

FREEDOM FOR GEORGES ABDALLAH!

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Who Is Georges Abdallah?

Georges Abdallah is a Lebanese Communist struggler for Palestine, and one of the longest-held political prisoners in the world. Imprisoned in French prisons for 32 years, Abdallah has dedicated his life to the freedom of the Palestinian and Lebanese people from occupation and oppression.

Sentenced to life imprisonment in France on 24 October 1987, Abdallah has been eligible for release under parole since 1999. Yet in a sharp departure from standard practice in the French judicial system, he has been refused parole and release to his home country of Lebanon, despite the request of the Lebanese government for his release.

Born in 1951, from an early age Georges Abdallah was involved in political activity in support of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and their struggle to return home to and liberate their homeland, Palestine.

From his youth, Georges Abdallah was an activist, working first with the Syrian Social Nationalist party and then with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). With the PFLP, he resisted and was injured by Israeli forces invading Lebanon in 1978. A committed Communist and internationalist, he views the Arab struggle for liberation from Zionism and imperialism as part and parcel of the international workers' struggle for liberation from capitalism.

The Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (LARF) was formed to fight off and resist U.S., Israeli and other imperialist attacks on Lebanon. Georges Abdallah was ac-

cused of participating in attacks on U.S. and Israeli military officials in France organized by the LARF.

He was originally arrested in 1984 only for possession of a forged passport. In fact, in 1985, the French government agreed to a prisoner exchange – to release Abdallah in exchange for a captured French diplomat. Instead, the diplomat was released – and Abdallah remained in prison. His own original lawyer was in fact a spy working for the French state and reporting on him to the highest levels of French intelligence - all of which was used against him in court, and the charges against him were revised to participating in the armed resistance actions against U.S. and Israeli officials.

Today, Georges Abdallah has been approved for parole several times by the French judiciary, including by its highest levels. Yet the French state has intervened at the highest levels, alongside the U.S and Israeli regimes, to deny Georges Abdallah's parole requests. Hillary Clinton, U.S. Presidential candidate, personally intervened to demand Abdallah remain imprisoned, and Manuel Valls, the same French official pushing anti-BDS laws, enforced that request.

George Abdallah has never backed away from any struggle for justice or lessened his commitment to revolutionary struggle. He has demanded the release of all political prisoners and detainee in French prisons and gone on hunger strike with Palestinian prisoners. Today, after 32 years of imprisonment, we demand freedom and the return to Lebanon of this imprisoned struggler for the people of Lebanon and Palestine.



Take Action! How You Can Help Secure Justice for Georges Ibrahim Abdallah

1. Contact French officials and let them know that you support freedom for Georges Abdallah. Call the French embassy to the US at +1 202-944-6000; to the EU at +32 22298211; to Australia at +61 2 6216 0100; to Canada at +1 613-789-1795; or to the UN at +1 212-702-4900 and tell them to Free Georges!

2. Write to Georges! Prisoners gain strength and support from letter writers outside. Write him: Mr. Georges Ibrahim ABDALLAH, 2388/A221, CP de Lannemezan, 204 rue des Saligues, BP 70166, 65307 LANNEMEZAN, France

3. Support Fellow Prisoners for Palestine! There are over 7,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Help support freedom for all Palestinian prisoners. Get involved with the boycott of Israel and complicit corporations like G4S, that violate Palestinian human rights - and profit in the process. **Find out more at: samidoun.net.**