

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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**SHMUEL ELIMELECH BRAUN** individually and as  
personal representative of the Estate of CHAYA ZISSEL  
BRAUN;  
9 Sorotzkin St., Jerusalem;

**CHANAH BRAUN** individually and as personal  
representative of the Estate of CHAYA ZISSEL BRAUN;  
9 Sorotzkin St., Jerusalem;

Civ. No.

Plaintiffs,

-against-

**THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Khomeini Ave. United Nations St.  
Teheran, Iran;

**THE IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
SECURITY**

Pasdaran Ave. Golestan Yekon Teheran, Iran

and

**THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

c/o Foreign Minister Walid al-Mualem  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Shora, Muajireen, Damascus, Syria

Defendants.

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**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, by their counsel, complain of the Defendants, and hereby allege for their  
Complaint as follows:

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. This is a civil action for wrongful death, personal injury and related torts pursuant to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (“FSIA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1602, *et seq.*, arising from a vehicular terror attack carried out by the Hamas terrorist organization on October 22, 2014 in Jerusalem Israel, in which infant Chaya Zissel Braun and one other person were killed and at least seven others were injured (“Terrorist Attack”).

2. The Terrorist Attack was carried out by Hamas using material support and resources provided by defendants the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

3. Decedent Chaya Zissel Braun, a three month-old United States citizen domiciled in Israel, was severely injured in the Terrorist Attack and died of her injuries at the hospital later that day. Chaya’s father, Shmuel Elimelech Braun, also a United States citizens domiciled in Israel, was injured in the Terrorist Attack but survived. Chaya’s mother, Chana Braun was present and witnessed the heinous murder of her baby and received severe emotional injuries but fortunately was not physically harmed by the vehicle.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1330-1332, 1367 and 1605A(a). Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(f)(4) and the rules of pendent venue.

## **THE PARTIES**

5. Plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun at all times relevant hereto are and were United States citizens domiciled in Israel and the parents, heirs and personal representatives of the estate of decedent Chaya Zissel Braun, who was murdered in the Terrorist Attack.

6. Plaintiffs Shimshon Sam Halperin and Sara Halperin at all times relevant hereto are and were United States citizens domiciled in New York, and the parents of plaintiff Chana Braun and the grandparents of decedent Chaya Zissel Braun.

7. Defendant The Islamic Republic of Iran (“Iran”) is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a foreign state within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1603, designated since 1984 as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. § 2405(j)). Iran, through its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, officials, employees and agents, including the Iranian Ministry of Information and Security, provided Hamas with material support and resources, for acts of extrajudicial killing within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(a)(1), including the Terrorist Attack, and performed other actions that enabled, facilitated and caused the Terrorist Attack and harm to the plaintiffs herein.

8. Defendant The Iranian Ministry of Information and Security (“MOIS”) is the Iranian intelligence service. Within the scope of its agency and office, MOIS provided material support and resources for the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing, including the Terrorist Attack, and performed other actions, that enabled, facilitated and caused the Terrorist Attack and harm to the plaintiffs herein.

9. Defendant The Syrian Arab Republic (hereinafter “Syria”) is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a foreign state within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1603, designated as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. § 2405(j)). Syria provided Hamas with material support and resources for the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(a)(1), including the Terrorist Attack, and performed other actions that enabled, facilitated and caused the Terrorist Attack and harm to the plaintiffs herein.

## UNDERLYING FACTS

### Hamas

10. Hamas is a radical terrorist organization that was established by Islamic militants in 1987. It is the Palestinian branch of the extremist Muslim Brotherhood organization.

11. Hamas views Israel and the United States as the greatest enemies of Islam. Hamas opposes a peaceful resolution of the Middle East conflict. The Hamas charter, first published in 1988, states that “There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except by Jihad,” or violent struggle against Israel and the West.

12. Hamas’s openly-declared goal is the creation of an Islamic state in the territory of Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the destruction of the State of Israel and the murder or expulsion of its Jewish residents. Hamas seeks to achieve this goal by carrying out terrorist attacks against Jewish civilians in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Hamas proudly and openly acknowledges that it uses terrorism to achieve its political goals. Hamas employs extremist violence against civilian targets in an effort to coerce, intimidate and influence government decision-makers and the public in Israel to accept Hamas’s demands.

