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**FUNDING OF RADICAL LEFT ORGANIZATIONS –
'BREAKING THE SILENCE', 'GISHA', 'B'TSELEM'**

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Abstract

In this study we uncover the renewed ties between the Israeli radical left-wing organizations and the Palestinian Foundation which supports an acute and extreme anti-Israeli ideology, and which funds, among other things, organizations affiliated with the "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine" (PFLP) terror organization.

In the years of 2019-2020, the radical organizations 'Breaking the Silence', 'Yesh Din', 'Gisha' and 'B'Tselem', received a cumulative amount of about 10.8 Million NIS (!!) from the **Palestinian Foundation – NDC – The NGO Development Center.**

NDC promotes an extreme anti-Israeli ideology, such as: support in BDS, promoting an anti-normalization with the State of Israel campaign, supporting the right of return of refugees to their homes within the borders of the State of Israel and more, through financially supporting a variety of Palestinian and Israeli organizations. NDC demands from organizations who are receiving the financing, to commit to this radical ideology and act on its behalf. This requirement was verified in a conversation we conducted with the representatives of NDC who also confirmed delivering finance to the 'Breaking the Silence' organization.

In addition, NDC necessitates the organizations supported by it to the transparency of the information they hold, towards the financing factors as well as toward the Palestinian Authority.

Among others, the NDC Foundation supports the "SHAFaq" network, a network of cultural organizations in East Jerusalem. **This network is tightly linked to the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' terror organization.** Senior members of the network served time in the Israeli Prison due to ties with the 'Popular Front' Organization, for the incitement and support of terrorism, as well as for meeting with Hezbollah representatives and attacking police officers. Apart from this, additional ties exist between the network and the 'Popular Front'.

The study's findings cast a dark shadow on the Israeli organizations that are being financed by the NDC Foundation. A partnership with a foundation which supports anti-Israeli ideology which is linked to terror, makes it necessary to act against such organizations up to the point of taking criminal action for promoting BDS and ties to organizations which undermine the State of Israel.



In addition, the transparency obligation and disclosure of information possessed by the organizations supported by the NDC towards it and the Palestinian Authority, illustrates the urgent necessity for investigating the use of military information held by the 'Breaking the Silence' Organization. This information was gathered without the control mechanisms of the defense system, and the manner in which they use it is unknown. In our understanding, there is a real concern that 'Breaking the Silence' is delivering information gathered by it to factors in the Palestinian Authority in exchange for monies they receive, and the security officials need to examine the issue in depth and ensure that sensitive information is not being gathered and passed on to foreign hands, and if necessary criminal action must be taken against the organization.

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The NDC Foundation's Funding Axis



A. NDC and the financing of Israeli Organizations

(NDC) The NGO Development Center, is a Palestinian Foundation which serves as a type of umbrella organization of Palestinian non-profit organizations, which financially supports a variety of Palestinian organizations as well as Israeli organizations of the radical left-wing.

Serving as the senior management of the organization:

Ghassan Kasabreh (غسان كسابرة) - NDC Director

The Fund's C.E.O, is an engineer by training with professional experience of more than 20 years, and who is a member of the board of directors of several civilian Palestinian organizations.



Kasabreh (left) meeting with the Minister for Jerusalem Affairs, Fadi Al-Hidmi¹

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/Markaz.Tatweer/posts/3434484223251684>



Ksabarah leading a discussion of the Foundation in a joint project with the UN and the Swedish Development Agency²

Alaa' Ghalayini (علاء الغلاييني) – Gaza Program Manager

Engineer by training, among other things, a graduate of the Islamic University of Gaza.³

Member of the governing council of the 'Pal-Think for Strategic Studies'⁴, which was a partner in a project which dealt among other things in ways to promote the BDS campaign.⁵



The Foundation is accompanied by a general assembly of 25 members who represent different sectors in the Palestinian society, as well as a board of directors which numbers nine members.⁶

