

[On letterhead of the Ministry of Interior; Director of Population, Immigration and Border Authority, the State of Israel]

## Freedom of Information Law

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**Adv. Yotam Ben-Hillel**  
**HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual**

Dear Sir,

Re: **Revocation of residency status from permanent residents in Jerusalem**

I confirm receipt of your letter, which has been forwarded for the examination of the professional functions at the Ministry, and following is the requested information:

1. The status of 4,577 residents of East Jerusalem was revoked in 2008, of which 99 were children under 18 years of age.
2. a. Most of the expiries were performed [sic] in the months of March and April 2008 due to continuous residence of more than 7 years outside of Israel.

With respect to sections (b) and (c), our office does not have the requested breakdown.

3. In 2008, due to an initiated review process, most of the expiries were due to continuous residence of above 7 years. Some hold foreign passports, we do not have the requested breakdown.
4. With respect to this section, our office does not have the breakdown.
5. a. There is a form informing that the notice is final, although an appeal before the Ministry is possible.
- b. Indeed, there is a detailed explanation about the reason for the Ministry's residence-expiry decision. [sic]
- c. We do not have an accurate figure, although in our estimation a small number of people applied. The number of residencies reinstated in 2008 is 89.
- d. We do not have the breakdown, although in most cases no changes were made, since the cases concerned persons who had left Israel above 7 continuous years [sic], who reside abroad. These are the clear expiry cases.
- e. It is indeed possible to appeal a decision made after the hearing.

- f. There were indeed cases in which the decision was changed following the appeal.
  - g. The date of the notice is the date of expiry.
- 6. The status of approx. 4,500 residents, residents of East Jerusalem, was revoked in 2008.
  - 7. As a result of immigration to the territories, status was revoked from 38 residents in 2008.

I hope that this information may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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