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Former IDF Spokesperson, Ruth Yaron, Testified May 22 in Corrie Case

Colonel Pinhas (Pinky) Zuaretz's Testimony Was, Yet Again, Postponed

(Haifa, Israel – May 24, 2011) – Former IDF spokesperson, Ruth Yaron, took the stand in Haifa, Israel Sunday, May 22, in what was anticipated to be the final hearing in the ongoing civil lawsuit Corrie vs. the State of Israel. However, the appearance of former Gaza Division Southern Brigade Commander Col. Pinhas (Pinky) Zuaretz was, yet again, postponed.

Zuaretz's testimony was tentatively rescheduled for July 10, 2011, with the State being given 15 days to respond.

Yaron's testimony focused on the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), in a weak attempt by the State to justify the military's killing of Rachel by delegitimizing the organization's mission of resisting the Israeli Occupation of Palestinian lands using only non-violent, direct action, methods. Rachel was an unarmed civilian, non-violently protesting against home demolitions in Rafah, Gaza, when she was killed. Yaron provided no first-hand knowledge of events, and relied heavily on second or third hand sources and hearsay.

Additional information about Yaron's testimony will be released in the future.

Attending Sunday's proceedings were two officials from the American Embassy, including US Consul General Andrew Parker, as well as legal and human rights observers from the organizations Advocats Sans Frontières, Al Haq, and the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICHAD).

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