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**Secretariat Funding Provides Backbone for NGO Contributions
to the UN Report on Gaza**

On June 22, 2015, the [report of the Commission of Inquiry \(COI\) on the 2014 Gaza War](#), headed by William Schabas and then Mary McGowan Davis after the former's resignation over his undisclosed paid work for the PLO, was released. The report quotes extensively from biased and unreliable political advocacy non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These groups lack credibility and do not employ professional fact-finding standards, yet the COI repeated the NGOs' unverifiable factual claims and allegations of Israeli "war crimes."

NGOs that receive funding from the [Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat](#) (the "Secretariat"), a joint funding mechanism of [Denmark](#), [Sweden](#), [Switzerland](#), and the [Netherlands](#), were cited dozens of times in this document (see table below for details). Some received "emergency funding" while the fighting in Gaza was still ongoing, to investigate Israel.

- On August 2, 2014, the Secretariat [announced](#) "emergency funding" to nine NGOs for use in [documenting](#) "large scale violations of human rights and international humanitarian law – the majority against Palestinian civilians and civilian objects" in Gaza. It is unclear if any of this funding was used to address war crimes and other violations committed by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups.
- The purpose of this emergency funding was to support "current and future documentation and investigation efforts by CSOs [civil society organizations] for the purposes of assisting and supporting national and international mechanisms" such as the UN Human Rights Council's investigation and the campaign to open cases against Israelis in the ICC.
- The nine NGOs - [Al-Dameer](#), [B'Tselem](#), [Badil](#), [Breaking the Silence](#), [DCI-Palestine](#), [Al Mezan](#), [Palestinian Center for Human Rights](#), Women's Affairs Center, Women's Affairs Technical Committee - have an extensive record of making unsubstantiated allegations of Israeli "war crimes," while disregarding clear Hamas violations. In addition, some of these NGOs played a pivotal role in providing dubious and inaccurate statements to the [discredited](#) 2009 UN Goldstone inquiry.

NGO	Core Funding (2014-2016)	Emergency Funding	Number of Citations
Al-Dameer	\$230,000	Amount unknown	14
B'Tselem	\$710,000	Amount unknown	69
Breaking the Silence	\$300,000	Amount unknown	8
Al Mezan	\$415,000	Amount unknown	29
Palestinian Center for Human Rights	\$300,000	Amount unknown	50
Adalah	\$190,000	---	8
Addameer	\$325,000	---	3
Al-Haq	\$710,000	---	19
Gisha	\$483,000	---	2
HaMoked	\$710,000	---	12
Palestinian Working Women's Society for Development (PWWSD)	\$532,000	---	1
Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I)	\$300,000	---	16
Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)	\$356,000	---	4
Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC)	\$710,000	---	2
Yesh Din	\$300,000	---	5