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Further information on UA 116/98 (MDE 21/08/98, 16 April 1998) and follow-ups (MDE 21/11/98, 8 May 1998 and MDE 21/17/98, 7 August 1998) - Fear of torture / Legal concern

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY Ghassan al-Adassi, 19, detained in Jericho
Dr 'Abd al-'Aziz Rantissi 51] detained in Gaza
Ibrahim al-Maqadmeh]
Ahmad al-Shaykh Qasem, 31] detained in Jericho
Amjad 'Abd al-Rahman Awdeh, 30] released
'Imad 'Awadallah, 29] killed after escape
from prison
'Amer 'Awadallah, 25] released
Fayez Isma'il Wardeh, 40] released
Maher Ahmad Danun] detained in Jericho

and around 6 others

A further five suspected *Hamas* members, arrested by the Palestinian Authority's (PA) security agencies since 29 March 1998, have been released.

Fayez Isma'il Wardeh was released on 4 September; Amjad 'Abd al-Rahman Awdeh and 'Amer 'Awadallah were released on 11 September. Salah Hamdan and Muhammad Taher Shu'ani were released soon afterwards. About nine of the above listed people remain in detention in Ramallah and Jericho; Dr. 'Abd al-'Aziz Rantissi and Ibrahim al-Maqadmeh remain detained in Gaza.

'Imad 'Awadallah escaped from a PA prison on 15 August 1998. The Israeli army reported that it killed 'Imad Awadallah and his brother Adel 'Awadallah on 10 September. The circumstances in which they were killed remain unclear. Amnesty International is concerned that the IDF may have extrajudicially executed 'Imad and Adel 'Awadallah, who were wanted by Israel for their alleged involvement in the commission of suicide bombings against Israeli civilians.

As far as Amnesty International is aware, none of those still held has been charged or brought before a judge. None, however, are now believed to be in danger of further interrogation or torture.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Amnesty International will continue to update the network concerning those still in detention as news becomes available. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.