

Palestine Hunger Striker Says Determined to Continue Protest



Ramallah, June 17 (RHC)-- A Palestinian prisoner who is on hunger strike for over a month in an Israeli prison has vowed to resist the torture he is facing in jail and continue his protest. "The more [the Israelis] torture me, the stronger and more determined I become," said Khader Adnan, who was on the 42nd day of his hunger strike against the Israeli practice of administrative detention, on Tuesday.

Administrative detention is a sort of imprisonment without trial or charge that allows the Israeli regime to incarcerate Palestinians for up to six months. The detention order can be renewed for indefinite periods of time.

Andan's message was conveyed by Jawad Bulous, the chief lawyer of the Palestinian Prisoners Society, who visited him at Israel's Assaf Harofeh medical center. The 37-year-old prisoner, who is a father of six, was abducted on July 8, 2014 and was sentenced to administrative detention for the 10th time in his life. Palestinian officials say he has lost a considerable amount of weight and is suffering from arrhythmia.

After visiting Adnan in the Israeli medical center, Bulous said that the prisoner's health has deteriorated and "new dangerous symptoms" have appeared on his body. "He suffers severe pains all over his body with blue spots on his shoulder and clear speaking problems," the Palestinian lawyer said.

Bulous stressed that in spite of the worsening health condition of the prisoner, Israeli officials have taken no measure to discuss his case. "Despite his complaints about detention conditions in hospital, wardens made these conditions worse by fixing a curtain at the outer door of his room and three wardens were sent to his room while his hand and his leg were tied to his bed," said Bulous.

According to reports, there are at least three other Palestinian prisoners who have also gone on hunger strike. Palestinian lawyer, Shireen al-Eesawy, who has been held in solitary confinement in Israel's Ramla prison, went on an open-ended hunger strike on Tuesday. The two others are Mohammed Rashdan, who has been deprived of family visits, and Ayman al-Sharbati, who is protesting his solitary confinement.

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