² <https://www.facebook.com/Markaz.Tatweer/posts/3434484223251684>

³ <https://ndc.ps/en/ndc-structure/senior-management>

⁴ <https://palthink.org/%D9%85%D9%86-%D9%86%D8%AD%D9%86/%D9%85%D8%AC%D9%84%D8%B3-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A1/>

⁵ <http://palthink.org/en/2018/12/9405/>

⁶ <https://ndc.ps/en/ndc-structure>



Until today, the foundation had distributed grants on a scale of about 65 Million dollars⁷, which receives funding from the UN, the World Bank, European governments, the Welfare Association and the Islamic Development Bank⁸ – one of the most important Islamic banks in the world, who promotes the economic activities according to Sharia Law around the world. It was alleged in the past that the Islamic Development Bank as well as the Welfare Association, were involved in financing terror and supporting the activities of the second intifada.⁹

The Palestinian Authority is a strategic partner of the NDC Foundation.¹⁰

About a decade ago, the NDC delivered extensive funding to Israeli radical left-wing organizations, as a pipeline for the transfer of funds from several European countries to Israeli left-wing organizations¹¹, which led to criticism that these organizations are receiving funds from sources that are linked to terror supporters.¹²

In 2012 NDC stopped its support of Israeli organizations. **Towards the end of 2019, NDC renewed the financial support for a limited number of Israeli organizations, in huge sums.**¹³

⁷ <https://www.ndc.ps/en>

⁸ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/doners-view>

⁹ <https://bit.ly/2CHf2YL>

¹⁰ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/about>

¹¹ <https://www.ndc.ps/ar/node/903>, <https://www.ndc.ps/en/content/secretariat-human-rights>

¹² <https://www.makorrishon.co.il/nrg/online/1/ART2/199/138.html?hp=1&loc=1&tmp=7425>

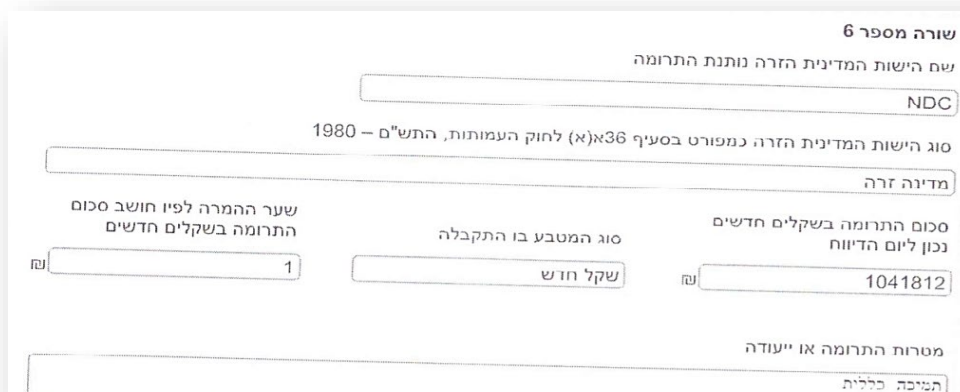
¹³ According with the reports of the Registrar of Associations.

The 'Breaking the silence' Organization received in 2012 financial support from NDC, which was renewed in 2019. Compared to the relatively low funding it received in 2012 – about 240,000 NIS¹⁴, in the last quarter of 2019 and during 2020, the 'Breaking the Silence' Organization received funding on a massive scale of more than 2.5 million NIS.¹⁵



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'Breaking the Silence report on receiving the donation from NDC in the second quarter of 2020¹⁶



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'Breaking the Silence report on receiving the donation from NDC in the fourth quarter of 2019¹⁷

¹⁴ <https://www.ngo-monitor.org.il/funding-database/?ngo%255B%25>

¹⁵ <https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/inside/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/q2-2020.pdf>,
<https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/inside/wp-content/uploads/2020/019F-4-2019.pdf>,
<https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/inside/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/q3-2020.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/inside/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/q2-2020.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/inside/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/-4-2019.pdf>

