



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים (ע"ר)
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS (R.A.)

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Secretary General Omar al-Zein,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ), is a non-political organization with special NGO status at the UN, which works to promote human rights, equality, and the rights of people everywhere to a life of peace. One of our objectives is to fight against antisemitism wherever it is in the world.

We invite you to learn about the Association on our website, located at www.intjewishlawyers.org.

Our Association was appalled to read about the honour accorded by the Arab Lawyers Union, the organization in which you hold the office of Secretary General, to the family of the female suicide bomber who perpetrated the attack on Maxim restaurant in Haifa in 2003. In that attack, 21 innocent men, women and children, were killed and more than 50 people were injured. The grievous loss of life has meant that this attack is considered one of the most heinous faced by Israel to date.

This reprehensible crime which should be condemned by society is one that you have chosen to honour. The ALU, an organization of lawyers, which represents about 15 Arab countries, and which claims to work for human rights and promote law, and act in accordance with the law, is undermining its own purposes and the profession which it represents by granting this award to a suicide bomber.

The IAJLJ regrets that that ALU has chosen to grant an award that contradicts the most basic principles of law. The oxymoron in the grant of this prize, speaks for itself and the IAJLJ can only protest and express its abhorrence at the bad judgment this represents.

Through this award your organization encourages terrorist activity; activities that violate international law.

Your website states that your organization is associated with UNESCO and has been given the special status of an NGO at the United Nations. Organizations such as yours and ours which have been recognized in this way by the United Nations are expected to respect the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the principles on which the UN was founded.

By granting the aforesaid honour, grounds have arisen to revoke your NGO standing.



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A copy of this letter will be sent to the UN Secretary General together with a separate request to revoke the ALU's status as aforesaid.

We hope that the ALU will, at a minimum, issue an apology and withdraw its wrongfully given decoration.

Yours sincerely,

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