

Hundreds of cultural figures in petition to the Chief of Staff: "Stop the rampant Jewish terrorism"

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First publication: Hundreds of cultural figures have signed a petition sent to the Chief of Staff, the head of the Shin Bet and the Commissioner, protesting against Jewish terrorism in the West Bank. The petition, titled "Cultural Figures Against Jewish Terrorism in the West Bank," was signed by artists Ahinoam Nini, Esti Zakheim, Yuval Mendelsohn, Dalia Shimko, Orna Ben Dor, Shoham Smith, Josie Schlesz, Yaakov Gilad, Amal Murkus, Heli Goldenberg, Daniela London Dekel, Uri Barbash, Eitan Fox, Dorit Ravinian, Tzachi Grad, Tzruya Shalev, Dana Ivgi, Yair Sherman, Atara Ofek, Rani Blair, Sharon Kantor, Barak Hayman, Roni Nino, Raymond Amsalem, Orna Banai, Ephraim Sidon, Uri Pink, Shira Geffen and Kobi Meydan.

The petition reads as follows: "We, the undersigned, artists and cultural figures active in Israeli society, view with deep shock the Jewish terrorism directed against Palestinians and Israelis in the West Bank - violence that has been escalating since October 7th, and even more so since the beginning of the current war with Iran. Every day, harsh evidence arrives of the forced expulsion of the population, destruction of property, abuse, killing and theft of animals, violent attacks and even murders of Palestinian residents. These phenomena are incompatible with the rule of law and morality, harm countless families, and must not be allowed to take place under the responsibility of the State of Israel.

"In addition to the profound harm to fundamental values, this violence endangers security stability and could lead to escalation in another arena, at a heavy cost to us all. The IDF and law enforcement authorities have not only the authority but also the duty to act against Jewish terrorism, but the authorities refrain from doing so, ignore the problem and in some cases even support the violence."