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## PSA mourns the death of Nasser Abu Hmeid

Nasser Abu Hmeid, a Palestinian freedom fighter and prisoner of the Israeli occupation, died on Tuesday, 20 December 2022 after falling into a coma due to the occupation's policy of medical negligence. Abu Hmeid, who was from the Al-Amari refugee camp in the West Bank, was diagnosed with cancer in 2021 after a tumor was found in his leg. While the tumour was removed, Israeli prison authorities delayed access to necessary chemotherapy until the cancer spread across his body. Even after his terminal cancer diagnosis and the severe deterioration of his health, Israel repeatedly refused to release and return Abu Hmeid to his family. We mourn his death as a martyr of the struggle against Israel's inhumane occupation.



During the Nakba in 1948, Nasser Abu Hmeid's family was expelled from the nearby village of al-Sawafir, and he was born in the Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza on 5 October 1972. In 1987, he participated in the great popular Intifada, then in 2000 he led the Al-Aqsa Intifada. In his struggle against Israel's apartheid regime, Abu Hmeid was shot at and severely injured on multiple occasions. He was arrested for the first time at the age of 12, and has cumulatively spent 33 years inside occupation prisons. Abu Hmeid's five brothers have also all been detained by the state of Israel. One of his brothers, Abdel-Moneim, died in the struggle. The Abu Hmeid family home was demolished five times, and their mother Latifa is a renowned symbol of the prisoners' families and their *sumud*.

As the Palestine Solidarity Alliance, we place sole responsibility on the occupier, for their policy of medical negligence and the seizure of Nasser Abu Hmeid's life. Abu Hmeid is the 233rd Palestinian prisoner to die inside an Israeli cell. At least 74 of these deaths occurred as a result of systematic medical negligence. Abu Hmeid and his family have issued a call to the Palestinian people, which we fully endorse: For lovers of justice to take to the streets, confront the occupier, and stand for the liberation of Palestine and all political prisoners.

We salute the bravery and tenacity of all those who resist the murderous Israeli regime. We reiterate our call on the South African government and the international community to place firm sanctions on the Israeli state until all political prisoners are released, all Palestinian refugees are allowed to return, and Israel's illegal occupation is entirely dismantled.

***Long live the revolutionary spirit of Naser Abu Hmeid!***  
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