



An Appeal to the Conscience of the World- Gilad Shalit

In June 2006 Hamas terrorists dug a tunnel into Israeli territory, kidnapped nineteen years old Corporal Gilad Shalit and dragged Gilad through the tunnel to somewhere in the Gaza strip. Since then, for over four and a half years Gilad has been held incommunicado by Hamas.

Throughout this period, of over four and a half years, the Hamas have refused to allow Gilad any contact with the outside world. The Hamas have denied repeated requests from the International Red Cross to allow a representative to meet with Gilad. They have refused similar requests from other human rights bodies and have denied him access to any outside medical help.

Such denial of access is a gross violation of human rights and in clear contradiction to the rules of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflict.

We appeal to the conscience of the world not to stay silent, but to let Hamas and its supporters in Iran and Syria know that the civilized world is not willing to accept such trampling over the basic human rights of a young man, now twenty three years old.

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