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Introduction

This report highlights Adalah's **main achievements and activities** conducted from January to June 2011, our 15th year of operation. As this report reflects, Adalah had several successes in our legal representations and international advocacy initiatives, and submitted major new impact litigation to promote and defend the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel and Palestinian residents of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). Adalah also issued new legal publications and briefing papers, held an international expert workshop, trained lawyers, and delivered lectures at conferences and symposia in Israel and abroad.

Adalah ("Justice" in Arabic) is an independent human rights organization and legal center with offices in Haifa in the north and Beer el-Sabe (Beer Sheva) in the south. Established in November 1996, Adalah's main objectives are to achieve equal individual and collective rights for the Palestinian Arab minority in Israel in different fields including land and planning rights; civil and political rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and prisoners' rights, and to defend the rights of Palestinians living under occupation. In order to achieve these goals, Adalah:

- Brings impact litigation cases before Israeli courts and various state authorities;
- Provides legal consultation to individuals, NGOs, and Arab institutions;
- Appeals to international institutions and forums;
- Organizes conferences and study days and publishes reports on legal issues;
- Conducts extensive media outreach;
- Trains legal apprentices, law students, and new lawyers in the field of human rights.

This report is divided into three sections: Legal Action, International Advocacy, and Legal Education. Information on members of the Board of Directors and staff of Adalah, donors to Adalah, and how to contribute to Adalah is provided at the end of the report.

Legal Action

Main achievements



An entrance to the Big Mosque in Beer el-Sabe

In a partial legal victory, in 6/11, the Supreme Court ruled that the **Big Mosque in the Old City of Beer el-Sabe (Beer Sheva) should be opened as a museum of Islamic culture.**

The 40-page ruling was issued on a petition filed by Adalah in 2002 demanding that the Big Mosque be re-opened for prayer for the thousands of Muslim residents of the city and neighboring towns and villages. After almost ten years of deliberations, the court rejected the Municipality's position that the mosque should be used as a general museum. The court also ruled that the petitioners should approach the planning authorities to request that a change be made to the purpose of the building from that of a "general museum" to a place of worship. Adalah held two community meetings immediately following the court decision to explain the judgment and discuss future steps. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, High Court rules Be'er Sheva mosque to be used as Islamic museum, 23.6.2011](#)
- [Ynet News, Beersheba mosque to become Islam museum, 24.6.2011](#)

Following Adalah's legal interventions, in 01/11 the Attorney General (AG) made the exceptional move of cancelling an indictment filed against Dr. Huneida Ghanem for allegedly assaulting and humiliating a public employee during an extremely **invasive, degrading and humiliating search at Ben-Gurion airport** that she was subjected to by the airport security. Dr. Ghanem, who has PhD in Sociology from Hebrew University and a postdoctoral degree from Harvard University, is the director of Madar: The Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies. [More](#)



Arab Bedouin boy drinking from a rusty water tanker in the unrecognized villages in the Naqab

In 6/11 the Supreme Court ruled that **Arab Bedouin living in the unrecognized villages in the Naqab (Negev) have the right to "minimal access to water"**. The decision followed an appeal filed by Adalah in 2006 on behalf Arab Bedouin citizens of Israel from six unrecognized villages, representing 128 families. **Adalah** asked the court to overturn a 2006 ruling by the Haifa District Court that refused to **connect them to the main water network**. The Supreme Court accepted the appeal in part – from residents of three villages – and rejected it in part – from residents of another three villages. The court ruled that the right to water was a constitutional right for all citizens because it stemmed directly from the rights to life, dignity and equality, and that the state was obliged to secure this basic right, but added that it should provide only an unspecified "minimum access to water" for the residents of the unrecognized villages. Following the decision, Adalah sent a letter to the Israeli Water Board to demand that three of the villages be connected to the central water network immediately. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Court rules water a basic human right, 6.6.2011](#)

In 2/11, the Supreme Court ordered that **local elections must be held in the Abu Basma Regional Council in the Naqab (Negev)** in 12/12. The court's decision follows a petition filed by Adalah and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) in 04/10. While the Abu Basma Regional Council was established in 2003, elections have still not been held and the council is headed by an official from the Shas political party appointed by the Interior Minister. Thus local community members have never been permitted to vote for their local representatives. Around 30,000 Arab Bedouin citizens of Israel live within the jurisdiction of the council, which also provides services for 40,000 additional people from neighboring unrecognized villages. [More](#)

- [The Jerusalem Post, Bedouin council's first election in 2012](#)

Following Adalah's petition, in 02/11, the Haifa District Court decided that **Dr. Yacoub Halabi may change his nationality from "Druze" to "Arab"** in the Ministry of the Interior's Population Registry. Adalah argued that the classification of the religious affiliation of the Druze as a nationality is erroneous and does not correspond to the social, political or cultural reality of the Arab Druze community in Israel. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Druze can register as Arab in the Population Administration, 14.2.2011](#) (Hebrew)

Adalah represented several Arab Bedouin community activists and leaders who were arrested for protest-related offenses for attempting to stop the **home demolitions in the unrecognized village of Al-Araqib** (pop. 300) in the Naqab. In 02/11, the Beer Sheva Magistrates' Court granted the immediate, unconditional release of Dr. 'Awad Abu Freih, spokesperson of Al-Araqib village, from detention. The judge ruled that the police had no basis for the detention. In 03/11, the court eased the conditions of the two-month house arrest of Hamza Abu-Medeghem from Al-Araqib and allowed the father of five to return to work, accepting a motion filed by Adalah. He was charged with assaulting police officers and ordered to house arrest until the end of his proceedings. Adalah is representing protestors since the beginning of 2011 on 10 indictments charging offenses including acquiring territory by force, violating a legal order, assaulting police officers, and insulting public officials. [More](#) | [More](#) | [More](#)



Nakba Day protestors in the north of Israel, 5/11

Following representation by Adalah and a private attorney, in 05/11 the Safad Magistrates' Court **released six Palestinian citizens of Israel detained during non-violent Nakba Day demonstrations in Israel** to house arrest for four days. When one of the detainees, Attorney Maisa Urshaid of the

Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI), asked a police officer why they were not permitted to hold a peaceful demonstration he slapped her, an assault caught on video. Several detainees were badly beaten and pepper-sprayed in the face by the police and arrested for various criminal offenses including rioting, attacking police officers, and organizing an illegal demonstration. In 06/11, Adalah sent a **detailed complaint to the Police Investigation Unit (Mahash) to demand a criminal investigation** into the police officers who assaulted the protestors. [More](#) | [More](#)

In 06/11, the Municipality of Ramleh (Ramla) **reconnected the Arab Al-Omariyah Elementary School of about 600 pupils to the internet** after it had been cut off for several days. The decision came immediately after Adalah sent a letter to the Mayor and the Education Ministry demanding its reconnection. The Mayor cut off internet access because of an email sent by the school's principal to the Mayor objecting to reductions in the school's budget. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, In battle over budget, Ramle mayor cuts off local school from internet, 16.6.2011](#)

