

Special Committee for the Rights of the Child
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Dear Madam Chairwoman,

I would like to bring to your attention the continued harassment of Janna Tamimi, also known under her pen name of Janna Jihad, a 15-year-old Palestinian human rights defender and journalist who lives in the small village of Nabi Saleh, located in the occupied West Bank.

Since she was a child of seven, Janna Tamimi used video recordings to document how the military occupation and the threats and violence they were subjected to by the Israeli Army affected the lives of her family and other inhabitants of Nabi Saleh. When she was 13, she was issued a press card, becoming one of the youngest press card-carrying journalists in the world.

Because of her non-violent journalistic work, Janna Tamimi has been subjected to intimidation, including death threats, and smear campaigns. As an inhabitant of Nabi Saleh, she also has to experience frequent night raids, restrictions of movement, the shelling of her village with tear gas and other violence at the hands of the Israeli armed forces.

I appeal to the Knesset's Special Committee for the Rights of the Child to take up the situation of Janna Tamimi with the Israeli authorities and to demand that her right to freedom of expression and to freedom from harassment and abuse are fully respected and protected. I ask you to remind the government of Israel that its responsibilities under the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child also extend to children in areas under Israeli military control.

Yours sincerely,