



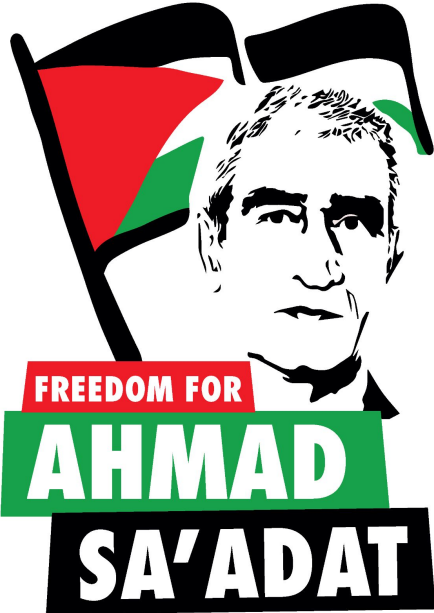
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# **THE CASE OF AHMAD SA'ADAT**

**PALESTINIAN PRISONERS: ON THE FRONT LINES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION**

## WHO IS AHMAD SA'ADAT?

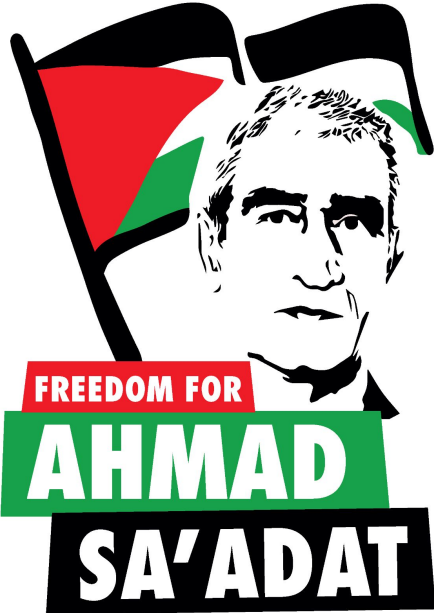
- General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
- Served in this position since 2001
- Elected following the Israeli assassination (with U.S.-made weaponry) of previous PFLP General Secretary Abu Ali Mustafa on 27 August 2001
- PFLP Response to the assassination of Abu Ali Mustafa – assassination of Rehavam Ze'evi, far-right Israeli tourism minister.



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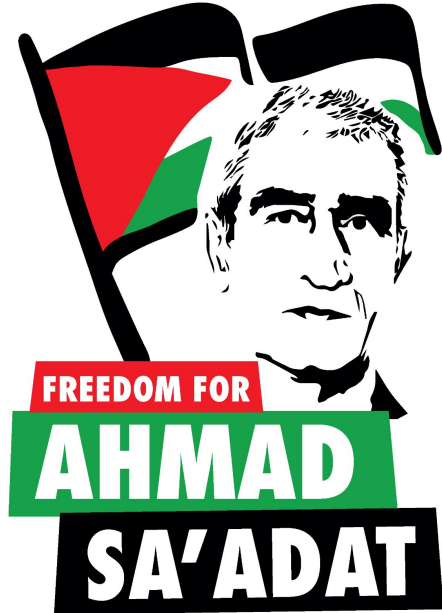
## PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY REPRESSION

- Previously imprisoned by the PA
- Long-standing opponent of Oslo and the process of negotiations
- PA policy of “security coordination” means that PA is responsible for protecting Israeli security (security of the colonizer) amid the Intifada
- PA security forces arrested Sa’adat’s comrades, then PA official Tawfiq Tirawi kidnapped Sa’adat after a meeting under false pretenses



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## JERICHO IMPRISONMENT

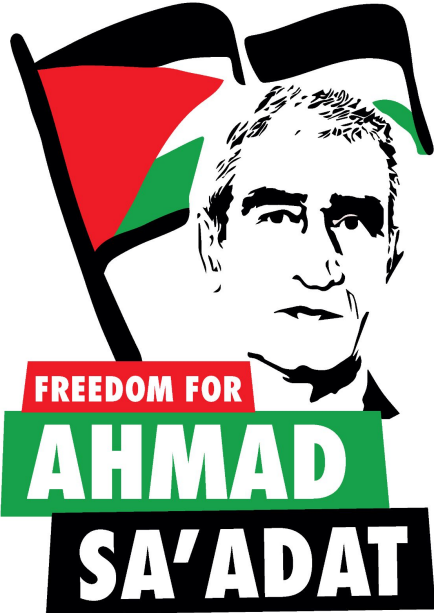


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- Deal with Israel, the US and Britain to transfer Sa'adat and his comrades from then PA-President Yasser Arafat's office to Jericho prison
- From 2002 to 2006, Sa'adat and comrades jailed in Jericho under international guards (mainly US and British, but also Canadian, Turkish and otherwise)
- Their imprisonment was a symbol of the powerlessness & collaboration of the PA
- 2006 PA elections and Hamas victory – Sa'adat and comrades were a campaign issue

