



Member of the European Parliament

Dear HR/VP Mogherini,

We the undersigned MEPs are writing to you about the urgent situation concerning the village of Susiya in Palestine. The villagers face expulsion from their own lands and they have nowhere to go.

There are approximately 340 men, women and children in the village and 80 buildings of Susiya all of which have demolition orders pending against them. 37 of the buildings are to be demolished imminently, including homes, 22 of which are EU funded, including a medical clinic that is subsidized by the Italian government. The Israeli Court has refused to grant an interim order freezing the implementation of the demolition until the court hears the discussion on the appeal to authorise the village. This situation is unacceptable.

Many of the occupants of the Palestinian village of Susiya are from families expelled from the original site of the village in 1986 to make way for an Israeli archeological park, run by settlers who had established the rival Jewish settlement of Susiya three years earlier. The Palestinian villagers reestablished their own village on their own agricultural land before being expelled again in 2001. Israel's high court ordered that they be allowed to return but once again they face being expelled.

In the face of such ongoing violations of Palestinian's Human Rights we call on you to suspend the EU Association Agreement with Israel. The Agreement is based on mutual respect for human rights and democratic principles, as explicitly stated in article 2 of the Agreement. However the ongoing authorisation of the demolition of Palestinian homes by the Israeli government, as well as several human rights abuses, are in breach of Israel's commitments under article 2 of the Agreement. The EU cannot continue to tolerate such actions by Israel.

Yours sincerely,

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