



Adalah's Impact Report: January- June 2022

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Adalah is proud to report that as a result of our strategic litigation and legal interventions, and international advocacy initiatives, we achieved the following results during the first half of 2022:

January:

- The Israeli Minister of Welfare and Social Affairs announced the appointment of a chairperson to the National Food Security Council for the first time since 2019, and later two Arab Council members, the first such appointments of Arab experts since the enactment of the 2011 Food Security Law. With these appointments, a defunct, yet vital committee for the well-being of all poor citizens of the state, and especially Palestinian citizens of Israel, of whom over 40% are food insecure, will finally begin its work.

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February:

- The Ministry of Transport and Road Safety announced that it would **not to alter a bus route from Nof HaGalil in the Galilee that passes through numerous Arab towns and villages on the way to Jerusalem**, which would have left Palestinian citizens without public transportation. There is a chronic lack of public transport in Arab towns in Israel compared with primarily Jewish towns, which greatly affects residents' ability to work and to access health facilities, schools and other public services.

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March:

- Israel's national lottery, 'Mifal HaPais', changed its policy in order to permit permanent residents of Israel (in addition to Israeli citizens), mainly Palestinians living in occupied East Jerusalem and Syrians residing in the Occupied Golan Heights, to apply for **higher education scholarships**. In 2021, Mifal HaPais awarded 38,000 scholarships of NIS 10,000 (~ US \$3,100) each. This case may be used to challenge other educational scholarships programs awarded in a similarly discriminatory manner.

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- The Ministry of Housing and Construction (MHC) announced on 15 of March 2022 that it will purchase apartments in Arab towns and mixed cities, in order to address the needs for public housing among Palestinian citizens of Israel (PCI). Adalah asked to expand the mandate of the committee that will examine conditions for public housing eligibility, recently appointed by MHC, in order to address the severe shortage of public housing in Arab towns. Adalah further demanded the appointment of Palestinian experts in the committee to ensure adequate representation. In 2016, only 0.3% of all public housing apartments were located in Arab towns. As of 2017, there was no public housing in 10 Arab localities classified in the lowest socio-economic cluster, with 352,000 residents.

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- Following Adalah's petition to the Israeli Supreme Court (SCT), the police dismantled all **10 checkpoints they had erected in the western part of Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of East Jerusalem**. Adalah, in cooperation with the Civic Coalition and on behalf of residents, argued that the police did not have authority to erect these checkpoints, that they greatly restricted the daily lives of Palestinian residents and constituted collective punishment, and that the underlying policy was based on illegal racial profiling. Israeli Jewish settlers remained free to enter and pass through the neighbourhood.
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April:

- In a precedent-setting decision, the Haifa District Court rejected a 3-month **administrative detention order** against a 29-year-old teacher, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, and instead approved only a two-week order. The evidence showed only that the man tried to organize buses for worshippers to Al Aqsa Mosque for prayer, a legitimate and legal activity, and an exercise of religious freedom, which is a constitutional right. The Court decided that criminal law, rather than an administrative order, was the appropriate route to address any alleged offenses in this case.
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May:

- A Palestinian family, citizens of Israel from Nazareth, were able to register an apartment that they purchased in Tiberias on land controlled by the **Jewish National Fund (JNF)**, after an initial refusal. This case builds on years of litigation by Adalah before the Israeli Supreme Court concerning the state's duty of non-discrimination in land allocation.
- International human rights actors issued critical statements regarding Israel's attempted evacuation of **Ras Jrabah, a Bedouin village in the Naqab**. Amnesty International, and Prof. Fernand de Varennes, the UN Special Rapporteur (SR) on minority issues and Prof. Balakrishnan Rajagopal, the SR on the right to housing, issued a short report and a statement, respectively, calling on Israel to cancel its plans, following advocacy by Adalah. The SRs warned that, "Thousands of Bedouin citizens of Israel living in the Naqab are facing threats of eviction to make way for more Jewish-only towns, military bases, and other major infrastructure projects that exclude [them] and their development interests."
Read more about Israel's plans for forcibly displace the residents of Ras Jrabah: <https://www.adalah.org/en/content/view/10623>
Read [Amnesty's Report](#) / Read the [statement by UN Special Rapporteurs](#)
- The **UN Human Rights Committee (HRC), which monitors the ICCPR, issued its Concluding Observations (COs)** on Israel, raising many serious concerns about issues highlighted by Adalah, including on the Jewish Nation-State Law; the ban on Palestinian family unification law; the ongoing state of emergency during COVID; the Palestinian 6 NGOs outlawed as "terror organisations"; Israel's policy of holding of bodies of deceased Palestinians as "bargaining chips"; discriminatory restrictions on PCI participation in public affairs, including in elections, and more. Adalah routinely uses COs as persuasive authority before the Israeli courts, and these COs also influence the other treaty bodies in their reviews of Israel. By adopting positions raised by Adalah, the HRC gives further international credibility our arguments.
Read [Adalah's Report to the UN Human Rights Committee](#)
[Read the UN HRC Concluding Observations](#)

June:

- The Ministry of Transport and Road approved **funding for a paved entry road and roads to schools in the unrecognised Bedouin village of Tel Arad in the Naqab**. The lack of paved roads for the 2500 residents of the village, including 800 children, is very dangerous, especially in bad weather.
- The **UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) on the OPT and Israel**, issued its first report to the UN Human Rights Council, and determined that the continued Israeli occupation, impunity for the Israeli military, and discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel (PCI) are the root causes of the conflict. The report includes numerous human rights abuses against Palestinians that Adalah presented to the COI. The inclusion of PCI is significant because they have never been part of any mandate of UN COIs. This more expansive mandate represents a wider approach of the situation, that is not limited by a strict division on the basis of the Green Line, and reflects the new discourse of Apartheid.

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