

In the wake of this petition, the State agreed to a one-time exit of the petitioner. It was also agreed that in the future, all of his requests to leave would be examined in their own right.

Entry Permits into Israel

51 complaints were received by HaMoked during 1997:

- 1 Entry for purposes of studies
- 47 Entry to visit family members in prison
- 3 Work

As of 1997 HaMoked succeeded in solving 29 of these complaints.

During the year, HaMoked also dealt with 20 complaints received prior to 1997 for the following:

- 10 Entry to visit family members in prison
- 4 Studies
- 5 Divided Families
- 1 Passage from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip in order to enter Egypt

10 of these complaints were successfully treated.

An especially difficult, but not unrepresentative, case is that of Mrs. Aziza Nasser from the Ramallah district. Her husband and two sons are imprisoned in Beer Sheva and are serving long sentences. Up until the summer of 1996 she would regularly visit them, but at that time was told she was prevented from entering Israel and her requests to participate in the prison visits arranged by the Red Cross were denied. In July 1997 Mrs. Nasser turned to HaMoked and more than three months were required to receive a one-time permit to visit in prison. She was allowed one hour to see her husband and two sons, whom she hadn't seen for more than a year. Following this visit HaMoked once again turned to the authorities and requested a long-term permit for visits. After two more months of advocacy a one-time permit was once again issued. Additional efforts were required to arrange another one-time permit to visit her husband and HaMoked is currently advocating to arrange another visit with her sons.

A special problem arose in the case of Sanaa Gubran. In the wake of HaMoked's intervention she received a periodic permit for prison visits with her husband, but could not use this permit as she is a resident of the West Bank and he is a resident of Jerusalem. Separate days are allotted for visits of West Bank residents with prisoners from the West Bank and other days for residents of Jerusalem with prisoners from Jerusalem. Mrs. Gubran fell between the cracks. HaMoked intervened and successfully arranged her visits.