Other radical left-wing organizations also reported on receiving massive amounts of money during 2019-2020 from the NDC Foundation:

- **'Gisha' Organization – 3,508,243 NIS (2019-2020)**¹⁸

'Gisha – The Center for preserving the right to move' is a radical left-wing organization established in 2005, whose goal is to fight for the freedom of movement of Palestinians from Gaza into Israel and the delivery of goods into Gaza. The organization is waging a legal and public struggle against the restrictions imposed by Israel and its defense system on the passages between Israel and the Gaza Strip, due to the activities of the terror organizations in Gaza against the citizens of the State of Israel.

- **'B'Tselem' Organization – 2,097,650 NIS (2020)**¹⁹

'B'Tselem, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories', is an Israeli radical left-wing organization founded in 1989 and who is working tirelessly to clear Judea and Samaria from Israeli presence by documenting IDF soldiers and applying political pressure on behalf of international factors on Israel. A significant number of the organization's employees are Palestinian.

- **'Yesh Din' Organization – 2,647,706 NIS (2019-2020)**²⁰

'Yesh Din' is a radical left-wing organization which uses various legal tools in order to promote an agenda directed against the IDF and the State of Israel. It often accuses Israel for war crimes on various international platforms.

Note: The NDC funding originating in Sweden, is not disclosed in 'Yesh Din's' financial reports as funding from NDC, but rather as a 'Human Rights Program', which is the name of the project for which the funding was given.²¹ This funding was given at exactly the same years NDC transferred the funding to the organizations mentioned above, and Sweden also declares that 'Yesh Din' is one of the organizations which receives the funding. Assuming it is indeed so, then the organization received the abovementioned funding.

¹⁸ <https://www.guidestar.org.il/organization/580438174/donations>

¹⁹ <https://www.guidestar.org.il/organization/580146256/donations>

²⁰ <https://www.guidestar.org.il/organization/580442622/donations>

²¹ <https://openaid.se/en/activities/SE-0-SE-6-11347A0103-PSE-15150>

The source of the money that came to the NDC for the Israeli organizations, is the government of Sweden²² in the frame of a program called: **Human Rights Program Palestine 2018-2023**, which was designed "To strengthen an attitude of respect towards human rights and the international law". The scope of the program is about 8 million dollars, out of which about 3.6 million dollars have already been paid.

The Israeli organizations selected by Sweden together with 'Breaking the Silence' are: 'Yesh Din', 'B'Tselem', and 'Gisha'.

The Palestinian organizations chosen to receive funding in the frame of the program are:

- DCI-PS – The International Associations for Child Rights – Palestine Chapter. An organization which supports the BDS campaign and has ties to the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' terror organization.²³
- Al-Haq – An organization which wages a legal war against the State of Israel and which promotes the BDS campaign.²⁴ The Supreme Court of Justice called the C.E.O of the organization, an activist of the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' organization, Shawan Jabarin, "Dr. Jakel and Mister Hyde", and wrote in his ruling that in part of his activities he is the director of a human rights organization and in the other part he is active in a terror organization.²⁵
- Badil – An organization which promotes an severe anti-Israeli agenda, uses blatant language and anti-Semitic caricatures, and promotes the BDS Campaign.²⁶

²² <https://openaid.se/en/activities/SE-0-SE-6-11347A0103-PSE-15150> See Section E', in which the NDC representative says that the funding for 'Breaking the silence' came from Switzerland. It could be a mistake or it could be additional funding on top of the Swedish grant.

