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To:

President George W. Bush
The White House
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I turn to you as the head of the major state in the world that aims to maintain humanity and justice in the world - the U.S.A.

When I grew up my parents always told me that there is good and bad, black and white, just and unjust.

Today, as a grown man, I have come to know that there is no such thing as absolute evil or total good, and the world is made of shades of grey.

But still, even within the spectrum of grey there is darker grey and a paler shade of grey. As human beings we can sometimes, if we put prejudice and politics aside, feel in our hearts what is right and what is wrong, who is the wrong doer and who is more of a victim.

In June and July 2006 the Hizbullah and the Palestinians kidnapped 3 Israeli soldiers. Since then the families of these soldiers and the state of Israel make enormous efforts in trying to retrieve those soldiers home, and even get a shred of unbiased information about them.

The hizbullah and the Palestinians are torturing the families and misleading the Israeli government and media about the fate of these three soldiers –Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev. They keep engaging in so called talks and keep saying that they are willing to send our three soldiers back home only if Israel will free unconceivable numbers of Lebanese and Palestinians who are being held in Israel.

To the naked eye this seems maybe a bit exaggerated but still just.

But if we take a closer, deeper look into the whole situation we can see that the Hizbullah and the Palestinians are posting impossible and unjust demands.

A. first and foremost, the Israeli soldiers were kidnapped in Israeli territory penetrated by the Hizbullah and by the Palestinians.

B. The Israeli soldiers were not during any aggressive assault against the hizbullah or the palestinians, but only in the midst of a regular patrol along the Israeli Lebanese border and of keeping Israeli's safe around Gaza .

C. The Hizbullah and the Palestinians are demanding the release of an enormous amount of prisoners which most of have blood on their hands and were involved in terrorist activities in which many Israeli's and non Israeli's were murdered. The Israeli soldiers held by the hizbullah and the Palestinians did not harm any one.

D. The Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held in Israel are kept in formal, known prisons and are allowed regular visits by the U.N, and most of them (other than those who are considered "ticking bombs") of their families. The Israeli soldiers aren't allowed any visit by the U.N or any other international agency, and aren't allowed to send any mail or any sign of life to their families who are in constant concern and uncertainty.

E. The Israeli soldiers are in a real danger for their life, since both the Hizbullah and Palestinian terror organization such as the hammas and the jihad are sponsored and guided by Iran and Syria. both countries support terrorism, and like in the case of the Israeli navigator Ron Arad do not have a history of treating prisoners humanly or sending them back home ever again (maybe even killing them). The Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners in Israel are not in any danger and are receiving medical treatment and visits as mentioned above.

F. The Israeli soldiers are soldiers of the formal legitimate army of the state of Israel. The hizbullah is not the formal and legitimate army of Lebanon and so is the hammas or the jihad for Palestine, and hence an action such as kidnapping Israeli soldiers inside Israel can be considered only as a terrorist act. Such an act should be condemned by the free world and the return of the Israeli soldiers should be a primary and essential goal of the countries opposing terrorism!

I ask humbly that you take all this in consideration and do all that you can in order to bring those soldiers who only served their country back to their country and loving families.

You'rs Sincerely
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