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Palestinian NGO Al-Haq Wins Business & Human Rights Award: A Signal for Corporations to Step Up

Geneva, Paris, Ramallah, 26 November 2019 - Our organizations welcome the news that Al-Haq is to receive the [2019 Human Rights and Business Award](#) today at the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva. The organisation's work has been instrumental in unveiling corporate-related abuses of human rights and violations of humanitarian law.

Al-Haq's rigorous research and advocacy, often conducted under difficult conditions, have been key to protecting international law in Occupied Palestinian Territory. In particular, Al-Haq has repeatedly denounced businesses' involvement in projects conducted in illegal Israeli settlements.

Shawan Jabarin, General Director of Al-Haq said that "the award is seen as a tribute to all human rights defenders, and to the rule of law and justice. It is an affirmation that a business that does not respect human rights is a partner of violations and crimes, and needs to be pursued and exposed in order to limit and prevent the continuation of the violations and the collection of wealth and money at the expense of pain, freedom and rights."

Alice Mogwe, president of FIDH, said: "Al-Haq's work is critical to the protection of the human rights of the Palestinian people. However, as is the case for many defenders around the world, Al-Haq itself has been the target of threats, smear campaigns, intimidation and attacks. Awarded just one day after Omar Shakir has been expelled from Israel, following a decision which has taken the state yet one step further away from international standards protecting human rights and the rule of law, this award sends a message of hope to human rights defenders to continue their essential work." Al-Haq is a member-organisation of FIDH.

The Israeli Supreme Court ruled earlier this month to uphold the government's decision to revoke the work visa of Omar Shakir, the Israel and Palestine director of Human Rights Watch, leading to his being forced to leave the country.

For more information about Al-Haq's work and the award, read the [press release](#) of the Human Rights and Business Award Foundation.

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