

THE PATRIARCHATE SUPPORTS ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS FLOCK IN GAZA.

The Patriarchate of Jerusalem expresses its full support to its Representative in Gaza His Eminence Alexios Archbishop of Tiberias and to the Arabic speaking Rum-Orthodox flock in his care, regarding the recent incidents at the Church of Saint Porphyrios in Gaza. According to the information provided by the Patriarchate's Representative, these incidents were caused by some youths belonging to a family which inhabits a room in the premises of this Church. These youths threatened the Representative, pushed him and violently slammed his door whilst refusing to comply with the court decision commanding them to relinquish the room which they inhabit.

The Patriarchate of Jerusalem, whilst expressing its concern over the posed threat, is however convinced that the legislative and governmental authorities of Gaza will continue to show the same judicious judgment that has been shown since the signing of the Ahtiname between the late Patriarch of Jerusalem Sophronios and Caliph Omar Hatab, so that Christians and Muslims will continue to live within Gaza in harmony and cooperation.

Chief Secretary's Office.