State of Palestine

Ministry of Health

CALL FOR PROMPT INTERVENTION

FOR THE PROECTION OF THE HEALTH CARAVAN AND THE PEOPLE OF KHIRBAT ZANUTA AGAINST THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION DECISION OF DEMOLITION

12 July 2023

Khirbat Zanuta, East of Dahriya City, Hebron District, is surrounded with Israeli colonies from all directions in addition to the Apartheid Wall. Khirbat Zanuta is inhabited with around 450 persons (36 families including 70 children, 50 women, 20 elderly).

As reported, on 2 August 2022, the local village council of Zanuta received a notification from the "Israeli Civil Administration" on the demolition of the donor-funded health Caravan in addition to the demolition of 11 tents (inhabited by 55 persons including children and women). The Village Council then approached the Society of St Yves (the Catholic Center for Human Rights) and through their lawyer made an appeal against the decision. Since then until yesterday, no feedback received on the appeal. Yesterday, Tuesday 11 July 2023, the Zanuta Village council reported that they saw "Israeli Civil administration" cars arrived to the location and took photos for the health caravan and the 11 tents. The village council immediately contacted the Society of St Yves on the matter to find out that the Israeli High Court has rejected the appeal.

Today morning, Wednesday, 12 July 2023, the village council reported as well that they saw three Israeli bulldozers escorted with Israeli army shoveling and destroying the entrance of Khirbat Zanuta (1.5 km). Now the main entrance of Zanuta is fully destroyed, which means that this might be a prior step for demolition.

This is a call for all international community, human rights organizations, European Union, WHO, OHCHR, OCHA, UN agencies and all peace and freedom advocates to intervene and act promptly to stop the Israeli High Court decision of demolition and for the protection of Zanuta people and the health care Caravan there.

It is the responsibility of all to protect such vulnerable community and ensure their basic human and health rights are observed.

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