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Damascus, (SANA) – The Norwegian artist Haakon Graf on Thursday presented his exhibition 'The Holy Land' at the French Cultural center in Damascus.

The exhibition shows the suffering of the Palestinian people, particularly children under the Israeli occupation and Israel's inhumane exercises against the Palestinians over the last sixty years.

Graf depended, through his 25 pictures, on summarized ideas similar to camera shots. He draw Noah's ark floating on a sea of blood with one house and several people and animals.

In a press release, the Norwegian ambassador in Damascus Rolf Willy Hansen said that Graf was deeply affected by the Israeli violence and crime scenes against Gaza Strip in 2008.

"The exhibition is a salutation to the Palestinian children in Gaza. The exhibition was a major cultural event in Oslo, and it was considered one of the most important political artistic exhibitions at the decade in Norway," Hansen added.

In a statement to SANA, Graf said his knowledge of the Palestinian children's suffering began when he was in London where he learned about the Israeli massacres in Sabra and Shatila (two Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, Lebanon).

Graf met the Palestinian artist Suleiman Mansour in 2008 when they made a joint exhibition in Ram Allah.

Graf added that his paintings were met with violent response by the Israeli lobby in Norway, but his colleagues and the municipality of Trondheim supported him.

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