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The Advocacy
Center for Arab
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Call from Haifa to the international community:

ACT TO STOP THE WAR IN LEBANON-ISRAEL – PALESTINE

The Mossawa Center and thousands of Arab civilians located in Haifa call upon the international community to act immediately to stop the war in Lebanon-Israel and Palestine. The Mossawa Center office is located only two blocks away from the houses that were shelled in Wadi Nisnas. Mossawa staff assisted other Haifa citizens in the rescue of civilians during last night.

The Center calls for an end to the war against civilians and asks the international community take action and stop the bloodshed. “We need peace and the assistance of the international community to force all sides of the conflict to respect human rights in the Middle East. This war is a shame on humanity and the values we supposedly have in human rights. It is the responsibility of the international community to help protect civilians on all sides and stop the war,” says Jafar Farah, director of the center.

The Arab citizens in Israel have consistently stood against war and have stood for support peace agreements; they are both citizens of Israel, and Arabs and Palestinians. Although they are experiencing personal losses in Israel because of the attacks by Hizbollah, their friends and family in Lebanon and Palestine are being killed as result of the brutal attacks by Israel. Most of the Arab citizens find the Israeli government responsible for this avoidable war. The Israeli government’s historical policy to use force and one-sided solutions to end conflicts is serving only to further aggravate the war and fails to fully resolve political issues. Arab citizens also support negotiations with Hizbollah and exchanging prisoners as Israel has done in the past.

Background: Arab citizens in Israel

The Palestinian Arab community in Israel consists of 1.3 million citizens, making up 20 percent of the Israeli population and 10 percent of the global Palestinian population.

While the Arab population has concentrations of communities in both central and southern Israel, 50 percent of the Arab population lives in the Galilee region of northern Israel, the region which has sustained most of the attacks.

Since the establishment of the Israeli state, the Arab community of Israel has experienced discrimination on both the social political level, in areas such as structural infrastructure, the education system, and welfare programs. One of the most appalling results of this discrimination is the fact that 50 percent of Arab families and 60 percent of Arab children of Israel live below the poverty line.

Arab citizens in Haifa:

Ten percent of the Haifa population is Arab. Most of the Arab population is located in the four neighborhoods of Wadi Nisnas, Halisa, Abas and Kababir. Wadi Nisnas, the neighborhood shelled yesterday, is the poorest and lacks bomb shelters and many public services.



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There have been 37 civilian casualties in Israel so far. 15 of these casualties were Arab civilians, making up about 40 percent of the total civilian casualties.

Arab citizens of Israel killed by rockets:

Haifa 7.8.2006:

Hanna Hamam, 62 years old
Labiba Mazzawi, 67

Arab Elaramshe 5.8.2006:

Fideye Juma'a, 60
Sultana Juma'a, 33
Samira Juma'a, 31

Mgaar village 4.8.2006:

Manal Azam, 26

Majd Elkrom village 4.8.2006:

Baha Krayem, 34
Mhamad Mana'a, 24

Tarshiha 3.8.2006:

Muhamad Fau'ur, 17
Shinati Shinati, 20
Amir Na'im, 18

Mgaar village 25.7.2006:

Dua'a Abas, 15

E'ebelin 23.7.2006:

Awad Habib, 46

Nazareth 20.7.2006:

Rabie Taluzi, 3
Mahmud Taluzi, 7

The Mossawa Center is a non-profit, non-governmental advocacy organization for the Arab citizens of Israel. The Mossawa Center acts for the social, political and economic rights of the Arab-Palestinian community in Israel.

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