

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens and residents of Australia:

1. Draws attention to the House that teenagers; Eyal Yifrah (19) Naftali Frenkel (16) and Gil-Ad Shaer (16) were kidnapped while travelling home near Gush Etzion in the West Bank.
2. Draws attention to the House the widely held belief that Hamas is involved in the kidnapping.

We therefore ask the House to:

1. Condemn the kidnapping.
2. Request that the Executive Government convey to the Palestinian Authority its firm belief that the Palestinian Authority must co-operate and co-ordinate with Israeli Authorities in their efforts to secure the release of these teenagers.
3. Request that the Executive Government request NGO's such as UNWRA, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch and the Red Cross (organisations which are the beneficiaries of Australian taxpayers financial support) to exercise their influence on Hamas to ensure that the teenagers are released unharmed.