

D. Residency, Family Reunification and Family Visits

24. File #2798, Petition 5005/95  
This petition was filed on behalf of two minors, represented by their mother, vs. Minister of the Interior. The two minors are residents of Jerusalem; the ministry of interior has refused to register their mother as a resident of Jerusalem. The mother is a resident of Nablus, the father is a resident of Jerusalem, serving a term for an Intifada-related offence. The family has lived in Jerusalem since the couple's marriage in the early 1980'. The father's request for family reunification on behalf of his wife was rejected. The mother was ordered by the ministry of interior to leave Jerusalem immediately. The case was settled out of court; the mother received temporary residency status (A5), the best possible settlement in her circumstances.
25. File #5502, Petition 5837/95  
This petition was filed on behalf of the son of a Jerusalem resident vs. Minister of the Interior. The ministry of interior has refused to register the son in the residency registry. The mother is a Jerusalem resident, the father is a resident of the West Bank. The couple is divorced. The mother and son live in Jerusalem at the grandmother's house. The ministry of interior has rejected a family reunification request and refused to issue the son with an Israeli I.D. card. The petition has not yet been heard in court.
26. File #7058, Petition 7869/95  
Petition on behalf of resident of West Bank vs. Commander of IDF Forces West Bank. The command refuses to issue the resident with an entry permit to Jerusalem, where his wife resides. The wife does not want to lose her Jerusalem residency, which would be endangered were she to move to the West Bank, based on ministry of interior practice in such cases. HaMoked has received the answer that the resident is banned from entering "since he belongs to the rejectionist front". The petition has not yet been heard in court.
27. File #6211, Pre-petition  
HaMoked had turned to the State Attorney's Office on behalf of a resident of Jerusalem, aged 80 and in deteriorating health, who had asked for a visitor permit for her son, a physician residing in Dubai. The request was refused on security grounds, with no reason given. The physician's wife and son were issued with permits, conditional on deposit of NIS 10,000 returnable upon exit. The request was granted.
28. File #6001, Petition 7247/95  
A petition filed on behalf of a Jerusalem resident, requesting family reunification on a humanitarian basis for her disabled sister, residing at a center for the disabled in Hebron. The request has been rejected by the ministry of interior. The two sisters' parents are dead and there is no one else, able to care for the disabled sister. The petition has not yet been heard in court.
29. File #6538, Pre-petition  
A West Bank resident, born 1978, was arrested in 1994. HaMoked had initiated a tracing enquiry, during which it became apparent that his I.D. number, as entered in his father's I.D. card, is not compatible with the entry in the population registry: a different person is entered there under this number. HaMoked had immediately contacted the authorities in an effort to change the number and issue the resident with an I.D. card, since he has reached, in the meantime, the age of 16. Since 30.8.94 till July 1995, the Civil Administration did not issue him with a card. Consequently, HaMoked

turned to the State Attorney's Office and the resident received a new I.D. card.

30. File #5187, Pre-petition

A woman born in the West Bank was never registered, through the omission of her parents. Today, she is married, the mother of children in the West Bank, yet the Civil Administration still refused to register her and issue her with an I.D. card. The case took two years to resolve; following the pre-petition, the woman was registered and has received an I.D. card.

E. Respect for the Deceased

31. File #7309, Petition 2644/95

Abdullah Harizat vs. commander of IDF forces, West Bank. The petitioner is the brother of Abdel Samed Harizat, who died in GSS custody as a result of "shaking" during interrogation. HaMoked first traced Abdel Samed Harizat in GSS custody in Hadassah hospital. Following an autopsy, performed by Dr. Pounder (logistical support provided by HaMoked), HaMoked turned to the authorities to permit a daytime, public burial for Abdel Samed Harizat. Commander of IDF forces had refused, without any written document being given. In such circumstances, burials were usually performed during the dead of night with approximately only 10 members of the closest family being allowed to attend. Following the filing of the petition, a compromise deal was struck, allowing the burial to take place during evening hours, with attendance of 150 people, in spite of the closure imposed on Hebron that day.

F. Access to Investigation Reports

32. File 6231, Pre-petition

HaMoked had turned to the State Attorney's Office in a case concerning IDF violence. The petitioner was gravely injured by IDF soldiers on 3.6.94. HaMoked has since turned to the IDF repeatedly, demanding an investigation and access to its conclusions. The only answer received from the IDF till August 1995, was "the matter is under investigation". The investigation report was received immediately following the filing of the pre-petition.

As of 31.12.95, HaMoked advocates in 1918 active files:

Residency/Jerusalem/West Bank	998
Exit permits	68
Entry permits from Jordan	58
Entry permits into Israel	191
Violence	275
Property damage	118
Other	210
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The processing of these complaints is individual, according to the needs of each file. In cases of IDF violence and property damage, for example, the military takes up to two years or more to finish its processing, after which HaMoked files for damages.

Although most cases of family reunification/West Bank were successfully closed after November 1992 (High Court agreements), many files were re-opened after September 1993, following the state's announcement of new policies regarding family reunification. In these cases, HaMoked follows developments, in order to secure residency rights for visitors.