²³ <https://www.ngo-monitor.org.il/ngos/dci-ps/>

²⁴ <https://www.ngo-monitor.org.il/ngos/al-haq/>

²⁵ <https://4il.org.il/he/978/2019/07/15/>

²⁶ <https://4il.org.il/he/978/2019/07/15/>

- Al-Mezan – An organization which wages a legal war against the State of Israel and promotes the BDS campaign.²⁷



The organizations that will be included in the programme will be selected by Sweden and evaluated by the Programme Implementor to ensure that they meet the criteria for obtaining funding from Sweden. The NGO Development Center (NDC) is proposed to act as the Implementor of the programme. NDC is a Palestinian civil society organization

size of the financial support that will be granted to each of the organizations. The organizations that have been selected to participate in the programme are; Al-Haq, Al-Mezan, BADIL, DCI-PS, B'Tselem, Breaking the Silence, Gisha and Yesh Din. No further forwarding of funds from these organizations will take place, whereby risks in the management and control of disbursed funds have been minimized.

On the surface, according to its publications, NDC operates to develop Palestinian associations and to promote and regulate their activities in Judea and Samaria, Gaza and East Jerusalem. The transfer of funds to Israeli Organizations is not included in NDC's stated goals.²⁸

Mission
The NGO Development Center (NDC) is a Palestinian non-profit, non-governmental organization supporting Palestinian NGOs and their representative entities to more effectively respond to the needs of the most disadvantaged groups in Palestinian society. Through the provision of financial and technical support as well as the development of value systems that promote principles of social justice, integrity, and transparency, NDC contributes to the achievement of development priorities and the realization of an effective and sustainable civil society in the State of Palestine.

The goal of the Fund – to support Palestinian organizations.²⁹

²⁷ <https://www.ngo-monitor.org.il/ngos/al-mezan/>

²⁸ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/about> , <https://www.ndc.ps/en/program/grants-program>

²⁹ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/about>

B. Ties between the NDC and the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' terror organization

One of the programs funded by the NDC with money from the government of Sweden, is a program known as: 'Core funding for cultural organizations located in East Jerusalem', which aims to establish a network of cultural institutions in Jerusalem. The program has allocated 4.54 million dollars for the years 2016-2020 for the implementation of the program goals, an amount which came from the Swedish government (42 million SEK).³⁰

In practice, the funds of the program are transferred to a network of cultural institutions called SHAFQAQ (شبكة فنون القدس - Jerusalem Arts Network), operating in East Jerusalem.



شبكة فنون القدس
SHAFQAQ Jerusalem Arts Network

Core Funding to East Jerusalem Based Cultural Organisations

Grants Program



In order to enhance the cultural role of Jerusalem and support Jerusalem-based cultural organisations, the NDC provided grants to partner NGOs in the "Core Funding to East Jerusalem Based Cultural Organisations" project. These grants aimed to establish a network of cultural civil society organisations in Jerusalem; the Jerusalem Arts Network (Shafaq). With the view of facilitating the achievement of the strategic objectives of the partner NGOs, the project provides long-term core programme support extending over a four year period.

Support of partner organizations to strengthen the role of culture in Jerusalem – From the NDC's funding program for the SHAFQAQ Network.³¹

³⁰ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/project/core-funding-east-jerusalem-based-cultural-organisations>

³¹ <https://www.ndc.ps/en/project/core-funding-east-jerusalem-based-cultural-organisations>

In July 2020, it was revealed that the **SHAFAQ Network is tied to the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' Organization (PFLP)**³²



The icons of the cultural institutions of the SHAFaq Network³³

The SHAFaq Network is headed by **Daoud Al-Ghoul**, who is tightly linked to the 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' terror organization, both in position in the PFLP itself as well as in roles in other organizations affiliated with it. Al-Awal was arrested six times³⁴ by Israel and during the years 2014-2015 he was banned from being in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria or from going abroad.³⁵

On the 18/6/2016 he was sentenced to 18 months in jail for membership in the PFLP terror organization.

At a time not precisely known to the accuser, prior to the year 2006, the defendant elected to join the organization and to engage in it together with others, and since then until today he is a member in it. As part of his activities in the organization, the Defendant has worked in administrative positions at the 'Nidal' Center and the Association. The defendant had organized year after year in the name of the organization, among other things, trips, classes, tours and summer camps for youths when some of them are named after terrorists who operated in the organization, and this with the goal to bring the Palestinian public closer to the organization and expand its supporters. Also, the defendant organized delegations to visit the families of the fallen and prisoners of the organization in order to support their families in the name of the organization, in his described actions, the defendant was a member of a terror organization.