Impact litigation and legal interventions

- **Land and Planning Rights**

IN FOCUS: Supreme Court litigation against the use of “admissions committees” by almost 700 small community towns built on “state land” to exclude Arab citizens and other residents

Adalah continued to represent an Arab couple, Fatima and Ahmad Zubeidat, denied entry to the “community town” of Rakefet by a discriminatory “**admissions committee**”. The admission committee that operates in the area rejected their request on the humiliating ground of their “social unsuitability”. Mr. and Mrs. Zubeidat are both architects having graduated from top universities in Israel. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Court to hear another petition against vetting committees in small towns, 1.2.2011](#)

Adalah then filed a Supreme Court petition in 03/11 to demand the cancellation of the new discriminatory **Admissions Committees Law**, which legalizes the use of “admissions committees” and affords them full discretion to reject individuals from these towns, including for being “unsuitable to the social life of the community”. The law allows people to be rejected based on their national belonging, sexual preference, and even health, including Arab citizens of the state. Adalah filed the petition on behalf of the Arab Center for Alternative Planning (ACAP), the Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow, Bimkom, Another Voice in the Galilee, and the Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance. In 06/11, the Supreme Court issued an order to show cause in the case demanding that the state explain within 45 days why the law should not be voided as unconstitutional. [More](#)

- [The Jerusalem Post, NGOs to petition against ‘racist laws’, 24.3.2011](#)
- [Ha'aretz, Concerns remain over defanged admission panel law, 2.5.2011](#)
- [YnetNews, Court: State must explain why admission committees legal, 20.6.2011](#)
- [Ha'aretz, High Court orders Israeli government to explain discrimination in town admissions, 21.6.2011](#)

An appeal to the National Council of Planning and Building (NCPB) filed in 01/11 by Adalah and ACAP against the approval of a master plan for the **planned new ultra-Orthodox Jewish city of Harish** for around 150,000 people in Wadi 'Ara, a heavily-populated Arab area. The appeal followed the rejection of the

organizations’ objection to the master plan. In the appeal, Adalah and ACAP argued that the land distribution outlined in the plan contradicted the principles of equality and justice by prioritizing the interests of ultra-Orthodox Jewish citizens, who have no connection to the area, at the expense of Arab citizens of Israel, a majority in this area, who have been living there prior to 1948. In response to the appeal, in 03/11 the Ministry of Housing declared that bids to purchase or rent property in Harish would not be restricted to the ultra-Orthodox community. The NCPB then dismissed the appeal in 05/11. [More](#)

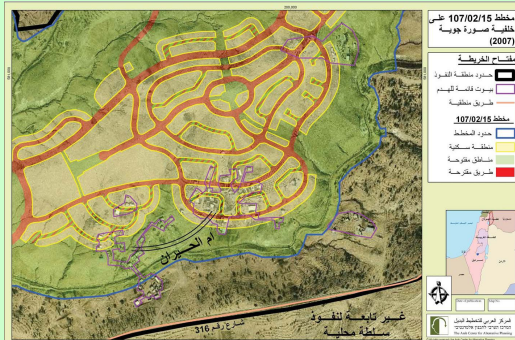
In 03/11, the Haifa District Court rejected an appeal filed by Adalah against the approval of the **Local Master Plan for Daliyat al-Carmel** (pop. 25,000) on behalf of 75 Arab citizens from the Arab Druze town. In the appeal, Adalah argued that the plan must be cancelled as it disregarded the existing and future needs of the area, as well as the right of the residents to housing, basic services and suitable infrastructure. [More](#)

In 06/11, the Haifa District Court dismissed a petition filed by Adalah in 2007 to demand the cancellation of a master plan for a **“National Park and Existing Forest Har Shokif”** that stands to eliminate the only possibility for the development of Daliyat al-Carmel. However, the judge stressed that planning for the area must take into consideration the cultural and social characteristics of the Druze community. He also stated that there were inadequate possibilities for construction in the town for housing and development. [More](#)

A letter sent in 06/11 to the Municipality of Safad demanding that it develop **basic infrastructure in the Arab neighborhood of Akbara** in order to allow for land in the area to be distributed for housing purposes. The letter follows a Supreme Court appeal filed by Adalah in 2008 demanding that Akbara be connected to the sewage system. In 1/09 the Safad Municipality authorized a bid for the necessary construction works. The sewage system was completed in early 2010.

A letter sent to the Amidar public housing company in 06/11 on behalf of an **Arab resident of the Old City of Akka facing eviction** from the store from which he runs a business. Amidar informed the man that it intended to see the whole building up for sale in an open public bid. Adalah argued that according to a decision of the Israel Land Administration (ILA) the man should be granted priority in purchasing the unit that houses his store at a 40% discount, preferential terms that Amidar did not offer him.

IN FOCUS: Litigation to help 1,000 Arab Bedouin from unrecognized village of Atir-Umm al-Hieran to remain in their homes



Ex parte home demolition orders: Adalah submitted closing arguments in 01/11 against home demolition orders filed against all homes in Atir-Umm al-Hieran. The case is pending in the Magistrate Court in Kiryat Gat. [More](#)

Evacuation lawsuits: A motion to the Supreme Court filed in 4/11 seeking permission to appeal a District Court decision upholding a lower court's order to **evacuate families from their homes**, knowing that the state intended to build a Jewish town named "Hiran" on their land. The District Court criticized the state's claims that the people were "trespassers" and accepted the residents' argument that they had been moved to the location by the state 55 years earlier. However, the court also ruled that it did not have the authority to interfere in these issues. On appeal to the Supreme Court, Adalah argued that the District Court's decision effectively granted the state the authority to expel people who have been living in their village for over 55 years at any time. 24 additional evacuation lawsuits against the residents remain pending for hearings in 3/12. [More](#)

Objection to the master plan for "Hiran": An objection submitted to the NCPB in 1/11 by Adalah and Bimkom, on behalf of residents of Umm al-Hieran against the building of a new Jewish town, "Hiran", on the village's land. The plan involves demolishing residents' homes and evacuating them from their village. A hearing was held in the Planning Committee in 05/11. [More](#)

Nomads against Their Will: Adalah's New Report & [Video on these cases](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Jewish town to be built on Bedouin land under Negev Relocation Plan, 3.6.2011](#)
- [Al Jazeera English, Israel: No Place for the Bedouin, 29.6.2011](#)

A letter sent to the ILA in 06/11 asking for the **British Mandate taxation records** to be declassified and opened to the public. These records, which contain valuable information on land-ownership, are often used by the state in court but remain closed from public view. Adalah argued that the public has a right to know and the records should be open to all.

Follow-up on pending cases

- Closing arguments submitted in the case challenging home demolition orders filed against the unrecognized Arab Bedouin village of Al-Sura in the Naqab. [More](#)
- A District Court hearing in the case of a Jewish family prevented from renting their house in **Moshav Nevatim** to an Arab family. [More](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) – Absentees' Property



A view of Al Aqsa in East Jerusalem

A motion submitted to the Supreme Court asking in 01/11 for status as amicus curiae to join a petition that challenges the **application of the Absentees' Property Law in East Jerusalem**. The motion follows a letter sent by Adalah to the AG arguing that applying the absentees' property law in East Jerusalem violated the law and contravened the international law, according to which East Jerusalem is occupied territory and the occupying power cannot take over properties belonging to the population there.

