

**Poverty report: 1 in 3 children poor**

The number of poor families in the country has risen by 20.3 percent in 2004, according to the poverty report released Monday.

Some 714,000 children are classified as poor, or 33.2 percent of the entire child population, the report says.

2004 marked the sixth consecutive year in which the rate of child poverty has increased. (Ynet)

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## Global Holocaust-deniers bill passed in Knesset

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Legislation that would make Holocaust-denial committed overseas an offense under Israeli legal jurisdiction was approved unanimously in first reading by the Knesset on Tuesday.

The passage of the measure would enable Israel to demand the extradition of Holocaust-deniers for prosecution.

The bill was drafted by MK Aryeh Eldad (National Union) as a move against former Palestinian Authority prime minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) for his doctoral dissertation 20 years ago in which he estimated that the Nazis killed less than a million Jews.

It is likely to serve as a deterrent against Holocaust-deniers visiting Israel, although the possibility of countries consenting to extradition on the offense is unlikely.

The legislation expands the territorial jurisdiction of the Israeli law against Holocaust-denying outside of its borders.



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