



BILAL AL-SAIFI

Palestinian imprisoned without charge or trial

Bilal al-Saifi, a Palestinian refugee imprisoned without charge or trial, has been on hunger strike since August 27. Isolated, 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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- Bilal Al-Saifi is 26 years old, a Palestinian refugee from Al-Walaje village, born and living in Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem.
- Bilal has been arrested by the Israeli occupation army four times, the first when he was only 15 years old.
- During one of his arrests, he was severely beaten in the head by Israeli soldiers and now suffers from epilepsy; he is prescribed 17 pills per day.
- He began his hunger strike on 27 August 2015, demanding an end to administrative detention and freedom for all administrative detainees.
- During his strike he has been denied his epilepsy medication, and is refusing medical examinations in protest.

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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