

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 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.

'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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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.

Dear Farid al-Atrash
Dear Issa Amro

عزيزي فريد الأطرش
عزيزي عيسى عمرو

» **Suggested message:** You are not alone in the struggle. I am here and I am advocating on your behalf too. In solidarity.

أنت لست وحدك في نضالك
أنا هنا وأدافع نيابة عنك أيضاً

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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