



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the
Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on OPT
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We align with the OIC statement, and thank the SR for her first report to the Council.

We reiterate our support for the mandate.

We strongly condemn the recent attack on Jenin by the Israeli occupation forces which is the worst violence in the West Bank over the decades.

The current report presents a comprehensive overview regarding the use of arbitrary deprivation of liberty as a key instrument of Israel's domination and oppression in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Such oppressive tools are manifestations of impunity as well as structural and systemic human rights violations, constituting dehumanization of Palestinian people and crimes against humanity.

The SR has rightly observed that Israel continues to derogate from its international obligations including ensuring access to a fair trial, and prohibition against torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

We share concerns over the likelihood of these offenses being cumulatively committed as part of apartheid policy of 'dePalestinization' of the occupied territory.

We echo the recommendations for the release all Palestinian detainees, especially children, and abolishing the unlawful occupation as the arbitrary deprivation is an instrument to prolong this occupation.

We call on this Council to uphold its responsibility towards the Palestinian people, and urge Israel's to immediately end its occupation, and comply with its obligations under international human rights law.

I thank you.