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Further Information on UA 75/03 (MDE 15/030/2003, 17 March 2003) Medical concern / Detention without charge

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Anan Nabih Labadeh (m), aged 30

After a petition to the Israeli High Court by the human rights organization the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI), Anan Nabih Labadeh was finally allowed access to his lawyer on 23 March. On 30 March Israeli government officials informed PCATI that he had been transferred to Ramle prison in central Israel. It is not yet clear whether Anan Nabih Labadeh is receiving appropriate medical care. He has not been charged with any offence.

Anan Nabih Labadeh was arrested with his brother Dr 'Abd al-Fatah Labadeh on 11 March. Dr 'Abd al-Fatah Labadeh was released after two days, but Anan Nabih Labadeh remains in detention. He is paralysed from the waist down and suffers from gastritis, bladder and skin problems, and is in constant need of medical care.

In a sworn affidavit on 23 March, Anan Nabih Labadeh declared that he was beaten and ill-treated at the Huwara military camp, near Nablus. He said that he was left outside exposed to the rain without being allowed to go to the toilet. When he was moved into a cell prison guards removed his wheelchair, even though he is unable to move around without it. Guards did not give him any assistance with his personal care, and at the time of his statement he had not been allowed a change of clothes or shower since being brought to Huwara military camp on 11 March.

In his statement Anan Nabih Labadeh also endorsed Dr 'Abd al-Fatah Labadeh's description of the harsh conditions at the Huwara camp. Anan Nabih Labadeh said that detainees are not given a change of clothing, that there are no facilities for washing, the food is insufficient, the cells have no ventilation and are small and crowded.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English, Hebrew or your own language:

- expressing concern for Anan Nabih Labadeh's health and safety;
- urging the Israeli authorities to immediately provide suitable and adequate medical care and treatment to Anan Nabih Labadeh;
- urging the authorities to immediately release Anan Nabih Labadeh unless he is to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence and tried in a proper court of law in accordance with international accepted standards for fair trial.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 May 2003.