

News Update on Starhawk's Peace Work in Palestine

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Starhawk contacted us after having safely returned to Jerusalem. She had just come from her visit to the Balatah refugee camp next to the town of Nablus, as a peace witness for the International Solidarity Movement. The Israeli army has pulled out of the camp, but there are still EIGHT activist observers who are in legal trouble. All await deportation, and some have agreed to be deported while others have not, and are fighting to stay in the area.

There are TWO of the eight activists who are currently on a hunger strike to protest the Israeli government's attempts to deport them. All of these activists need your help NOW!

To help support the ISM peace witnesses:

- Email or call the Israeli Government and let them know that you oppose attempts to deport these eight activists.
- Email or call your local Israeli embassy; politely and firmly ask that ISM peace witnesses should not be deported, but should be allowed to remain in occupied Palestine as a positive presence that protects civilians and promotes peace.
- Talk and write to your friends to help spread accurate information about the situation and create "consumer demand" for accurate and balanced media coverage.
- Communicate with your favorite media to let them know of your interest in the story of ISM peace witnesses campaign and request continuing coverage.
- Contact human rights groups to ask for their support for ISM peace witnesses.

As we know from Starhawk and her friend Lisa's recent political detention in Canada, media attention and large numbers of calls, emails, letters can make a huge difference.

For detailed background on the situation and contact information for international and US peace groups working on the Israel/Palestine issue, check out the International Solidarity Movement's web site: www.freepalestinecampaign.org.

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