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## TEL-AVIV BASED CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER FILES LIEN AGAINST BOEING

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***FEDEAL COURT JUDGMENTS FOR IRANIAN TERROR VICTIMS REMAIN UNPAID."***

On December 13, 2016, the Tel-Aviv based Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center served aerospace giant, The Boeing Company, with an Illinois Citation to Discover Assets, restraining Iran's interest in the just finalized \$16.6 billion contract for Boeing's sale of 80 airplanes to IRANAIR, the Iranian national airline. This is the first business deal for aircrafts with an American company since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The Shurat HaDin organization, which represents hundreds of families of terror victims, alleges that there are billions of dollars in unsatisfied US court judgments, which Iran needs to pay off before it can purchase the planes. In June this year, when the multi-billion dollar deal was first announced, Shurat HaDin warned Boeing that terror victims would place liens against any property Iran purchases from Boeing to execute their judgments. At that time, Shurat HaDin Director, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, said "We are going to seize all 100 airplanes. If Boeing thinks it will simply sell to IRANAIR, which is 60% owned by the Iranian government, and pretend it is providing some sort of humanitarian civilian aid to a non-governmental entity, we will reveal the truth."

Attorneys for Shurat HaDin have litigated numerous cases in the US courts against Iran for its sponsorship of Middle Eastern terrorist organizations such as Hamas, Hezbollah and Palestine Islamic Jihad. The cases, brought on behalf of victims and families killed and injured in Iranian-sponsored terrorist attacks, have resulted in multi-billion dollar federal court judgments against Iran and its Defense Ministry. Only a small portion of the judgements have been collected upon. It is believed that there are almost \$43 billion in unsatisfied American judgments against Iran.

Notwithstanding these heavy judgments, the Islamic Republic continues to support and incite terrorism against Israel, providing millions of dollars annually to its terror proxies: Hezbollah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad and openly calling for the destruction of the Jewish State. Just this past February, Iran announced a program by which it would make direct payments to Palestinian terrorists who carry out terror attacks in Israel, including a \$7,000 stipend to families of "martyrs" killed while carrying out an attack.

While Iran pours millions of dollars into its terrorist agenda and brazenly ignores its billions of dollars in obligations to terror victims under U.S. law, The Boeing Company is profiting from new business prospects with Tehran made available by the nuclear deal with Iran—the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)— signed in January 2016. Under the JCPOA, Iran agreed to discontinue its uranium enrichment program and Western countries, including the US, agreed to ease the economic sanctions which had been placed on the regime in Tehran. The Obama Administration consented, as part of the deal, to allow for "case by case" licensing of American business transactions with Iran involving commercial passenger aircraft and repair parts. The JCPOA has not extinguished the American judgments held by the terror victims.

The purpose of the liens is to ensure that the terror victims receive the compensation to which they are entitled under US law from attachable Iranian property.

According to Shurat HaDin director Nitsana Darshan-Leitner: "If an American company like Boeing is going to profit from multi-billion dollar business ventures with Iran, at least the terror victims will seize whatever Iranian assets are produced as a by product of the deal to satisfy their billions of dollars in outstanding judgments. Many of these unsatisfied federal court judgments have been pending for upwards of ten years while the victims struggle to move on with their lives. Iran should not get the benefit of any new aircraft or airplane parts while the victims of its horrible crimes are forgotten."