- **Economic, Social & Cultural Rights**

Health Rights



A letter with Yasmin al-Naqab (an Arab Bedouin women's rights organization) sent in 01/11 to the Health Ministry and Israel's national ambulance service to demand an end to the policy of **preventing ambulances from entering the unrecognized Arab Bedouin villages** in the Naqab (total pop. @ 100,000). The letter followed complaints by residents after the ambulance service did not respond to their emergency calls, or arrived hours after the incident. Adalah argued that the lack of health clinics on site makes the ambulance service even more critical in the unrecognized villages, and that women suffer most since they spend most of their time in the villages, tend not to own or drive cars, and are largely responsible for the well-being of the family as whole, children and the elderly. [More](#)

A letter sent in 03/11 to the Abu Basma Regional Council and the Interior Ministry demanding the opening of a **therapeutic daycare center for children at risk** in the unrecognized Arab Bedouin village of Tel Arad in the Naqab (pop. 1,500). The letter, sent on behalf of parents of children, follows a decision by the Interior Ministry not to open the center. Children and youth in Tel Arad suffer from the extremely low socio-economic status of the village and low-quality schooling. A suitable building for such a center was located, renovated and scheduled to open in 06/10. However, the Interior Ministry never opened it, a decision that Adalah argued violated the basic rights of children at risk to equality and dignity. This case was featured on Israeli TV, Channel 10. [More](#)

Follow-up on pending cases:

- A Supreme Court hearing on a petition challenging the policy of **conditioning child allowances on vaccinations**. [More](#)
- Continuing to demand that a "**mother-and-child clinic**" in the unrecognized village of Wadi Na'am, after two others were opened in response to Adalah's petition. [More](#)

Employment Rights

In 06/11, Adalah sent a letter to the government and MKs demanding that they reject a bill that would **grant preference to former soldiers in civil service positions**. Since the vast majority of Arab citizens are exempt from military service, the bill threatens to further exclude them from the civil service. The bill stands to compound existing discrimination against Arabs in securing governmental positions, especially Arab women. The percentage of Arab employees in state services currently stands at 7.5% and for Arab women 2%, while Arab citizens make up around 20% of the population in Israel. [More](#)

A letter sent on behalf of a coalition of groups to the "Dafai Zahav" (Yellow Pages) directory in 06/11 to demand that advertisements published in the directory by various companies under the heading of "**Hebrew labor**" be removed immediately. The condition "Hebrew labor" means that they do not employ Arab citizens, in breach of the Equal Opportunities in Employment Law. Adalah also demanded that the state investigate all the companies that discriminate against Arab citizens and their hiring practices. [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Israeli group urges yellow pages to boot businesses advertising Jewish-only labor, 27.6.2011](#)

A letter sent in 06/11 to the Municipality of Natserat Illit to demand **appropriate representation for Arab citizens** in the municipality based on the principle of equality. Many departments within the municipality, which administers services for residents of the mixed city of Natserat Illit (pop. 42,000), employ very few or no Arab citizens. E.g. of the 68 employees in the Welfare Department, none is Arab. [More](#)

Follow-up on pending cases:

- Petition against the denial of **income support payments** to persons who own or use a car. Following Adalah's written summary, the Supreme Court expanded the judicial panel from 3 to 7 justices. [More](#)
- A Supreme Court hearing on the petition demanding **fair subsidies** for Arab egg farmers, on a par with Jewish farmers. [More](#)

Economic Rights – Fair budget and tax benefits for Arab towns and villages

In 02/11, the Supreme Court dismissed a petition submitted by Adalah in 06/10 seeking to prevent the Israeli government from continuing to use a prior governmental decision dividing the country into “**National Priority Areas**” (NPAs) in the field of education. This decision was ruled invalid by the Supreme Court in 2006 in a landmark ruling, since it excluded Arab towns from being classified as National Priority towns. The petition challenged the legality of a provision of the Economic Arrangements Law, which was passed of 07/09. This law extended the validity of all governmental decisions taken prior to the passage of the law for two and a half years until 01/12. The court decided to dismiss Adalah’s petition after the Attorney General announced that the NPAs decision was not included in the provision and its validity had not been extended. To date, however, no specific lists of towns or maps detailing the location of NPAs have been released by the state, and Adalah continues to monitor the case. [More](#)

In 05/11, Adalah withdrew its long-standing petition to the Supreme Court challenging the unequal distribution of **budget-balancing grants** to Jewish and Arab municipalities in Israel. The Supreme Court asked Adalah to withdraw the petition, filed in 2001, because of the numerous developments in the case over the course of 10 years of litigation, and because the original remedy requested by the petitioners was no longer relevant. Adalah will review the state’s new proposal for the allocation of the grants, and take necessary legal action if the criteria discriminate against Arab localities.

- Follow-up: Motion for a final decision on petition against exclusion of Bedouin towns from list of localities eligible for **income tax benefits**. [More](#)

Education Rights



Arab Bedouin school children in the Naqab

In 02/11 the Supreme Court rejected a petition submitted by Adalah to demand **a school for the 350 elementary school-age children** in

the unrecognized Arab Bedouin village of Sawaween in the Naqab. The court accepted the state’s argument that it had found a “solution” to the problem by transporting the children to schools in other towns and villages around 20 km away. The court stated that there was no better solution for the time being. The petition was filed in 12/10 on behalf of 70 parents and school children from Sawaween aged 6-12 years old. The lack of accessible education exacerbates the precarious state of Bedouin education in the Naqab, where only 15% of children receive high enough grades to be accepted to university. [More](#)

- Follow-up on a petition to secure the opening of a **high school** in the unrecognized village of Abu Tulul, ordered by the Supreme Court. [More](#)

Language Rights

A letter sent in 01/11 to the MOE after Adalah received numerous complaints from students and their parents that the **Baghroul (matriculation) certificate and grades are not translated to Arabic**. Many students who choose to study at universities in the West Bank and Jordan are affected negatively by the policies, which Adalah argued is unjustified given the status of Arabic as an official language in Israel and that there is a separate Arabic language educational system. The MOE responded that it was examining Adalah’s legal arguments.



