



## ***National Minority Rights are Human Rights***

**On 30 March 1976, a general strike was announced in Arab towns and villages and a demonstration was launched protesting against a governmental decision to confiscate thousands of dunams of land in Arab villages as part of a plan to “Judaize the Galilee”. On that day, six Arab citizens were killed by bullets of the police forces and the army.**

# **Land Day**

**In commemoration of the 31<sup>st</sup> Land Day, 30.3.2007:  
fundamental provisions of Adalah’s “Democratic Constitution”**

### **Restitution of private property**

**39.** Every person whose land has been expropriated or whose right to property has been violated arbitrarily or because of his or her Arab nationality under the following laws is entitled to have his or her property restored and to receive compensation for the period during which his or her right to property was denied: the Land Ordinance (Acquisition for Public Purposes) of 1943, and/or the Land Acquisition (Validation of Acts and Compensation) Law of 1953, and/or the Absentee Property Law of 1950, and/or article 22 of the Statute of Limitations of 1958, and/or Regulation 125 of the Emergency (Defense) Regulations of 1945.

### **Internally-displaced persons**

**40.** All of the Arab citizens of the State of Israel who were uprooted from their villages or from their place of residence during and after 1948 and were not permitted to return are entitled to return to their villages and original places of residence; a mechanism will be formulated in law to provide appropriate compensation for personal damages suffered by these individuals and their families since being uprooted, as well as assistance for building villages and/or homes of an appropriate quality.

For the complete text of the “Democratic Constitution”, go to:  
[www.adalah.org](http://www.adalah.org)