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ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Muhannad Abu Rumi, engineering student, aged 21

Muhannad Abu Rumi remains incommunicado in the Moscobiyyah Police Detention Centre (Russian Compound) in Jerusalem, after the Supreme Court - on 10 December, Human Rights Day - refused his lawyers' petition to have access to him.

Muhannad Abu Rumi's lawyer, who refused to withdraw her petition, was told to wait two days to see if the prohibition on access would be renewed. The judge of the Supreme Court apparently implied that the lawyers should not have raised the issue of torture until they had access to the prisoner.

Amnesty International is concerned that Muhannad Abu Rumi will remain at risk of torture or ill-treatment as long as he is held incommunicado. He has now been incommunicado for three weeks, in flagrant violation of international human rights standards.

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