

## **Press Release**

### **On the Histadrut Statement 31.5.2010**

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The Palestinian General Federation of Trade unions, PGFTU reacted with shock at the irresponsible stand taken by General Federation of Labour in Israel, Histadrut, regarding to the Israeli Forces brutal attacks on civilians, including trade unionists, on freedom flotilla that tried to breach the Israeli military blockade of Gaza coastline in Palestine.

Instead of denouncing killing of the civilians on Flotilla, demanding to end the military blockade imposed for more than three years on Gaza, the Histadrut exploits a union to union cooperation to handle industrial complaints for Palestinian workers as a cover to escape from the ethical responsibility as free , independent trade unions, to condemn the crime which was strongly denounced by all freedom lovers around the world.

We in the PGFTU join the International Trade Unions and United Nations calls for putting end for the military blockade on Gaza NOW, and demanding a full inquiry which must be independent in order to be credible. We condemn any attempt by Histadrut to hide behind Union to Union cooperation in order to justify brutal assaults against civilians who tried to offer humanitarian assistant to 1.5 million Palestinian, mostly working people, in Gaza.

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