

# January – June 2018 IN PHOTOS



# Education and Health Rights





Photo: Marwan Abu FrieH

**SAFE BUS STOPS:** At a hearing in May 2018 before the Be'er Sheva District Court, the state agreed to fund bus stops adjacent to 47 schools for Bedouin children in the Naqab (Negev). Hundreds of Bedouin children face serious safety hazards on their daily trips to and from school. This commitment exceeds the 11 schools included in Adalah's initial petition, marking a significant achievement.





Photo: Khalil Al-Amor

**TRANSPORT FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS:** Beer Sheva District Court ordered immediate bus transport for dozens of 3-and 4-year old Bedouin kids in the Naqab after Adalah filed a motion for contempt of court against the Education Ministry and the Al Qasoum Regional Council for twice violating a court order to provide transport. However, the Court rejected the contempt motion and refused to order transport for all preschool-aged children in the unrecognized villages, the general remedy requested by Adalah.





**ARAB STUDENT PROTESTERS AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY:** TAU dropped disciplinary charges in June 2018 against two Palestinian Arab students who protested against a campus lecture by an Egyptian scholar, following Adalah's intervention. In the political opinion of the student protesters, members of the Jafra Student Assembly Movement, the lecture was an act of normalization with Israel.





### **HEALTH CLINIC IN KHAWLED:**

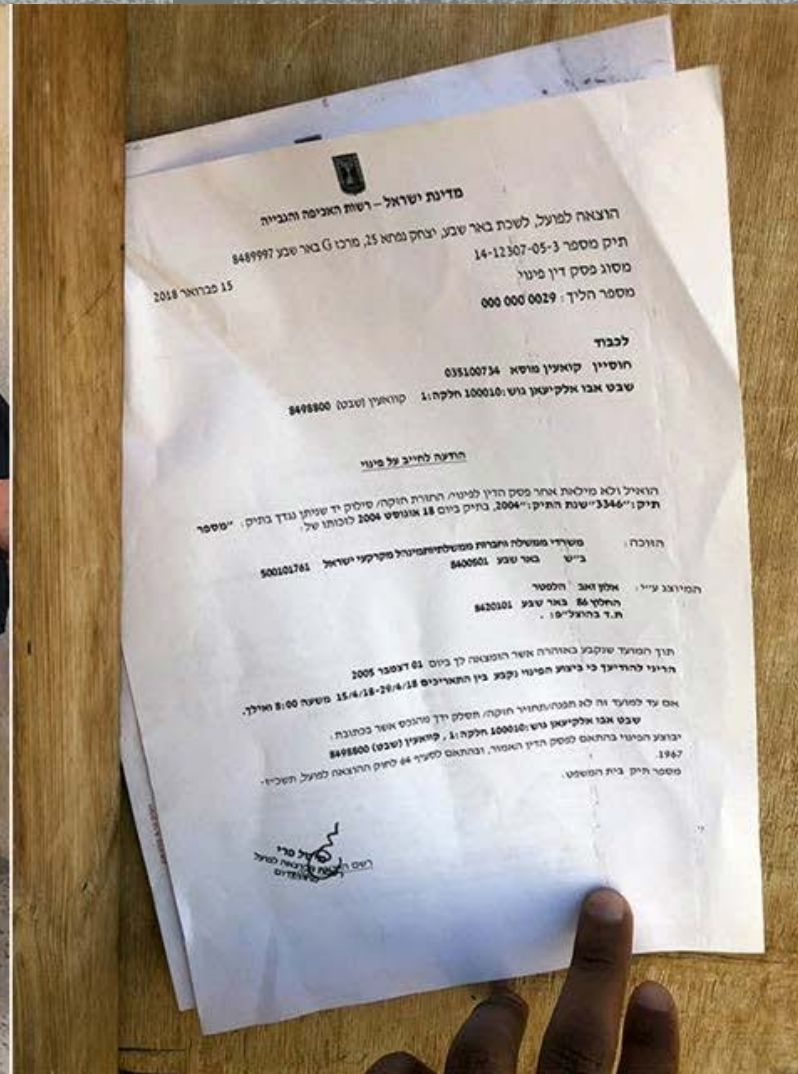
On 20 February 2018, the Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition filed by Adalah in 2017 demanding that the Health Ministry reopen a mother-and-child clinic serving almost 1500 residents of two Arab villages in the Galilee.

The SCT ignored the lack of public transport for residents to neighboring towns with clinics, and thus undermined the law regarding accessible health care.



**Land confiscation,  
home demolitions,  
police violence**





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**DEMOLITION OF UMM AL-HIRAN:** Adalah submitted a petition to the Supreme Court demanding a halt to the impending demolition of the Bedouin village of Umm al-Hiran in the Naqab. Residents of Umm al-Hiran received notices in March 2018 that their homes would be demolished during the second half of April 2018. The residents later signed an agreement with the state, under great duress, to move to the Bedouin town of Hura, and Adalah withdrew the petition.





