Settler Violence, Military Apathy.

Each day, up to 25 children from the Palestinian villages of Tuba and Maghaer al-Abeed walk past the illegal Israeli settlement of Ma’on and illegal settlement outpost of Havat Ma’on on their way to and from school in the village of At-Tuwani. For years, armed adult settlers have attacked, threatened and harassed the children along this dangerous path. Since 2004, the Israeli military has provided the children with an armed escort, in an effort to provide them a measure of safety. Unfortunately, attacks continue and the escort itself has been the source of additional trouble. In addition to the physical violence, the children have missed many hours of class when soldiers have failed to arrive on time.

International accompaniers from the Christian Peacemaker Teams and Operation Dove have monitored the twice daily escort for the last four years. Their findings from the 2006–07 and 2007–08 school years are detailed in this report. For example, during the 2007–08 school year:

- children missed over 25 hours of class due to escort tardiness;
- soldiers used physical violence against the children twice;
- soldiers opted to ride in their vehicle rather than walk with the children 83% of the time;
- internationals made 229 phone calls to the military because of problems with the escort.

To read the report in its entirety, please visit: http://cpt.org/files/Palestine-School-Accompaniment-Report-2006-2008-Dangerous-Journey.pdf

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They need your help.

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Remind them:
- Palestinian children walk past the outpost on their way to and from school.
- For years, armed adult settlers have attacked, threatened and harassed the children along this dangerous path.
- Since 2004 the IDF has provided children with armed escorts, but the attacks continue. The children live in constant fear.

In 2006, the Israeli District Coordinator’s Office issued demolition for 18 illegally built structures in direct response to the repeated attacks. Two years later, the structures remain and the children continue to be targeted.

Ask them to:
- Dismantle the illegal settlement outpost Havat Ma’on.
- Protect Palestinian children beyond the green line.

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