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Victory for the Residents of Ras Karkar and Deir Ammar Following a Petition Filed with Yesh Din and Emek Shaveh: The High Court Orders the Removal of Settlers' Invasion of the Nabi Aner Site

Seven years after [the petition was submitted](#), today, the Israeli HCJ ruled in favor of the petitioners in their case against settlers' invasion of private Palestinian lands at the historic Nabi Aner site. The Court ordered the state to demolish the illegal structures built on the site within six months and to restore the area, as much as possible, to its original state before the invasion. The ruling emphasized that the state cannot avoid enforcing the law, particularly where violations infringe on the fundamental rights of Palestinian residents, who are considered protected persons under international law. Additionally, the state was ordered to pay the petitioners 20,000 NIS in legal expenses.

The justices addressed the involvement of the Binyamin Regional Council in the illegal activities at Nabi Aner, stating: "Another factor that must be weighed in assessing the state's position is the active involvement of the regional council in the illegal construction at the site

[...] That is to say, some of the construction activities at the site – undisputedly illegal and not in compliance with planning and building laws – were financed by an Israeli local authority."

The HCJ harshly criticized the state and the prosecution for years of repeated attempts to evade commitments made to the Court. These efforts included presenting contradictory or baseless positions aimed at shirking the state's legal obligations. The petition was filed and managed by Attorney Shlomi Zecharia, along with Attorneys Michal Ziv and Lior Tzur, on behalf of the head of the Ras Karkar village council, two residents of Deir Ammar, and the human rights organizations Yesh Din and Emek Shaveh.



Photo: Emek Shaveh

This decision affirms the Palestinians' right to property and free access to heritage and recreational sites. This is a significant and just victory. After seven years of legal and public struggle, the HCJ ruled today on the obvious: the state has an obligation to protect Palestinians' property rights and allow them to preserve their

heritage, even when settlers aspire to turn it into a leisure and recreation site for themselves. This ruling underscores, once again, the unfortunate reality that state authorities go to great lengths to avoid fulfilling their legal duties, and only judicial intervention, albeit limited and after prolonged delays, can compel them to enforce the law.

[Read more about the petition](#)

New WhatsApp Group for Diplomatic Updates

We opened a new WhatsApp group for diplomatic updates, in which we will be sending periodic updates on important developments in the West Bank easily and conveniently. It will be a 'silent' group, meaning only the administrators can post messages, and there won't be conversations or debates. This is an efficient way to keep the diplomatic community up to date, and you are welcome to join and share the link with colleagues.

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