- Follow-up: A motion for contempt of court to the Supreme Court against the Municipality of Natserat Illit for failing to post **road signs in Arabic**. [More](#)
- [Ha’aretz, This way to Natsrat/ State may eradicate foreign place names, 4.7.2011](#)

- **Civil and Political Rights**

IN FOCUS: Supreme Court petition to get newly-enacted Nakba Law struck down

In 05/11, Adalah and ACRI petitioned the Supreme Court on behalf of parents of children who study in a Jewish-Arab school in the Misgav, alumni from the Arab Orthodox School in Haifa and Prof. Oren Yiftachel of Ben-Gurion University to demand that the court rule the "**Nakba Law**" unconstitutional. The petition argued that the law violated the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and equality, and severely infringed the rights of Arab citizens of the state to preserve their history. The law, passed in 03/11, authorizes the Finance Ministry to cut budgets to any entity receiving financial support from the state that engages in an action that negates the "existence of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state" or marks the date of Israel's establishment "as a day of mourning". This ideological law targets the national identity of Arab citizens and their collective memory. Prior to the law's passage, Adalah also sent a letter to the Knesset's Constitution, Law and Justice Committee in 03/11 asking it to reject the bill. [More](#) | [More](#)

- [Ha'aretz, Human rights groups petition High Court to overthrow 'Nakba Law,' 4.5.2011](#)
- [YnetNews, Human rights groups petition court to annul Nakba law, 4.5.2011](#)
- [Jerusalem Post, Groups ask High Court to prevent enforcement of 'Nakba Law', 5.5.2011](#)

A letter sent in 05/11 to the Dean of Students and the President of the University of Haifa on behalf of an Arab student to demand the cancellation of the university administration's decision to **ban an event by the Arab Students' Committee** to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba. The event was scheduled to take place on 16/05/11 but was cancelled on the pretexts of "protecting student safety" and "not disturbing order at the university". Adalah argued that the decision violated Arab students' rights to freedom of expression and association. [More](#)

Political Participation

In 06/11, the Supreme Court dismissed a petition filed by Adalah in 07/10 against the **joinder of four alleged offenses with which MK Mohammed Barakeh**, the leader of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (*al-Jabha* or *Hadash*) political party, has been charged. The charges involve assaulting or

insulting police officers resulting from his participation in anti-Wall and anti-War demonstrations between 2005 and 2007. Adalah argued that the joinder was illegal in that it constituted the improper use of discretion held by the State Prosecutor, and stood to harm the legal defense of MK Barakeh and his right to a fair trial. MK Barakeh denies all the charges and argues that he himself was the victim of police brutality. The case remains pending before the trial court and hearings will begin in 9/11. [More](#)



MK Mohammad Barakeh of Hadash

- Follow-up: Supreme Court petition together with ACRI challenging the revocation of the parliamentary privileges of Arab **MK Haneen Zoabi** for her participation in the "Gaza Freedom Flotilla" in 05/10. [More](#)



MK Haneen Zoabi of Balad

Racial Incitement

An urgent letter sent in 01/11 by Adalah and the National Committee of Arab Mayors to the AG demanding a **criminal investigation into MK Yaacov Katz for racial incitement**. MK Katz made the statements at a Knesset meeting on "infiltration into Israel". Katz stated that all Bedouin found collaborating with Bedouin in Egypt should be arrested and put in cages and their belongings confiscated. He further stated that Bedouin who head convoys of asylum-seekers – which he referred to as "convoys of infiltrators" – should be "brought down with a bullet to the head". Adalah argued that the statements constituted racial incitement in the first degree, a criminal

offence, and warrant a criminal investigation. [More](#)

In 06/11, Adalah sent an urgent letter to the AG to demand a criminal investigation into the Mayor of Natseret Illit, Shimon Gapso, following **racist public remarks** he made against Arab citizens of Israel. The letter was sent on behalf of two Arab members of the Natseret Illit Municipality. [More](#)

OPT – Jerusalem Residency Rights

- Follow-up: A Supreme Court hearing in the case of members of the Palestinian Legislative Council whose East **Jerusalem residency status** was revoked. [More](#)

OPT – Right to Life



A porter pushes a Palestinian cancer patient through the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel. Photograph: Goran Tomasevic

A complaint sent to the Military Advocate General (MAG) and AG in 01/11 to request a **criminal investigation into the death of Mr. Anas Saleh, denied permission by Israel to exit Gaza for medical treatment.** Adalah lodged the complaint on behalf of PHR-Israel and Al Mezan to demand the prosecution of those responsible. The 20-year old patient from Gaza died in 01/11 from liver disease. Mr. Saleh was also called for interrogation by the Shabak or ISA on 30/12/10 to consider his request, but by that date he was already in a comatose state. However, the ISA continued to insist that Mr. Saleh appear for questioning. The legal advisor to the army responded in 7/11 stating that nothing in the complaint required an investigation. Adalah will follow-up concerning the lack of criteria for patients from Gaza to receive appropriate medical treatment outside of Gaza. [More](#)

OPT – Israel’s military investigation system

A legal report sent in 03/11 to the **Turkel Committee, which is examining the events of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla of 5/10.** In addition, the Committee was also mandated to examine the Israeli military’s system of

investigating alleged violations of international humanitarian law (IHL). Adalah addressed the issue of the lack of independent investigations in Israel in general, and in relation to the breaches of international law during Operation Cast Lead on Gaza in 12/08-1/09 in particular. Adalah also critically responded to a position paper submitted to the Turkel Committee by the Military Advocate General.

• **Prisoners and Detainees’ Rights**

In 05/11, Adalah and Nadi al-Aseer sent a pre-petition to the AG and the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) to demand an end to the detention of detainees in the Ashqelon, Jalameh, Petakh-Tikva and Moscobiya facilities run by the Israel Security Agency (ISA, or Shabak), because of the **inhuman and degrading conditions** to which detainees are subjected to in them. The pre-petition demanded the closure of these cells until the conditions will be improved. [More](#)

A letter sent in 06/11 to the Israel Prison Service demanding that it prepare for the hot, summer weather by immediately improving conditions and installing air cooling devices in two prisons, Gilboa and Shata, located in the Bisan (Beit She’an) Valley in Israel. Adalah described the **overwhelming heat and humidity in the prisons** during the summer and the severe impact that it has on the mental and physical health of the prisoners. [More](#)

A letter sent to the Chair of the Knesset’s Interior Committee in 06/11 to demand that a bill that would increase the **severe restrictions on meetings between “security” prisoners and their attorneys** should be rejected. Adalah argued that the bill, which would allow “security” prisoners to be prohibited from meeting their legal counsel for up to one entire year, was unconstitutional and grossly violated the constitutional rights of prisoners and their lawyers. [More](#)

International Advocacy

In 2011, Adalah focused its international advocacy work on the **four main themes**: (1) Equal rights for the Arab minority in Israel; (2) Attacks on human rights organizations and defenders; (3) Securing Accountability (OPT); (4) Prisoners' and detainees' rights, including torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment (CIDT).

Main Achievements

EU Advocacy

In 02/11, Adalah, the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN), and the Arab Association for Human Rights (HRA) published a new report, "[The EU and the Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel](#)."



This report is the first to examine EU policies toward the Arab minority in Israel in detail and to make a series of concrete recommendations to the EU for an enhanced and proactive rights-based strategy towards the minority. Adalah's International Advocacy Director Rina Jabareen together with Nathalie Stanus of the EMHRN and Nathalie Tocci, the principal author, participated in the launch of the report in Brussels to EU officials and EU parliamentarians. In Israel, the three organizations launched the report at the office of the EU Delegation to Israel, where it was introduced and discussed by representatives of 20 EU member states. Meetings about the report and its findings were also held with civil society organizations and journalists.

