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Verdict in Rachel Corrie Lawsuit to be Announced August 28th Family To Hold Press Conference in Haifa

(Haifa, Israel – August 21, 2012) – The verdict in the civil lawsuit against the State of Israel for the killing of peace activist Rachel Corrie over nine years ago will be announced August 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the Haifa District Court.

Rachel Corrie, a 23-year-old American from Olympia, Washington, was crushed to death March 16, 2003, by an Israeli military Caterpillar D9-R bulldozer while nonviolently protesting demolition of Palestinian civilian homes in Rafah, Gaza.

The lawsuit, filed in 2005 on behalf of the Corrie family by attorney Hussein abu Hussein, charges the State of Israel with responsibility for Rachel's killing and failure to conduct a full and credible investigation in the case.

"The lawsuit is just a small step in our family's nearly decade-long search for truth and justice," said Craig Corrie, Rachel's father. "The mounting evidence presented before the court underscores a broken system of accountability – tolerated by the United States in spite of its conclusions that Israel's military investigation was not 'thorough, credible, or transparent.'"

Oral testimony in the case began March 10, 2010. There have been 15 court hearings since with 23 witnesses testifying. The trial has exposed serious chain-of-command failures in relation to civilian killings and indiscriminate destruction of civilian property at the hands of the Israeli military in southern Gaza.

“This trial is an attempt to hold accountable not only those who failed to protect Rachel’s life but also the flawed system of military investigations which is neither impartial nor thorough,” said Hussein abu Hussein, the family’s attorney. “Under international law, Israel is obligated to take all feasible precautions to spare civilians from the dangers of military operations. The Israeli military flagrantly violated this principle in the killing of Rachel Corrie and it must be held accountable.”

Judge Oded Gershon’s reading of the verdict is expected to be brief. The Corrie family will hold a press conference following at the Colony Hotel, a short distance from the courthouse.

The press conference, to begin approximately one hour after the proceedings conclude, is open to media only. Please contact Stacy Sullivan for additional details.

WHAT: Hearing to announce the verdict in the Rachel Corrie wrongful death civil lawsuit against the State of Israel.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Courtroom of Judge Oded Gershon, Haifa District Court, 12 Palyam Street, Haifa, Israel.

PRESS CONFERENCE: A press conference with the Corrie family and Attorney Hussein abu Hussein to follow court verdict: The Colony Hotel, 28 Ben Gurion Street, Haifa, Israel. <http://www.colonyhaifa.com/> Estimated start time: 10:30 AM. Open to media only. Please contact the Corrie team for further information.

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