



PRESS STATEMENT

RELEASE KAMAL ABU WAAR

Kamal Abu Waar is a 46 years old Palestinian political detainee from Jenin. He was arrested on 15 January 2003 by the Israeli regime and given 5 life sentences.

He is suffering from throat cancer and has severe swelling in the left vocal cords leaving him unable to speak. He needs a laryngologist consultation urgently as his health condition is deteriorating daily. More concerning is that he has now been tested positive for COVID 19.

A spokesperson from WAFA said that the source of the coronavirus outbreak amongst the Palestine prisoners in Israeli detention, can only come from the Israeli prison staff as they are the ones that encounter the outside environment.

As we mark the birthday of President Nelson Mandela on 18 July, we are reminded that he too received a life sentence for opposing apartheid and fighting for justice and equality. The imprisonment of Nelson Mandela and thousands of freedom fighters by the South African Apartheid regime brought untold suffering to their families and thousands of others who were unjustly detained simply because they resisted oppression and struggled for human rights.



The South African BDS Coalition, Palestine Solidarity Alliance (PSA), the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) and the People against Apartheid and Fascism (PAAF) support the people of Palestine in their demand for the immediate release of Kamal Abu Waar on humanitarian grounds. Kamal Abu Waar cannot be a danger to the Israeli regime or anyone else.

The Palestine Solidarity Alliance also calls on the Government of South Africa to support the call for the immediate release of Kamal Abu Waar, other political detainees who are sick and do not have access to adequate medical assistance. The rights of all political prisoners must be ensured.

It is time to hold Israel to account for its crimes against humanity, which include arbitrary administrative detention of civilians by the Israeli military, ethnic cleansing in the form of forced removals and house demolitions, assassinations and apartheid.

Its time to Boycott all Israeli Companies, apply military and economic sanctions and break all relations with the racist state of Israel.



LETTER FROM PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We, the Palestinian prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons, appeal to the free world to help us save the life of our companion prisoner Kamal Abu Waar who has been suffering from throat cancer for the last few years. His illness is in its final stage and he, currently, is unable to eat, drink or even talk.

Prisoner Kamal Abu Waar (46 years) was arrested in 2003 and sentenced by the occupation authorities for life six times plus (50) years.

Mr Abu Waar has been receiving inhumane treatment by his jailers. His immune system is so depleted due to the chemotherapy sessions that he received. Moreover, he was recently infected by COVID- 19, which worsened his condition.

Prisoner Abu Waar is dying slowly, as he lives under the oppression of the occupier, who does not respect the humanity of prisoners.

We call on the international community to interfere and put pressure on Israel with all possible means to release prisoner Kamal to receive the much-needed treatment for his recovery.

Please help us to save his life

Palestinian prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons