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Further information on UA 245/00 (MDE 21/21/00, 17 August 2000) - Incommunicado detention/Unacknowledged detention/Legal concern/Fear of torture or ill-treatment

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
Nayef Hamadneh, student
Iyad Hamadneh
Hani Rawabjeh
'Ala Shuli
Fallah Taher Nada, aged 45
'Ala Rimawi
Maher 'Awdeh, merchant
Wajih Ahmad 'Arman

Wajih Ahmad 'Arman was released without charge on 22 August. The other seven men named above are still in custody.

Iyad Hamadneh, Hani Rawabjeh and 'Ala Shuli are reportedly held incommunicado in the Preventive Security Service (PSS) detention centre in Baytunia.

Fallah Taher Nada, 'Ala Rimawi and Maher 'Awdeh are detained in Junayd prison. They were reportedly out of interrogation on 18 August. A lawyer was allowed to visit them two days later. On 26 August their families tried to visit them, but only children under 10 were allowed in.

Wajih Ahmad 'Arman and the other seven were among a dozen Islamists arrested in the West Bank in mid-July. Some were allegedly tortured or ill-treated on arrest and in custody.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Wajih Ahmad 'Arman. Please continue to send appeals on behalf of the remaining seven detainees.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English or your own language:

- seeking assurances that Nayef Hamadneh, Iyad Hamadneh, Hani Rawabjeh and 'Ala Shuli will not be tortured or ill-treated in detention;
- calling for the seven remaining detainees to be released immediately if they are not to be promptly charged with recognizably criminal offences and tried according to international standards for fair trial;
- asking that they are all given immediate and continuing access to their families and their lawyers;
- calling for an end to the use of incommunicado detention by all branches of the Palestinian security forces.

APPEALS TO (please note that three of the fax numbers provided are telephone lines and may be difficult to get through to):

President Yasser Arafat
Palestinian Authority
Office of the President
The Beach Forum
Gaza City
Palestinian Authority

Telegrams: President Arafat, Palestinian Authority, Gaza

Faxes: +972 7 282 2365 (when voice answers, please ask for fax tone)

Salutation:Dear President Arafat

Colonel Jibril al-Rajub
Head of the Preventive Security Service (West Bank)
Jericho

Palestinian Authority

Telegrams: Colonel al-Rajub, Palestinian Authority, Jericho

Faxes:+ 972 2 290 1801 (when voice answers, please ask for fax tone)

Salutation:Dear Colonel al-Rajub

Zakaria Musleh
Director of Interrogation Centres in the West Bank
Preventive Security Service Detention Centre
Baytunia

Palestinian Authority

Faxes:+972 2 290 1801 (when voice answers, please ask for fax tone)

Salutation: Dear Mr Musleh

COPIES TO:

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Chairman of the Human Rights and Monitoring Committee
Palestinian Legislative Council
P O Box 1930 Ramallah
Palestinian Authority

and to representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)
accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 October 2000.