- [Institute for Middle East Understanding \(IMEU\), EU turns a blind eye to Palestinian citizens of Israel](#), 17.4.2011

Immediately following the release of the report in 02/11, the EU issued an important [statement](#) after the tenth meeting of the EU-Israel Association Council calling upon Israel for the first time "to increase efforts to address the economic and social situation of the Arab minority, to enhance their integration in Israeli society, and protect their rights." [More](#)

In 12/10, Adalah submitted two short reports to the EU towards the drafting the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) progress report on Israel's implementation of the EU-Israel Action Plan in 2010. One report focused on key concerns facing Palestinian citizens of Israel, and the other report, prepared together with PHR-I and Al Mezan, focused on torture and CIDT, primarily facing Palestinians in the OPT. The EU issued its [ENP Progress Report for 2010](#) in 05/11. The report highlights numerous issues raised in the reports submitted by Adalah and its partners concerning the "the deterioration in the environment" for civil society organizations; the "strong alienating effect" on the Arab minority of recent laws and bills; the lack of recognition and increased home demolitions in the Arab Bedouin unrecognized villages; and the lack of accountability for torture and CIDT, and the harsh conditions of confinement faced by Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons.

US Advocacy

In 05/11, Adalah Attorney Sawsan Zaher traveled to Washington, DC with Project Engage as a member of a delegation of 10 human rights organizations from Israel. As the advocacy visit took place in parallel to Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech in the US Congress and President Obama's speech to the US-lobby group, AIPAC, the group enjoyed broad attention to its issues and rights' messages. Attorney Zaher participated in advocacy meetings with US State Department officials to discuss the 2011 US State Department Human Rights Report for Israel, specifically concerning the status of the Arab minority. Adalah prepared a briefing paper with specific observations on the report, which was presented to the State Department. Attorney Zaher also participated in meetings with the Office of International Religious Freedom, with advisors and legislative assistants for US Congressional representatives, as well as prominent US-based organizations working on Israel/OPT to them brief them on key concerns regarding the rights of Arab citizens of Israel. As a result of the visit, Adalah substantially increased its US advocacy contacts with government officials, legislators and civil society organizations.

1. Equal rights for the Arab minority

The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights issued its [“List of Issues” for Israel](#) in 12/10, and Adalah issued a press release in this regard in 01/11. The list consists of 39 questions concerning Israel’s compliance with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) in Israel and in the OPT. Approximately half of the “List of Issues” relates to the economic, social and cultural rights of Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, relying in great part on information provided by Adalah in its [NGO Report to the Committee](#) (10/10). Israel ratified the ICESCR in 1991 and is thus legally bound to uphold it. The Committee is due to hold its review of Israel’s compliance with the covenant, as required by all State Parties, in 11/11.



Adalah Attorney Orna Kohn at a UN Human Rights Committee session in 2010. Photo: Al Jazeera

In 02/11, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) issued its [“Concluding Observations on Israel,”](#) in which it called on Israel to ensure equal rights of Arab women citizens. The Committee adopted many of the issues raised by the Working Group on the Status of Palestinian Women Citizens in Israel relating to the status of Palestinian women citizens of Israel in its joint [NGO report](#). The observations follow the Committee’s review of Israel’s compliance with the CEDAW Convention in 01/11, at which representatives of the Working Group presented their NGO report. Israel ratified CEDAW in 1991. Adalah wrote five chapters of the report: the lack of a constitutionally-guaranteed right to equality in Israel; Israel’s plans to draft a constitution; the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women; the Gender Implications of Legislation Law – 2007; and the negative impact of the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law on Palestinian women citizens of Israel. [More](#)

Dr. Thabet Abu Ras, Director of Adalah’s Naqab Project, participated in an **advocacy**

mission with EMHRN to London in 03/11, with representatives from Al Haq, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) and PCATI. Dr. Abu Ras provided information on the Arab Bedouin community in the Naqab and new anti-democratic and discriminatory laws in Israel. Dr. Ras discussed the effects of these laws on the Arab minority and on the position of human rights organizations in Israel. The mission was also an additional opportunity for Adalah and EMHRN to present [The EU and the Arab Minority in Israel](#) report (02/11).

Rina Jabareen, Adalah’s International Advocacy Director, traveled to Brussels in 06/11 to participate in two EMHRN events. At an event on **“EU training for European NGOs”**, she gave a presentation on Adalah’s advocacy experiences with the [EU and the Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel](#) report. The goal of the meeting was to facilitate the coordination between EMHRN members of the Working Group on Palestine, Israel and the Palestinians (PIP WG) and European NGOs for future advocacy efforts. As a result of the meeting, Adalah gained valuable new contacts with European NGOs, and strengthened existing relations with partners.

Following the training, Rina Jabareen then participated in the semi-annual meeting of the **EMHRN PIP WG**. She is the facilitator of the WG. The WG meeting consisted of a discussion of upcoming EU advocacy opportunities and strategies. A special session with external speakers was also held on the effects of the Arab revolutions on EU policies and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



Adalah hosts Amnesty International on a visit to the unrecognized villages in the Naqab

From 01-06/11, Adalah conducted **12 study tours** and briefing sessions in the Naqab for around **80 people** including donors, journalists, international advocacy networks (CIDSE), international human rights organizations (Amnesty International, Amnesty-UK), and other visiting groups to the unrecognized villages. Some tours were held jointly with

partners including the Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab (RCUV), the Negev Co-Existence Forum (Dukium), PHR-I, Sidreh, and Yasmin al-Naqab, and other Arab NGOs.

2. Attacks on human rights organizations and HR defenders (HRDs) in Israel

The right-wing attacks on NGOs continued in 2011 – by the government, in the Knesset, and in the media. The attacks sought to de-legitimize the NGOs, and severely restrict their funding and activities.

In 03/11, Miri Weingarten began working as the EU Advocacy Coordinator for Israel/OPT for Adalah, PHR-I and the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel. One of the main priorities of the coalition in Europe was to raise awareness about the threats to HRDs and attacks on human rights organizations, and to expose anti-democratic / discriminatory trends in Israel. The coalition sought to inform diplomats, officials and lawmakers of the details of these developments, and to promote recommendations for action based on the EU's own "Guidelines on Protection of Human Rights Defenders". The coalition also sought to work together with other NGOs and actors in Europe, including human rights groups and human rights advocacy campaigners. The coalition cooperated with EMHRN, CIDSE, the Coalition of Women for Peace, and a network of Dutch organizations (ICCO, CORDAID, OxfamNOVIB) concerned with protecting the rights of HRDs. The coalition also shared information on an ongoing basis on various topics with Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Crisis Action.

The coalition prepared and disseminated two briefing papers on attacks against the human rights organizations and on HRDs, one focusing on legislation and the other on the policing of dissent. These papers formed the basis of oral advocacy (see below). Key meetings / advocacy missions conducted include:

In 03/11, the coalition held a series of meetings in Brussels with EMHRN and an HRD expert representative of the Dutch organizations (ICCO, CORDAID and OxfamNOVIB). Meetings held included the Chair of the Mashrek/Maghreb Working Group (MaMa); Crisis Action; permanent representation offices; Israel/OPT unit at EU Commissioner Fuele's cabinet; and EU representatives working with the Israel/OPT and human rights desks of the External Action Service (EEAS).

