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Embassy of Israel  
Ambassador Jacob Keidar  
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Open Letter

### **Protest against confiscation of Jubbet Adh-Dhib solar power system**

Ein Beitrag zur  
Linderung der Not  
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His Excellency Ambassador Jacob Keidar,

We have been informed by our project partner Comet-ME that their biggest power system installation in Jubbet Adh-Dhib has been confiscated and partially destroyed by Israeli soldiers and civil workers on June 28th. Comet-ME is a Israeli-Palestinian NGO providing energy and clear-water services to off-grid communities in the occupied Palestinian territories. The Swiss Olive Oil Campaign is funding the operational activities of Comet-ME since 2011.

We have to communicate to you, Mr. Ambassador, as the representative of Israel in Switzerland, our sincere protest against this kind of scandalous act by your administration. Apart from the obvious lack of respect to Israeli laws by clearly disregarding proper juridical procedures (no cease work and demolition orders have been served prior to the demolition), this action is a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention and a disregard of the principles defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In the hope that these illegal and inhumane acts will be remedied as soon as possible, we remain

Respectfully

Jakob Helbing  
President  
Swiss Olive Oil Campaign

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- Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Project partners
- Swiss media