

# FREE KHALIL AWAWDEH!



## PALESTINIAN PRISONER ON HUNGER STRIKE FOR FREEDOM



# Who is Khalil Awawdeh?

Khalil Awawdeh is a Palestinian man, 40 years old and the father of four daughters. He is being imprisoned without charge or trial by the occupying Israeli forces, under a policy known as "administrative detention." Awawdeh, from Idna near al-Khalil, is on hunger strike for over 150 days to end his detention without charge or trial under Israeli "administrative detention."

Administrative detention orders are indefinitely renewable, and Palestinians routinely are jailed for years at a time with no charges or trials, on the basis of so-called secret evidence. This practice has been condemned by international human rights officials and organizations, yet the U.S., Canadian, British and other Western governments continue to support Israel's occupation financially, militarily and politically.

Throughout his strike, Khalil Awawdeh has been routinely denied medical examinations, access to his family and even his lawyers. Now, his life is on the line as he has lost nearly 45 kilos (100 lbs) and is unable to move or see. Khalil is one of nearly 650 Palestinians in administrative detainees, and 4700 total Palestinian prisoners in Israeli occupation jails. This is part and parcel of the colonial assault on Palestinian life and society that has been continuing for 74 years.

## What can you do?

**1. Contact political officials in your country – members of Parliament or Congress, or the Ministry/Department of Foreign Affairs or State – and demand that they cut aid and relations with Israel** on the basis of its apartheid practices, its practice of colonialism, and its numerous violations of Palestinian rights including the systematic practice of administrative detention.

**2. Boycott Israel. Hold Israel accountable for its violations of international law.** Don't buy Israeli goods, and campaign to end investments in corporations that profit from the occupation. Some of the companies and items you can boycott include "Israeli" wine and dates, computer equipment by HP -- which invests in Israel -- pharmaceuticals produced by Teva, and athletic wear by Puma, which sponsors the Israeli Football Association, which includes illegal settlement teams.