13. Between the time of its founding and October 22, 2014 (and until the present day), Hamas has carried out thousands of terrorist attacks in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in which scores of Israeli and U.S. citizens, as well as the nationals of many other countries were murdered and thousands more wounded.

14. Between the time of its founding and October 22, 2014, Hamas’s policy and practice of carrying out terrorist attacks was and is notorious and well known to the public at large, including the defendants.

15. Between 1999 and October 22, 2014, the courts of the United States, including this Court, published a number of decisions finding that Hamas was responsible for terrorist attacks in which American and Israeli citizens were killed or injured.

16. Hamas has been designated by the United States Government as a Specially Designated Terrorist (“SDT”) continuously since 1995, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (“FTO”) continuously since 1997, and as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (“SDGT”) continuously since 2001.

**Iran’s Provision of Material Support and Resources to the Hamas**

17. Since 1984 until the present time, defendant Iran has been continuously designated by the United States Department of State as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to Section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. § 2405(j)).

18. During the period relevant hereto, including the several year period preceding the Terrorist Attack, defendants Iran and MOIS provided Hamas with massive financial support with the specific intention of causing and facilitating the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. Such financial support was provided continuously, routinely and in furtherance and as implementation of a specific policy and practice established and maintained by Iran, in order to assist Hamas achieve goals shared by Iran. These goals included terrorizing the Jewish civilian population in Israel, and weakening Israel’s economy, social fabric, and military strength and preparedness.

19. The Iranian defendants provided this financial support to Hamas pursuant to an agreement reached between Iran and Hamas in the 1980s which remains in force until today. Under that agreement, Hamas undertook to carry out acts of extrajudicial killing and terrorism against Jews in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and in return Iran undertook to provide Hamas

with financial support to carry out such extrajudicial killings and terrorist attacks. The purpose of this agreement was to achieve the goals detailed in the preceding paragraph.

20. The Iranian defendants gave substantial aid, assistance and encouragement to one another and to Hamas, and provided massive financial support to Hamas, and thereby aided and abetted Hamas, all with the specific intention of causing and facilitating the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. The Iranian defendants did so with actual knowledge that Hamas had killed and injured numerous U.S. citizens in terrorist bombings and that additional U.S. citizens and other innocent civilians would be killed and injured as a result of their aiding, abetting and provision of material support and resources to Hamas.

21. The Iranian defendants knowingly and willingly conspired, agreed and acted in concert with one another and with Hamas, in pursuance of the common plan, design, agreement and goals discussed above, to cause and facilitate the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. The Iranian defendants did so with actual knowledge that Hamas had killed and injured numerous U.S. citizens in terrorist bombings and that additional U.S. citizens and other innocent civilians would be killed and injured as a result of their conspiracy with Hamas.

22. At all times relevant hereto, defendant MOIS was an agency, instrumentality and/or office of defendant Iran, and performed acts on behalf of defendant Iran, in furtherance of the interests and policy of defendant Iran and within the scope of its agency and office, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(c), which caused the Terrorist Attack and harm to the plaintiffs herein, in that defendant MOIS implemented and acted as a

conduit and instrumentality for Iran's provision of funds to Hamas for the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack.

23. Defendant Iran authorized, ratified and approved the acts of defendant MOIS.

24. Accordingly, defendant Iran is vicariously liable for the acts of defendant MOIS.

25. This Court repeatedly has held Iran and MOIS liable to victims of state-sponsored terrorism, particularly for terrorist acts carried out by Hamas in Israel. *See, e.g., Bennett v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 507 F. Supp.2d 117 (D.D.C. 2007); *Bodoff v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 424 F. Supp.2d 74 (D.D.C. 2006); *Campuzano v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 281 F. Supp. 2d 258 (D.D.C. 2003); *Stern v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 271 F. Supp.2d 286 (D.D.C. 2003); *Weinstein v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 184 F. Supp. 2d 13 (D.D.C. 2002); *see also Leibovitch v. Syrian Arab Republic*, 25 F. Supp. 3d 1071 (N.D. Ill. 2014).

#### **Syria's Provision of Material Support and Resources to Hamas**

26. Since 1979 until the present time, defendant Syria has been continuously designated by the United States Department of State as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to Section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. § 2405(j)).