Experts visit Brussels, 05/11. Briefings by Dr. Amir Paz Fuchs, Advocate (represents HRDs in Israel), veteran journalist Meron Rapoport and coalition representative (Miri Weingarten) on HRDs, including aspects of legislation, law enforcement, the role of the judiciary, media and the academia to all 27 EU member states in the MaMa Working Group of the European Council; two MEPs of the European Parliament's human rights subcommittee; and human rights NGOs based in Brussels.

Advocacy mission to Berlin organised by Medico International and Crisis Action in 06/11. Participants included EMHRN, the coalition (Miri), Al Haq, and B'Tselem. Al Mezan could not attend due to the closure of Rafah. The coalition gave presentations on HRDs and the Arab minority in Israel. A series of meetings with German legislators from a broad spectrum of political parties on the Foreign Affairs and Human Rights Committees; officials at the German Foreign Office; the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung; journalists; and an NGO-roundtable with Amnesty, HRW, Oxfam, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and EED.

In 06/11, Miri gave a presentation on HRDs at a **training session on EU advocacy organised by EMHRN for European NGOs** (see above) and participated in the EMHRN PIP WG meeting in Brussels.

Interim results:

- Issue of HRDs raised in EU-Israel subcommittee meetings;
- Favorable texts in ENP Progress Report on Israel – 2010 (issued 05/11);
- Issue of attacks on human rights organizations raised in the European Parliament (EP) as a topic in its own right and as part of an EP resolution on Goldstone (within the context of a backlash against NGOs that participated);
- Text in EU-Israel Association Council statement in 02/11 on the foreign funding bill and on anti-democratic measures;
- Issue of HRDs raised in EU text at the UN Human Rights Council session in 03/11;
- Process initiated by EU delegation in Tel Aviv regarding the deterioration in the working environment for human rights organizations via a consultation with local NGOs and inclusion of the topic as a main priority in Israel's country report;
- Awareness raised in Germany and other EU Member States, via NGO partners;
- Commissioner Fuele's cabinet posed questions on the attacks against human rights organizations to the Israeli embassy in Brussels;

- Visibility: A meeting between EP President Dr. Jerzy Buzek and human rights organizations in Tel Aviv in 06/11 following a request by the coalition and its supporters. Adalah's General Director Hassan Jabareen attended the meeting.

3. Securing accountability



Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Adalah Attorneys Orna Kohn and Fatmeh El-'Ajou and law fellow Nadia Ben-Youssef briefed the **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (HCHR)**, Navi Pillay and UN officials at three meetings during her first official visit to Israel and the OPT in 02/11. Adalah called for the HCHR's urgent attention to 3 issues: Israel's policy of home demolitions and forced eviction of the **Arab Bedouin** from their ancestral land in the Naqab; the need for an independent investigation and review in Israel of the AG's decision in 2008 to close all files against police officers and commanders who are responsible for the killings of 13 Arab citizens of Israel in **October 2000** (see [The Accused—Part II: Failures and Omissions by the Attorney General in Investigating the October 2000 Events](#)); and the lack of independent investigations in Israel concerning scores of complaints for the victims of the war on Gaza, "**Operation Cast Lead**" (12/08-1/09). In her statement the HCHR remarked that "an overarching human rights concern is the lack of accountability." [More](#)

As discussed in the *Legal Action* section above, Adalah submitted a report to the Turkel Committee on the lack of independent investigations in Israel in general, and in relation to breaches of international law during Operation Cast Lead, in particular. Adalah also submitted information in this regard in 02/11, to the Independent Experts Committee (IEC) entitled, "**Update on Israeli Domestic Investigations into the War on Gaza**" and gave testimony to the committee members. This paper updates Adalah's prior briefing papers to the IEC in 2010, in which the status of Israel's current military operational probes and investigations into Operation Cast Lead

was discussed. Adalah's 2011 briefing paper aims to further assist the IEC as it resumes its mandate to assess the progress of domestic investigations by Israel and the Palestinians. See [Independent Experts Committee Report](#), presented to the UN HR Council in 03/11.

In 03/11, Adalah, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and PCATI gave an **oral statement** to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), addressing concerns over the lack of independent domestic investigations into the events of Operation Cast Lead.

4. Prisoners and detainees' rights and torture/CIDT



[Art Gallery: "Untitled" by Maysa Azeiza](#)

In 03/11, Adalah, PHR-I and Al Mezan Center for Human Rights (Gaza) presented a joint [briefing note](#) on Palestinian prisoners' rights to the **UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**. A representative of PHR-I attended the meeting in Vienna. The briefing note was also submitted to the **EU Parliament Sub-Committee on Human Rights** in advance of its meeting on the question of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons in 03/11. The paper was widely distributed in EU and UN bodies.

For the International Day Against Torture (26 June), Adalah, Al Mezan and PHR-I released a position paper urging Israel to stop using **solitary confinement** as a means of incarcerating prisoners. The paper, in Arabic, Hebrew and English, was widely publicized and distributed. It was also sent to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and the UN HCHR. [More](#)

Academic Conferences

In 03/11, General Director Hassan Jabareen traveled to Rome to participate in conference entitled, "[Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World](#)," where he presented a paper on the status of Palestinians in Israel. Hassan was invited to the conference by Prof. Will Kymlicka, a leading political philosopher and scholar on minority rights. The conference, hosted by **Istituto di Studi Politici—Roma, Liberia University – Italy** and **Queen's University - Canada**, consisted of five panels on state-minority relations in general and in North Africa; ethnicity and religion; models of multiculturalism in the Arab World; and a concluding roundtable. Academics from the Arab World, US, UK, Canada, and Italy participated.

In 05/11, General Director Hassan Jabareen participated in a three-day conference, "[Constitutional Revolutions and Counter-Revolutions](#)," presented by **The New School** in New York. Professors Andrew Arato and Yoav Peled, the convenors, invited Hassan to participate in the conference. He participated in two panels designed to explore the law and politics of constitutional revolutions in a comparative context. Leading legal academics and political scientists attended the conference. Hassan also gave a lecture to faculty members and students at the **Sarah Lawrence College** in New York, discussing the effect of the recent democratic awakening in the Arab world on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and on the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel. [More](#)

Legal Education

Main Achievements

New publications, videos & events



63rd Anniversary of the Nakba:
"Nomads Against their Will"

To commemorate the 63rd Anniversary of the Palestinian *Nakba*, Adalah published a new report entitled "[Nomads Against their Will](#)," which details the Israeli government's plan to displace the 1,000 Arab Bedouin residents of Atir-Umm el-Hieran, an unrecognized village in the Naqab. Adalah has been representing residents of the village in multiple courts and other fora since 2004 to enable them to remain on their land. The report, available in Arabic and Hebrew and forthcoming in English, contains original maps, documents and photographs from the Israeli state archives, and describes the legal tracks used by Israel to attempt to uproot and displace the Bedouin.

