrant against the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, considering him a “war criminal.” When Western countries support Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who commits heinous massacres against 2,360 Palestinian children and wounds 5,364 others as of October 24, in addition to cutting off fuel, electricity and water from the Gaza Strip, which is inhabited by two million people!!!
- **Perhaps the most prominent critic of this shameful duality is Dutch MP Stefan van Baarle**, who criticized the West’s handling of the Gaza massacres compared to what they did with the Russian war on Ukraine, saying: “When a Russian missile hits a hospital in Ukraine, it is considered a war crime. But when this happens in Gaza, you ignore, and when a dam explodes in Ukraine, you say that Russia committed a war crime, but when two million people die because Tel Aviv besieges them and deprives them of water, food, and medicine, you take a silent position. This means that your discourse and humanity change when the perpetrator is “Israel.”  
**There is another example of this duality, when European Commission President von der Leyen appeared from Kiev** and accused Russia of killing children and bombing schools, hospitals and infrastructure, and called on the countries of the world to confront what she considered at the time as “Russian criminality.” Then she herself appeared a few days ago in Tel Aviv, in a video clip, wearing a

helmet, standing on the side of the killer, and saying: “We provide unconditional support to Israel in order to defend itself.” Even the European Union employees could not bear this duplicity and justification of the killing, so they wrote a letter to von der Leyen (signed by 842 European Commission officials) in which they accused her of “free hand to accelerate crime in Gaza,” and they also criticized her for destroying the credibility of the European Union.

- The Western countries, led by the United States, France, Germany and Britain, did not limit themselves to declaring their complete bias towards the Israeli occupation, but rather the Western countries’ support for “the countries of freedom and democracy” went beyond persecuting voices supporting the Palestinian cause and preventing them from expressing their opinion, either by threatening them or persecuting them. She was arrested or even fired from her job, which once again revealed the double standards of the West, and the extent of the West’s racism in its dealings with issues that concern Arabs and Muslims.
- Human rights violations were not limited only to the right to express opinion, but included the right to work and the right to citizenship, as well as the right to peaceful protest and demonstration, and the right to freedom, as Western measures included suppressing demonstrations in support of the Palestinian cause, including university student protests, and the use of tear gas and water cannons to disperse these demonstrations, in addition to the arrest of participants in these demonstrations, in addition to threatening some supporting officials and pressuring them to abandon their opinions against the Israeli occupation. These violations extended to demanding the deportation of supporters of Palestine and dismissing them from their jobs, and also reached sports, which yesterday, they supported everything related to Ukraine against Russia, which was banned from participating in any sporting event, considering it a “terrorist state.” On the other hand, these same countries tended to terminate the contracts of players who supported Gaza after referring them for investigation, while preventing entry to stadiums wearing koffiyehs and Palestinian flags. .

**In short**, the support of American policies in support of Israel and its massacres against the Palestinians by European countries, led by England, France, Germany, is a blatant violation of the freedom of peoples and their right to live in peace in their homelands, and this is clearly evident in the

methods of their suppression of peaceful demonstrations in support of the rights of the Palestinian people, and in support for resistance as a legitimate right to defend Gaza, to stop the Israeli violations committed against Palestinian civilians, as well as the declared Western support that revealed the aspects of blatant hostility by supporting the oppressor over the oppressed with the legitimate right, provides a realistic practical lesson for Arabs and Muslims, so that they realize the danger of the hidden goals planned by great Western countries, by uniting their ranks and joining hands with their Palestinian brothers in Gaza to support truth and refute the forces of falsehood.

**Accordingly, the international community is required now more than ever to preserve human rights, abandon double standards, provide security, stability and peace in the Middle East region, end the Israeli occupation of the land of the State of Palestine with its capital in East Jerusalem on the 1967 lines, and recognize the people's right to independence and sovereignty.**

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