

## Press Statement by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Oslo, 2 January 2024

On the occasion of "Fourth Anniversary of Martyrdom of General Qasim Soleimani"

January 3rd is the fourth anniversary of Soleimani's martyrdom. Martyr Soleymani is a real and honest peace and human rights defender who had a very leading and important role in defeating ISIS in the region. He has gotten **a valuable and real Peace Prize** from God and the many people who found him as a real savior. Thus, the world owes him a lot in these respects.

He is not only a national heroic warrior for the entire Iranian nation, but for many oppressed and long-suffering people including ethnic and religious minorities (Christians and Yezidis) who were under the ISIS terrorist threat and attacks.

The heinous terrorist operation leading up to the martyrdom of Gen. Soleimani, and the high-ranking Iraqi commander " Martyr Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis" and their accompanying persons is an act of terror, blatantly breaching internationally recognized laws and principles, particularly taking into consideration that he was paying an official visit to Bagdad to discuss with Iraqi authorities on resolving regional issues.

Unfortunately, the world has been facing a hazardous situation in Gaza and the region imposed by the Israeli regime. More than 21



thousand innocent Palestinian people have been killed in Gaza the majority of them are children and women. The oppressed people in Gaza have been under inhuman blockade and heinous attacks.

The provocative actions and threats of the Israeli regime go beyond the Palestinian territories. The recent Israeli terrorist action in Syria caused the martyrdom of General Seyed Razi Mousavi, an Iranian Military adviser, is just an example of Israel's adventurous, provocative, and dangerous actions that violate the provisions of international law. It is a fact that there will be no impunity for those who perpetrated abovementioned criminal acts.

The world needs peace and stability, and the only way to achieve this goal is to end adventurous, provocative, and threatening policies and actions, adopt peaceful solutions based on facts, justice, and provisions of international law, and realize legitimate demands of the nations, especially the oppressed Palestinian people.