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Responding to the crisis in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

Ecumenical Accompaniers from the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (WCC-EAPPI) have joined residents, international non-governmental organizations, media, politicians and Israeli peace activists in protesting demolition actions by Israeli forces in the Khan al Ahmar Bedouin community.

Khan al Ahmar is a Bedouin community located in East Jerusalem, in the E1 area. It is home to 32 families, 173 people, including 92 children and youths. The community has a mosque and a (very famous) school, which was built in 2009 and serves more than 150 children.

On 24 May last year, the Israel High Court approved the Israeli Defense Minister's order to demolish Khan Al-Ahmar village. The High Court has since issued a temporary restraining order freezing the demolition and ordered the state to respond to the Palestinians' claims.

A spokesperson from Khan Al Ahmar community, Abu Khamis, expressed his hope for solidarity from the international community. "A large majority of... Palestinian refugees have very few sources of income left. They live without basic infrastructure. Demolishing their homes and school would deprive them of all they have left."

Commitment for Life and the URC Mission Team continue to support the work of EAPPI, which was created in 2002 by the WCC based on a letter and an appeal from local church

leaders to create an international presence in the country.

Thank you for your ongoing support of some of the most vulnerable communities in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

(Pictured below: this is Eid, a community leader in Khan al Ahmar village. Photo by Kevin Snyman)



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