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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Shahir Mansur (m) aged 31

Munjid Mansur (m) aged 17 months

Munjid Mansur from Kufr Qalil, near Nablus, is due to receive a section of his father's liver in a life-saving transplant operation in the USA. However, his father, Shahir Mansur, is in administrative detention in Israel, and is prevented from travelling. Amnesty International is concerned that Shahir Mansur's detention is endangering the life of his son.

Medical reports have stated that receiving a section of his father's liver is Munjid's only chance of survival. Shahir and Munjid Mansur were supposed to arrive in the United States on 12 July for the child's surgery.

Shahir Mansur, a Palestinian police officer, was arrested on 9 April during the Israeli Defense Forces' invasion of the old city of Nablus. On 23 April, he received an order for three months in administrative detention at Ansar 3 (Nageev) prison. He has not been charged with any offence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Administrative detention is a procedure under which detainees are held without charge or trial for a specified period. No criminal charges are filed, and the authorities have no intention of bringing a detainee to trial. The detention order is frequently renewed on or before the expiry of the detention period. This process can be continued indefinitely. There are currently over one thousand Palestinians in administrative detention in Israel and the Occupied Territories.

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

- pointing out the critical circumstances of Munjid Mansur's medical condition and calling for Shahir Mansur's release on humanitarian grounds.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.