



NIDAL ABU AKER

Palestinian journalist imprisoned by Israel

Nidal Abu Aker has been on hunger strike since 20 August - held in solitary confinement, denied cold water, fresh air and medical treatment. He is imprisoned without charge or trial 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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- Nidal Abu Aker is 47 years old. A Palestinian refugee from Ras Abu Ammar, he was born and resides in Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem.
- A journalist, Nidal hosts "In Their Cells," a radio program on Palestinian prisoners. Married and the father of three children, Nidal has spent 15 years in Israeli prison, the majority of them under administrative detention without charge or trial.
- A longtime community and political activist, Nidal was imprisoned first as a young teenager in the first Intifada. His brother was killed by the Israeli occupation army.
- Arrested on 28 June 2014, his detention has been ordered four times in a row. He began hunger striking on 20 August 2015 demanding an end to administrative detention.

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 so-called "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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