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Added police expected at Acre festival as rival demos due over Arab play

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ACRE.-- Police reinforcements are expected to help supervise a demonstration by Herut supporters at the opening of the Acre fringe theatre festival tomorrow night.

The planned demonstration, which has been approved by the police, is to protest over the scheduled staging of three plays and the appearance at the festival of East Jerusalem's Al-Hakawati theatre group.

Members of the Citizens Rights Movement said they would hold a counter-demonstration if the Herut supporters went ahead with their protest.

Arab residents of the town have

accused Herut of provocation and warned that the demonstration could damage the normally harmonious relations between the two communities in the mixed Arab-Jewish town.

Herut councilmen, led by deputy mayor David Bar-Lev, originally objected to staging the three plays in the main event, the annual competition for the best play.

Bar-Lev and his colleagues complained that the three scripts, Zana Tzionit (Zionist Prostitute), Azatim (Gazaites) and Bikoret Hatzot (Midnight Criticism) cast a slur on the state and the security forces though they had been approved by the film and theatre censorship

board.

But the call for a ban on the plays was rejected by the town council. Mayor Eli de Castro, of the Labour Party, which heads the town council coalition, charged the Herut councillors with trying to stifle freedom of expression.

The Herut councilmen subsequently shifted the focus of their attention to the East Jerusalem theatre troupe, which refused to perform with Israeli flags flying in the background when the group last appeared at the festival two years ago.

Bar-Lev said Herut supporters would raise the Israeli flag at the demonstration, but he stressed they had no intention of causing trouble.