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## THE CLOSURE OF BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — A week has elapsed since the closure of Bir Zeit University on May 2 for an indefinite period. While the military authorities have hinted that the decision to close down the university might be revoked soon, more than 1,500 students, faculty and administrative staff are still uncertain as to the future actions of the military authorities.

What calls for a comment regarding this closure is not so much its justification or lack of it — we in the occupied territories have learnt the fact that we are under occupation. Rather, what calls for a comment is the surprising passiveness of the Israeli public, in academic or human-rights circles, toward the decision of the Military Governor.

I would like to ask these people the following questions: Would your attitude toward this decision have been the same had the incident taken place in a country other than Israel? If it would not have been the same, then do you think that your conscience can really survive these moral trials?

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