From the judgment against **Al-Ghoul** ³⁶

³² <https://www.20il.co.il/%d7%90%d7%95%d7%9e%d> In part of the study, the information is based on this source, unless there is reference to another source.

³³ <https://jerusalemarts.net/about-shafaq/>

³⁴ <https://www.addameer.org/news/magistrate-court-jerusalem-gives-detainee-daoud-al-ghoul-conditional-release>

³⁵ <http://israeliprison.weebly.com/pals-june-2015-10.html>

³⁶ [https://www-nevo-co-il.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/search/Highlighter.aspx?type=1#0,_Court case \(Jerusalem\), 19274-07-15](https://www-nevo-co-il.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/search/Highlighter.aspx?type=1#0,_Court%20case%20(Jerusalem),19274-07-15)

Serving together with Daoud Al-Ghoul, is a member of the 'House of Denmark', which finances a large part of PFLP's activities in East Jerusalem, Muhammad Awar, who serves as the director of the 'Edward Said Music Conservatorium', and he himself is known to be a PFLP activist in East Jerusalem.



Al-Ghoul (top photo, in the middle), on the day of his release from the Gilboa Prison on the 27/11/2016³⁷

³⁷ <https://samidoun.net/2016/11/palestinian-youth-activist-daoud-ghoul-released-from-israeli-prison/>

One of the SHAFaq Network Organization is the 'Yabous', established in 1995.

The most prominent figure of 'Yabous' is **Suhail Khoury** one of the leaders of the 'PFLP' organization and a member of its political office. Also managing the 'Yabous' Organization is **Rania Elias Khoury**, who is tied to the 'PFLP' terror organization.



Rania Elias and Suhail Khoury ³⁸

Among other things, he appeared on one stage next to other 'PFLP' activists and public figures, in an event in memory of Ghassan Kanafani, a senior member of the 'PFLP' who was assassinated by Israel for his part in terrorism.

Serving on the board of SHAFaq is **Samer Abu Aisha**, SHAFaq's marketing manager, a convicted terrorist, man of the 'PFLP' and the one who appeared on the posters of the 'Popular Front'. Abu-Aisha was accused in 2016 for inciting terror and violence, travelling illegally to Lebanon, and for participating in the activities of Hezbollah. In addition, he had prior convictions for attacking and injuring police officers. He was sentenced to 14 months in prison, and 6 months' probation.³⁹

³⁸<https://samidoun.net/2020/07/leading-palestinian-cultural-figures-arrested-by-israeli-occupation-cultural-institutions-invaded/>

³⁹ https://www-nevo-co-il.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/psika_html/shalom/SH-16-01-35008-181.htm, Court case (Jerusalem), 35008-01-16.



Samer Abu Aisha - On the right during the hearing in his matter⁴⁰, left, struggling with police officers (2013)⁴¹

The "SHAFaq" Arts Center works in collaboration with the "Center for Popular Art", who is also identified with 'Popular Front'. Some of its operators are 'Popular Front' activists, such as **Suha Barghouti**⁴², a journalist and political prisoner, as well as **Ahmad Qatamesh's** wife, a senior 'Popular Front' activist who served time in an Israeli prison for more than 13 years, out of which, 8 years under administrative detention⁴³ for being highly dangerous.⁴⁴



Apart from all these, SHAFaq has additional ties to the 'PFLP', in the shape of joint organizations such as Badil, Addameer and more as detailed in the study.⁴⁵

It must be added that on the 22nd of July, 2020, the Jerusalem police raided the offices of 'Jebus' as well as the homes of **Rania Elias Khoury and Suhail Khoury and Daoud Al-Ghoul** - all executives of SHAFaq and its institutions. This was due to suspicions of irregularities and of committing serious economic offenses of income and tax evasion, money laundering and other offenses.⁴⁶

