

To:
Secretary Antony Blinken
U.S. State Department

We, the families of the restricted part of Hebron 2, are writing to demand urgent relief to our situation and an end to the curfew in our neighborhoods. For an entire month, we have been living under an unbearable curfew that has restricted all aspects of our lives. We are only allowed outside three days a week for one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The rest of the time, we are stuck at home. Our children cannot play outside or attend school, even as they watch from their windows as Israeli children play outside and roam freely. Our men and women cannot work. How can we afford food and basic supplies? We can have no guests or visitors. Not even journalists or Israeli or international visitors are allowed. At the same time, we see Israeli settlers receiving guests and even having parties in our closed streets.

Israeli soldiers treat us badly and detain or beat our family members. They cock their guns and pretend to shoot us. They invade our homes. Israeli settlers in army uniform harass and attack us. No one is safe here. Families, who have alternatives, have already left. We have no alternatives.

As residents, we are already registered in Israel's Red Wolf surveillance system. We pose no threat to anyone. We just want to live our lives. Our neighborhoods are already riddled with military closures and movement barriers. Now, we cannot move at all. There have been no Palestinian attacks in H2, yet we are collectively punished anyway. Our health and wellbeing are compromised. We cannot go on like this any longer.

As the Secretary of State of a country supplying Israel with military aid, you have a duty to ensure our protection and wellbeing and prevent the use of American funds for our suffering, confinement and displacement. We need you to call on Israel to demand an immediate end to the curfew.

With concern,

The Palestinian families of Tel Rumieda neighborhood, Shuhada street, Ibrahim Mosque area, Salaymeh neighborhood, Ghaith neighborhood, Wadi al-Hussein, Christian valley, and Kiryat Arba road.

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