RIGHT TO ENTER

CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY (OPT)

حملة الدفاع عن حق الدخول والإقامة لحملة الجوازات الأجنبية إلى الأراضي الفلسطينية المحتلة

A Grassroots Campaign for the Protection of Residency Rights and Foreign Passport Holders Residing in and/or Visiting the oPt

KNOW ANYONE REFUSED A VISA EXTENSION IN THE WEST BANK?

The Right to Enter campaign urges foreign nationals seeking to stay in the West Bank who have been refused a visa extension to get in touch with us via righttoenter@gmail.com or through the forms available at www.righttoenter.ps and give some background on their case, anonymous where desired.

The Right to Enter (RTE) campaign, a grassroots initiative founded in 2006, calls for the implementation of all people's rights to family unity and family reunification and for the establishment of clear and transparent policies and procedures, in keeping with international law, for foreign nationals seeking to visit or maintain a presence in the oPt. RTE takes the position that Palestinians should be able to marry and form families with whom they please, without running the risk of forced emigration, and that Palestinian institutions, organization and businesses should be able to hire the personnel and volunteers they desire without the occupying power's undue interference.

The Campaign continues to monitor and document ongoing trends and cases related to Israel's denial of entry and restrictions on visas for foreign nationals who are seeking to visit, study, work or live in the oPt, and to communicate trends and findings to the wider international community.

Over the years, concerted efforts by concerned individuals and organizations, as well as action undertaken by the international community, have occasionally prompted the occupying power to make partial and temporary adjustments to particularly egregious, unlawful elements of the policies and procedures it applies to govern the entry and presence of foreign nationals in the oPt.

It is our hope that, with your assistance, our concerted efforts can put an end to these restrictions altogether.

If you know any foreign nationals who have been refused a visa extension, we would be grateful if you could pass on this message.

Note: Right to Enter recommends that individuals who were denied a visa extension also notify their relevant home country's consular offices and elected representatives. In order to secure action by the international community to stop this policy and its harmful effects on civil life in the oPt, it is crucial that they receive updated communications regarding cases of their affected citizens.

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