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Boston RALLY Against Forced Expulsion of Jews

“Disengagement” Rewards Terrorism

Worldwide demonstrations will take place on Tuesday, July 19 in support of the embattled 10,000 Jewish residents of Gaza (Gush Katif) and N. Samaria (Shomron), facing expulsion according to the “disengagement” plan.

In Boston, the “ORANGE” Rally will take place

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Noon - 1:00pm

20 Park Plaza, Boston, MA

(Outside offices of Consulate General of Israel to New England)

BOSTON, MASS. (Issued JULY 18, 2005) -- We, representatives of grassroots organizations in New England, **are strong and devoted supporters of the State of Israel**, the only democracy in the Middle East. This is why we feel it is very important to express publicly our concerns for the safety of Israel and, ultimately, our own country, the United States.

Israeli retreat in the face of terrorism will have severe world-wide consequences, as terrorists are emboldened with the reward of territory for terror. Palestinians, and the broader Arab world, will view Israel's flight from Gush Katif and northern Samaria as a victory and as a confirmation of the effectiveness of terrorism. Gaza will become ‘Hamastan,’ a headquarters for a new wave of terrorism. Its seaport and airport will be used to freely import weapons and ammunition to destroy Israel, and to supply more suicide bombers to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We are convinced that **the deportation of Jews from their homes** - where Jewish communities existed for centuries and where they lived for the last 35 years - **is an immoral act**. This people turned once “cursed” sandy no-man land into beautiful communities with gardens and greenhouses. The communities in Gush Katif and northern Samaria were established and encouraged by all successive governments Israel -- both Labor and Likud. It is inconceivable that now they became the target of “Ethnic Cleansing” only because they are Jews. Now they are being demonized as enemies of the State of Israel. **Why 1.3 million of Arab citizens in Israel**

living among 5.5 million Jews is an example of the "peaceful co-existence"... yet 10,000 Jews in Gaza among 1.2 million Arabs is the "obstacle to peace"?

We are deeply concerned about the effects of the plan on the democratic character of the state of Israel. Mr. Sharon became Prime Minister of Israel only because Likud Party won an overwhelming electoral victory on strictly "non-withdrawal" platform - exactly opposite to what Mr. Sharon is doing right now. This is hardly the definition of democratic process, it looks more like Soviet style dictatorship (many of us came from FSU and have first-hand experience with such autocratic methods of governance.).

We are concerned that in their desire to achieve peace at any cost, the Israeli government is throwing out the baby with the water. **The "disengagement" plan is ill-conceived, immoral and dangerous** to both the safety of Israel, Israelis and Americans, and to the democratic character of Israel. Giving in to demands of Islamic terrorists who have declared they want nothing less than the total annihilation of the world Jewish community is about the most absurd thing one can imagine.

MEDIA ALERT

Boston Joins Demonstrations on Five Continents

RALLY Against Forced Expulsion of Jews

SET FOR JULY 19 IN BOSTON

WHAT: "Disengagement" Rewards Terrorism

WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 19 at 12:00 noon

WHERE: 20 Park Plaza, (Park Square), Boston, MA

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