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## MESSAGE

To: Members and Friends of IAJLJ

For several days now I have been wanting to share with you what we are experiencing in Israel. No doubt you are aware of the facts through extensive media coverage. However, I would like to shed light on several issues of importance.

Israelis find it very difficult to witness the large number of civilian Palestinian casualties including children and the massive destruction. Our wish is to see a successful Gaza, flourishing and healthy without arms and the objective of destroying us. Based on our intelligence, which was supported by what we discovered, we had no choice but to enter the fray including "boots on the ground" in order to destroy the terror tunnels. Hamas prisoners under questioning revealed their "Rosh Hashana Attack" by which hundreds of Hamas militants would attack the nearby kibbutzim where families would be gathered for the holiday via some 45 tunnels. They would have been able to exit the tunnels and commit mass murder of the Israelis before we would know what was happening.

While we are proud of our army's accomplishments, we are very saddened by the loss of soldiers and officers and the wounded. Hopefully, the price we are paying now for the third time in five years, will result in an internationally supported agreement wherein Hamas will be disarmed and turn their "swords into plow shears" for their good and ours.

There appears to be a consensus of approval for the way this effort was conducting so far by the Prime Minister, Defense Minister and the Government as a whole.

The latest decision of the UN Human Rights Council, reveals again their hypocrisy. Our reply to this may be found in a recent message sent to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to those members who wrote to us expressing their care and sympathy in support of this effort. We all pray for better days ahead.

Sincerely,

Irit Kohn