

**Distribution of Allowances for Gaza-Based Families of Martyrs Completed**

Gaza – Al-Hayat al-Jadida: The Al-Ansar Charitable Society completed yesterday the distribution process of the martyrs' monthly allowances, provided by the Al-Shahid Association in Lebanon (Palestine branch) for the seventh consecutive month. The allowances were distributed in the Society's main office in Gaza, in the presence of the members of the Society's management board and the families of the martyrs, who came to receive the allowances of their martyred sons.

Nafez al-A'raj, the Society's chairman, indicated that his Society has thus far received a sum of one million USD from the Al-Shahid Association, which was allocated to the families of the martyrs. The money is distributed by checks, which are issued by the Society's main office in Gaza, as well as checks which are given to the martyrs' families in Arab Bank's branches in the governorates of the [West] Bank and inside the Green Line.

He added that [Al-Shahid] Association donates money and other stipends in support of the programs and activities carried out by the Society in the Palestinian Territories, such as the Orphan Sponsorship Program and a program that supports students and needy families, as well as other cultural, sporting and social programs.

Al-A'raj praised the generous support provided by the Al-Shahid Association, calling upon it to continue providing support, which helps the steadfastness of our people, and guarantees the provision of aid to as greater number of people within our society. This, in addition to helping their steadfastness in the face of the ongoing aggression against the Palestinian people and land. This aggression deepened the economic crisis that our people suffers from, and has raised the rate of unemployment to more than 60% and forced even more people into living below the poverty line. This has become clear in the various aspects of our people's lives, especially in education and health.

Al-A'raj urged the charitable associations, as well as the prosperous and generous people, to donate money to the needy families, who are registered at the Society, and most importantly – to the sponsoring of orphans, whose names the Society publishes periodically on its website. He mentioned that his Society is currently trying to establish a school for martyrs' children, a sports club and other projects that can elevate the Palestinian society in all aspects.