



March 6, 2022

Dear

Friends Meeting of Austin is writing on behalf of the owners of a parcel of land in Palestine named "Tent of Nations." The Nassar family owns the property which has remained in their family since 1916, when the land was registered to them under Ottoman rule. The land was re-registered to the Nassars under British rule 1918-1948. After the state of Israel was formed, the area fell under Jordanian control, and again, the Nassars received papers confirming their ownership.

After the Six-Day War in 1967, the West Bank was annexed by Israel, and settlers began moving into the area surrounding the Nassars' land. In 1991, Israel declared the 100 acre Nassar farm to be "state land." In June 2021 trees and farm structures on the Nassars' farm were bulldozed by Israeli Defense Forces in an effort to bully the Nassars into leaving their property.

Despite these challenges, the Nassars operate educational and environmental programs on their farm. They host international participants who receive opportunities to help with programs, workshops, gardening, and projects on the farm.

The Nassars' challenges continue, with family members subjected to violent attacks from gangs earlier in 2022. The Nassars are Palestinian Lutherans.

We ask you to prompt the United States State Department to question the Israeli government about:

- Acts of destruction by the Israeli military at the Nassars' farm.
- Delays by Israel in the re-registration of the Nassar land (re-registration Case Nos. 3714/2 and 3715/2).

We also ask you to voice your support for the recognition of the Nassar family's lawful ownership of the Tent of Nations farm.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Dock". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephen Dock, Presiding Clerk

Additional information may be found at the link below:

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