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Israel/Occupied Territories: Amnesty International sends delegates to Israel

Following the deaths of demonstrators in Israel and the Occupied Territories, including the areas under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, Amnesty International is today sending delegates to investigate the circumstances of the killings and to make recommendations to the Israeli Government.

The delegation includes Elizabeth Hodgkin, a staff member in the International Secretariat of Amnesty International and Dr Stephen Males, a former senior UK police officer who has worked extensively in training police in Nepal and other countries. Stephen Males has a doctorate in police management and has made extensive studies of sensitive control of public order.

Meanwhile Amnesty International regrets the refusal of Israel to cooperate with the proposed US-headed commission of inquiry. The organization continues to call for the setting up of a commission of inquiry composed of independent and impartial investigators which should have the power to make on-site visits and question all those involved, including members of the security services. The findings of such an inquiry should be made public.

Amnesty International's delegates can be contacted in Israel from 5 October on: +972 50 576 032.

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