27. During the period relevant hereto, including the several year period preceding the Terrorist Attack, defendant Syria provided Hamas with material support and resources within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(a)(1), described in detail below, with the specific intention of causing and facilitating the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. Such support was provided continuously, routinely and in furtherance and as implementation of a specific policy and practice established and maintained by Syria, in order to assist Hamas achieve goals shared by Syria. These goals included

terrorizing the Jewish civilian population in Israel, and weakening Israel's economy, social fabric, and military strength and preparedness through extremist violence targeting civilians.

28. Defendant Syria provided the material support and resources detailed below to Hamas pursuant to an agreement reached between Syria and Hamas in the late 1980s. Under that agreement, Hamas undertook to carry out acts of extrajudicial killing and terrorism against Jews in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and in return Syria undertook to provide Hamas with material support and resources to carry out such extrajudicial killings and terrorist attacks. The purpose of this agreement was to achieve the goals detailed in the preceding paragraph.

29. The material support and resources which were provided by Syria to Hamas in the years preceding the Terrorist Attack for the purpose of facilitating acts of extrajudicial killing and terrorism included *inter alia*: provision of financial support to Hamas for the purpose of carrying out terrorist attacks; provision of military-grade explosives, military firearms and other weapons and material to Hamas; provision of specialized and professional military training for the planning and execution of terrorist attacks (hereinafter: "terrorist training") to Hamas; providing use of Syria-owned and operated training bases and military facilities in which terrorist training was provided to Hamas and its terrorist operatives; providing Hamas and its terrorist operatives with safe haven and refuge from capture in Syria and in areas of Lebanon controlled by Syria; providing Hamas means of electronic communication and electronic communications equipment for carrying out terrorist attacks; financial services, including banking and wire transfer services, provided to Hamas by financial institutions owned and controlled by Syria at Syria's direction, which services were intended to and did enable Hamas to surreptitiously transfer funds used to finance terrorist attacks; and means of transportation,



including allowing terrorist operatives of Hamas passage and transportation on Syrian-owned aircraft to allow them to avoid detection and carry out further terrorist attacks.

30. At all times relevant hereto, defendant Syria provided Hamas and its terrorist operatives with terrorist training at military training bases, camps and facilities operated and/or funded and/or controlled by Syria and located in Syria and in areas of Lebanon controlled by Syria, with the specific intention of causing and facilitating the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. This terrorist training, which was professional and extensive and included the use of explosives, firearms and other weapons, was provided by and through Syrian military and intelligence officials, and other agents, employees and officials of Syria acting within the scope of their agency and employment and under the express command and authorization of Syria.

31. In addition, at all times relevant hereto, Syria provided terrorist training, weapons, and funds to be used to carry out terrorist attacks to Hamas and its terrorist operatives, by and through the agency of other terrorist organizations which received material support and resources from Syria, and which acted as instrumentalities, agents and proxies of Syria for the purpose of providing terrorist training and other material support and resources to Hamas.

32. At all times relevant hereto, Syria provided Hamas and its terrorist operatives with lodging, safe haven and shelter in Syria and in areas of Lebanon controlled by Syria, with the specific intention of preventing their apprehension and permitting them to plan and carry out acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism freely and unhindered. This lodging, safe haven and shelter was provided on military bases and facilities, and in residences, owned and controlled by Syria.

33. Syria gave substantial aid, assistance and encouragement to Hamas, and provided the massive material support and resources described above to Hamas, and thereby aided and abetted Hamas, all with the specific intention of causing and facilitating the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. Defendants Syria did so with actual knowledge that Hamas had killed and injured numerous U.S. citizens in terrorist bombings and that additional U.S. citizens and other innocent civilians would be killed and injured as a result of their aiding, abetting and provision of material support and resources to the Hamas.

34. Syria knowingly and willingly conspired, agreed and acted in concert with Hamas, in pursuance of the common plan, design, agreement and goals discussed above, to cause and facilitate the commission of acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism including the Terrorist Attack. Defendant Syria did so with actual knowledge that Hamas had killed and injured numerous U.S. citizens in terrorist bombings and that additional U.S. citizens and other innocent civilians would be killed and injured as a result of their conspiracy with Hamas.

