

## **KKL-JNF, American Victims of Terror File Litigation Against US Charity for Funneling Donations to HAMAS and other Foreign Terror Organizations**

*Litigation Filed to Hold Charity Liable for Damages Incurred by Terrorist Attacks in Gaza Envelope*

**WASHINGTON, D.C., NOVEMBER 13, 2019** – Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF), an Israel-based Public Benefit Company, and U.S. citizens living in Israel, have filed an unprecedented lawsuit in Washington, D.C. that exposes a conspiracy and nexus between Education for a Just Peace in the Middle East d/b/a the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights, a U.S. based nonprofit (USCPR), HAMAS and other designated Foreign Terror Organizations (FTO's) for the ongoing terror emanating from Gaza. The complaint seeks to hold USCPR liable for conspiring to provide financial aid and other substantial assistance to HAMAS and other FTOs that make up the Boycott National Committee (BNC), which leads the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign, and which in reality, is a campaign of terror against Israel.

The complaint asserts that the defendant, USCPR, has funneled online donations to the BNC, the umbrella organization that steers and coordinates the global activities of the BDS movement, knowing that in doing so they are supporting and sponsoring known FTOs. The lawsuit further alleges that USCPR has materially supported the FTOs responsible for incendiary terror balloons and kites launched from HAMAS-controlled Gaza into Israel, as well as actively promotes and sponsors the worldwide "Stop the JNF Campaign" specifically designed to harm KKL-JNF.

The Complaint alleges that USCPR violated the Anti-Terrorism Act and showcases how the BNC has direct ties to at least five designated terrorist organizations including HAMAS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Popular Front-General Command and the Palestinian Liberation Front. It also seeks to bring justice to three American families that have suffered from terrible exposure to attacks from Gaza.

The litigation filed against USCPR is being brought to hold USCPR civilly liable for providing material support to HAMAS and other FTO's, enabling the foreign terrorist organizations to engage in acts of international terrorism that injured the American plaintiffs by serving as its fiscal sponsor, conspiring to cause damage to property, trespassing, creating a public nuisance and interfering with the business operations of KKL-JNF.

The lawsuit, *Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund, et al vs. Education for Just Peace in the Middle East dba US Campaign for Palestinian Rights*, is the first litigation filed related to the launching of incendiary terror balloons and kites from HAMAS-controlled Gaza.

"With this lawsuit, we're exposing the link between organizations masquerading as human rights organizations, but who use donations to advance the campaign of terror against Israel including through BDS, perpetrated by terror organizations like HAMAS and supported by US charities," stated KKL-JNF World Chairman Daniel Atar, who has led the initiative to hold the sponsors of terror legally accountable. Atar further stated "It cannot be that HAMAS maintains its aggression toward Israel without those who provide material support to HAMAS being responsible for paying for its violent acts of terror; not only for attacking Israeli citizens, but for also committing hideous environmental terror against Israel's nature and wildlife, devastated by these fires. During last year's launchings of the balloon and kite terror, as well as the current launchings of rockets, HAMAS and the other Foreign Terror Organizations have proven once

again that their attacks upon Israel lack any sense of humanity, both towards human beings, wildlife and natural resources.”

In recent years, terrorist organizations have shifted tactics in the region, and have begun utilizing the launching of incendiary devices such as arson balloons and kites, rockets and mortar bombs to wreak havoc on the communities in the Gaza Envelope as well as the environment and ecological infrastructure of KKL-JNF. These acts of terror by fire are a growing threat to the public safety of the community, and are responsible for igniting more than 2,155 fires between March 2018 and August 2019, according to research by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. More than 8,747 acres of land, including farmland, forests and nature reserves, have burned. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs estimates the damage done by these attacks equate to \$35 million, with \$15 million directly caused by the fires.

The plaintiffs are represented by Heideman Nudelman & Kalik PC, of Washington, DC (“HNK”). HNK has worked with the International Legal Forum (ILF), and its Executive Director, Adv. Yifa Segal, who is Of Counsel in the case, to develop the evidentiary basis for the litigation which exposes the conspiracy and planned terrorist campaign including the creation of the boycott movement as another form of terror against Israel and her citizens.

“For far too long, the people of Southern Israel have been traumatized by ongoing terrorist attacks seeking to destroy both their way of life and the surrounding forests and environment,” said Richard D. Heideman, Senior Counsel at Heideman Nudelman & Kalik PC, adding “The flow of money is fuel for terror. It is essential to take action against U.S. groups that are complicit partners in funding terror that help enable foreign terror organizations to relentlessly wage a multifaceted campaign of terror against the citizens and lands of the sovereign state of Israel.”

“This landmark case exposes a shocking and multi-layered planned conspiracy and campaign aimed at manipulating the public and hiding the key role played by designated Foreign Terror Organizations in efforts which are cynically designed to appear seemingly grassroots and legitimate, while masking an international terror campaign”, said Yifa Segal. “The public, as well as decision makers worldwide, have the right to the truth and must be made aware of the true identity and agenda of those behind these efforts.”

To read the complaint, click [here](#).

### **About Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund**

Karen Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund and its partners worldwide, together for over a century; has been developing the land for a sustainable future, supporting Zionist and environmental education, strengthening the bond between the Jewish people and their homeland, building connections with the people who love Israel, ensuring a thriving Negev and Galilee and responding to the needs of the country and preserving Israel’s precious natural resources. KKL-JNF’s work in Israel is concentrated into six action areas that include water, forestry and environment, education, community development and security, tourism and recreation, and research and development.

### **About Heideman Nudelman & Kalik PC**

The law firm of Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, PC. ([www.HNKlaw.com](http://www.HNKlaw.com)), based in Washington, DC, is a global firm with affiliates in various parts of the world. Richard D. Heideman, Noel J. Nudelman, Tracy R. Kalik

and other members and associates of the firm have extensive experience in complex litigation. The firm has served as lead counsel in numerous cases on behalf of victims and their family members who have been killed or injured in terrorist attacks throughout the world. Such litigation includes cases against Libya, the Syrian Arab Republic, The Islamic Republic of Iran, the PA/PLO, Arab Bank, PLC and others accused of funding or providing material support for terror.

**About the International Legal Forum**

The International Legal Forum is an international legal arm fighting against terror, Antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel and which serves as an international hub with a global network of over 3,000 attorneys in 32 countries. The ILF specializes in devising essential, creative and groundbreaking legal strategies and in providing legal and factual knowledge, research services, sophisticated tools and global cooperation among its action network.

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