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Further Information on UA 11/08 (MDE 15/001/2008, 14 January 2008) and follow-up (MDE 15/011/2008, 29 February 2008) Medical concern

ISRAEL/
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN
TERRITORIES/
EGYPT

Karima Abu Dalal (f) aged 34 – Cancer (Hodgkin's lymphoma)
Bassam al-Oehidi (m) aged 28 – Retinal detachment
Sha'aban Fares Salama Abu 'Obeid (m), aged 37 – Heart disease
Tayseer al-Qanou' (m), aged 50 – Tumour in eyelid
Ibrahim al-Qanou' (m), aged 28 – Hepatitis B with suspicion of liver cancer
Rami al-Masri (m), aged 25 – Tumour in optic nerve
Sameer Taleb (m), aged 47 – Vascular and spinal problems
Iyad Jandiya (m), aged 32 – Giant hernia
Rami al-Arouqi (m), aged 29 – Bone tumour

Two more of the critically ill Palestinian patients named above were permitted to leave the Gaza Strip for medical treatment. Ibrahim al-Qanou' and Iyad Jandiya have received care in Jordan and East Jerusalem respectively.

In addition, cardiac patient Sha'aban Abu 'Obeid underwent a successful operation in Gaza after the Israeli military authorities permitted an Israeli cardiac surgeon into the territory. Tayseer al-Qanou' has given up trying to access treatment and remains in Gaza without specialized care.

Another four of the critically ill patients named above - Karima Abu Dalal, Rami al-Masri, Rami al-Arouqi and Sameer Taleb – are hoping to be permitted to leave Gaza for treatment in Egypt in the next few days by travelling on a shuttle bus through Israel. Karima Abu Dalal has had numerous requests to be treated in Israel rejected, most recently on 30 March 2008.

Amnesty International has received no new information regarding Bassam al-Oehidi.

No further action is requested from the UA network at this time. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.