### **The Terrorist Attack**

35. On an unknown date or dates prior to October 22, 2014, Hamas planned, conspired and made preparations to kill and injure innocent Israeli civilians by means of vehicular terror attacks against pedestrians and groups of commuters waiting at bus stops and train stations.

36. Pursuant to the aforementioned plan, on the afternoon of October 22, 2014, an agent and operative of Hamas, Abdel Rahman Shaludi (“Shaludi”) drove a car to the Ammunition Hill light rail station in Jerusalem with the intention of causing injury and/or death to Israeli civilians by traveling at high speed and ramming his vehicle into them.

37. Shaludi had previously served time in Israeli prison for terrorism related offenses. He was the nephew of Mohiyedine Sharif, the former head of the Hamas military wing and its chief bomb-maker.

38. As a group of passengers, including plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun, who was pushing her infant daughter's stroller, were disembarking from the light rail at the Ammunition Hill station, Shaludi drove onto the light rail tracks and rammed his vehicle into the crowd of pedestrians. The vehicle struck three-month old Chaya's stroller causing her to be thrown some ten meters into the air. Decedent Chaya Zissel Braun landed on her head on the pavement while her mother, plaintiff Chana Braun, screamed in horror. Plaintiff Shmuel Elimelech Braun was knocked over and badly injured by the car.

39. The terrorist attacker, Shaludi, was shot by Israeli police as he attempted to flee the scene and later died of his wounds.

40. Decedent Chaya Zissel Braun was critically injured in the Terrorist Attack. When rescue personnel arrived, they found Chaya with no pulse and serious head injuries. The rescue personnel succeeded in resuscitating Chaya and obtaining a pulse. They transported her, connected to a ventilator and in critical condition, to the nearby Hadassah Mount Scopus hospital. However, baby Chaya did not survive. She was pronounced dead some two hours after her arrival at the hospital.

41. Chaya Zissel Braun was a long awaited child for the young parents – plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech and Chaya Braun – who had tried to conceive unsuccessfully for a long time before baby Chaya was born.

42. Plaintiff Chana Braun suffered psychological and emotional harm. Plaintiff Chana Braun was pushing baby Chaya's stroller when the car struck. One moment she was walking

along the street pushing her darling child; the next moment her baby daughter was smashed to the ground , obviously critically wounded.

43. Plaintiff Shmuel Elimelech Braun suffered severe physical injuries as well as psychological and emotional harm as a result of the attack. He witnessed the car strike his wife and infant daughter's stroller and saw his infant daughter being thrown some ten meters into the air and land on her head unconscious.

44. Hamas publicly praised the attack and referred to the attacker as a "martyr" and "hero."

45. The defendants conspired and acted in concert with Hamas, in pursuit of their common goals, design and agreements with Hamas, discussed above, to carry out the Terrorist Attack, and other such acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism, and the Terrorist Attack was carried out by Hamas further to and as implementation of its aforementioned agreement and conspiracy with the defendants.

46. Hamas carried out the Terrorist Attack utilizing funds, weapons, terrorist training and other material support, resources, aid and assistance provided by the defendants for the specific purpose of carrying out the Terrorist Attack and other such acts of extrajudicial killing and international terrorism.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
FOR DAMAGES UNDER 28 U.S.C. §1605A(c)**

47. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

48. Iran is a foreign state that since 1984 has continuously been designated as a state sponsor of terrorism within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A.

49. Syria is a foreign state that since 1979 has continuously been designated as a state sponsor of terrorism within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A.

50. The defendants provided material support and resources to Hamas, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1605A, which caused and facilitated the Terrorist Attack.

51. The Terrorist Attack was an act of extrajudicial killing within the meaning of 28 USC § 1605A.

52. Decedent Chaya Zissel Braun was severely injured by the Terrorist Attack and died as a result of those injuries. The maiming and murder of Chaya Zissel Braun caused decedent, her estate and plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun, Chana Braun, severe injury, including: conscious pain and suffering; pecuniary loss and loss of income; loss of guidance, companionship and society; loss of consortium; severe emotional distress and mental anguish; and loss of solatium.

53. Plaintiff Shmuel Elimelech Braun suffered severe physical, psychological, emotional and other injuries as a result of the Terrorist Attack, including: extreme pain and suffering, loss of guidance, companionship and society; loss of consortium; severe emotional distress and mental anguish; and loss of solatium.

54. The injuries suffered by plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun in the Terrorist Attack caused plaintiffs Chana Braun, severe harm, including: loss of guidance, companionship and society, loss of consortium, severe emotional distress and mental anguish, loss of solatium; and pecuniary loss and loss of income.

55. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the defendants, Plaintiffs suffered the injuries and harm described herein.

56. The defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable under 28 USC 1605A(c) for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

57. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages under 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(c).

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
FOR WRONGFUL DEATH**

58. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

59. Defendants, personally and/or through their agents and/or employees and/or co-conspirators, willfully and deliberately authorized, organized, planned, aided, abetted, induced, conspired to commit, provided material support for and executed the Terrorist Attack.

60. Defendants' behavior constituted a breach of legal duties to desist from committing, or aiding, abetting, authorizing, encouraging or conspiring to commit acts of extrajudicial killing, and to refrain from intentionally, wantonly, and/or negligently authorizing or causing the infliction of death, physical injuries and harm to persons such as the plaintiffs herein and the decedent.

61. Defendants' actions were willful, malicious, intentional, wrongful, unlawful, negligent and/or reckless and were the proximate cause of the Terrorist Attack.

62. At the time of her death, decedent Chaya Zissel Braun was a much beloved three month old infant, enjoying good health, industrious and in possession of all her faculties.

63. The Terrorist Attack caused decedent, her estate and plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun severe injury, including: pain and suffering; pecuniary loss and loss of

income; loss of guidance, companionship and society; loss of consortium; severe emotional distress and mental anguish; and loss of solatium.

64. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

65. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF  
THE ESTATE OF CHAYA ZISSEL BRAUN  
FORSURVIVAL DAMAGES**

66. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

67. The Terrorist Attack caused by defendants' actions herein caused decedent Chaya Zissel Braun and her estate severe injury, including pain and suffering, pecuniary loss and loss of income. From the time of the Terrorist Attack until the time of her death, decedent Chaya Zissel Braun suffered great conscious pain, shock and physical and mental anguish.

68. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable to the Estate of Chaya Zissel Braun for the full amount of decedent's damages, in such sums as may hereinafter be determined.

69. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS  
SHMUEL ELIMELECH BRAUN AND CHANA BRAUN  
FOR BATTERY**

70. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

71. The Terrorist Attack caused Plaintiff Shmuel Elimelech Braun severe physical injuries.

72. The Terrorist Attack caused Plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun severe psychological injuries, extreme pain and suffering, and severe financial loss, including deprivation of future income.

73. The Terrorist Attack constituted a battery on the persons of plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun.

74. Defendants' actions were willful, malicious, intentional, reckless, unlawful and were the proximate cause of the Terrorist Attack and the battery on the persons of plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun and the injuries plaintiffs suffered thereby.

75. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' Shmuel Elimelech Braun's and Chana Braun's damages.

76. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS  
SHMUEL ELIMELECH BRAUN AND CHANA BRAUN  
FOR ASSAULT**

77. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

78. The Terrorist Attack caused plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun fear and apprehension of harm and death, and actual physical harm, and constituted an assault on the persons of plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun.

79. The Terrorist Attack and assault on their persons, which were direct and proximate results of defendants' actions, caused plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana



Braun mental anguish and caused plaintiff Shmuel Elimelech Braun actual physical injury and pain and suffering.

80. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' Shmuel Elimelech Braun's and Chana Braun's damages.

81. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**FOR INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

82. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

83. Defendants' conduct was willful, outrageous and dangerous to human life, and violates applicable criminal law, all international standards of civilized human conduct and common decency.

84. Defendants intended to, and did in fact, terrorize the plaintiffs, and cause them egregious emotional distress. As a result and by reason of the Terrorist Attack, which was caused by the actions of defendants described herein, plaintiffs Shmuel Elimelech Braun and Chana Braun have suffered and will continue to suffer terror, severe mental anguish, bereavement and grief, and injury to their feelings.

85. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

86. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
FOR NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

87. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

88. Defendants' conduct was willful, outrageous and/or grossly negligent, and was dangerous to human life, and constituted a violation of applicable criminal law and all international standards of civilized human conduct and common decency.

