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Description of Terrorist Incident

On Wednesday evening of 26 October 2022, an armed terrorist opened fire on pilgrims and worshipers with a Kalashnikov rifle after entering the Shahcheragh Shrine in Shiraz. According to the statistics announced by authorities in Fars province and at the time of preparing the present report (27 October), 15 citizens lost their lives and more than 30 others sustained injuries during the terrorist incident. There are several women and three children among the martyrs. One of these children, named Artin Seraidaran, who suffered injuries in the terrorist attack, lost his father, mother and brother during the deadly terrorist incident. The terrorist was injured when the law enforcement forces entered the scene of the conflict and succumbed to injuries in the hospital despite undergoing several surgeries. In a statement, the Daesh terrorist group claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack. However, investigations regarding the affiliation of the terrorist, his nationality, the motives behind the terrorist attack and other complex issues related to such an act in the current situation and the role of other actors are underway.

Condemnation of Terrorist Attack by UN, Some Countries & Silence of Certain Others & Media Claiming to be Human Rights Champions

In a statement, the spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the United Nations condemned the Shahcheragh terrorist attack and expressed sympathy with the families of the victims. In separate statements, the authorities and officials of different countries also condemned this heinous crime and called for the global eradication of terrorism. This is while at the time of the preparation of the present report, the media and countries that claim to champion human rights which actually support terrorism and terrorist groups instead, as well as international human rights mechanisms that issue statements for trivial and unreal issues, have chosen to remain silent about the terrorist incident.

Reaction of Chief of Judiciary about Terrorist Incident

In addition to condemning the terrorist incident, the Chief of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic called the Fars Province Chief Justice Administration and gave him a strict order to identify the perpetrators and leaders of this bitter and unfortunate incident, using all security and law enforcement facilities, and ordered that a judicial case be filed and the perpetrators and commanders of the terrorist incident be sentenced to severe punishment *tout de suite*. The Chief Justice has also obliged the intelligence, security and law enforcement

agencies to swiftly and accurately pursue all the perpetrators and causes of such a crime and bring them to justice.

The Islamic Republic of Iran: Biggest Victim of Terrorism

Since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been one of the biggest victims of terrorism and a hotbed of domestic and foreign terrorist groups. During this period, they have martyred over 17,000 innocent people and seriously injured many others. Meanwhile, most of the assassinations, which amount to crimes against humanity, have been carried out by the Munafiqeen terrorist group.

The assassination is a clear violation of the mandatory and inviolable rules of international law, including the prohibition of the use of force contained in Paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, and violates the fundamental rules of international human rights, including the right to life enshrined in Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Therefore, it will result in the international responsibility of the commanders and supporters as well as the criminal responsibility of the perpetrators, abettors and partners of this crime.

It can be fairly acknowledged that the silence of the international community and especially the countries that claim to be the champions of human rights in the face of the sinister phenomenon of terrorism, exercising double standards towards acts of terror and the division of terrorists into good and evil, are the first and main reason for the serial and continuous commission of such crimes and the spread of terrorism throughout the world, including the recent assassination. Governments and international organizations who remain silent against the most heinous terrorist operations, shut their eyes to the assassination of over 17,000 innocent civilians in Iran, and turn their countries into a safe haven for terrorists by granting immunity thereto, are *absque dubio* the principal founders of the spread of terrorism in the world and have international responsibility due to their illegal actions at the international level.

The negative impacts of state terrorism and challenging the rule of law, in addition to the growing and systematic concern of the international community, are undoubtedly not limited to the countries that are victims of terrorism, the scope of which will extend to other countries – it is a bitter reality that reflects the international responsibility of all countries, especially international organizations, in reacting to and not remaining silent in the face of this sinister phenomenon.