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Dear Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel  
Mr. Nissim Ben-Shitrit, the Ambassador of Israel in Japan

**Condemnation on the violation against the Palestinian Farmers and international community, and sincere requests to the Government of Israel**

We, YWCA of Japan is an international NGO having network in 125 countries and working in solidarity with a number of international humanitarian NGOs and the UN.

One of our focuses of work is to realize peace in the Middle East by non-violent way. We have heard very disappointing and unforgivable news about the series of destructions and the requisitioning of farm lands in the West Bank of the Occupied Palestinian Territories by Israelis and its military. In Jaba'a in February, nearly 300 olive trees were forcefully cut down and about 50% of them were the trees gifted from international community including Japan, Netherlands, Norway, the UK and the USA.

As a member of the international community, we sincerely request Prime Minister and Ambassador to explain to us why such brutal actions and violation of environment, farmers' rights of economy and their ownership of the land have been continuously done by Israeli and its military in the Palestinian Territories.

We also request Prime Minister and Ambassador sincere investigation on the series of violations against the Palestinian farmers conducted by Israeli occupied forces and bring this serious issue to the government, which holds responsibility of its occupied forces, to recover and return the farmland to the Palestinian farmers and compensate the loss of our olive trees.

Yours sincerely, YWCA of Japan

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