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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**SMG CONDEMNS ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES FOR THE JENIN MASSACRE**

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) strongly and unreservedly condemns the killing of nine Palestinians and the injuring of at least 20 others in the Jenin Refugee Camp by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF).

Those killed included two children and a sixty-year-old woman Magda Obaid. Six (6) of the victims were fatally shot, one died after an IOF military jeep crushed his skull, and two were burned alive by rockets.

Eyewitness accounts say that the IOF also destroyed Jenin Youth Centre and a monument to the martyr Dawood Zubaidi;

The SMG is shocked by reports that the IOF deliberately prevented ambulances from reaching the wounded and the dying by shooting directly at them. It also fired tear gas at the children's block of a Jenin Hospital causing suffocation and injuries to children.

The Jenin Refugee Camp has been attacked on numerous occasions by the IOF over a 70-year period. In May last year, the Palestinian-American Journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by the forces of occupation while covering a raid on the camp. More than 170 Palestinians were killed in raids last year. In January this year alone, the Israeli forces have killed 29 Palestinians including 15 from the Jenin Camp.

We find these developments extremely alarming and demand an immediate end to Israeli atrocities aimed at perpetuating the apartheid regime's continual occupation of Palestine in flagrant disregard of international law and all norms of decency.

We also call for the immediate intensification of acts of solidarity with the Palestinians People by progressive forces all over the world.

Palestine will surely be free!

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