Petition to oppose the plan to build a military college on the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

We, the undersigned, are non-Israeli citizens who wish to voice our concerns at plans to build a military college on the Mount of Olives.

For Christians, the Mount of Olives is an important place because the Garden of Gethsemane is at the base of the mountain. In scripture, it is also the place where Jesus ascended to heaven.

There has been a Jewish cemetery on the Mount for over 3,000 years. Many chose to be buried here because it is believed that the resurrection of the dead will begin here when the Messiah comes.

Within Islamic teaching, a thin bridge will connect the Mount of Olives and the Haram A-Sharif (the Dome of the Rock mosque) at the end of days.

This is one of the most disputed pieces of land in Jerusalem. In 1968, following the annexation of East Jerusalem to the state of Israel, the site was expropriated by the Israeli government. Hagit Ofran, an Israeli peace campaigner, said that 'the location, at one of the most sensitive and disputed areas in Jerusalem, is a little more than provocative.' A press release published by the Israeli Ministry of Interior said that other sites in Jerusalem were examined, but this was found to be "optimal." We fear that this development could be seen as a provocative act, taking Jerusalem yet further away from becoming a city of peace.

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