

Friday: Susiya Village To Protest Demolition Orders

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42 standing demolition orders to structures and houses in Susiya, threatening the existence of the village in itself

On Friday, June 15th at 6pm the Palestinian communities of the south Hebron hills, joined by Israeli and international activists, will be holding a protest in Susiya village.

The demonstrators will protest the demolition orders that were delivered by the Israeli civil administration for 42 structures and houses in the village, and the systematic displacement of Palestinians living in South Hebron Hills area.

Background:

On Monday, 11th of June, the Israeli Civil Administration delivered demolition orders for 42 structures to the people of Susiya, a village in the South Hebron Hills, threatening the existence of the village itself.

Beginning in the 1980s, the Israeli occupying powers have targeted this area by establishing Jewish settlements and outposts. Since 1994, fifty-eight demolition orders have been issued to the surrounding Palestinian villages. The Israeli association, Regavim recently opened a case calling the village of Susiya an illegal Palestinian outpost despite its possession of land deeds dating back to the Ottoman Empire. A judge in the Israeli Supreme Court ruled the demolitions to be implemented in Susiya within 3 days, leaving an insufficient amount of time to legally object the orders and bypassing the existing law that stop-work orders must be issued first. There has been an "oral agreement," to postpone until Tuesday but the integrity of this promise remains in question, as Israeli authorities have been especially heavy-handed in this area.

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