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Taxation on NGOs Bill is Scheduled for Vote in the Ministerial Committee for Legislation this Sunday

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On Sunday, May 28, the Ministerial Committee for Legislation is [scheduled to vote on a bill](#) that would impose a 65% tax on civil society organizations funded by "foreign governmental entities." If this bill passes, it will effectively cripple all operations of human rights organizations in Israel, who rely heavily on grants funded by EU and other like-minded states and other international state entities.

As part of its 'legal overhaul', the new Israeli government is targeting and delegitimizing Israeli human rights and civil society organizations that criticize and challenge its human rights violations and annexation policies in the OPT. The bill is designed to suffocate the organizations financially, constrain their work, and possibly force them to close their doors permanently.

Most Israeli human rights and civil society organizations, Yesh Din included, rely heavily on such foreign donations. Many would not be able to continue operating under a high tax burden, even if the donors themselves find a way to overcome the suggested restrictions regarding taxation of a grant and manage to continue their funding.

The planned legislation and other attacks on NGOs should be understood as part of the on-going delegitimization campaign against human rights organizations in Israel, aimed at silencing any criticism of Israeli policy, mainly in regards to the OPT and asylum seekers.

Since it has become clear that Israel is moving quickly towards full annexation of the West Bank, undermining and restricting outspoken Israeli NGOs is designed to provide the government with the freedom required to execute its illegal annexation policies with impunity and minimal international criticism and opposition.

It is not expected that many opposition members in the Knesset will actively oppose this legislation, as some of them have eagerly supported and even initiated similar bills. This situation exponentially increases the need for swift and determined intervention by the international community, signaling such legislation will not be accepted.

In 2012, the international community responded with strong opposition to similar legislation, which was a crucial factor eventually leading to its withdrawal.

We call upon the international community: Act quickly and with determination to prevent the Israeli government from harming and destroying human rights and civil society organizations in Israel.

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