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FROM THE GALILEE TO FERGUSON:

THE EMERGING GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO END POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORITIES

**Wednesday 18 March 2015 | 13h-15h
Palais des Nations | Room XXIV**

Join a coalition of lawyers, activists and human rights defenders from Israel/Palestine, the US and international organizations for a discussion on police violence against minorities and the growing global movement to end impunity. The event follows the presentation of the UN Forum on Minority Issues Report on “Preventing and addressing violence and atrocity crimes targeted against minorities,” and draws primarily on lessons learned from representing the families of Palestinian citizens of Israel killed by Israeli security forces in October 2000, and the killings of Black Americans at the hands of police.

The discussion will be grounded in the personal testimonies of Rafat Amara, father of Kheir Hamdan Amara, a 22 year-old Palestinian citizen of Israel killed by Israeli police in the Galilee on 8 November 2014, and Ashley Yates, a leader in the movement for racial justice in the United States, which was renewed in Ferguson following the shooting death of 18 year-old Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson. In light of the failure of accountability through domestic investigatory and criminal justice mechanisms, participants will offer ways to strengthen a global frame that both constrains state use of lethal force, and challenges the structures of inequality and racism that daily violate the rights of minority and marginalized communities.

A short film will be screened and the presentations will be followed by a Q&A with the audience. Arabic-English interpretation will be provided.

Participants

Rafat Amara, Father of the late-Kheir Hamdan Amara

Ashley Yates, Ferguson Activist

Mustafa Mahameed, Meezaan for Human Rights

Salah Mohsen, Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

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Jennifer Turner, ACLU and the International Network for Civil Liberties Organizations

Nadia Ben-Youssef, Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel (Moderator)

Ahmad Amara, Meezaan for Human Rights (Moderator)

How to attend?

If you wish to attend you may obtain access by requesting "Access to the Public Gallery" to hrcaccreditation@ohchr.org, at least 24 hours in advance, with full names, date of the visit (18 March 2015) and purpose of the visit (Attendance to the Adalah Side Event (Room 24)

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