89. Defendants' conduct terrorized the plaintiffs and caused them egregious emotional distress.

90. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

91. The conduct of the defendants was criminal, outrageous, extreme, wanton, willful, malicious, and constitutes a threat to the public warranting an award of punitive damages.

**EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
FOR CIVIL CONSPIRACY**

92. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

93. The defendants knowingly and willingly conspired, agreed and acted in concert with each other and with Hamas in a common plan and design to facilitate and cause acts of international terrorism, extrajudicial killing and personal injury including the Terrorist Attack which harmed plaintiffs.

94. As a result of the Terrorist Attack caused, resulting from and facilitated by the conspiracy between the defendants and Hamas, plaintiffs suffered the damages enumerated herein.

95. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

**NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
FORAIDING AND ABETTING**

96. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

97. The defendants provided Hamas with material support and resources within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §1605A, and other substantial aid and assistance, in order to aid, abet, facilitate and cause the commission of acts of international terrorism, extrajudicial killing and personal injury including the Terrorist Attack which harmed the plaintiffs.

98. As a result of the Terrorist Attack caused, resulting from and facilitated by the defendants' provision of material support and resources and other acts of aiding and abetting, plaintiffs suffered the damages enumerated herein.

99. Defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages.

**TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF  
AGAINST THE IRANIAN DEFENDANTS  
FOR VICARIOUS LIABILITY/RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR**

100. The allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

101. At all relevant times, defendant MOIS was an agent and/or office of defendant Iran, acting within the scope of its agency and/or office. Defendant MOIS engaged in the acts described herein within the scope of its agency and/or office and to further the interests of defendant Iran.

102. Defendant Iran authorized, ratified and/or condoned the conduct of defendant MOIS.

103. Therefore, defendant Iran is vicariously liable for the acts of defendant MOIS.

104. The Iranian defendants are therefore jointly and severally liable for the full amount of plaintiffs' damages, in such sums as may be hereinafter determined.

### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs demand trial by jury of all issues legally triable to a jury.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

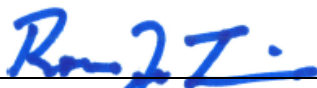
**WHEREFORE**, plaintiffs demand judgment as follows:

- (a) Judgment against all defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- (b) Judgment against all defendants, jointly and severally, for punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- (c) Plaintiffs' costs and expenses;
- (d) Plaintiffs' attorneys fees; and
- (e) Such other and further relief as the Court finds just and equitable.

Dated: July 15, 2015  
Brooklyn, New York

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**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> Shmuel Elimelech Braun, et al.	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al.
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF _____ (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____ (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) <small>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED</small>
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<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) <b>FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!</b>																												
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**IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT**

(Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and one in a corresponding Nature of Suit)

<input type="radio"/> <b>A. Antitrust</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="radio"/> <b>B. Personal Injury/Malpractice</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Medical Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Product Liability	<input type="radio"/> <b>C. Administrative Agency Review</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act  <u>Social Security</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <u>Other Statutes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions (If Administrative Agency is Involved)	<input type="radio"/> <b>D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction</b>  Any nature of suit from any category may be selected for this category of case assignment.  *(If Antitrust, then A governs)*
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<input type="radio"/> <b>E. General Civil (Other)</b>		OR	<input type="radio"/> <b>F. Pro Se General Civil</b>	
<u>Real Property</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property  <u>Personal Property</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<u>Bankruptcy</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 27 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  <u>Prisoner Petitions</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee – Conditions of Confinement  <u>Property Rights</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark  <u>Federal Tax Suits</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (US plaintiff or defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609	<u>Forfeiture/Penalty</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other  <u>Other Statutes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks & Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions (if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act)	

<input type="radio"/> <b>G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 530 Habeas Corpus – General <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	<input type="radio"/> <b>H. Employment Discrimination</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)  *(If pro se, select this deck)*	<input type="radio"/> <b>I. FOIA/Privacy Act</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)  *(If pro se, select this deck)*	<input type="radio"/> <b>J. Student Loan</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)
<input type="radio"/> <b>K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Labor Railway Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="radio"/> <b>L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act) <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="radio"/> <b>M. Contract</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran’s Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholder’s Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="radio"/> <b>N. Three-Judge Court</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)

