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Adalah's Litigation Docket

Cases pending as of September 2007

I. Land and Planning Rights

Supreme Court

- 1. Demanding the Cancellation of an Israel Land Administration (ILA) Policy Permitting the Marketing and Allocation of **Jewish National Fund** (JNF)-Controlled Lands by the ILA through Bids Open only to Jewish Individuals *H.C. 9205/04, Adalah v. Israel Land Administration, et al.* (Supreme Court agreed in 9/07, over Adalah's strenuous objection, to suggestion made by the Attorney General and the JNF that
 - Adalah's strenuous objection, to suggestion made by the Attorney General and the JNF that JNF-controlled land will made available to all citizens, including Arab citizens, for three months, but that the state will compensate the JNF with other state land if an Arab citizen wins the tender)
- 2. Challenging the Enormous Financial Support Provided by State to former Soldiers for **Home Mortgages** as Constituting Discrimination against Arab Citizens of Israel *H.C. 11956/05, Suhad Bishara, et al. v. The Ministry of Construction and Housing* (dismissed 13.12.06); and *H.C. 1241/07, Suhad Bishara, et al. v. The Minister of Construction and Housing* (motion for a second hearing filed 2/07)
- 3. Seeking the Annulment of the "Wine Path Plan" for the Establishment and Retroactive Legalization of 30 Individual Settlements in the Naqab (Negev) for the Purpose of Securing the Land for Exclusive Use by Jewish Citizens

 H.C. 2817/06, Adalah, et al. v. The National Council for Planning and Building, et al.
- 4. Representing Residents of the Village of Kammaneh in the Galilee against Attempts by the Neighboring Jewish Town of Kamoun to Impose Racist Conditions on the Approval of Kammaneh's Master Plan
 - H.C. 6176/06, The Cooperative Organization for the Agricultural Settlement of Kamoun v. The National Council for Planning and Building et al.
- 5. Appealing the **Confiscation of Land in Lajoun** Belonging to 300 Arab Families in Umm al-Fahem
 - C.A. (Civil Appeal) 4067/07, Jabareen, et al. v. The State of Israel, et al.
- 6. Challenging the ILA's Policy and Use of **Selection Committees** in Allocating Land for Housing in Community Towns, Excluding Arab Citizens, Mizrahim (Eastern Jews), Single Parents and Gay Individuals
 - H.C. 8036/07, Fatina Ebriq Zubeidat, et al. v. The Israel Land Administration, et al.

Magistrates' Courts

- 7. Seeking the Cancellation of **Evacuation Lawsuits** against about 1,000 Arab Bedouin Citizens of Israel Living in Atir-Umm el-Hieran in the Naqab and Demanding Recognition for the Unrecognized Village
 - Beer el-Sabe Magistrates' Court, Civil File 3326/04, The State of Israel and the Israel Land Administration v. Ibrahim Farhood Abu el-Qian, et al. (+ legal representation on 26 additional civil files)
- 8. Motions to Cancel *Ex Parte* **Demolition Orders** against 33 Homes in the Unrecognized Arab Bedouin Village of Umm el-Hieran in the Naqab
 - Beer el-Sabe Magistrates' Court, Different Motions 8477/06, Abu el-Qian Ali, et al. v. The State of Israel (In 10/06, the court delayed the implementation of the orders but in 6/07, nine homes were demolished by the ILA in violation of the court's orders. Adalah has demanded that the AG open an investigation into the ILA's illegal actions).
- 9. 45 Urgent Motions to Cancel *Ex Parte* Demolition Orders Issued against Almost All Homes in the Unrecognized Arab Bedouin Village of Al-Sura in the Naqab *Beer el-Sabe Magistrates' Court, Different Motions 9364/06, Suleiman Nasasra and Adalah v. The State of Israel* (In 8/07 the court ordered the freezing of the demolition orders)

Planning Committees

10. Objections Filed Against Local Master Plan that Assigns Lands Cultivated by Arab Farmers in and around the Area of **Wadi al-Malak** in the North for the Creation of "Kiryat Ata Forest" (Two objections were filed in 8/06. In 2/07, the Haifa District Planning and Building Committee accepted one of the objections and announced that the plan would be amended so as not to include land plots that are in private ownership. The second objection is still pending before the Northern Planning and Building Committee).

II. Civil and Political Rights

Supreme Court

- 11. Demanding the Release of Operational Report into the **Israeli Military's Killing** of Mr. Meteb al-Nebari, an Arab Bedouin Citizen of Israel *H.C. 2366/05, Atwa al-Nebari and Adalah v. Israeli Army Chief of Staff, et. al.*
- 12. Seeking to Overturn the New Amendment to the **Citizenship Law** Banning Family Unification in Israel between Palestinian Citizens of Israel and Palestinians from the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and "Enemy States" of Syria, Lebanon, Iran and Iraq *H.C.* 830/07, Adalah v. The Minister of the Interior, et al.

Magistrates' Courts

13. Demanding Compensation for an Arab Family Violently **Assaulted by Police Officers** *Haifa Magistrates' Court, Civil Lawsuit 15787/07, Hussein v. Elyahu, et al.*

III. Education Rights

Supreme Court

14. Demanding the Appointment of **Educational Psychologists** in Five Arab Bedouin Schools in the Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab Serving 3,650 Students, None of Which has Such a Position

H.C. 3926/06, Al-Sayed Abed El-Dayem et al v. The Ministry of Education and The Abu Basma Regional Council

15. Seeking the Repair of Health and **Safety Hazards** at an Arab Elementary School in Akka with 670 Pupils

H.C. 1203/06, The el-Manara School's Parents' Committee v. the Municipality of Akka, et al.