Photos: Mati Milstein & Israel Police (left to right)



### **CLOSING INVESTIGATION:**

Ya'akub Abu-Al-Qi'an was killed by police in January 2017 during a home demolition operation in Umm al-Hiran. Soon after the residents agreed to move to Hura in 2018, the State Attorney closed the investigation file. Adalah is demanding immediate access to investigatory materials in the case in order to appeal.





## **SETTLEMENTS REGULARIZATION LAW:**

Adalah is challenging the constitutionality of the law, which allows the state to retroactively legalize “outposts” built on Palestinian private land. In February 2017 Adalah submitted a petition to the Supreme Court against the law with JLAC and Al Mezan on behalf of 17 Palestinian local councils in the West Bank. An injunction freezing the law is in place. In June 2018, a hearing was held before a panel of nine Supreme Court justices.



# **Economic, Social and Cultural rights**





## **PALESTINIAN WORKERS' RIGHTS:**

The Israeli Supreme Court issued an *order nisi* in January 2018 on a petition filed by Adalah, Kav LaOved, and ACRI against the “Jordan Valley Regulations”, which provide that non-Israeli citizens or residents must deposit a financial guarantee at the commencement of a lawsuit against their Israeli employers, these rules impede access to courts for Palestinians. The court held hearings on the case in 2018 and Adalah is awaiting a decision.

Photo: Google Earth

## **NO STREET NAMES IN UMM AL-FAHEM:**

Adalah and MK Yousef Jabareen sent a letter in February 2018 demanding that the Interior Minister allow the Umm al-Fahem Municipality (pop: 60,000) to name its streets. With no street names or house numbers residents face a host of difficulties, such as receiving the wrong mail. The ministry disapproves of naming streets for several Palestinian leaders. The naming of streets is not strictly a technical matter but allows for the commemoration of cultural identity and a national narrative.



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# Gaza Protest Cases





Photos: Mati Milstein & Maria Zahran



**MEDICAL PERMIT:** On 16 April 2018, in a precedent-setting ruling, the Supreme Court permitted the transfer of Gaza protester Yosef al-Kronz to the West Bank for urgent medical care to save his leg from amputation. Mr. al-Kronz was shot by the Israeli army while protesting during the Great March of Return. The ruling was in response to a petition submitted by Adalah and Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights.

**USE OF SNIPERS, LETHAL FORCE:** The Supreme Court rejected two petitions submitted by Adalah and other human rights groups, fully accepting the Israeli military's claims related to the use of live fire and snipers against protesters in Gaza. The court ruled on 24 May 2018 that the army's actions were legal, as the protesters constituted a real danger to Israeli soldiers and citizens. The court's decision contradicts all preliminary findings by international human rights organizations and UN bodies documenting the events in Gaza.



**Israeli Supreme Court  
gives military  
green light  
to keep shooting  
unarmed Gaza  
protesters with**

**live  
ammo**





**HAIFA PROTESTS AGAINST GAZA KILLINGS:** On 21 May 2018, Adalah, together with volunteer attorneys and the Human Rights Defenders Fund, represented protesters who were detained for protesting against the killings of the Gaza protesters. The Haifa Magistrates' Court unconditionally released all 19 protesters, mostly Palestinian citizens of Israel, from detention, after a nine-hour overnight hearing.

**Political participation,  
freedom of expression,  
freedom from religion**





**TRAVEL BAN, BDS:** Adalah is challenging the Knesset's rule against MK Yousef Jabareen's travel to the US on a Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)-sponsored lecture tour, as JVP calls for boycott. At a hearing in June 2018, the SCT ordered the Knesset Ethics Committee to submit a comparative study within 45 days that examines restrictions on travel by parliamentarians that is funded by external sources in parliaments around the world.

Photo: Mati Milstein





**A STATE FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS, DISQUALIFICATION OF LEGISLATION:** In June 2018, Adalah submitted a petition to the Supreme Court on behalf of Arab MKs Jamal Zahalka, Haneen Zoabi, and Joumah Azbarga (Joint List) against the Knesset Presidium's decision to disqualify proposed legislation named **Basic Law: State of All its Citizens**, without parliamentary discussion or debate. This bill was submitted to counter the proposed “Jewish Nation-State Law”.