**V. ORIGIN**  
 1 Original Proceeding  
  2 Removed from State Court  
  3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
  4 Reinstated or Reopened  
  5 Transferred from another district (specify)  
  6 Multi-district Litigation  
  7 Appeal to District Judge from Mag. Judge

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.)**  
 28 USC 1330-32, 1367, 1605(A)

<b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT</b>	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 <input type="checkbox"/>	DEMAND \$ _____	JURY DEMAND: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY</b>	(See instruction)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please complete related case form

DATE: 7-15-15	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD:
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44**  
 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I.** COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III.** CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV.** CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the primary cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only one category. You must also select one corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI.** CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII.** RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk’s Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.

CLERK'S OFFICE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF RELATED CIVIL CASES PENDING  
IN THIS OR ANY OTHER UNITED STATES COURT

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be supplied by the Clerk)

NOTICE TO PARTIES:

Pursuant to Rule 40.5(b)(2), you are required to prepare and submit this form at the time of filing any civil action which is related to any pending cases or which involves the same parties and relates to the same subject matter of any dismissed related cases. This form must be prepared in sufficient quantity to provide one copy for the Clerk's records, one copy for the Judge to whom the cases is assigned and one copy for each defendant, so that you must prepare 3 copies for a one defendant case, 4 copies for a two defendant case, etc.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

Rule 40.5(b)(2) of this Court requires that you serve upon the plaintiff and file with your first responsive pleading or motion any objection you have to the related case designation.

NOTICE TO ALL COUNSEL

Rule 40.5(b)(3) of this Court requires that as soon as an attorney for a party becomes aware of the existence of a related case or cases, such attorney shall immediately notify, in writing, the Judges on whose calendars the cases appear and shall serve such notice on counsel for all other parties.

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The plaintiff, defendant or counsel must complete the following:

I. RELATIONSHIP OF NEW CASE TO PENDING RELATED CASE(S).

A new case is deemed related to a case pending in this or another U.S. Court if the new case: [Check appropriate box(es) below.]

- (a) relates to common property
- (b) involves common issues of fact
- (c) grows out of the same event or transaction
- (d) involves the validity or infringement of the same patent
- (e) is filed by the same pro se litigant

2. RELATIONSHIP OF NEW CASE TO DISMISSED RELATED CASE(ES)

A new case is deemed related to a case dismissed, with or without prejudice, in this or any other U.S. Court, if the new case involves the same parties and same subject matter.

Check box if new case is related to a dismissed case:

3. NAME THE UNITED STATES COURT IN WHICH THE RELATED CASE IS FILED (IF OTHER THAN THIS COURT):

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4. CAPTION AND CASE NUMBER OF RELATED CASE(E-S). IF MORE ROOM IS NEED PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE.

- 1. Wultz v. Islamic Rep. of Iran, Syrian Arab Rep., et al., 09-cv-1461 (DDC) (RCL); 2. Wyatt v. Syrian Arab Rep., et al., 08-cv-502 (DDC)(RCL)
- 3. Kaplan v. Central Bank of Iran, 10-cv-483(DDC)(RCL); 4. Fraenkel v. Islamic Rep. of Iran, 15-cv-1080 (DDC)(RCL)

7-15-15  
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Signature Robert Tohn (insel)



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Shmuel Elimelech Braun, et al.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Plaintiff*

v.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al.

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*Defendant*

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Civil Action No.

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* The Islamic Republic of Iran  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Khomeini Avenue, United Nations Street  
Teheran, Iran

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 60 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

The Berkman Law Office, LLC  
111 Livingston Street, Suite 1928  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
718-855-3627

If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

*ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_; or

Other *(specify):* \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

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*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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*Plaintiff*

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The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al.

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*Defendant*

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Civil Action No.

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To: *(Defendant's name and address)* The Iranian Ministry of Information and Security  
Pasdaran Avenue  
Golestan Yekon  
Teheran, Iran

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 60 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

The Berkman Law Office, LLC  
111 Livingston Street, Suite 1928  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
718-855-3627

If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

*ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*

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I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

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Civil Action No.

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* The Syrian Arab Republic  
c/o Foreign Minister Walid al-Mualem  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Shora, Muajireen  
Damascus, Syria

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

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