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Israel: Release Palestinian Teen Activist

17-year-old Palestinian activist Ahed Tamimi has been sentenced to eight months imprisonment after being convicted of four of 12 charges brought against her, including incitement, aggravated assault and two counts of obstructing Israeli soldiers.

On 15 December 2017 Ahed and her family had protested Trump’s decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Ahed’s 14-year-old cousin, Mohammed, was shot in the head at close range by an Israeli soldier and required surgery, removing part of his skull to dislodge the rubber bullet.

Later that day, Ahed came to face to face with Israeli soldiers, when they entered the yard of her family’s house. A video, which has gone viral, shows her shoving, slapping and kicking two armed Israeli soldiers wearing protective gear. It was clear she posed to actual threat to them.

Ahed was swiftly arrested and detained. Her trial happened behind closed doors and she was sentenced to eight months imprisonment on 21 March 2018. This excessive sentence of a child is unjustifiable. Ahed is one of approximately 350 Palestinian children currently held in Israeli prisons and detention centres.

Amnesty International’s Deputy Director for the Middle East and Africa has said: “By sentencing Ahed to eight months in prison the Israeli authorities have confirmed yet again that they have no regard for the rights of Palestinian children, and have no intention to reverse their discriminatory policies. Under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Israel is a state party, the arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child must be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time.”

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Visit: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/urgent-release-palestinian-teen-activist-ahed-tamimi> to send an email to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calling for Ahed Tamimi’s immediate release.

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childrensnetwork@amnesty.org.uk. Thank you.