

To:

Ms. Mali Davidian
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The Population, Immigration and Border Authority
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Dear Ms. Davidian,

Re: **Application under the Freedom of Information Law, 5758-1998**
Revocation of Residency Status of Permanent Residents in Jerusalem in 2015

I hereby apply to you on behalf of HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual, which works, inter alia, on issues relating to the status of the East Jerusalem residents. The information requested concerns data on the revocation of residency status of permanent residents in East Jerusalem in the year 2015.

1. We request the following data:
 - How many East Jerusalem residents were deprived of their permanent residency status in the year 2015?
 - How many of them were women?
 - How many of them were minors **at the time** of the residency revocation?
2. We wish to know, how many East Jerusalem residents were deprived of their status in 2015 **while they were outside Israel**?
3. We wish to know **what the grounds** were for residency revocation in the year 2015, under Article 11a of the Entry into Israel Regulations, 5734-1974. More specifically:
 - a. In how many cases was the residency status revoked due to absence from Israel for a period of at least seven years? Of them, in how many cases was it decided to revoke the residency status of minors?
 - b. In how many cases was it decided to revoke the residency status due to acquisition of a permanent residency permit in a foreign country? In how many cases was it decided to revoke the residency status of minors?

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- c. In how many cases was residency status revoked due to the acquisition of foreign citizenship? In how many cases was it decided to revoke the residency status of minors?
4. In Section 4 of the response to HaMoked's information application on revocations of status of East Jerusalem residents in 2010, you stated that:

As to residency expiration due to an absence from Israel for a period of at least seven years, residency does not expire due to over seven-years residency abroad if the person returned during these years for visits in the country within the validity of the laissez passer or exit card, all this and provided there is no other basis for the residency's expiration [...]. The meaning of "a stay outside Israel for over seven consecutive years" is that the resident never entered Israel during those years.

We wish to understand whether there has been a change in this policy. If so, we wish to know, what does the change include?

A copy of the response to the information application for 2010 is attached and marked **1**.

5. Regarding status reinstatement for East Jerusalem residents whose status was revoked **on the grounds** stipulated in the Entry into Israel Regulations, 5716-1955, we wish to know more specifically:
- a. How many requests for status reinstatement **were filed** in 2015?
 - b. Of them – the requests filed in 2015 – we wish to know how many were approved, how many were refused and how many are still unanswered?
 - c. Additionally, out **of all** status-reinstatement requests **approved** in 2015, how many had been filed before 2015? Please specify according to the years in which the requests were submitted.
6. In Section 8 of the response to HaMoked's abovementioned information application on residency revocation in 2010, you stated that:

A person whose residency expired while outside Israel may appeal through the Israeli Consulate in his area of residence.

We wish to understand whether this policy has changed. If so, we wish to know what the change includes.

7. We wish to know, has there been any change in the Ministry of Interior's policy not to revoke status of residents due to **habitation in the seam neighborhoods of Jerusalem**. If there has been a change in this policy, we wish to know what the change includes.

8. We wish to know if the policy of the Ministry of Interior towards permanent residents who relocated to the OPT in West Bank **and outside** the seam neighborhoods of Jerusalem, as disclosed in Section 12 of your response to HaMoked's information application on residency revocation in 2012? If there has been a change in this policy, we request to know what the change includes.

A copy of the response to the information application for 2012 is attached and marked **2**.

9. Finally, we wish to stress that as an association acting to promote a public interest, HaMoked is exempt from paying a fee for freedom-of-information applications. Attached, as legally required, is the association's due diligence certificate, marked **3**.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Agsteribbe, Adv.

Attached:

Appendixes **1-3**