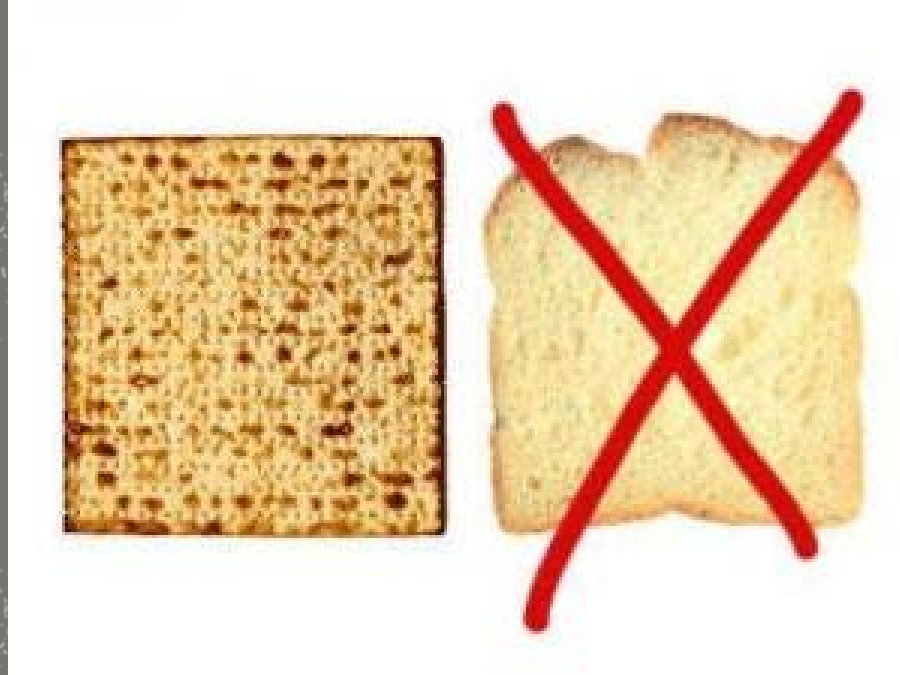


**EXPULSION LAW:** The SCT rejected a petition in May 2018 filed by Adalah, ACRI and MK Yousef Jabareen against the Expulsion Law, which allows MKs to oust colleagues. The Expulsion Law permits a majority of 90 MKs to oust a serving MK on two grounds: (1) incitement to racism; and (2) support for armed struggle against Israel. The law was passed as an amendment to the Basic Law: The Knesset and targets Arab MKs due to their vocal opposition to the government's policies.



Photo: Mati Milstein





**UNLEAVENED BREAD/FREEDOM FROM RELIGION:** Adalah petitioned the Supreme Court in February 2018 opposing the Health Ministry's ban on leavened bread in hospitals during Passover. Adalah argued that the policy discriminates against non-Jewish visitors, who should not be forced to comply with Jewish religious laws. The SCT rejected our request for an injunction to prevent the enforcement of the ban or to schedule an urgent hearing prior to Passover in April 2018. The case was heard in July 2018.



# **International Advocacy & Media**





**UN ADVOCACY:** In Geneva, Adalah and partners succeeded to get a resolution from the UN Human Rights Council for an international investigation into the Gaza protests (left), and speaking at a high-level conference on the Nakba@70 in New York (right). May 2018





**EU ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING:** With EuroMed Rights, Al Mezan, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel. From left: EuroMed General Assembly (June) and NGO workshop on shrinking space (March) in Brussels, and Gaza advocacy in the German parliament in Berlin (June).

Photos: Hassan Jabareen, Rina Rosenberg, and Mati Milstein (clockwise from top left)





## Adalah & Adalah Justice Project US Advocacy

(Top left) Meeting with the  
EU mission to the UN in  
New York. (February)

(Top right) Advocacy in  
churches for resolutions  
calling for equality (June)



(Bottom left) Meeting in  
the US Congress,  
Washington DC (April).

(Bottom right) Black-  
Palestinian solidarity, with  
the US civil rights'  
movement, Montgomery  
Alabama (April)



Photos: Sandra Tamari (top) and  
Nadia Ben-Youssef (bottom)



**DELEGATION VISITS:** The “Justice Delegation” of prominent human rights lawyers and activists from the US, led by the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), visit the Naqab. Group leaders: Jamil Dakwar (ACLU) and Diala Shamas (CCR). CCR Board Chair and Columbia Law School Prof. Katherine Franke and CCR Director Vince Warren were denied entry to Israel and could not participate (April). Adalah will take their case.





**MEDIA OUTREACH:**  
International and Arab  
journalists interview  
Adalah staff about the  
Gaza protests, the US  
embassy move, the  
new bill banning the  
photography of Israeli  
soldiers, and Adalah's  
recent Supreme Court  
cases.



Photo: Mati Milstein





**INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, SKY NEWS:** Adalah Attorney Sawsan Zaher appears on Sky News's flagship international affairs program "World View" with diplomatic editor Dominic Waghorn to talk about the US Embassy move to Jerusalem (16 May 2018).





**Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**

May 19 · 🌐

VIDEO: Israeli police employed extreme violence last night in Haifa against Palestinian citizens of Israel demonstrating in support of Gaza protesters.

The Israeli police violence was unprecedented and unprovoked, and Adalah therefore considers the arrests of protesters to be illegal. We call for an immediate release of all detainees who had been attending the peaceful demonstration and exercising their right to free speech.



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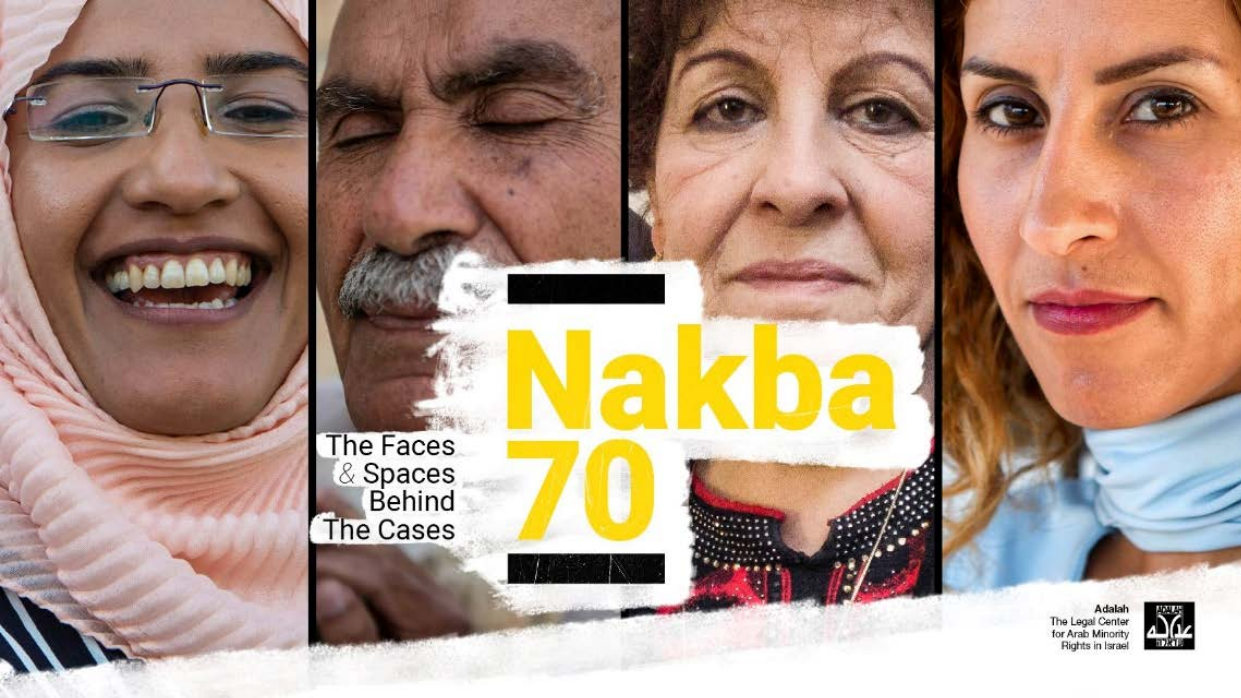
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## VIRAL VIDEOS

Video about police brutality in the Haifa protest was viewed 107,000 times and shared 1,857 times on Facebook alone. Video about live fire in Gaza was viewed 37,000 times in Hebrew and 34,000 times in Arabic on Adalah's Facebook page. The Arabic live fire video was reposted on Facebook by Quds News Network and was viewed 140,000 times.



# The Nakba @ 70 - “Faces & Spaces Behind The Cases”

Exhibition at Fattoush in Haifa (May 2018)

Mr. Yaccoub Odeh, who was photographed by Adalah, spoke about his personal story at the exhibition opening. Odeh fled from the uprooted village of Lifta in 1948.



# **Institutional Developments**





Photos: Adalah staff



**EXTERNAL EVALUATION:** Adalah underwent an external evaluation in March 2018 by Mr. Fateh Azzam, a human rights expert, supported by our long-term donor Bread for the World from Germany. Adalah will carefully consider the series of recommendations offered in the Evaluation Report, and work toward their implementation.





**Adalah's stagaires and  
interns** – Lubna Tuma,  
Kela Sapir, Mahran  
Amarah, Laith Aqel, Kelly  
Horan, Elizabeth Nadler,  
and Noor Nasser





**ADALAH'S FAMILY - ANNUAL IFTAR DINNER, HAIFA**  
**Adalah's Board of Directors, staff, volunteer lawyers, and friends (June 2018)**

