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Dear Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi,

We, the undersigned, want to express our grave concern over the enforced disappearance of Haitham Abdelwahed (25), and Nidal al-Waheidi (31), two journalists from the occupied Gaza Strip whose whereabouts have remained unknown since 7 October 2023. The detention of the two journalists was widely documented on that day as they were reporting from Beit Hanoun/Erez crossing.

In light of the harrowing testimonies and accounts of torture and other ill-treatment shared by released detainees and the uncertainty and anguish that the families of Nidal al-Waheidi and Haitham Abdelwahed have been going through, we urge you to:

- Immediately disclose the whereabouts of Nidal al-Waheidi and Haitham Abdelwahed, detail the legal grounds for their detention;
- Ensure their humane treatment, including access to medical services and protection from torture and other ill-treatment;
- Grant them access to the lawyers appointed by their families;
- Unless they are charged promptly with a recognizable criminal offence and granted a fair trial in accordance with international standards, they must be immediately released.

Yours sincerely,

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