



GHASSAN ZAWAHREH

Palestinian imprisoned without charge or trial

Ghassan Zawahreh, a Palestinian student denied the ability to finish his last year at university due to repeated arrests by the Israeli military, without charge and without trial, has been on hunger strike since August 20. He is imprisoned under Israel's practice of "administrative detention," along with hundreds of other Palestinians. He is on hunger strike with fellow detainees in the "Battle of Breaking the Chains" - demanding an end to administrative detention and freedom for the detainees.

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BATTLE OF BREAKING THE CHAINS

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- Ghassan Zawahreh is 34 years old, a Palestinian refugee who was born and lives in Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem.
- A student at Al-Quds Open University, he was prevented from finishing the last year of his social work program due to multiple arrests by the Israeli occupation army.
- Married and a father of three, Zawahreh has spent nearly 10 years in Israeli prisons over various periods of detention. He also works as a taxi driver to support his family.
- Arrested on 8 April 2014, his administrative detention without charge or trial has been ordered four times in a row.
- He began his hunger strike on 20 August 2015, demanding an end to administrative detention and freedom for all administrative detainees.

Dating from the era of the British colonial mandate over Palestine (Britain first brought administrative detention to Palestine), administrative detention is a mechanism by which the Israeli military imprisons Palestinians without charge or trial for indefinitely renewable periods of one to six months.

Administrative detention orders are routinely renewed three to four times. There are over 350 Palestinians held in administrative detention.

Administrative detainees are imprisoned based on the “secret file,” prepared by Israeli military intelligence and hidden from both detainees and their lawyers.

Israel's routine usage of administrative detention violates the Fourth Geneva Convention and international human rights law.

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