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The ITUC condemns the killing of health worker in Gaza

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am writing on behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), representing 207 million workers globally, to condemn the killing of Razan Al-Najjar, a health worker in Gaza.

21-year-old Razan Al-Najjar was volunteering for the Palestinian Medical Relief Society when she was killed by an Israeli sniper on 1 June 2018. She was affiliated to the General Union of Health Services Workers - Gaza (GUHSW). The union reported that she was one of more than 223 paramedics who were targeted in the field whilst delivering ambulance and emergency services.

Emergency workers, including health personnel, should never be military targets.

We strongly call on the UN institutions to publicly condemn the attacks against health workers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; to fully promote the unconditional protection of health personnel in line with humanitarian law and the Fourth Geneva Convention; as well as to urgently pressure the government of Israel and the Israeli Defense Forces to cease targeting health workers and to fully adhere to their obligations under international law.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary