



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

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Dear Mr. Weinstein,

On March 23, 2012 the *Haaretz* newspaper published an article written by Oz Rosenberg stating inter alia:

“More than 300 supporters of the Beitar Jerusalem football team assaulted Arab workers this week at the Malha shopping center in the capital. Only after about 40 minutes during which fans clashed with the workers, while chanting racist slogans, did the security guards and police who had been called in, manage to end the fight that had broken out in some areas of the shopping center. Although security cameras recorded the whole incident no one was detained for investigation. The police claim that no complaints have been filed.”

It is unnecessary to point out which regimes are characterized by non-enforcement of the law in such cases and how much the State of Israel aspires not to be counted among those regimes.

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, founded by the late Professor René Cassin, the late Justice Arthur Goldberg and the late Justice Haim Cohn, which acts in the world as the advocate of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, believes that in the State of Israel, no one causes harm to the life, body or dignity of a human being, as such, even if he is a member of a minority group, without a response from the authorities. This is a Jewish, Israeli and universal value, the test of which is not only verbal agreement but more particularly enforcing the law against law-breakers. The issue of the relationship between members of the Jewish majority and those of the Arab minority, which constitutes one-fifth of Israel's population, is complex and is one of the most important tests facing those who are in charge of the rule of law in Israel.

Section 59 of the Criminal Procedure Law (Consolidated Version) 5742 - 1982 does not require a complaint to be filed in order to launch an investigation. There is no doubt that a “public interest” exists, which is an additional parameter for opening an investigation, in fully investigating this incident.

We were informed today that the police only decided to investigate following the publication in the newspaper; this is a disturbing phenomenon in the light of the above.

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, therefore, calls upon Israel's Attorney General to order an **immediate** investigation of the case and bring those responsible to justice urgently in order to prevent the State of Israel from being dragged into a state of anarchy.

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