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"Doron" case - 1957/58

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fishermen, Israel)

- 1 letter to Golda Meir, Foreign Minister
of Israel.

Translation from the Hebrew

Moshav "Dor", Tantura

30 December 1957.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Golda Meir,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Jerusalem.

Dear Madam,

We, the wives of the fishermen of the vessel "Doron", belonging to our Moshav, are most grateful to you for your letter which we received a few weeks ago. In your letter you were good enough to say that you would do everything possible to bring about the release of our husbands, fathers and sons from Egyptian captivity. But, unfortunately, time has passed and as yet there has been no progress in this matter. We had hoped that, as a result of Mr. Hammarskjold's visit to Egypt, there would be a definite step forward towards their quick release. We have been bitterly disappointed.

We had intended to come to see you in your office in order to describe to you all our hardship, but we have been prevented from doing so by the tragic death of the Mother of one of the captives. She died with the name of her son on her lips. This is why we decided to write to you. This woman was in good health until her son's imprisonment but the doubt as to whether she would ever see him alive again broke her. From the beginning of her boy's captivity she gradually got worse until finally she succumbed.

Fear for the lives of our dear ones is causing us much anguish and despair. The children are suffering terribly in their longing for their fathers, who have been taken from them by force. They are jealous of the other children in the Moshav who have their fathers with them. They are quite unable to understand why their own fathers are kept from them. They wake up at night and cry, "Where is Daddy?" We, the wives, are terribly anxious about our husbands' wellbeing, particularly in case their imprisonment should last much longer.

Therefore we felt it necessary to approach you again and with particular urgency. We are certain that you, as a Mother in Israel, will understand us more than anyone else. From the depth of our hearts we turn to you with this, our fervent and anxious request: Please do everything that you possibly can and leave no effort undone; have sympathy and mercy on us and on our children; lighten our terrible suffering by obtaining the immediate release of our husbands and dear ones -- and our ardent thanks and gratitude will be with you.

Yours respectfully,

(sgd) Dora Baruch
Chava Cohen