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ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Ahmad Ibrahim Sa'id

Ahmad Ibrahim Sa'id was released from detention on 12 January 1995.

Following his arrest on 29 June 1994, Ahmad Sa'id was charged with activities on behalf of *Hamas*, including passing messages. Amnesty International was concerned about allegations that he had been hooded and shackled in painful positions for prolonged periods, deprived of sleep and sometimes beaten during his interrogation in Ashkelon Prison.

According to his lawyer, Ahmad Sa'id said that he had been hooded, forced to stand for up to 18 to 20 hours a day and forced to lie over a chair in an uncomfortable position with his hands tied while his interrogators pushed him in an attempt to make him fall. According to his lawyer, he told her that his interrogators said that they had "removed their gloves" and had clear orders to interrogate him without limitations. Ahmad Sa'id also told her that his interrogators threatened that he would be paralysed and unable to have children following his interrogation.

Ahmad Sa'id was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, against which the prosecution appealed. The appeal was rejected, and having completed the sentence, he was released on 12 January.

Ahmad Sa'id sends his appreciation to Amnesty International members for their efforts on his behalf.

No further action by the UA Network is requested on this case. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.