

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Mike Huckabee
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
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Dear Ambassador Huckabee:

We write to express our alarm at the extreme and escalating violence by Israeli settlers, police, and military in the village of al-Mughayyir in the occupied West Bank. These Israeli forces have besieged the village, killed five Palestinian residents under the age of 20, shot others including a nine year-old Palestinian boy, restricted access to food and necessary supplies, and effectively cut off the Palestinian residents' access to education.¹ As the village's residents, including U.S. citizens and relatives of U.S. citizens (including several of our constituents), face increasing violence and terrorism with each passing day, we urge you to visit al-Mughayyir and intervene with the Israeli government to end these attacks.

Al-Mughayyir is a village of fewer than 4,000 Palestinian residents located northeast of Ramallah in the West Bank, which is currently occupied by Israeli forces in violation of international law.² Israeli settlers have conducted large-scale attacks against the village, including in 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024, 2025, and 2026.³ Over the past three years, the settlers built outposts surrounding the village and the military blocked all but one road that was controlled by a checkpoint and severely restricted the Palestinian residents' access.⁴

This year alone, Israeli settlers (backed by the military and police) have closed the last remaining access road and repeatedly attacked the village, killing Mohammed Saad Naasan (age 14), Aws al-Naasan (age 14), Fadi Hamdallah al-Nassan (age 17), Khalil Abu Alia (age 16), and Omar al-Nassan (age 19). They have destroyed homes, businesses, and farms, uprooted thousands

¹ See Emma Graham-Harrison, *Israelis shoot dead two Palestinian teenagers after settlers encircle village*, The Guardian (Sept. 4, 2026), <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/sep/03/israelis-shoot-dead-two-palestinian-teenagers-after-settlers-encircle-village>; Haroon Bshara, *Life in a laboratory of Israeli ethnic cleansing*, +972 Magazine (Aug. 14, 2026), <https://www.972mag.com/al-mughayyir-west-bank-israeli-ethnic-cleansing-laboratory/>

² See Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, *Preliminary Results of the Population, Housing and Establishments Census, 2017* (Feb. 2018), <https://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Downloads/book2364-1.pdf>; Raffi Berg, *ICJ says Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal*, BBC (July 19, 2024), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjerjzlpvdo>

³ See id; Chaim Levinson, *Ten Torched Mosques, Zero Indictments*, Haaretz (Nov. 13, 2014), <https://www.haaretz.com/2014-11-13/ty-article/premium/10-torched-mosques-0-indictments/0000017f-f96f-d460-afff-fb6fbd1f0000>; Gideon Levy and Alex Levac, *The Sadists Who Destroyed a Decades-old Palestinian Olive Grove Can Rest Easy*, Haaretz (Jan. 24, 2019), <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2019-01-24/ty-article/premium/the-sadists-who-destroyed-a-decades-old-palestinian-olive-grove-can-rest-easy/0000017f-f739-d460-afff-f7ff1270000>; Yotam Berger and Jack Khoury, *No Settlers Questioned After Palestinian Shot Dead in the West Bank*, Haaretz (Jan. 28, 2019), <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2019-01-28/ty-article/premium/no-settlers-questioned-after-palestinian-shot-dead-in-the-west-bank/0000017f-e2c0-d7b2-a77f-e3c73cb40000>; Oliver Holmes, *Israel to investigate shooting of Palestinian child*, The Guardian (Dec. 7, 2020), <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/dec/07/israel-launches-investigation-into-shooting-of-palestinian-child>; Nasser Nasser and Jack Jeffery, *West Bank sees biggest settler rampage since war in Gaza began as Israeli teen's body is found*, AP (Apr. 13, 2024), <https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-gaza-west-bank-7e75e1ef8f5307946d24f8b9a190fd66>; Quique Kierszenbaum and Emma Graham-Harrison, *Israeli settlers force about 150 Palestinians to leave their West Bank village*, The Guardian (May 23, 2025), <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/23/israeli-settlers-force-palestinians-leave-west-bank-village>

⁴ *Supra*, note 1.

of olive trees, stolen livestock, blocked food and other necessary supplies from entering the village, and devastated the entire local economy.⁵ Those residents who are not murdered by Israeli forces are condemned to a horrific existence marked by poverty, deprivation, and terror.

This is not an isolated situation; it reflects an intentional policy of violence and terrorism inflicted by Israeli forces across the occupied West Bank to further the ethnic cleansing and genocide of the Palestinian people. Shamefully, the U.S. government has consistently backed this policy by continuing to provide military aid to Israel and failing to act to stop these rampant attacks. This is morally unconscionable and directly affects the U.S. citizens who live in al-Mughayyir or who (like several of our constituents) have relatives that live there.

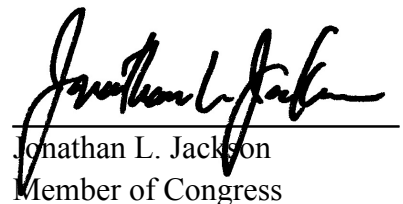
You recently visited the village of Turmus Aya, held a town hall, condemned the settler attackers as “terrorists,” and committed to exerting “pressure in order to get some resolution” to the situation there.⁶ While this is a long overdue condemnation, the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank need more than empty promises from a representative of a government that has actively enabled the violence and terror against them. As such, we urge you to visit al-Mughayyir (which borders Turmus Aya), hold a town hall with its residents, and specify concrete actions you will take to intervene with the Israeli government. At minimum, the Administration should follow the lead of our allies and impose sanctions and a trade ban on settlements,⁷ but much more is required to end our government’s longstanding support of the mass atrocities committed against the Palestinian people.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, and we look forward to your prompt response.

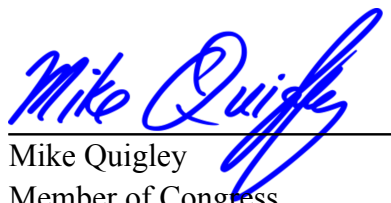
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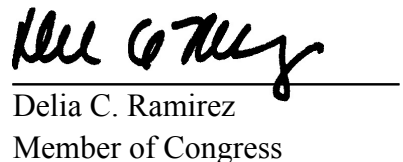
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⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Fatima AbdulKarim and Aaron Boxerman, *Huckabee Condemns 'Terrorist' Attacks on Palestinians in West Bank Town Hall*, N.Y. Times (Sept. 5, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/05/world/middleeast/huckabee-west-bank-settler-attacks.html>

⁷ Stephen Castle, Adam Rasgon, Aaron Boxerman and Isabel Kershner, *Israeli Allies Ban Trade With Settlements as U.K. Cites 'Ethnic Cleansing'*, N.Y. Times (Sept. 10, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/08/world/europe/uk-sanctions-israel-west-bank-settlements.html>

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