



The Knesset  
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**Mr Joseph S. Blatter**  
**FIFA President**

Re: The connection between Qatar, Hamas terrorist organization and 2022 World Cup

Operation Protective Edge to bring back peace and quiet to Israel, entered its 22<sup>th</sup> day. My heart goes out to the families of the IDF soldiers killed in battle and I wish the injured a quick recovery. My heart likewise goes out to the innocent civilians in Gaza that Hamas has abandoned, leaving them homeless, orphaned and bereaved. Hamas has chosen to use them as human shields protecting missiles and terrorist tunnels.

It is no secret that the Khalifa Al Thani family controlling Qatar spends a fortune funding the Gaza strip in general and Hamas in particular. Operation Protective Edge revealed for the entire world to see the destination of this cash flow – a well-oiled machine of terror and fear operated by Hamas.

Rather than installing sewage and underground trains in one of the most densely populated cities, the leaders of Gaza chose to invest in tunnels for terrorist.

Rather than lay foundations for hospitals and schools, they chose to invest in rockets hidden in the homes of civilians in order to destroy the State of Israel.

**Qatar needs to decide which concrete it finances – the concrete used for construction of stadiums and a bridge to the free world, or the concrete for Hamas terrorist tunnels.**

Honorable Sir,

FIFA World Cup is the most important football tournament in the world, a tournament aimed to unite all countries around the world.

**It is our duty to immediately halt the preparations for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. A country that finances terrorist, cannot and should not, host World Sports games.**

I call you to reexamine the election of Qatar as host of the official World Cup in 2022. A respected sports organization such as FIFA, that aspires to build a better future for all, inspire communities and break down barriers, cannot allow country that supports terrorism to host the 2022 World Cup games.

**Qatar must stop its support of terror, until than we need to stop the connection between Qatar's and the Western world.**

Qatar must understand that cooperation with terrorism will isolate it from the world.  
**We must stop terrorism and save lives.**

Sincerely,

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