An officer during the raid on the offices of 'Yabous'.⁴⁷

⁴⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1015355577925323&set=pb.611305322.-2207520000..&type=3>

⁴¹ <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152826386085323&set=pb.611305322.-2207520000..&type=3>

⁴² <http://rosaluxemburg.ps/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Linda-Tabar.pdf> , Page 34 comment 34

<https://books.google.co.il/books?id=LOYtfyJFBIQC&pg=PA59&lpg> :A video interview with Suha on these issues

<http://mideastnews-danmike.blogspot.com/2012/03/video-interview-w-suha-barghouti-women.html>

⁴³ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/05/amnesty-palestinian-writer-prisoner-conscience-170524123328474.html>

⁴⁴ <https://www-nevo-co-il.eu1.proxy.openathens.net/psika.html/elyon/13064570-i03.htm>, Supreme court case 6457/13 .

⁴⁵ <https://www.20il.co.il/%d7%90%d7%95%d7%9e%d7%>

⁴⁶ <https://samidoun.net/2020/07/leading-palestinian-cultural-figures-arrested-by-israeli-occupation-cultural-institutions-invaded/>

⁴⁷ Ibis

C. NDC's anti-Israeli ethical code

Being a foundation for the institutionalization of Palestinian associations, NDC published a code of ethics and principles of action, which are meant to obligate any organization that receives funding from it. Some of the values which bind those receiving funding from NDC include:

- It is obligatory to align with the Palestinian national agenda, void of any normalization with the occupier (=Israel), neither on a political-security level nor on a cultural level or in matters of development.⁴⁸
- An undertaking to perform actions which will not impact the Palestinian effort of establishing a country and to exercise refugees' right of return to their original homes, according to the UN Resolution 194.⁴⁹
- A commitment to execute campaigns of economic, cultural and academic boycotts of Israel (BDS).⁵⁰
- An undertaking to act against normalization with Israel.⁵¹
- A commitment to monitor and follow-up on the activities of Israel in Judea and Samaria.⁵²
- An commitment to fight against the "occupation" with the focus being on activities in Jerusalem and C territories.⁵³

Intermediate results	Programs/Projects/Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs and networks are actively participating and initiating campaigns against Israeli violation of Palestinian rights at the local, national and international levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDS Campaign (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions against Israel). • Campaign for Academic and Cultural Boycott. • Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign. • Anti-normalization Campaign.

⁴⁸ <https://www.ndc.ps/sites/default/files/Code-of-Conduct-English.pdf> ,Pages 8-9.

⁴⁹ <https://www.ndc.ps/sites/default/files/Code-of-Conduct-English.pdf> Page 10.

⁵⁰ <https://www.ndc.ps/sites/default/files/NGO-Sector-Strategy-English.pdf> Page 39.

⁵¹ Ibis.

⁵² Ibis.

⁵³ <https://ndc.ps/sites/default/files/NDC-Strategic-Plan%202014.pdf> Page12.

The signatory NGOs also undertake to be in line with

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the national agenda without any normalization activities with the occupier, neither at the political-security nor the cultural or developmental levels. No endeavor would be carried out if it undermines the inalienable Palestinian rights of establishing statehood and the return of the refugees to their original homes, according to the Security Council Resolution 194.



D. Demanding transparency and the provision of information to the Palestinian Authority from organizations supported by the NDC

Another condition placed by the NDC to the Palestinian organizations supported by it, is a commitment to complete transparency of all the information of the organizations supported with the NDC and the Palestinian Authority, including the assessment and monitoring of existing and new projects.⁵⁴

the NGOs abide to involve beneficiaries in the design, monitoring and evaluating of projects. It also views the PA as an essential party to be consulted over any new projects, in line with the Charitable Associations'

Principle 5: Transparency:

NGOs shall be committed to the policy of absolute transparency based on the right of all concerned parties to have access to information, and at the same time ensuring access of the general assembly, beneficiaries, donors and the PA regarding the activities, procedures, decisions and policies. NGOs shall be also committed

Does the NDC obligate the 'Breaking the Silence' organization to transparency and delivering information to the Palestinian Authority?

