

Protest in East Jerusalem by Christian leaders over high court decision regarding property



Local Christian leaders on Thursday protested the sale of properties owned by the Greek Orthodox Church to a Jewish pro-settlement group in the mainly Palestinian areas of East Jerusalem.

Israel's high court gave final approval last month to a long-term lease, signed in 2004, of three buildings located in East Jerusalem's Old City to businesses linked to the Ateret Cohanim organization.

Protesting religious leaders included the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilos III.

Christian hierarchs prayed, in Arabic, Greek, and English for peace, outside two hostels near the Jaffa Gate, one of seven main gateways for Jerusalem's Old City walls.