

Prime Minister's Office
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We are writing to express our dismay at the persistently harsh treatment of Mordechai Vanunu, who was recently placed under house arrest by the Israel Police, and at the Government of Israel's refusal to allow him to emigrate.

We realize that Vanunu's past actions are susceptible to different interpretations, including negative interpretations, and that he in fact violated the laws of the State of Israel.

But the essential fact is that upon conviction he served his full sentence in prison, as he was required to do. Under the circumstances, we believe it is unjust for Israel to continue to punish him over and over for the same crime.

We understand that other Israelis who were convicted of national security crimes of comparable severity, such as the spy Marcus Klingberg, were later permitted to emigrate to other countries.

We respectfully ask your Government to intervene to end all legal harassment of Mordechai Vanunu, and to allow him to emigrate to another country.

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