

## ISRAEL/OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

# ISSA AMRO AND FARID AL-ATRASH

## Peaceful protesters face military trial

Prominent Palestinian human rights defenders Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash face prison sentences for their peaceful campaigning against illegal Israeli settlements in the city of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. They were arrested after a non-violent demonstration on 26 February 2016, during which Israeli forces threw sound bombs and fired tear gas at protesters.

Farid, a lawyer, and Issa, coordinator of the Youth Against Settlements group, now face trials in an Israeli military court on politically motivated charges, including participating in an illegal demonstration and attacking soldiers. They deny all the charges.

Video footage corroborates Farid's account that he was peacefully standing in front of Israeli soldiers and holding a poster when he was pushed, dragged and then violently arrested. He also told Amnesty he was shot in

**'I am innocent. I am a lawyer. I was standing peacefully. They are putting me on trial to silence me and deter other human rights activists from continuing their work.'**

Farid al-Atrash



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the foot. Issa alleges he was beaten by the Israeli police twice while in custody. He has also been threatened and harassed by the Israeli army, police and settlers.

### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash  
c/o Amnesty International  
PO BOX 42 626  
Jerusalem, Israel

- » **Language:** Farid al-Atrash: Arabic only. Issa Amro: English or Arabic. A message in Arabic will be provided online at [amnesty.org.uk/write](http://amnesty.org.uk/write)
- » **Suggested message:** Dear Farid al-Atrash, You are not alone in your struggle. I am here and I am advocating on your behalf too. In solidarity. Dear Issa Amro, You are not alone in your struggle. I am here and I am advocating on your behalf too. In solidarity. You can also send messages via Facebook, using #FARIDANDISSA

### CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **No**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **Yes**

### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to drop all charges against Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash.

- » **Write to:**  
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu  
Office of the Prime Minister  
3 Kaplan St, PO Box 187  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem 91950, Israel
- » **Salutation:** Dear Prime Minister
- » **In your letter:** Urge him to immediately drop all the charges against Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash, and end the harassment of them and other human rights defenders in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Call for an immediate investigation into Issa Amro's allegations of police beatings, and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

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