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Further Information on UA 278/05 (MDE 15/052/2005, 21 October 2005) - Fear of deportation

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Walid Hanatche (m)

Palestinian Walid Hanatche was released on 21 December after more than three-and-a-half years in administrative detention without charge or trial. He is no longer at risk of deportation.

Walid Hanatche was detained in May 2002. Neither he nor his lawyer was ever informed about the reason for his detention. At the end of September 2005, ahead of the expiry of his 13th consecutive administrative detention order, Walid Hanatche was informed by the Israeli military authorities that he would continue to be detained unless he agreed to leave the West Bank for at least two years. When he refused, his administrative detention order was renewed for another three months. Walid Hanatche's lawyer appealed to the Supreme Court, but before the Court had ruled, the Israeli army indicated that they would release him when the latest administrative detention order had expired.

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