16. Seeking the Cancellation of Haifa University's Discriminatory Policy of including Military Service as a Main Criterion in Allocating **Student Dorms** (appeal by Haifa University against District Court decision ruling that the policy constitutes illegal discrimination against Arab students)

C.A. (Civil Appeal) 8695/06, Haifa University v. Haneen Na'amneh, et al.

17. Demanding the Establishment of the First Arab Special **School for the Arts** in Israel *H.C.* 7339/07, The Association for the Development of Arab Education in Haifa, et al. v. The Ministry of Education and the Municipality of Haifa

IV. Economic and Social Rights

Supreme Court

- 18. Challenging the Unequal Distribution of **Balance Grants** to Jewish and Arab Municipalities *H.C.* 6223/01, National Committee of Arab Mayors, et al. v. Ministry of the Interior, et al.
- 19. Demanding the Annulment of Law that Renders Unemployed Car Owners and Users Ineligible for **Income Support Payments**

H.C. 10662/04, Salah Hassan, et al. v. The National Insurance Institute, et al. (In 1/07, as a result of the petition, an amendment to the law was enacted which allows car owners and users to receive income support, with certain conditions. The case is pending on the issue of whether or not the court will grant additional remedies).

20. Challenging a Discriminatory Law that Excludes Arab Bedouin Towns from **Income Tax Benefits**

H.C. 6901/05, Mayor of Rahat Municipality, et al. v. Minister of Finance, et al. (In 7/07, the Supreme Court ordered the state to provide updated information regarding an amendment to the law and the setting of clear, consistent and equitable criteria for all)

21. Challenging the State's Discriminatory Compensation Scheme for **War Damages** *H.C.* 7444/06, Abeer Shehada, et al. v. Ministry of Finance (MOF) (In 1/07, the MOF announced its agreement to include four Arab villages – Arab al-Aramshe, Fasuta, Ma'alia and Jesh (Gush Halav) – in the north of Israel in the list of 'border towns' for the purposes of receiving full compensation. In 9/07, the court dismissed the remaining claims)

- 22. Appealing a Decision of the Haifa District Court (sitting as a Water Tribunal) not to Order **Water Access** for Hundreds of Arab Bedouin Living in Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab C.A. (Civil Appeal) 9535/06, Abdullah Abu Msaed, et al. v. The Water Commissioner and the Israel Lands Administration
- 23. Seeking the Annulment of Municipal Regulations forcing Arab Shop Owners in Akka to Close on Saturdays, the Jewish Sabbath

H.C. 4326/07, Elias Daw, et al. v. The Municipality of Akka, et al.

V. Religious Rights

Supreme Court

- 24. Demanding Re-Opening and the Right to Pray in Big Mosque in Beer el-Sabe (Beer Sheva) H.C. 7311/02, Association for Support and Defense of Bedouin Rights in Israel, et al. v. The Municipality of Beer Sheva, et al. (In 2/07, the court issued order nisi against the municipality to explain why the Big Mosque should not be opened for prayer and worship).
- 25. Demanding Legal **Recognition for Muslim Holy Sites** in Israel in Name of Muslim Religious Leaders

H.C. 10532/04, Sheikh Abdullah Nimr Darwish, et al. v. Minister of Religious Affairs, et al. (In 8/07 the court issued an *order nisi* compelling the state to explain why not to issue regulations for the protection of Muslim holy sites)

VI. Prisoners' Rights

Supreme Court

26. Demanding Permission for Palestinian Political Prisoners to have **Physical Contact** with their Young Children during Family Visits

H.C 7585/04, Hakeem Kana'ni, et al. v. The Israel Prison Service

27. Demanding the Cancellation of an Israel Prison Service Order that **Restricts Attorneys' Access** to Political Prisoners and Detainees

H.C. 5613/06, Attorney Fadi Qawasmi, et al. v. The Israel Prison Service

Magistrates' Court

28. Representing the Family of Hamad Dibsan in an Investigation into his **Death in Police** Custody

Beer el-Sabe Magistrates' Court Cause of Death Investigation 1001/04, In Re. Hamad Dibsan, Deceased

VII. Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT)

Supreme Court

- 29. Challenging the Cancellation of **Jerusalem Residency Status** of Parliamentarians Elected on the Hamas List to the Palestinian Legislative Council *H.C.* 7803/06, *Khalid Abu Arafeh*, et al. v. *Minister of Interior* (Adalah and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel are representing the Palestinian Parliament Members as amicus curiae)
- 30. Human Rights Organizations Demand Criminal Investigations into Israeli Military Commanders and Government Officials Responsible for **Killings and Extensive Home Demolitions** in Rafah Gaza in 2004 *H.C.* 3292/07, Adalah et al. v. The Attorney General, et al.
- 31. Human Rights Organizations Demand the Immediate Opening of **Karni Crossing**, Essential for the Transport of Foodstuffs and Raw Materials between Gaza and Israel H.C. 5523/07, *Adalah*, *PCHR-Gaza*, *Al Mezan and Al Haq v. The Prime Minister*, et al.