

PHONE CALL SCRIPT

Call the offices of your representative and senators. Say that you are calling on a matter of urgent importance and would like to speak to the staff person who handles Middle East issues.

"My name is []. I am calling to bring attention of (Senator/Representative _____) to recent destruction of farm property and trees by the Israeli Military at the Tent of Nations on June 9, 2021. The Tent of Nations is a farm and peace project of the Nassar family, located six miles southwest of Bethlehem in the occupied Palestinian territories. The land has been owned by the Nassar family for over 100 years.

I request that (Senator/Representative _____) prompt the State Department to question the Israeli government about:

- Recent acts of destruction by the Israeli military at the Nassar farm;
- Delay of the re-registration of the Nassar property in the Military and Supreme Courts for the last 30 years (re-registration Case Nos. 3714/2 and 3715/2).

"Justice delayed is justice denied." In the case of the Nassar farm, this delay may result in the illegal confiscation of their land. It is critical that the re-registration to confirm ownership of the Nassar land be concluded without further delay and that no eviction and demolition orders are issued. Friends of Tent of Nations North America (FOTONNA) joins with Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and secular organizations and individuals from the U.S., England, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scotland, Italy, South Africa and other countries in urging immediate action.

EMAIL MESSAGE

I am writing to request your assistance on behalf of Tent of Nations, a farm owned for over 100 years by the Nassar family southwest of Bethlehem in the occupied Palestinian territories. Since 2001, Tent of Nations has become a peace center where "people from many different countries come together to learn, to share, and to build bridges of understanding and hope." The Nassar family runs empowerment programs for women and children in the local area. Thousands of international volunteers come to live and maintain the farm, each year. The COVID lockdowns prohibited internationals from visiting and staying on the farm, increasing the family's vulnerability.

The Nassars have documentation of land ownership dating back more than 100 years. But since 1991, they have been in the Israeli Military and Supreme Courts, defending their land from demolition and confiscation. Finally, in 2019, the Nassars received confirmation that their re-registration application to establish ownership was complete. After two more years of additional delays, a meeting was held in February 2021 by the Israeli Registration Committee, the purpose of which was to determine and inform the family about next steps in the re-registration. Despite repeated inquiries, the Nassars continue to await notification of the results of that meeting.

Recent events have created the urgent need to exert pressure on Israel to complete the process of re-registering the property to confirm the Nassar's ownership. Overt destruction of property in the past few weeks destroyed more than 1,050 fruit trees. This includes destruction of farm property and trees by the Israeli Military at the Tent of Nations on June 9, 2021. These acts appear intended to pressure the

family to leave their home so that the land can be taken and incorporated into the adjacent Israeli settlement.

We urge you to prompt the State Department to question the Israeli government about:

- Acts of destruction by the Israeli military at the Nassar's farm;
- Delays by Israel in the re-registration of the Nassar land (re-registration Case Nos. 3714/2 and 3715/2). It is critical that the re-registration to confirm ownership of the Nassar land be concluded without further delay and that no eviction or demolition orders are issued.

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