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BEYOND THE GOLDSTONE REPORT

Monday 14 December 2009

at Garden Court Chambers

6.30pm – 8pm

Speakers:

Daniel Machover, Hickman and Rose Solicitors
Miri Weingarten, Europe Advocacy Officer for Betselem, HaMoked and
Physicians for Human Rights
Lutz Oette, Redress / SOAS

In September the United Nations Fact Finding Mission led by Justice Richard Goldstone released its report on the Gaza conflict. Amongst its conclusions were that there was strong evidence that Israeli forces had committed serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law during 'Operation Cast Lead', and that their actions amounted to war crimes and possibly crimes against humanity.

The Mission recommended that the UN Security Council require Israel to report within six months on investigations and prosecutions it should carry out with regard to the violations identified within the report. If there were no independent proceedings conforming to international standards in place, the Council should refer the situation to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor.

Three months on, where do we stand? In the face of concerted effort by both Israeli and Western governments to bury the Goldstone Report, is it likely that its recommendations will be implemented? Or will the use of universal jurisdiction be the more effective avenue to achieve accountability and justice for Palestinian victims?

LPHR is hosting an event to discuss the next steps in light of the Goldstone Report. Daniel Machover will discuss the report itself and recommendations in respect of the UN; Miri Weingarten will report on the progress made so far at an international level, and Lutz Oette will introduce the universal jurisdiction provisions in the UK and their application.

Location:

Garden Court Chambers, 57- 60 Lincolns Inn Fields (close to Holborn tube station)

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