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HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual – Abeer Jubran

Re: **Unreasonable and arbitrary directive as a condition for appeals to the Erez DCO in the Gaza Strip – the Southern Command's response**

(Ref: yours 37230 dated 21 January 2007)

1. Following your letter referenced herein and after consultation with the Head of the Gaza DCO, the Southern Command's response is as follows.
 - A. The request to make the processing of applications for issuance of permits conditional upon the provision the applicants' telephone number was put forward by the ISA for operative needs and was previously approved (in principle) by the DCO.
 - B. Telephone numbers do not constitute a violation of privacy, as confirmed by the Legal Advisor.
 - C. However, following the directive of the Coordinator, the DCO call center no longer demands telephone numbers (according to the directive of the Head of the DCO and the Coordinator, and after clarification of the matter with the ISA) when processing appeals by organizations such as HaMoked. If necessary, the telephone number will be obtained when the resident passes through the Erez Crossing.
2. For your information,
3. Best,

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