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Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Judge Beti Hohler

SITUATION IN THE STATE OF PALESTINE

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**Public redacted version of "Twenty-seventh Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities
Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", 12 May 2025**

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Reparations Section

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I's "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation" issued on 13 July 2018 ("Chamber" and "Decision of 13 July 2018", respectively),¹ the Registry hereby submits its twenty-seventh report on the progress of its activities related to information and outreach for victims and affected communities in the situation in the State of Palestine ("Palestine" and "Situation", respectively).

II. Procedural History

2. On 13 July 2018, the Chamber, in a previous composition, issued a decision by which it, *inter alia*, ordered the Registry to: *i*) "establish, as soon as practicable, a system of public information and outreach activities for the benefit of victims and affected communities of the situation in Palestine";² *ii*) submit an initial report on its activities "at a time deemed appropriate but no later than 14 December 2018" and inform the Chamber, every three months, about the progress of its information and outreach activities and the challenges encountered;³ and *iii*) "create an informative page on the Court's website, especially directed to the victims in the situation of Palestine".⁴
3. Since 12 November 2018, the Registry has regularly filed periodic reports⁵ on the progress relating to information and outreach activities for victims and affected communities in the Situation.

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber I, "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation", 13 July 2018, ICC-01/18-2.

² Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10, *lit.* a) and paras 13-18.

³ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* b) and para. 19.

⁴ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* c) and para. 18.

⁵ See last report - Registry, "Twenty-sixth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation" ("Registry Twenty-sixth Report"), dated 12 February 2025 and notified on 13 February 2025, ICC-01/18-412-Conf. A public redacted version was notified on the same date, ICC-01/18-412-Red.

4. On 21 November 2024, the Chamber issued a warrant of arrest for Mr Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri, commonly known as 'Deif', for the crimes against humanity of murder, extermination, torture, rape and other forms of sexual violence, as well as the war crimes of murder, cruel treatment, torture, taking hostages, outrages upon personal dignity, and rape and other forms of sexual violence, committed on the territory of the State of Israel ("Israel") and the State of Palestine from at least 7 October 2023.⁶
5. On the same day, the Chamber also issued warrants of arrest for Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, and Mr Yoav Gallant, the then Minister of Defence of Israel, for the war crimes of starvation as a method of warfare and of intentionally directing an attack against the civilian population, as well as the crimes against humanity of murder, persecution, and other inhumane acts committed from at least 8 October 2023 until at least 20 May 2024.⁷
6. On 26 February 2025, the Chamber issued a decision terminating proceedings against Mr Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al Masri (Deif) following his death.⁸

III. Classification

7. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC"), this report is classified as "confidential" since it contains sensitive information [Redacted].
8. The Registry will concomitantly file a public redacted version of the present report.

⁶ ICC Press Release, 21 November 2024, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/news/situation-state-palestine-icc-pre-trial-chamber-i-issues-warrant-arrest-mohammed-diab-ibrahim>. The warrant of arrest for Mr Deif is classified as 'secret' in order to protect witnesses and to safeguard the conduct of investigations.

⁷ ICC Press Release, 21 November 2024, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/news/situation-state-palestine-icc-pre-trial-chamber-i-rejects-state-israels-challenges>. The two warrants of arrest are classified as 'secret' in order to protect witnesses and to safeguard the conduct of investigations.

⁸ Pre-Trial Chamber I, "Decision terminating proceedings against Mr Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri (Deif)", 26 February 2025, ICC-01/18-417.

IV. Applicable Law

9. The Registry submits the present report pursuant to the Chamber's instruction,⁹ as well as the applicable law recalled by the Chamber in its Decision of 13 July 2018,¹⁰ and in accordance with regulations 8 and 23*bis*(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

V. Submissions

A. Registry activities during the reporting period (12 February – 9 May 2025)

a. Activities conducted by the Public Information and Outreach Section ("PIOS")

10. During the reporting period, the ongoing safety and security challenges affecting relevant stakeholders did not improve compared to the previous reporting period. Therefore, the PIOS was only able to organise online meetings with key stakeholders and remained unable to conduct outreach activities involving a large number of participants. The PIOS joined the Victims Participation and Reparations Section ("VPRS") [Redacted].
11. The PIOS also continued all necessary preparations for [Redacted].
12. [Redacted].
13. [Redacted].
14. The reinforced compilation of social media and traditional (online) media reports in relation to Palestine continued during the reporting period, considering the high level of attention that the issuance of the arrest warrants still receives from the public and the media. These compilations are used to monitor perceptions and reactions, prepare responsive lines [Redacted]. Also, the ICC Spokesperson continued answering media queries and gave interviews to clarify further the ICC process and specific questions. Finally,

⁹ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 19 and Disposition, *lit.* b) on p. 10.

