

# **HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM THEOPHILOS' APPEAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHRISTIAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM**

On Saturday evening, 30th July/12th August, a Press Conference was held with national, regional and international media at the Archdiocese of the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem in Amman.

At this press conference, which was broadcasted live on Jordanian and national TV, on Noursat as well as on the Russian channel RT, His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem denounced the recent unjust decision of the Israeli Court, which gave effect to the illegal 2005 hiring contracts of the Jaffa Gate Hotels, belonging to the Patriarchate, contracts which were signed without, due authority and consent, by the then finance department assistant to the deposed Patriarch Eirinaios, Nikolaos Papademas and the Israeli organization "Ateret Cohanim".

His Beatitude, also strongly rejected the proposed law, introduced by 40 members of the Knesset, which affects all the churches in the Holy Land and would severely restrict the rights of churches to deal freely and independently with their lands and would threaten their confiscation.

The text of the appeal of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem is posted in English in the link below:

<https://en.jerusalem-patriarchate.info/2017/08/12/34370>

His Beatitude's appeal was followed by answers through

Archimandrite Christophoros to the reporters' questions on the manner of management of the Patriarchate's property and the protection of the Christians' rights in the Holy Land as a whole and especially in Jerusalem, the Holy City of the three Monotheistic religions.

**From Secretariat-General**