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Virtual Side Event at the 20th Session of the ASP of the ICC

**Obstructing Justice and Promoting Impunity: Israel's Designation of
Palestinian Civil Society Organisations as "Terrorist Organisations"**

Co-hosted by the State of Palestine and Al-Haq

Wednesday, 8 December 2021 – 13:30 – 15:00 CET

On 19 October 2021, Israel designated six prominent Palestinian human rights and civil society organisations as “terrorist organisations”.

This designation is the latest attack in the ongoing intimidation campaign aimed at silencing and discrediting those that engage in documenting and seeking accountability for the grave war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Israel, the occupying power, in the territory of the State of Palestine.

This side event will discuss both **the intended and resulting consequences of this designation**, including:

- the **obstruction of justice** in the context of the Office of the Prosecutor’s investigation in the situation in the State of Palestine, especially in light of the court’s dire need for assistance and cooperation in order to fulfil its mandate properly and in a timely fashion.
- the **maintenance of Israel’s regime of domination and oppression** over the Palestinian people, through the continued persecution of organisations and individuals, including in particular because they oppose apartheid.

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Panel:

Moderation and introductory remarks: Ahmed Abofoul, Legal Researcher, Al-Haq.

- H.E Mr. Ammar Hijazi, Ambassador, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine;
- Dr. Susan Power, Head of Legal Research and Advocacy Department, Al-Haq;
- Mr. Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine Director, Human Rights Watch; and,
- Professor John Dugard, Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands) and the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), former Special Rapporteur for the United Nations Human Rights Council for the Occupied Palestinian Territories.