

Council of Paris,  
Ian Brossat  
President of Communist Group

Paris, on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Mr. Daneil SHEK  
Israeli Ambassador  
3 rue Rabelias  
75008 Paris

Dear Mr. the Ambassador,

I gave myself the permission to write you this letter in order to share with you my feelings towards the situation of Berlanty AZZAM. This student of the Catholic Bethlehem University, aged 22 years old, who can not return back to the West-Bank to finish her BA at business administration.

It is inconceivable to me that you treated a young girl, a student, like a criminal. So that to say, handcuffed and blindfolded while deported from the West Bank, where she has been living since 2005 till last October.

I put myself in this student's shoes, who was surely working hard in order to be two months away from getting her degree, and everyone in the world can imagine the disappointment she expresses to the press and the injustice she feels that she is victim of.

I am sure that your are also aware that the right of education has to be justly respected, and for this reason I ask you to kindly intercede to the favor of Miss AZZAM before the Israeli State.

Looking forward of receiving response from your Excellency, regarding my request in details, also I kindly ask you, Mr. the Ambassador, to accept my highest regards.

Signature

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Israeli Ambassador,

Paris, 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009

Mr. President,

In response to your letter, dated 26 November 2009, allow me first of all to specify to you that the matter actually is in the hand of the Supreme Court who will come out with a decision in this matter.

I would like, for this matter, to give you some specifications: following the procedures initiated by the supreme court, a hearing of Miss Berlanty AZZAM, has been done as per requested by the Court, dated 12 November 2009 by the coordinator of activists at the territories. The latter decided, after this hearing, not to change the decision related to Miss Berlanty AZZAM, because of the following reasons:

- the entry of this girl, in 2005, was without permission, and thanks to a short term, permit to stay in Jerusalem only for religious purposes, her demand of getting a permit for studies has been refused.
- Her stay during 4 years in Judea and Samaria was illegal/
- Her family is in Gaza and she does not have close family in Judea and Samaria.

As a result, Miss Berlanty AZZAM has resided illegally at Bethlehem, a hearing is taking place under the Supreme Court. It is now coming up with a decision based on all the information and its decision is binding for all parties.

I wish that I have made this subject clear to you, please accept my highest greetings.