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Re: Multiple "Price Tag" acts and police investigations

Greetings,

I am contacting you regarding a multitude of "price tag" acts and police investigations in recent months, as follows:

1. Lately we have witnessed many so-called "price tag" acts that have taken place all over the country. These actions were directed against Arab citizens of the state, their property and their holy places.

A partial list of recent events include:

- On 11.03.2014 in Jaljulya: punctured tires and racist graffiti that reads "Every Arab is a criminal."
- On 1.04.2014 in a monastery close to Beit Shemesh: punctured tires and racist graffiti that reads "America is Nazi Germany" and "Jesus is a monkey."
- On 3.04.2014 in Gush Halav: 40 cars were vandalized and racist graffiti that reads "Only non-Jews we want to evacuate from our country."
- On 18.04.2014 in Umm el-Fahem: an attempt to burn down a mosque and racist graffiti on the walls of the mosque that reads "Arabs out".
- On 28.04.2014 in Tabgha Church in Tiberias: vandalized cross and benches.

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- On 29.04.2014 in Fureidis: punctured tires and racist graffiti on the walls of a mosque that reads "Close mosques, build (Talmudic) college."
- On 2.05.2014 in Nesher: vandalized the grave of Izz ad-Din al-Qassam.
- 2. The "price tag" phenomenon, which began as acts of terror in the Occupied Territories against the Palestinians residing there, crossed the Green Line a few years ago. However, despite the passage of time since the first event, not a single indictment has been filed against persons involved in these acts!
- 3. As you see, since the beginning of the year, there has been an alarming increase in the number of cases defined as "price tag" acts. In our opinion, the source of the increase in question is, among other things, due to the fact that the police cannot catch the criminals.
- 4. Therefore, I ask of you:
 - **a.** Did the police investigate all of the cases listed above and any other "price tag" act that has occurred recently?
 - **b.** Has a criminal investigation been initiated in all of these cases, and because the subject is a high priority public topic, I ask you to inform our office, if possible, of the results of your investigation.
- 5. I appreciate your quick action of this matter.

Sincerely,

Nadeem Shehadeh, Adv.