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Date: July 24, 2014 In your response please refer to: 83748

To:

and Facsimile Mr. Yehuda Weinstein Attorney General 29 Salah a-Din Jerusalem 91010 **By Registered Mail** 

**Urgent!** 

Dear Sir,

## Re: Detention of Residents from the Gaza Strip

- As part of its activity to promote human rights of residents of the Territories, HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual has been locating detainees and monitoring their holding conditions for many years. Among its activities, HaMoked has taken action to improve the holding conditions and rights of detainees at the Ofer camp (in HCJ 3239/02 Iyad Mar'ab et al. v. Commander of IDF Forces in the Judea and Samaria Area and HCJ 3278/02 HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual v. the State of Israel et al.)
- 2. I hereby urgently address you following recent reports concerning the detention of residents from Gaza. Among other reports, according to information published on the Walla news site, only yesterday about 150 Palestinians from Gaza were detained and transferred to Israel.
- 3. In view of the above, I request to receive information regarding the detention facility or facilities in which detainees from Gaza are held or interrogated:
  - a) What are the exact locations in which the detainees are held?
  - b) Have these facilities been declared detention facilities in accordance with the law, when and by whom?
  - c) What is the maximum number of detainees that may be held in each of these facilities?
  - d) What is the maximum length of time detainees may be held in these facilities?
  - e) Is the facility under the responsibility of the Military Police or a different unit?



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- f) What are the conditions under which the detainees will be held in each facility?
- g) Are detainees from Gaza currently being held in each of these facilities and if so, how many?
- h) Are some of the detainees being held within Gaza?
- 4. We also request information regarding the legal basis for holding detainees from Gaza:
  - a) Are the detainees being held under Israeli legislation and if so, which and under what status?
  - b) Have any of the detainees been declared as illegal combatants? If so, how many?
  - c) Were new laws/orders/provisions legislated for the purpose of holding the detainees from Gaza? If so we request to receive them urgently.
- 5. With respect to detainees who were transferred to ISA interrogation, we would like to know whether a permit for the use of extraordinary interrogation means was issued by you, and if so, whether a sweeping permit was issued.
- 6. We request your immediate response.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Sigi Ben Ari, Adv.