## ISRAELI ATTACK ON JERICHO PRISON

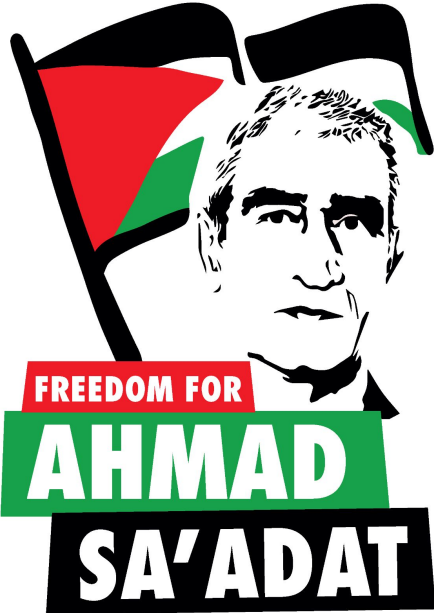
- March 2006 – only days before the newly elected PA prime minister Ismail Haniyeh was to be sworn in, US and British guards left Jericho prison
- Agreement with Israel which then attacked the prison
- They killed 2 Palestinian guards, wounded 20 guards and prisoners and kidnapped Sa'adat, his comrades and Fuad Shobaki.
- Met with outrage throughout occupied Palestine



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## ISRAELI MILITARY TRIAL OF AHMAD SA'ADAT

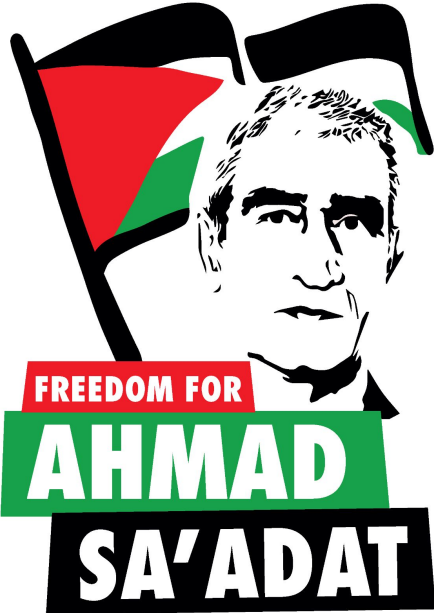
- Sa'adat boycotted the Israeli military courts. Right now, there is a collective boycott of the military courts by 500 administrative detainees.
- He was not tried for the assassination of Ze'evi, but for being a leader of the PFLP and “incitement” for his speeches
- Sentenced to 30 years on 25 December 2008, just as Israel was launching “Cast Lead” attacks on Gaza



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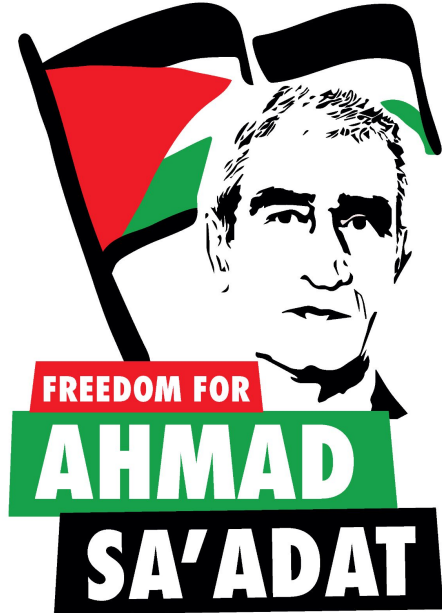
## AHMAD SA'ADAT BEHIND BARS

- Sa'adat remains a leader of the Palestinian prisoners' movement and the national liberation movement from behind bars
- He was held in solitary confinement for years. He wrote "Echoes of Chains," a book about isolation.
- Several hunger strikes were launched at a collective level to demand his release from isolation
- Finally, he and other isolated Palestinian leaders were released from isolation in 2012 following the Karameh hunger strike



