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*I want to share with you, the members of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, what is currently taking place in Israel.*

*As everyone certainly knows, two days ago we were informed that the bodies of the three teenagers, cruelly murdered by terrorists, were found, and yesterday they were buried.*

*In the past few days Qassam rockets fell in southern Israel. Children in southern kibbutzim and towns who enjoyed several months of quiet are again subject to fear as their summer breaks begin.*

*Israel is deliberating how to react. In a radio interview today I was asked, from my perspective as past director of the international department of Israel's State Attorney's office, whether in response to the murders is it legitimate to demolish homes of terrorists and to expel people from their homes? I answered that needless to say that all Israelis experience great pain because of the murder of three teenage boys, who only wanted to return home after school, and that we have to carefully consider our response and not stoop to the level of those who committed the murders.*

*The most important thing as I see it, is to apprehend the murderers who committed this terrible act, and I have no doubt that they will be caught, to prosecute them and learn more about what transpired. We must never lose sight of the fact that Israel functions under the rule of law and therefore must do so now. Among the impassioned voices we certainly hear the ideas consistent with those I am conveying as a lawyer who heads an international association of lawyers and jurists.*

*I wanted to bring this to your attention and to share my feelings with you.*

*Irit Kohn*