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Equality and Human Rights

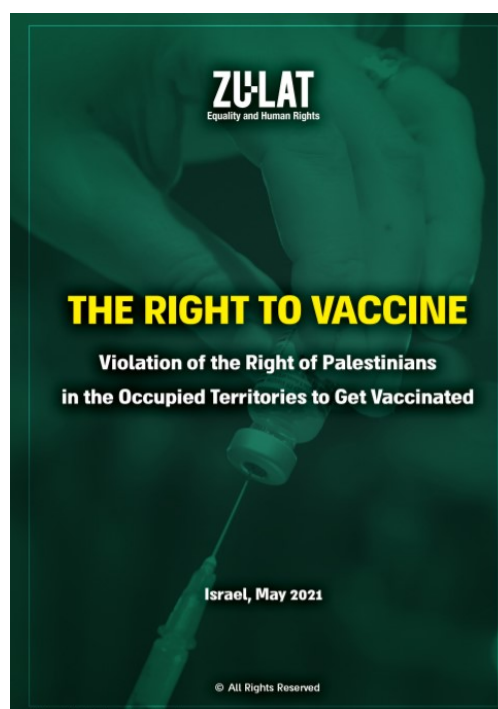
Dear Friend,

As 2021 nears its end, I would like to share with you some thoughts about Zulat's activities in the past year and our plans for the coming one.

The year began auspiciously, with [the end of Netanyahu's 12-year rule](#) and the establishment of a different government. Although we support this "government of change," it goes without saying that we do not intend to give it carte blanche and that we will make our voice heard insofar as it violates human rights.

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We were extremely active in the past year, as we drew the attention of Israel's public and decision-makers to a series of shortcomings in our rights. Much like the year before, 2021 was weighed down by the corona pandemic. We took issue with the Israeli Government's responsibility to [vaccinate the Palestinians](#).



It was a difficult year. In May, we were all shocked by the riots inside Israel during Operation Guardian of the Walls, which highlighted the systemic neglect in dealing with the violence in the Arab sector. [Settler violence](#) soared to all-time highs, as the police and the army stood on the sidelines. Without providing any proper public justification, Defense Minister Gantz declared six Palestinian human rights groups to be "terror organizations."

But we did not sit idly by. We published a report on the dangerous phenomenon of [fake news](#) and its assault on human rights, particularly during the corona pandemic. We proposed ways to address the problem through legislation, and the issue will soon be debated by the Knesset.

We introduced the [Human Rights Index](#), and together with the New Israel Fund and the newspaper Haaretz, we held [the Israel Democracy Conference](#) .



We submitted a [bill](#) on the protection of [journalists under attack](#) that is being promoted in the Knesset by MK Gilad Karib, chairman of the Constitution Committee.

In the face of Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked's vociferous objections, we presented a [bill](#) on Palestinian family reunifications, which is set to annul the wicked temporary provision on the subject.

We actively participated in the [Solidarity-Human Rights Film Festival](#) .

We published [a groundbreaking report](#) on the situation of women in East Jerusalem, and toward the end of the year we issued a study on [the hidden cost of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict](#).

Out with the old, in with the new! In 2022 we plan to focus on the situation of the Palestinians in the territories and of the Palestinian citizens of Israel, advance the protection of women's rights, and continue to fight with all our might for a pluralistic and egalitarian society. It will be a long and winding road, but we will tread it to the end. Walk with us, and the way will be easier!

WE NEED YOU

So that we can publish more policy papers, reports, and position papers, submit reforms to decision-makers, and reach more people on social media. I invite you to join the circle of donors to Zulat.

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I wish you and your family a happy new year.

Yours truly,

Zehava Galon

President of Zulat for Equality and Human Rights

