

URGENT ACTION

HUNGER STRIKER'S DETENTION TO CONTINUE

An Israeli military court has rejected Palestinian hunger striker Khader Adnan's appeal against his administrative detention, which will now continue until 8 May. He has been on hunger strike since 18 December. His life is in immediate danger.

On 13 February 2012, an Israeli military court rejected **Khader Adnan's** appeal against his administrative detention. The court ruled that he should remain detained without charge or trial for the full duration of his four-month administrative detention order, which expires on 8 May, but could be renewed indefinitely.

The court session was held in Ziv hospital, in the northern Israeli city of Safad, where Khader Adnan is held, as he is very ill and unable to move. According to the judge's decision, Khader Adnan is responsible for his own health, and can help himself by breaking the hunger strike.

After moving him to five different hospitals and medical centres in eight days, the Israeli Prison Services (IPS) moved Khader Adnan to Ziv hospital, on 6 February. Although he is not in a prison hospital, he remains a prisoner under constant armed guard and shackled to the hospital bed at all times, which amounts to cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment.

Khader Adnan is refusing any medical examination or treatment provided by the IPS while he is detained. He was allowed to consult doctors from Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) five times. The IPS insisted on monitoring the visits and armed guards were present in the room for the first three visits.

PHR reports that Khader Adnan is kept shackled by both legs and one arm when the doctor visits. They warned that he is under an immediate danger of death and that his body may be experiencing a decomposition of muscles, including muscle of the heart and stomach, and the creation of toxins in the body.

PHR doctors say that even if Khader Adnan stops the hunger strike he will need professional medical assistance to allow him to recover.

Please write immediately in English, Hebrew or your own language:

- Urging the Israeli authorities to immediately release Khader Adnan to allow urgent and specialized medical care that he needs, or to provide him with the conditions necessary to receive appropriate medical care, including consultation and treatment in private with medical professionals of his choice,
- Urging the Israeli authorities to end the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of Khader Adnan

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 28 MARCH 2012 TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Military Judge Advocate General

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Salutation: Dear Judge Advocate General

And copies to:

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Major-General Avi Mizrahi

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Salutation: Dear Major-General

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Political activist Khader Adnan is married with two daughters. He was arrested on 17 December 2011 at his home in the village of Arrabe, near Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. He later told lawyers and human rights organizations that masked soldiers had broken into his house, where his mother and children were present. He said that the soldiers cuffed his hands behind his back, threw him onto the floor of their jeep and kicked and slapped him while they took him to the settlement of Mevo Dotan. When he arrived at the settlement, his hands were swollen from the handcuffs and his lower lip was bleeding. He was then transferred to Kishon detention centre in Israel for interrogation.

Khader Adnan told lawyers that he started his hunger strike the day after he was arrested, to protest at his ill-treatment by interrogators from the Israel Security Agency (ISA) and the conditions he was held in. According to the ISA briefing that his lawyers received, Khader Adnan was interrogated almost every day from 18 until 29 December; on some days he was interrogated twice. There were seven regular interrogators; other security officials were also present at some points. During interrogations, he was shackled to a crooked chair with his hands tied behind him, in order to cause him pain. He said that interrogators threatened him constantly and verbally abused him and his family.

On the fourth day of interrogation, he was put in solitary confinement. He has since said this was as punishment for his hunger strike. He remained in solitary confinement until 30 December, when he was moved to Ramleh prison hospital after his health had deteriorated as a result of the hunger strike. On 31 January 2012, he was moved to a hospital outside prison. He has since been moved to four other different hospitals and medical centres. He is shackled to his hospital bed at all times and under constant armed guard. After visiting him for the first time on 7 February, his wife estimated that he had lost a third of his bodyweight since beginning his hunger strike.

Khader Adnan has not been provided with appropriate medical care – a person's hunger strike must not prejudice any other aspect of their health care. Staff at one hospital mocked Khader Adnan and also told him that he ought to end his protest before receiving medical attention. Physicians for Human Rights in Israel say that Khader Adnan is still wearing the same clothes he had on when he was arrested, that he has not been washed, his fingernails have not been trimmed, and that his hair is falling out. He told PHR that he feels that he is fading away.

Name: Khader Adnan
Gender m/f: m

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