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Dear Member of Congress:

You may have already met Dr. Israel Shahak, Chairman of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights. In his several visits to this country in the past two years, he has visited almost 100 Congressional offices to talk about violations of Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories.

Dr. Shahak, a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen death camp, is gravely concerned about human and civil rights for all peoples, including those of the Palestinians. He is now concerned lest these human rights violations may be overshadowed by the crisis in the Gulf. As Chairman of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights, Dr. Shahak is addressing the attached Appeal to you. It describes not so much the killings, home demolitions, and administrative detentions that are somewhat better publicized, but the beatings, woundings by gunfire, humiliations, and extortions that are so widespread that they are suffered by practically every Palestinian family in the occupied territories.

The American Alliance for Palestinian Human Rights is pleased to be able, with the cooperation of Women Strike for Peace, to transmit this Appeal to the Members of Congress.

We hope you will take the abuses described by Dr. Shahak into account in considering legislation related to Israel.

Sincerely,

Robert Listou
Executive Director