

URGENT APPEAL FROM BEIT JALA CITY

This is an urgent appeal from the citizens of Beit Jala, its Municipal Council and organizations to our friends and peace loving people around the world, asking them to help us to protest another illegal act facing the Palestinian Community in Bethlehem District, the Birth Place of our lord Jesus Christ.

The Israeli checkpoints constitute a major constraint on the lives of all Palestinians in Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour. And lately, the Israeli Occupation Authorities have opened a new checkpoint replacing the one known as (Gilo Checkpoint 300) in front of everyone crossing from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and vice versa; everyone is now asked to go through a "gate" in the 8-meter concrete "Separation Wall" confronted with a welcoming sign saying:

"Read all instructions and then obey-Have a nice day"

Once a person reads this, s/he starts his/her journey with a long "security check"; going into a passport control building, then personal checks and scans, and finally s/he is only allowed to proceed if s/he holds a permission from the Israeli Army which is virtually impossible to receive for an average Palestinian.

The result of these actions will only leave its negative impacts on all efforts put into reaching stability in the area. Not to forget the consequences of these actions on the economy of Palestinians in Bethlehem district especially among Christians whose businesses have been forced to close and unemployment has increased to unprecedented levels. The harm caused to Palestinians by checkpoints and closures is not restricted to the economy, but restrict the movement of every Palestinian, causing wide spread frustration and collective humiliation.

Therefore, we appeal to you; our friends and peace loving people to help us prevent further humiliation to the Palestinians in Bethlehem district, through protesting to your governments this injustice and to intervene with the Israeli Authorities to end this new procedure that only complicates the situation and makes it difficult to achieve a peaceful resolution of this conflict.

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