



SHADI MA'ALI

Palestinian imprisoned without charge or trial

Shadi Ma'ali, a Palestinian refugee imprisoned by Israel without charge or trial, has been on hunger strike since August 20. Held in solitary confinement, denied cold water and fresh air, 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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- Shadi Ma'ali is 39 years old, a Palestinian refugee from al-Jorah village who was born and resides in Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem.
- A longtime community and political activist, Shadi was repeatedly arrested, serving 12 years in Israeli prisons. His brother is serving a life sentence.
- He is married and a father of five.
- Released in February 2014, he was re-arrested by the Israeli occupation military as part of mass arrests on 28 June 2014.
- His administrative detention without charge or trial has been ordered three times in a row.
- He began his hunger strike 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 “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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