

Action for Khan al-Ahmar

Khan al-Ahmar is one of nine Palestinian Bedouin villages on the Jerusalem to Jericho Road, in the occupied West Bank.

Its families were evicted from the Negev Desert in 1952 to make way for an Israeli town. They live in abject poverty, have been denied basic amenities, including fresh water and have suffered constant removal by Israel. They are now



threatened with imminent demolition of their homes and the school that serves the ninety-two children of the scattered community.

On Wednesday 4 July, an Israeli bulldozer began the demolition of the village.

This is one of many daily

demolitions that take place as part of Israel's plan to clear Palestinians from the area to make way for Jewish-only settlement expansion. To the east of Khan al-Ahmar lies the settlement of Maale Adumim and, to the west, the settlement of Kfar Adumim. **Israeli Settlements are illegal under international law.**

Israel is determined that the families will be forcibly removed to two sites, one of which is next to a festering Israeli rubbish dump. **This is against international law.**

The British government can no longer stand idly by while Israel flagrantly ignores international law and violates Palestinians' human rights. **It is time to take real action.** It's time for the UK government to end its complicity in Israel's systematic violation of Palestinian rights.

See more

<http://www.jahalin.org/calling-british-mps-to-save-palestinian-vill>
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/06/israel-illegal-demolition-and-forcible-transfer-of-palestinian-bedouin-village-amounts-to-war-crime/>

A new High Court reprieve means that we only have until 1 August to answer the call of the families, and those who work with them, to stop these illegal acts by Israel.

Urgent action:

Please write letters to the following (be brief and polite)

The Foreign Secretary at: The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. Email fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk
 Online letter: <https://palestinecampaign.iparlsetup.com/lobby/KhanAl-Ahmar-Action>

Your MP and MEPs: use www.writeto.com

Your Union: many of them have campaigns to support Palestine;

- Tell them about Khan al Ahmar, the demolitions and the forced removals;
- Ask them to:
 - speak out to condemn the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians Bedouin residents of Khan al-Ahmar and surrounding area:
 - demand that Israeli Government immediately reverse its decision to complete the demolition
 - TAKE ACTION to impose immediate sanctions against illegal Israeli settlements and goods coming from them.

Additional online actions:

- End Demolitions: <https://waronwant.org/media/reaction-israeli-military-demolish-west-bank-palestinian-village>
- <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/ban-israeli-settlement-goods-local-groups>

Ask your Faith leaders to speak out strongly in support of the Palestinian Bedouins and against the Israeli Government's demolitions, their forced removals, their violations of international law and denial of Human Rights.