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Jeg har lige modtaget vedlagte dokument og følgende tekst fra en af de israelske jødiske kvinder, der deltog i Paris Peace Forum for to uger siden (fra civilsamfundet).

Imens øjnene nu er fokuseret på Iran-Israel, sker der selvfølgelig en masse i Gaza men også rigtig meget på Vestbredden. Jeg er blevet bedt om at dele det med politikere og beslutningstagere i Danmark. Jeg håber, at det er noget, som man i Danmark vil tage stilling til.

*Dear friends,*

*I received this message from a known source - an urgent plea for help re imminent evacuation and demolition of endangered communities in South Hebron range.*

*We turn to you with an urgent and desperate call for help. Our friends in Masafer Yatta—whom we've accompanied for years in their struggle to remain on their land—are facing imminent destruction. We need your support now.*

*On June 18, Israel's Higher Planning Council for the West Bank made a devastating and arbitrary decision: to permit IDF training in the infamous Firing Zone 918. This means the total demolition of 12 villages—home to around 2,800 people—and the final stage of ethnic cleansing in Masafer Yatta.*

*Firing Zone 918 was never about security. As admitted by its initiator, Ariel Sharon, it was established in the 1980s to "enable Jewish settlement" by pushing Palestinians off their land. The IDF has barely used the area for training, yet lied for decades in court claiming it was essential. Meanwhile, the state has supported dozens of illegal outposts on Palestinian land in the area, clearly revealing that the "security" argument is a fiction.*

*After avoiding a final ruling for decades, in May 2022 settler-judge David Mintz issued a distorted and error-filled verdict approving the eviction of residents from land their families have lived on for generations. Since then, the IDF and settlers have carried out systematic harassment: violent attacks, destruction of homes, denial of grazing rights, and widespread demolitions.*

*Now, based on a confidential military order dated June 17, all planning and legal procedures in the area have been frozen, citing a vague and unsupported "security need." This clears the way for mass demolitions—within days or weeks.*

*This is happening under the cover of war with Iran, in blatant disregard for due process and the rule of law. The state is using false "security" claims to justify destruction and*

*displacement. The courts have made it clear: they will not act to protect Palestinian rights—not property, not dignity, not justice.*

*According to the residents' legal teams, only two channels remain to try to stop this: strengthening the communities through our personal presence and support on the ground; and generating immediate diplomatic pressure abroad.*

*If you have any connection—personal, professional, direct or indirect—to foreign embassies, parliamentarians in Europe or the U.S., or international organizations—please send them this letter.*

*Ask yourself: Who can I reach out to today? Who might raise their voice, apply pressure, and help stop the expulsion?*

*This is a fight for survival, for justice, for a mutual future.*

*With deep gratitude,  
The Villages Group, on behalf of the South Hebron Hills communities*

*Please let us know whom you've contacted. We'll gladly provide further information to anyone interested.*

*Can you please relay to diplomats and any others who may be able to help?*

Med venlig hilsen,  
Sarah Arnd Linder