Re: Urgent Request for the Provision of a Judgment on Behalf of the Petitioners

The honourable court is requested to urgently provide a judgment on the petition for the provision of protective measures for residents of Bedouin villages in the Negev who are being abandoned to their fate.

The urgency of this request is underpinned by the fatal injury suffered by the al-Wadj family in their yard located near Kaser A-Ser, a recognized Bedouin village close to Dimona. The rocket strike did not leave the family with any chance. Thirty-two year old Auda al-Wadj was killed, and five of his family members were seriously wounded, including his wife, his son and this three-month old daughter.

(Further information is available in this Ha'aretz article: http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/.premium-1.606027).

According to additional reports - based upon information received by field workers of Petitioner 10, the Dukium Negev Coexistence Forum, multiple rockets have fallen in this area in recent days, including two rockets that fell in the territory of the recognized village Abu Krinat that is located West of Dimona in the Neveh Midbar Regional Council.

It may well be that further fatalities of this kind could be avoided if the residents had access to a secure space that could provide them with a minimal level of protection from shooting – and it is for this reason that we are submitting a request for an expedited ruling on the petition.

The petitioners reiterate that the danger posed to the residents of the villages continues unabated and possesses the potential for further catastrophe owing to the nature of the buildings in the village (shacks and huts), and the limited protection, if in fact any at all, provided by the Iron Dome interception system, as was made clear in the court hearing.

Due to the urgency of the matter, this request has been submitted on a Saturday evening with no response requested on behalf of the respondents.

Auni Banna, Adv.

On behalf of the Petitioners

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