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Legal concern/fear of torture 28 March 2002

**ISRAEL/'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan (m), nurse, aged 38 - married with  
OCCUPIED five children  
TERRITORIES**

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'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan has been in incommunicado detention. He was arrested on the night of 7 March from Maqassed Hospital in Jerusalem, where he works as a nurse, and taken to the Moskobiyya Detention Centre in Jerusalem. He was then transferred to Shikma Prison, Ashkelon. Amnesty International fears that he is at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

His lawyer was promised that he could see him on 24 March, but when he tried to do so the next day, he was refused. On 26 March the lawyer was told that there was an order prohibiting 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan access to his lawyer for 10 days. According to his family the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has also not been able to see him, as his name was not on the list given to them by the Israeli authorities. His detention has been extended once by a military court.

It is not known why 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan is being held. Two colleagues who were arrested at the same time as him were subsequently released on 8 March and 26 March respectively, without having been charged or tried.

The UN Commission on Human Rights stated in April 1997 that "prolonged incommunicado detention may facilitate the perpetration of torture and can in itself constitute a form of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment". Principle 7 of the Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers states that "Governments shall further ensure that all persons arrested or detained, with or without criminal charge, shall have prompt access to a lawyer, and in any case not later than forty-eight hours from the time of arrest or detention".

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

- asking for 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan to be immediately and unconditionally released if he is not to be promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- expressing concern that 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan is being held incommunicado, and reminding the Israeli authorities that while he is in custody, 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan has the right of access to his lawyer and his family;
- expressing concern at reports that other Palestinian detainees have been tortured or ill-treated during interrogation, and asking the authorities to ensure that 'Abd al-Salam 'Adwan is treated according to international standards.

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