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Israel/ Occupied Territories: Amnesty International's fourth delegation

Amnesty International will send a new delegation to Israel and the Occupied Territories including the areas under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority on 8 January 2001.

The delegation includes Dr. Elizabeth Hodgkin, a researcher from the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, Carl Sooderbergh, Director of the Swedish Section of Amnesty International and David Holley, an independent military adviser.

The delegation, the fourth since the beginning of the present Intifada, will examine the use of lethal force by the Israeli forces against civilians, in particular the shooting against civilian residential areas, and the use of extrajudicial execution.

Amnesty International documented the findings of its previous missions in two separate reports. The reports titled "Excessive use of lethal force" and "Mass arrests and police brutality", focused on the excessive use of lethal force by Israeli forces against Palestinians during stonethrowing riots and breaches in judicial procedures regarding the arrests and detention of Palestinians and Israelis, including children.

To arrange interviews with the delegates please call Amnesty International's Press Office on +44 207 413 5566 or +44 7778 472 109.

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