Please use the template below to write to the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and/or your member of Parliament. You can find your MP’s e-mail or postal address by entering your postal code [here](http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC). Remember to add your home address to your e-mail or letter. Amend the template below as you wish. Thank you for your support!
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Dear Minister Freeland *or* [Name of your MP]:

I am writing to ask you to **act urgently** to stop the **imminent demolition of the school in the Palestinian village** of Khan Al Ahmar in the occupied West Bank.

Demolition of this school denies the children on Khan Al Ahmar access to education and therefore infringes on the right to education, a right which Canada ratified as a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Demolition of the village will likely follow after the destruction of the school, or result in forcible transfer of the community in order that their children have access to education.

The Israeli newspaper [*Haaretz*](http://quaker.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=7506c29d95944ba554b4871f8&id=9962186918&e=82f7a8b5c0) reported that all 42 homes and businesses in Khan Al Ahmar were served with demolition orders on February 19, 2017. The villagers were then informed they had only five days to object to the demolitions. The village has since taken their case before Israeli courts. However, this has not prevented the danger to the school or the community.

Demolitions and forcible displacement of Khan Al Ahmar and similar communities are a serious violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and leave hundreds of people homeless. Article 46 of prohibits the destruction of personal property by an occupying power unless it is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations. Article 49 prohibits all forcible transfers of civilian populations by an occupying power.

According to *Haaretz*, Israeli authorities have confirmed that this widespread issuance of demolition orders is unprecedented, and is a declaration of intention in advance of an attempt to evacuate the entire village.

[In the letter for your MP, insert the following sentence:]

As your constituent, I would ask that you call on Minister Freeland during question period to ask what actions Canada is taking to press the Israeli government to reverse the demolition orders for Khan Al Ahmar

[In the letter for Minister Freeland, insert the following paragraph:]

Minister Freeland, I urge you to request that Canadian diplomatic missions in Palestine and Israel visit Khan Al Ahmar. In 2015, European Union representatives [visited the Palestinian village of Susiya](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/11660535/EU-diplomats-unite-in-support-of-demolition-threatened-Palestinian-village.html), which was also threatened with demolition. International publicity from this visit was vital in halting the planned demolitions in Susiya.

Please take urgent action to stop this imminent violation of international law. I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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