

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 126/96 (MDE 15/54/96, 14 August 1996) - Torture / Fear of torture and new Legal concern

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY 'Ayman Sliman Muhammad al-Sabbah  
Jamal al-Nabulsi  
Naser Juma'  
new names: Mu'ammam Mabrukeh  
'Abd al-Halim Mabrukeh

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On 11 August 1996 a lawyer and a fieldworker from the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (LAWE) visited Jneid Prison in Nablus. They were finally allowed to visit four prisoners: Naser Juma', Jamal al-Nabulsi, Mu'ammam Mabrukeh and 'Abd al-Halim Mabrukeh who have been detained without charge since December 1995. All four are believed to have been tortured by the naval police (*bahriyya*). The detainees gave affidavits and signed papers giving lawyer Hosni Kalboni power of attorney to represent them. However, when they left the prison, the naval police confiscated the legal documents, claiming that their visit was permitted in their capacity as human rights workers, not as lawyers. They stated that the detainees would not be allowed any legal advice.

Concerns about the torture of these detainees and the other hundred held in Jneid Prison have not ceased (see original EXTRA). Detainees are regularly beaten during interrogation and are forced to stand in painful positions for prolonged periods. Mahmud Jumayel died on 31 July in hospital after being tortured by the naval police in the prison.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic/English or in your own language:**

- calling for the immediate release of Naser Juma', Jamal al-Nabulsi, Mu'ammam Mabrukeh and 'Abd al-Halim Mabrukeh who have been detained for eight months without charge or trial, unless they are to be charged with recognizably criminal offences and given a fair trial;
- expressing concern that they have not been given access to a lawyer and that their lawyer's papers were confiscated following a visit on 11 August;
- calling for the torture in Jneid Prison to be stopped and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

President Yasser Arafat  
Head of the Palestinian Authority  
Palestinian Authority  
Al-Muntada, Gaza, Palestinian Authority  
**Telegrams: President Arafat, Gaza, Palestinian Authority**  
**Faxes: +972 7 823 744 or 822 365 (ask for fax)**  
**Salutation: Dear President Arafat**

Dr Riyad Za'noun  
Minister of Health  
Ministry of Health  
Gaza, Palestinian Authority  
**Faxes: + 972 7 869 809**  
**Telegrams: Health Minister, Gaza, Palestinian Authority**

**Salutation: Dear Dr Za'noun**

Juma' Ghali (Abu Zaki)  
Commander of the Naval Police  
Nablus Office  
Nablus, West Bank, Palestinian Authority  
**Faxes: + 972 9 384 537 (Say: Fax, please)**  
**Telegrams: Abu Zaki, Bahriyya, Nablus, Palestinian Authority**  
**Salutation: Dear General Abu Zaki**

Mahmud al-Aloul  
Governor of Nablus  
Nablus, West Bank, Palestinian Authority  
**Faxes: + 972 9 389 913 (ask for fax)**  
**Telegrams: Governor al-Aloul, Nablus, Palestinian Authority**  
**Salutation: Dear Mr al-Aloul**

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P.O. Box 54627  
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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 28 September 1996.