



JAAFAR AWAD

November 8, 1992 - April 10, 2015
Palestinian Youth Killed by Israeli Medical Neglect

Jaafar Awad, 22, Palestinian former prisoner and student, died on April 10, 2014, of severe illness, approximately two months after his release from Israeli prison. Arrested in 2013, Awad, previously healthy, fell suddenly ill in Eshel prison. Awad was administered incorrect insulin shots in Eshel prison, which his father called the “needle of slow death.” Following this incident, his diabetes was uncontrollable; his neck swelled, he developed severe hyperthyroidism, heart problems, pancreas problems, and glaucoma in his eyes. He could not walk or speak. Despite this, he was denied early release, fined over \$10,000, and was finally released in January 2015 in critical condition. Two days before his death, he was arbitrarily denied admission to an Israeli hospital. Jaafar is one of dozens of seriously ill Palestinian prisoners daily threatened with death in Israeli prisons.

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