And if so, a difficult question arises as to how an organization which collects information on the activities of the IDF through gathering testimonials from soldiers about military service, can receive such large scale funding from a Palestinian Foundation, which sets as a condition for the financing the obligation of deliver information to the Palestinian Authority?

Allegedly in this manner, security information given by soldiers to 'Breaking the Silence', may reach hostile hand in the Palestinian Authority and endanger the safety of Israel.

⁵⁴ <https://www.ndc.ps/sites/default/files/Code-of-Conduct-English.pdf> . Pages 10,12.

E. Conversations with NDC representatives

In conversations we had over recent months with NDC representatives, they **have confirmed they transferred funds to the 'Breaking the Silence' Organization.**

The NDC representatives specified and explained that:

"A grant arrived from Switzerland especially for human rights institution. It is⁵⁵ the only one we introduced the Israelis into, meaning Israeli and Palestinian organizations⁵⁶, which was at the request of the Swiss of course".⁵⁷

In other words, this is a grant aimed at Israeli organizations by a factor from Switzerland, probably a governmental entity.⁵⁸

Worse, when we told the representative that "we saw a code of conduct on your website. It says that any organization that wishes to receive a grant from you must comply with all the provisions of the code of conduct. Are these basic terms that must all be met?" The representative replied unequivocally, "**Yes, these are basic**".

As stated above, the NDC Foundation obligates any organization that receives funding from it to meet their code of ethics, which includes supporting the BDS, promoting anti-normalization with the State of Israel campaign, supporting the refugees' right of return to their homes within the borders of Israel, and more, as specified above.

In conclusion, even the conversations with representatives from the organization evoke serious questions regarding the cooperation of Israeli organizations with an organization that holds a radical anti-Israeli ideology, and which sees itself fighting against the State of Israel by promoting an extreme agenda and financing 'human rights' organizations.

⁵⁵ The meaning is support/grant.

⁵⁶ Probably refers to Arab-Israeli organizations.

⁵⁷ The conversation revolved around the issue of 'Breaking the Silence, but it could be that in her reference to 'Israeli organizations' she meant to B'Tselem and Gisha as well which we saw they have also received funding from the NDC.

⁵⁸ The vast majority of NDC's project grants comes from foreign countries (<https://www.ndc.ps/en/program/grants-program>), it must be pointed out that at the time of writing these lines, no mention was made of the said project on the NSC website.

Summary

In the years 2019-2020, the Palestinian NDC Foundation, whose aim is to support Palestinian organization, is once again transferring millions of NIS in funding to the radical left-wing organizations – 'Breaking the Silence', 'Gisha' and 'B'Tselem'.

NDC funds organizations in East Jerusalem that are linked to terror organizations and terror operatives in the past and present, and has an acute anti-Israeli agenda which negates normalization with Israel. As part of its ideology, it binds the funding it provides to the supported organization, with an obligation to identify with this extreme ideology.

In addition, the foundation obligates the organizations receiving funding from it, to transparency towards it and towards the Palestinian Authority.

All these raise very difficult questions to the Israeli organizations in respect of their cooperation with an extreme anti-Israeli Palestinian Foundation, whether it is about their own funds or whether it serves as a pipeline to transfer funds from other countries. In addition, there's a need to examine whether there is information that is being delivered by "Breaking the Silence" which deals with the collection of military information, to the NDC and the Palestinian Authority, in compliance with the transparency obligation required by the NDC from the organizations she is funding.

This cooperation which is also strengthened by the conversations we conducted with NDC representatives, points out to the willingness to receive funds from an entity which is hostile to Israel, and perhaps to even provide it with information which will help it fight the State of Israel.