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## AHMAD SA'ADAT AS A POLITICAL LEADER



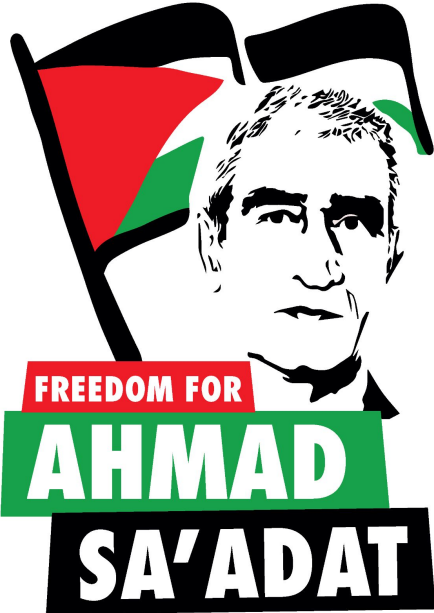
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- Sa'adat has always been committed to the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea
- He represents a revolutionary leftist politics that is rooted in the Palestinian popular classes
- Not a part of the Palestinian Authority and Oslo process – and paying a severe price for this resistance
- This means that Israel refuses to release him and has strongly resisted including him in a prisoner exchange with the Palestinian resistance



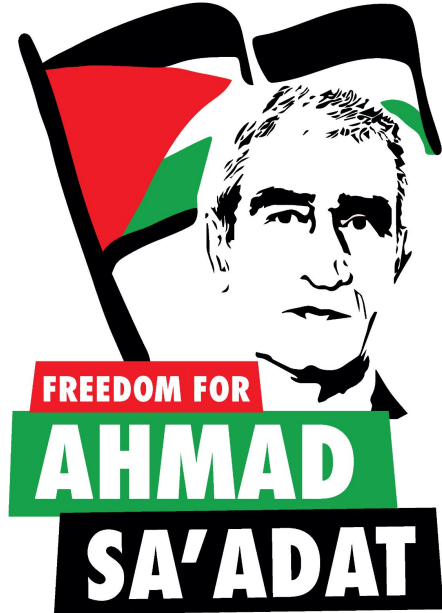
## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Palestinian resistance working to achieve a prisoner exchange.
- High profile prisoners and leaders like Sa'adat, Marwan Barghouthi and others are a major priority for release
- Palestinian prisoners conducting hunger strikes for liberation and to challenge administrative detention, imprisonment without charge or trial
- The weapon of deportation against Palestinian prisoners – see the expulsion of Salah Hamouri



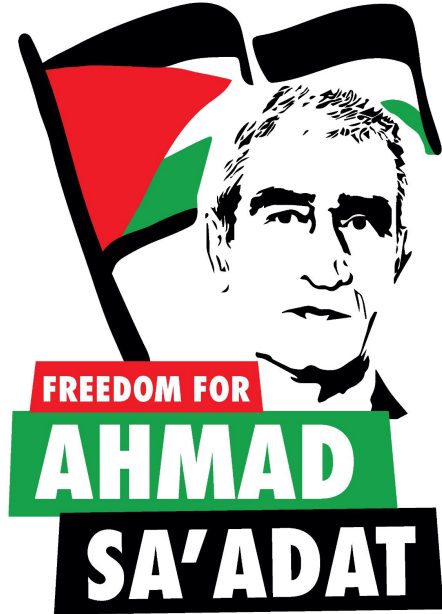
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## PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE



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- Sa'adat is consistently a leader and participant in resistance actions behind bars, including hunger strikes and collective protests
- The Palestinian resistance in Gaza has made clear that he is a priority along with other prisoners with lengthy sentences in a potential prisoner exchange
- On multiple occasions, Sa'adat has been isolated and denied family visits because of his public statements with the popular movements and the Palestinian resistance throughout Palestine
- Palestinian prisoners' movement is a true leadership of Palestinian resistance



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## WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Mobilize and build solidarity with Ahmad Sa'adat and 4,750 Palestinian prisoners behind bars
- Sa'adat is a leader in our international revolutionary & justice movements being isolated by the Israeli occupation
- Support the Palestinian resistance and the Palestinian political prisoners & fight back against false “terror” labels
- Organize to fight imperialism, Zionism and reaction – the forces behind the imprisonment of Sa'adat



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