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A month ago, on November 3rd, Humsa was totally demolished, rendering 75 people and 45 children homeless. Israel hoped to pass this atrocity unnoticed, hidden in the event of the US elections.

It didn't work – thanks to people like you, the word traveled and reached all corners of the world, driving people to lend a hand , to support and to donate generously and to exert pressure on the Israeli government not to demolish again (so far !).

Slowly, the people of Humsa, with our aid and that of others, are building their home again. They still don't have electricity, which is very difficult to build without, and a real nightmare in the pitch dark and freezing nights of the desert, but the EU promised some solar panels in the coming days. I hope it won't take too long.

The Palestinian Authority has given out some tents, but that is not enough because the large families need more than one tent, and animal pens are needed, especially since sheep are giving birth now to hundreds of lambs , and they will not survive without a roof over their heads.

We have bought iron poles, iron bows, trapaulins, strong nylon sheets, and working equipment such as electricity generators, welders, electric screwdrivers etc. and together with the inhabitants of Humsa we are building their village again. We are in a race to build as much as possible before the strong rains begin (so far there were only 4 days of rain, so in this respect , we are lucky).

There is still a lot of work , but with every new tent we raise our hopes that we can soon re-build without the Occupation monsters destroying the lives of the Bedouin Inhabitants once more. All this could not have been so fast without you help and we and the people of Humsa are grateful for you help and support in their darkest hours.

Some background- the people of Humsa are originally from Atir in Israel, near Beer Sheva. They were evicted from the Negev , as thousands of other Bedouins in 1948.

They have settled in the beautiful valley of Humsa el Foqa in the Jordan Valley some 50 years ago and have been harassed by the Israeli Occupation Army ever since, with the aim to Ethnic cleanse the Jordan Valley to facilitate Annexation.

I would like to add that Israel permits absolutely no Palestinian building in the Jordan Valley since 1967, rendering all houses illegal and opt to destruction. At the same time Israel had built thousands of houses for the Jewish settlers who have moved to the Jordan Valley, some of them illegal even by the apartheid law of the Occupation.

Building Humsa is a healing experience for both , Israeli activists and The Palestinian inhabitants, working side by side , resting together and eating from one plate. It is a

beam of hope and our hope is that we can support these brave people stand on their right to live on their land, in spite of all the crimes Israel inflicts upon them, until the day come and they will be free from foreign oppression.

About us: We, the Jordan Valley Coalition, are a coalition of Israeli volunteers active in the Jordan valley , accompanying Palestinians to their land in order to protect them from violence and eviction by Israeli settlers and soldiers. We belong to MachsomWatch, Taayush, Combatants for Peace, Torat Zedek and many independent volunteers from all over the country . We are not a proper organization, but a group of people who fight Israeli Occupation and Apartheid and stand in solidarity with the rightful inhabitants of the Jordan Valley – the Palestinians.

We have received : 378.53 Euros (1500 Shekel)+ 10000+1,165+700+250=12494 Euros. (47,963.80 Shekel)

Thank you very much

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The Jordan valley Coalition