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**The English version of the statement condemning the Assassination of the civil activist and the political analyst Luqman Salim, which was distributed by "PHRO" on 5/2/2021.**

The Palestinian Human Rights Organization (**PHRO**) was shocked by the news of the assassination of activist Luqman Slim. Our deepest condolences to his wife and his partner in the struggle, Monica Bergman, his family members and Umam team in particular, and all his friends and admirers in general. **PHRO** strongly condemns the assassination of the civil activist, political analyst and fierce opponent of any weapon outside the state and the defender of its sovereignty, democracy and human rights. We call on the relevant authorities to carry out a professional and transparent judicial investigation under international supervision that reveals the perpetrators and those behind them, and bring them to justice.

**PHRO** considers the culture of transcending over the law and impunity that has prevailed in our society for decades, contributed to the commissioning of such heinous crimes, which have become a pattern that we see repeatedly targeting free political and media activists and human rights defenders.

This repeated and continuing pattern is a complex and flagrant violation of human rights and crime against humanity. **PHRO** fears that Luqman's assassination is the beginning of a new phase of threats and intimidation and silencing of activists and free defenders of democracy and human rights and a prelude to a series of assassinations and political liquidations.

**Yes to accountability, not to impunity.**

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