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Land Day protests: stop excessive force against demonstrators

In reaction to reports that scores of protesters marking Land Day have been injured, Ann Harrison, deputy director of Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa programme, said:

"News that Israeli forces are firing live ammunition on Land Day demonstrators near the Erez Crossing in Gaza, and that scores have been injured in protests in the West Bank, including occupied East Jerusalem is extremely worrying, particularly in the light of frequent and persistent use of excessive force against Palestinian protesters."

"We are also concerned at reports that Palestinian Authority security forces have tried to prevent protests in areas under their control, while Hamas security forces have beaten protesters in Gaza. All those involved in policing demonstrations should respect freedom of assembly and must adhere to international policing standards."

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