

Open the Al-Bweira Road

Key points to consider when communicating with American officials and media

Al-Bweira is a farming community on the outskirts of the West Bank city of Hebron.

The Al-Bweira Road is a one-lane, macadam road connecting Al-Bweira with Hebron.

The Al-Bweira Road has been triple blockaded by the Israeli military for ten years.

The triple blockade consists first of a wide, barred metal gate; then, a huge boulder; and finally, a high mound of earth and stones.

Part of the Al-Bweira Road borders the illegal settlement of Givat Ha Harsina and its outpost. Under International Law (Fourth Geneva Convention), it's illegal for an occupying power to transfer its citizens into territory it has seized by force.

Due to the military's triple blockade, Al-Bweira families must drive miles out of their way over rough, rutted roads to get to the city or to bring their crops to market.

Due to the military's triple blockade, ambulances and other emergency vehicles – as well as merchants bringing needed supplies to Al-Bweira – face difficult, time-consuming detours.

The military's triple blockade makes it difficult for those outside the neighborhood of Al-Bweira to respond to settler violence.

The military's triple blockade makes activities in the area less visible to the eyes of Hebron, thus facilitating the efforts of settlers to establish illegal outposts on the Al-Bweira hills and to expand the settlement of Harsina.

Removing the blockades and opening the Al-Bweira Road would:

- enable Al-Bweira families to enter and leave their neighborhood without having to use long, rough and costly detours
- allow ambulances, fire engines and other emergency vehicles to quickly reach Al-Bweira, and
- make it easier for the people of Hebron to access the neighborhood to hinder settler harassment and theft of the community's rich farmland.