



## **PNGO Condemns Israeli Occupying Forces for the Raiding of Health Work Committees Headquarters**

The Israeli Occupying State denying Palestinians all their Rights including Right to Health

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On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 heavily armed Israeli occupying forces stormed the headquarters of the General Directorate of Health Work Committees in Al-Bireh at 5:00 am. Israeli occupying forces smashed the doors and locks of office, damaged desks, threw files on the ground, leaving their marks all around the office.

Israeli occupying power has a long history in hindering the work of CSOs including medical care to Palestinians by blocking ambulances at checkpoints, harassing medics, violating patient privacy, and restricting medical patients to receive necessary medical treatment. Most recently Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem was raided by armed Israeli occupying forces and search dogs terrorizing cancer patients. The violations committed against hospitals and HWC not only violate international law but also constitute war crimes.

- PNGO calls upon Third States of the international community, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) to immediately intervene to protect health workers and health operational space.
- PNGO calls upon the Humanitarian Country Team to issue a urgent joint statement condemning Israeli armed forces continues violations against Palestinian CSOs which hinder the ability to provide adequate humanitarian services to vulnerable Palestinian populations.
- PNGO calls upon the international community especially the UN General Assembly to hold the occupying state of Israel accountable, and to reiterate its commitment to strengthening international law to ensure respect for and protection of medical staff and facilitates, and support international efforts to promote impartial investigation of, and accountability for, violations of international law in the oPt.

