

HOW ISRAEL'S COURTS COMBAT DISCRIMINATION: TWO EXAMPLES

* It is illegal to deny non-Jews access to Israeli state schools. This was demonstrated in August 2005, when Adalah (the Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel) filed a petition with the Tel Aviv District Court against the Municipality of Lod and the Minister of Education, following their refusal to register an Arab child in a Jewish elementary school in Lod. Dismissing the municipality and MOE's argument that it was better for the child to attend an Arab school, the court ordered the municipality to register him in the Jewish school.

* In March 2000, Israel's High Court ruled (*Kaadan v. Katzir*) that the government's use of the JNF to develop public land was discriminatory due to the agency's prohibition against leasing to non-Jews. The Court held that the state could not lease out its own land to a third body that would then discriminate between prospective buyers. Prior to this ruling, such third bodies (for example, the Jewish Agency) could lease ILA lands and then restrict membership of the settlements it established there to Jews only.