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Further information on UA 205/97 (MDE 21/03/97, 10 July 1997) and follow-up (MDE 21/04/97, 25 July) - Prisoner of conscience / Legal concern / Incommunicado detention and new: Medical concern

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY Fathi Subuh, 43, lecturer in education

Concern for the health and well-being of prisoner of conscience Fathi Subuh has been heightened by reports that he remains on hunger-strike in protest at his arrest. According to his family, he received visits from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), who reported that he has been on hunger-strike for a total of 24 days, taking only sugared water and coffee. He is said to be suffering from "back inflammation" and headache.

The 43-year-old university assistant professor of education, arrested on 2 July 1997, has now been held for more than a month in Tel al-Hawa Prison in Gaza without access to his family nor to his lawyers. He is now apparently in the prison's clinic.

Please continue action, ie telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or in your own language. Any further appeals should:

- state that you consider Fathi Subuh to be a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for his alleged critical attitude towards the Palestinian Authority;
- note that Fathi Subuh has now been illegally held for more than a month in incommunicado detention;
- request that he be granted immediate access to his family and a lawyer and to a doctor of his choice;
- call for his immediate and unconditional release.

APPEALS TO:

President Yasser Arafat
Palestinian Authority
Al-Muntada
Gaza, Palestinian Authority
Faxes: +972-7-822365 (ask to send a fax)
Telegrams: President Arafat, Palestinian Authority, Gaza
Salutation: Dear President Arafat

Minister of Justice Mr Freih Abu Meddein
Ministry of Justice
Abu Khadra Building
Omar al-Mukhtar Street
Gaza, Palestinian Authority
Faxes: +972-7-822236
Telegrams: Justice Minister, Palestinian Authority, Gaza
Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES TO:

Human Rights Committee of the Legislative Council
Mr Kamal Sharafi, Rapporteur
Faxes: +972-2-9987719 (ask to send a fax)

and to diplomatic representatives of the Palestinian Authority accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 September 1997.