

PRISONERS' HUNGER STRIKE – Camden Abu Dis News – 13th Oct 2011



These three young prisoners from Abu Dis joined the hunger strike on the first day and were taken out of Orfa prison by the Israeli prison authorities. They disappeared for some time from their families and even their lawyers – no one knew where they were. It is now established that they are in Bir al-Sabaa prison, which is just for people who have been put in prison for life or long periods.

The hunger strike of Palestinian prisoners has been going on for seventeen days; this is a result of the Israeli government's decision to make prisoners' lives harder and increase humiliating 'procedures' against them.

It is amazing that thousands of people can be going through a horrendous hunger strike and that it is so little noted in the outside world. Of course it is to some extent overshadowed by the dramatic news of 1:1027 prisoner exchange, but this will still leave thousands inside and for now the hunger strike goes on. And in the villages and towns of Palestine, this is a major issue at the moment.

We are proud to hear from our friends in Abu Dis that they have one of the most active solidarity tents across the West Bank. It is notable that people of all parties are working together to support the prisoners. Musicians and dabkeh dancers, politicians and ordinary people are meeting in the solidarity tent every evening.

Two days ago a group of young people went on a demonstration to Ofar Jail, where their friends and others are in prison (see our information on child prisoners) and now on hunger strike. At Ofar they were met by an aggressive attack by prison guards, and that seventy young people and a doctor from Abu Dis were wounded. Below is a picture of one of them.



This is Mohammed Saleh, a very sick prisoner from Abu Dis who has been in jail for ten years now. There has been a campaign for his release for some time as he is seriously ill with cancer.



Abu Dis youths among those hurt on a demonstration in support of the hunger strikers outside Orfa jail in Ramallah.

SOAS Palestine Society and CADFA present

Solidarity with Palestinian Political Prisoners

October 13th, Thursday from 9 am in front of SOAS steps

This will be followed by a talk at 5 PM in the JCR with Munir Nuseibah, Chair of CADFA + director Human Rights Clinic at Al Quds Uni and Rafeef Ziadah, Palestinian activist and academic.

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