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The following statement, made by Juana Rimawi's attorneys and submitted today to the Israeli military court in Samaria, clarifies Mrs. Rishmawi confession in the amended indictment filed against her:

1. On November 10th, 2021, Mrs. rishmawi, admitted in Samaria military court, in a revised indictment filed against her, as part of a plea agreement in which the court was asked to impose on her 13 months in prison and a fine of 50,000 NIS, and probation.
2. The indictment includes two parts, first part known as "**background**," and second part known as "**The defendant's part**."
3. At the beginning of the hearing before the court, the military prosecutor stated:

"We have no dispute as the defense sought to clarify that the "background" in the indictment is a general background and is not aimed personally to the defendant (Mrs. rishmawi).

The defendant's share is stated under the heading "The Defendant's Share".

4. The "Background" chapter, in the indictment makes no mention of Mrs. rishmawi, includes detailed statements regarding PFLP operations in the West Bank territories. Among other things, it is stated in the background chapter (Paragraph 4) that:

"The PFLP is controlled by a central committee of senior members who outline PFLP's policies, methods of action, objectives and activities In terms of funding, the civilian organizations controlled by PFLP serve as a major source of funding for PFLP's activities as a whole. For example, the

organizations that belong and operate on behalf of PFLP are: The Agricultural Activity Committee, the Al-Dameer Center, The Bisan Society, the Women's Committees, Al Haq, Mossad"

5. The organizations listed there were declared (in line with the Defense Regulations) as unlawful associations by the Minister of Defense, on 22.10.21, after the indictment was filed against Mrs. rishmawi.
6. Just as the "background chapter" of the indictment makes no mention of Mrs. rishmawi at all, in the part attributed to Mrs. rishmawi there is no reference to her knowledge of any activity of the PFLP in the West Bank.
7. Mrs. rishmawi is accused of transferring money into occupied territory and it is explicitly stated that she had no knowledge that the money transferred was transacted to the PFLP.
8. It is clear that Mrs. rishmawi confession in the indictment does not verify the facts that appear in the "background chapter".
9. It should be emphasized that the "background" part of the amended indictment, which relates to PFLP actions in Judea and Samaria, and especially its involvement with the outlawed organizations, was not included in the original indictment filed against the Mrs. rishmawi.
10. The addition of a new "background" chapter, for the purpose of the plea agreement, which was not included in the original indictment, was intended entirely to support the false claim that Mrs. rishmawi allegedly admits to the affiliation of human rights organizations to PFLP.
11. The Military court and the military prosecution were incriminated as parties to an act of presenting false facts to the entire world.
12. About three hours after the hearing in the military court a false statement was issued by the Minister of defense and the Minister of foreign affairs Benny Gantz and Yair Lapid (accordingly) to the whole world stating:

"The Minister of Defense and the Foreign Minister in a joint statement in response to the conviction of an organization operative who raised funds for the Popular Front under the guise of human rights activities, entered today a plea bargain in which the defendant Juana Ruiz Rashawi admitted that she had served as a fundraiser for the PFLP terrorist organization and confirmed in her confession that the PFLP used human rights

organizations, that were outlawed by the Minister of Defense for collecting funds directed for PFLP's actions in occupied territories the West Bank."

13. This statement is totally false, and it is well known to the court and the military prosecutor that Mrs. rishmawi was never investigated about these "facts" and was never in any positions to verify these facts.
14. Therefore, to the extent that Mrs. rishmawi confession in the amended indictment is interpreted as verifying the facts contained in the background chapter, we will ask the court to clarify that these facts are not facts verified by the Mrs. rishmawi.
15. It is very unfortunate that a legal proceeding against the d Mrs. rishmawi was shamefully exploited and could undermine the status of the military court as a judicial body independent of the military authorities.
16. Ministers Gantz and Lapid's announcement, which includes mentioning Mrs. rishmawi full name, puts her at risk of serious criminal proceedings in Spain or any other country as someone who is a major operative in the PFLP, and is aware of its takeover of human rights organizations in the occupied territories.
17. Therefore, the court was requested to clarify that Mrs. rishmawi confession in the indictment is not a verification of the facts included in the background chapter, regarding the PFLP activities in the West Bank and its affiliation with human rights organizations acting in the area.



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