



Press Release

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Urgent Call to Free Hisham Abu Hawash from Administrative Detention

Hisham Abu Hawash, a 40-year-old husband and father, has undergone over 140 days of hunger strike to protest his unjust arrest and ongoing detention without charge or trial. Mr. Abu Hawash is reported to be facing imminent risk of death, and is suffering from extreme physical pain, lack of mobility, repeated loss of consciousness, and irreversible health complications resulting from clear medical negligence and harsh living conditions.

Israel's practice of administrative detention is in gross violation of international law, including international humanitarian law, as well as several international conventions including the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. As such, these practices have been repeatedly and strongly condemned by the United Nations.

The international community must intervene urgently to put pressure on Israel to release Hisham Abu Hawash immediately, noting the imminent threat to his life and violations of his human rights. Furthermore, Israel must be pressured to end its systematic weaponizing of administrative detention without charge or trial against the Palestinian people, and to release all Palestinian prisoners currently being held in illegal administrative detention.

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