

# URGENT ACTION

## CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR IS RELEASED

**On 6 January, 18-year-old Yuval Peleg was exempted from military service and released from military prison having served five separate stints in Israeli military prison for refusing to enlist in the Israeli military over its involvement in the genocide in Gaza and the unlawful occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).**

**NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.**

On 6 January 2026, 18-year-old Yuval Peleg was exempted from military service and released from Neve Tzedek military prison.

Yuval Peleg initially refused compulsory military service on 21 July 2025 at the recruitment centre in Ramat Gan. He made his objection to military service on grounds of conscience clear before Israeli army representatives, as well as in a statement through the refusal process by the conscientious objector network, Mesarvot, prior to his summon date. However, the military classified his refusal as disobedience. Amnesty International considers Yuval Peleg and other conscientious objectors to be prisoners of conscience, detained solely for exercising their right to conscientious objection.

In a statement shared with the IOPT team after his release, Yuval said “After 5 times being imprisoned and a total of 130 days spent in military prison for refusing to enlist in the IDF, I have finally been released and exempt from army service. I am incredibly happy to be out of prison. It was a difficult experience, and lasted longer than I had hoped, but I want to thank everyone at Amnesty International for the support - it was incredibly strengthening to know that even though I'm imprisoned there are people all over the world who support my actions and are pushing for my release, and without them I'm not sure how I would have gotten through it.”

Yuval also added that “as difficult as this was, I do not regret refusing the draft and would do so again. The IDF has proven itself to be a despicable, criminal organization, and there is no excuse for joining it. I, and many others, will continue to fight and oppose it as long as is necessary. I would like to remind everyone that while I have finally been freed, there are still 2 other conscientious objectors in prison currently and another that might be sent back. I hope they all get released as soon as possible, and support them throughout their incarceration. Most importantly, the criminal actions of the IDF and State of Israel have not ceased. The genocide in Gaza is ongoing despite the facetious "ceasefire" and the now almost 60 year occupation of the West Bank keeps accelerating, to add to the campaign of ethnic cleansing carried out by the Zionists since even before 1948. This is what truly must be fought against, and as long as it continues, so will the resistance to it - both from within and from without.”

**NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN:** Yuval Peleg (He/him).

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