Adalah held a public event, together with the Baladna Association for Arab Youth at the Al Meidan Theatre in Haifa in 05/11 to launch the report. The speakers discussed the problems faced by the unrecognized villages as well as the ongoing legal and popular struggles to solve them. Around 80 people attended the event, including Arab Bedouin youth from the Naqab. A [short video](#) about Atir-Umm el-Hieran, directed by up-and-coming Arab filmmaker Eli Rezik for Adalah, was also premiered at the event. The local Arabic media widely covered the event including [Panet](#), [Arabs48](#), [Al Arab](#), [Bokra](#), and [Qadita](#).

Adalah also presented the report and video at an event in Tel Aviv in 07/11, which was organized by the Coalition of Women for Peace and the Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab.

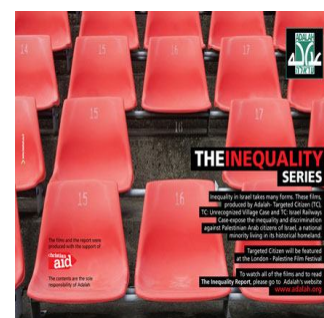
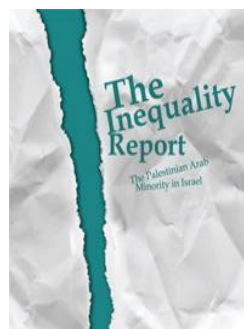


Prof. Manfred Nowak, former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

On 4-5 April 2011, Adalah, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I), and the Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights held a two-day international workshop in Jerusalem entitled "[Securing Accountability for Torture and CIDT: New Trends and Comparative Lessons](#)." The workshop, funded by the EU and attended by 40 practitioners and experts, focused on issues of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment (CIDT) against Palestinian prisoners and civilians by Israel. It provided a forum to discuss current challenges, lessons learnt, best practices, and advocacy strategies. A major topic of discussion was the "changing face of torture" in Israel and the use of more extreme psychological methods of torture/CIDT. Prof. Manfred Nowak, the former UN SR on Torture, and Dr. Stephen Xenakis, a retired Brigadier General in the US Army Medical Corps and an active member of PHR-USA, gave keynote speeches and participated in panel discussions. Jamil Dakwar, the Director of the ACLU's International Advocacy Program and a former attorney with Adalah, spoke about the ACLU's efforts over the last decade to secure accountability for torture perpetrated and/or endorsed by the US military.

In response to evaluation forms distributed by the partners, 56% of the participants responded that the torture workshop had been "outstanding", and 44% "more than satisfactory". 89% of the participants rated the keynote speech by Professor Manfred Nowak "outstanding", as did 86% of participants for the keynote speech Dr. Stephen Xenakis.

Media coverage included a two-page interview with Prof. Nowak in *Yedioth Ahronoth*: "And After They Were Tortured" (Hebrew), and an interview with Dr. Stephen Xenakis in *Ha'aretz*, entitled "[First, do no harm](#)".



The Inequality Series

In 12/10, Adalah published [The Inequality Report](#) (printed in 03/11), which examines the main legal, political and policy structures that institutionalize discrimination against Arab citizens of Israel and entrench inequalities between Arab and Jewish citizens. The full report is available in English, and a summary is available in Hebrew and Arabic. The report accompanies three short videos, directed by filmmaker Rachel Leah Jones, to form Adalah's [Inequality Series](#). [Targeted Citizen](#), featuring the Palestinian RAP group, DAM, overviews discrimination against Arab citizens in Israel, was released in 2010. Thousands of viewers have screened the film on Adalah's [YouTube](#) channel and website, and it has run at several film festivals around the world in 2010 and in 2011. Adalah released two additional films in 2011, "[Unrecognized Village Case](#)" and "[Israel Railways Case](#)," marking the completion of the Inequality Series.

Briefing papers and short advocacy reports

- [New Discriminatory Laws and Bills in Israel](#), 06/11: Highlights **23** main new discriminatory laws and bills enacted and introduced since the beginning of the Netanyahu government.
- [Joint Briefing Note on Palestinian Prisoners' Rights](#), 03/11: Prepared with PHR-I and Al Mezan.
- [Joint Position Paper on Solitary Confinement](#), 06/11: Prepared with PHR-I and Al Mezan.

These papers are available in English, Hebrew and Arabic.

Adalah's Newsletter

Adalah published **6 volumes** of its monthly newsletter in Arabic, Hebrew and English, and distributed it to **21,000 subscribers**. The newsletters included updates on our legal

cases, state responses and court decisions, as well as on our international advocacy initiatives and publications. The newsletters also provided articles and commentaries on human rights issues and links to reports and news from human rights partner organizations and the UN.

Copies of all volumes of *Adalah's Newsletter* published in 2011 can be found [here](#).

Articles and commentaries in 2011 included:

- Ayelet Harel-Shalev, [The Geopolitics of Minority Rights and Civil Rights in Nation States: Lessons from the Republic of Macedonia](#), 01/11.
- Haneen Naamnih, [Two Sides of Return: Palestine and the Refugees](#), 02/11.
- Majd Bader, [Secret Prison for UFOs](#), 03/11.
- Thabet Abu Ras, [The Arab Bedouin in the Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab: Between the Hammer of Prawer and the Anvil of Goldberg](#), 04/11.
- Haneen Naamnih and Suhad Bishara, [The Law of the Promised Land 2011: Between Absentees and Foreigners](#), 05/11.
- Sawsan Zaher, [Mandatory Pensions Agreement Discriminates against the Arab Minority](#), 06/11.

Virtual roundtable:

- In 03/11, Adalah hosted a [virtual roundtable discussion](#) under the title of "Right wing protest in Arab towns and villages—Should Arab Palestinian citizens of Israel ask the state authorities to prevent the extreme right-wing from holding racist demonstrations in their towns?" The participants were journalist and activist Hisham Naffa; Dr. Ilan Saban of Faculty of Law, University of Haifa; and journalist, lawyer and activist Marzouq Halabi.

Multimedia: Photography, art and video



Shots from photo galleries created by Adalah

Adalah initiated a number of new multimedia projects in 2011 and posted them in our Newsletter, on our website, and on our [Facebook](#) page.

- [Photo Gallery: Adalah in Photos 2010](#), 01/11.
- [Photo Gallery: The Naqab in Photos](#), 03/11.
- [Art Gallery: "Untitled" by Maysa Azeiza](#), 04/11 (prisoners/torture).
- [Video-clip: Adalah Board Member Attorney Fouad Sultany speaks on the 1948 Palestinian political prisoners](#), 04/11.
- [Photo Gallery: Adalah Hosts Amnesty International in the Naqab](#), 05/11.
- [Short video](#) on the unrecognized Arab Bedouin village of Atir-Umm el-Hieran, 05/11.

Media Outreach



Adalah's tour to unrecognized villages in the Naqab for Hebrew-speaking journalists, 06/11

The scope of Adalah's media work in Hebrew, Arabic and English included issuing press releases (**50** were produced and distributed during this period) and tracking coverage; giving background briefings and interviews to journalists; interacting daily with the media (radio, print, new media, TV) and immediately reacting to relevant current events; initiating feature stories; maintaining ongoing relationships with journalists in many fields in all media; writing op-eds; and initiating media events. In 03/11, Adalah also started working with a progressive **media consulting company** in Tel Aviv with expertise in human rights.