¹⁰ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

all filings made in the Situation were published on the Court's website and [Redacted].

b. Activities carried out by the VPRS and information received

15. During the reporting period, the VPRS responded to correspondence received from victims and other interlocutors seeking information about matters relating to victim participation and relevant judicial developments in the Situation.
16. The VPRS further updated the "Information for Victims" tab on the Palestine Situation-dedicated page of the ICC website,¹¹ which includes information about the warrants of arrest, scope of the investigation, victims' rights and other background information, in English, Arabic,¹² and Hebrew.¹³ Heeding to feedback received in relation to the webpage for victims, access to the application forms for individuals and organisations, the guidelines on how to fill in the form for individuals and an information booklet for victims, in English, French, Arabic and Hebrew, have been reorganised on the ICC website,¹⁴ aiming to present it in a more user-friendly way.¹⁵
17. Furthermore, the VPRS has been in further contact with a number of LRVs, representing victims from Palestine and Israel, that it has established communication with. It exchanged with them information on various issues related to victims' rights before the Court, such as the effect of the issuance of the arrest warrants on their rights, the Registry procedure upon receipt of victim application forms and the life of an application form once it is received by the VPRS. The LRVs also shared information about the current situation of

¹¹ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/state-palestine>.

¹² <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/state-palestine?lang=Arabic>.

¹³ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/state-palestine?lang=Hebrew>.

¹⁴ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/state-palestine>.

¹⁵ The box on the webpage where the links to the application forms and other documents has been redesigned. It is now presented in three different boxes: (i) the Application Forms for Individuals, (ii) the Application Forms for Organizations, and (iii) Other documents including the Guidelines and the Information booklet. Within each box, the links to the languages in which these documents are available were made more visible and easier to click on using a computer screen or *via* a smart device.

their clients, [Redacted]. These LRVs conveyed the voices of Palestinian victims in particular in relation to their growing desperation in the midst of the ongoing war with the perceived impunity of the perpetrators who continue to commit further atrocities against them, making their situation an ongoing and growing crisis. [Redacted].

18. [Redacted].

19. [Redacted].

20. [Redacted].^{16 17}

21. Throughout the reporting period, the VPRS engaged in several communications with different groups of LRVs, who requested assistance in relation to their submission of application forms for participation and reparations from Palestinian victims. The groups of LRVs indicated that many of the victims they represent found it crucial to take part in any legal proceedings that relate to and address the harm they have suffered, and opted to submit application forms to the Registry at this stage in order to safeguard their right of participation as soon as it becomes possible for them to do so. The VPRS provided guidance on questions related to specific sections within the application forms—for individuals and organisations, and responded to questions related to technicalities of the application forms, the procedure following the receipt of the applications, and the redactions regime applicable when VPRS transmits applications to the parties (Prosecution and Defence). [Redacted].

22. Between 13 February and 9 May 2025, the VPRS received 133 application forms for participation in proceedings and/or reparations, [Redacted]. The applications were submitted to the VPRS by the LRVs, intermediaries, or the victims directly. All the applications received in the reporting period were filled in either English or French. They were accompanied with copies of official documents supplementing the application forms. The VPRS requested

¹⁶ See *supra* para. 12.

¹⁷ See *supra* para. 10.

the translation of these documents [Redacted] into English from the Registry's Languages Services Section, and started appending the received translations to the registered application forms in its database. [Redacted].¹⁸

B. Subsequent activities

a) PIOS

23. The PIOS will continue to inform the public and provide relevant information about judicial developments in the Situation, if any. It will carry on performing its regular activities of media monitoring, production of information materials in Arabic and Hebrew, and updating the website as well as its list of contacts when relevant.

24. [Redacted].

25. [Redacted].

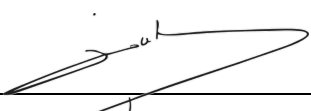
26. [Redacted].

b) VPRS

27. The VPRS will continue to engage with representatives of victims' groups, either directly or through interlocutors, depending on the security situation, in order to inform them about their rights before the Court and assist them in exercising these rights. As part of its core activities, the VPRS organises trainings on how to fill in forms whenever possible, upon receiving requests to do so. Interlocutors would be informed that any application forms received will be safely stored by the VPRS, observing maximum confidentiality. [Redacted].

¹⁸ The VPRS is registering all applications received but has not yet started assessing their completeness and whether they fall within the scope of the relevant cases.

28. The VPRS and the PIOS will continue to work closely together and carry out joint activities whenever possible and relevant. The Registry will also continue its efforts to communicate with the victims of the Situation, and to provide them with information about the ICC and their rights as victims before the Court.



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Dated this 12 May 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands