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Mr. Jabarin is a veteran activist for a just peace, a joint Palestinian-Israeli international struggle for human rights and an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories, in accordance with international law.

Mr. Shawan Jabarin took his first degree in sociology from Birzeit University. While pursuing his university studies, he started volunteering as a field researcher for Al-Haq, a Palestinian human rights organization. Some three years later he was nominated for the Reebok Human Rights Award – a prize given to young people who have contributed to the promotion of freedom of expression and human rights – while in an Israeli detention facility. He was the first Palestinian to be recognized by Amnesty International as a "prisoner of conscience". While in prison, Mr. Jabarin remained active on human rights issues, calling for prisoners' rights according to the Fourth Geneva Convention and for respect of international human rights standards. He also wrote a report for Al-Haq from inside the prison and provided information which was used by various human rights organizations.

In 2005 he acquired an LLM in human rights from the National University of Ireland, Galway, before assuming his current position as General Director of Al-Haq.

In 2011, Shawan was appointed to the Human Rights Watch Middle East Advisory Board and in 2013 he was elected as a Commissioner for the International Commission of Jurists.

Mr. Jabarin was elected Vice President of FIDH in May 2013.

He has been a part-time lecturer at Birzeit University since 2010