Key results achieved include:

- Around **70** Hebrew media stories in 15 different publications;.

- TV news coverage (Tel Arad Arab Bedouin children at risk in the Naqab); [Channel Ten](#) (from minute 11:40 to 14:54).
- Yediot Weekend Supplement (interview with former UN SR Prof. Manfred Nowak, a keynote speaker at our international torture workshop); financial newspapers such as the Marker (various employment rights cases, Naqab cases); local newspapers.



- Numerous articles about Adalah's work by new reporters (working with an expanding base of journalists and editors, especially on social and economic rights cases).
- The publication of three op-eds: Ynet (Adalah's response to the Praver report about the Naqab, see below), the Marker (the right for pensions for workers under 21); and NRG (Nakba law petition).
- Numerous articles were published about legal letters sent by Adalah prior to District or Supreme Court petitions.
- Adalah continued to achieve good coverage in the Arabic media, despite the enormous, momentous events of the Arab revolutions, which significantly reduced the space allocated for the Palestinian cause and the Palestinians in the media in general.

Below are several examples of Adalah cases that received wide media coverage:

1. The Supreme Court's decision in 06/11 to turn the **Big Mosque in Beer el-Sabe** into a museum for Islamic culture. Dozens of news outlets published stories about this case, including the international and local Arabic newspapers, e.g. [Al Hayat](#) (London), [Asharg al-Awsat](#), [Al Quds Al Arabi](#) (UK); [Al-Naqab Net](#); the Hebrew press, e.g. [NRG](#), [Haaretz](#), and [Ynet](#); in addition to local Hebrew press in the

Naqab, e.g., [Ynet in Beer Sheva](#) and [HaDraomi](#).

2. The **petition by Adalah and ACRI against the Nakba Law**. This case received wide coverage on [Al Jazeera](#) on [video](#) and [website](#) and in [Al Quds Al Arabi](#); the websites of Palestinian news agencies Wafa and the Palestinian News Network, as well as the local Arabic media. It was also reported on in Hebrew in [Haaretz](#), the [Channel 10](#) website, [Walla](#), [Channel 2](#), [Globes](#) and many other sites. General Director Hassan Jabareen was interviewed on [Al Jazeera English](#) TV about the new law.

3. The Supreme Court's hearing on the case of **MK Haneen Zoabi** against the withdrawal of some of her parliamentary privileges following her participation in the Gaza Freedom Flotilla in 05/10: MK Zoabi's case received wide coverage in the Arabic international media such as [al-Hayat](#), [Al Jazeera](#), and the local Arabic press. As in the Hebrew press site [Haaretz](#), [Radio Reshet Bet](#), [Galey Tsahal Radio](#), and others.

4. Adalah's response to the **Praver report**: An article by Naqab Director Dr. Thabet Abu Ras in [Adalah's Newsletter](#) in 04/11; [Ynet](#), Hebrew, 22/06/11; [The Marker](#), Hebrew, 22/06/11; an op-ed by Naqab Director Dr. Thabet Abu Ras for [Ynet](#), Hebrew, 22/06/11; [Ha'aretz](#), English, 23/06/11; [IMEU](#), English, 17/06/11; and an Alternative Information Center [video](#) of Dr. Abu Ras on the Praver report.

5. Adalah's Supreme Court cases involving **"admissions committees"**: [Haaretz](#), English, 01/02/11; [Al Arab](#), Arabic, 2.2.11; [AlQudsNet](#), Arabic, 02/02/11; the Lebanese [As-Safir](#), Arabic, 24/03/11; [Haaretz](#), English, 24/03/11; [Haaretz](#), English, 02/05/11; [Calcalist](#), Hebrew, 20/06/11; [Haaretz](#), Hebrew, 20/06/11; [Walla](#), Hebrew, 20/06/11; [Ynet](#), Hebrew, 20/06/11; [Al Arab](#), Arabic, 20/06/11; [Arabs48](#), Arabic,

20/06/11; [Ynet](#), English, 20/06/11; [Palestinians48](#), Arabic, 21/06/11; [Haaretz](#), English, 21/06/11; [The Jerusalem Post](#), English, 21/06/11.

6. **Adalah's report and cases on Umm al-Hieran/Hiran:** See [Akhbarna](#), Arabic, 16/01/11; [Panet](#), Arabic, 17/01/11; [Al Arab](#), Arabic, 17/01/11; in the Lebanese [Wikalat alAkhbar alArabiya](#), Arabic, 17/01/11; [Haaretz](#), Hebrew, 03/06/11; [Haaretz](#), English, 03/06/11; see also Adalah [video](#) on Umm el-Hieran–Atr case.

7. The **Supreme Court's decision on water in the unrecognized villages' case in 6/11:** [Walla](#), Hebrew, 05/06/11; [Haaretz](#), Hebrew, 06/06/11; [Haaretz](#), English, 06/06/11; [AlQuds](#), Arabic, 06/06/11; [Al Arab](#), Arabic, 06/06/11; [Al Mashad](#), Arabic, 06/06/11; [Sora](#), Arabic, 06/06/11; [Al Makan](#), Arabic, 07/06/11; [Panet](#), Arabic, 07/06/11, [Al Jazeera English](#), 29/06/11.

Training for Lawyers

Legal trainees Ms. Rawan Eghbariya and Ms. Rawyah Handaklo completed their one-year legal apprenticeship training under the direct supervision of Adalah's General Director at the end of 02/11, and both successfully passed the Israel Bar in 06/11. Haifa University law student, Mr. Fadi Houry, continued his second year of work with Adalah in 2011.

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Lawyers' Course



Attorney Gaby Lasky lecturing at Adalah's training course for lawyers, 04/11

Adalah held a four-day, 10 session training course entitled "[Representing Detainees in Detention and Investigation Procedures](#)," for 20-30 lawyers in 03/11 and 04/11 in Jerusalem, as part of our EU-funded torture project. The aim of the course was to provide practicing lawyers with greater knowledge of Israeli and international human rights law for their use in criminal and "security cases". The course emphasized the practical aspects of legal representation from arrest to interrogation and indictment. The due process rights of detainees including challenges to the prohibition on meetings with lawyers, gag orders, confessions, medical treatment, torture and CIDT, with a special focus on minors were all discussed. Each session was conducted by leading lawyers and other experts, and course materials were distributed.

The participants' feedback was highly positive. From evaluation forms completed by the participants: Attorney Dunya Eghbariya (Jerusalem): "The subject was important, especially given the Occupation and the current political situation. The course was very interesting and enriching, and even exceeded my expectations. I was very happy to participate and would like to participate in similar trainings and activities [in the future]." Attorney Nathalie Salama (Haifa): "The subject was very interesting and important, and should be complemented by further courses and training in the subjects that were addressed and dealt with by this course. I learned practical and professional tools that I will need in developing my career."

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