

# ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

## MOHAMMAD FAISAL ABU SAKHA

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### Circus performer detained without charge

Circus performer and trainer Mohammad Faisal Abu Sakha has been held without charge for over ten months by the Israeli military.

On 14 December 2015, he was detained by Israeli soldiers as he travelled to work at the Palestinian Circus School in the West Bank. Since then he has been held under two consecutive six-month 'administrative detention orders'. In January a military judge reviewed and upheld the order, and in March an appeal was dismissed.

Military prosecutors argued Mohammad, who is currently in Ketziot prison in southern Israel, was a security threat and claimed he carried out illegal activities with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. But they provided no information to back up their allegations, making it impossible for Mohammad's lawyers to challenge his detention.

Administrative detention orders can be renewed indefinitely, and Amnesty believes some Palestinians held under them by Israel are prisoners of conscience.

#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Mohammad Faisal Adbu Sakha  
c/o The Palestinian Circus School  
Al Manzel Street  
Birzeit, next to the Latin Church  
Palestine

- **Language:** English, Arabic or your own language
- **Suggested message:** Tell Mohammad you are thinking of him and fighting for justice for him.

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- ✓ Include my name and address?

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#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

**Call on the Military Advocate General, Brigadier General Sharon Afek, to release Mohammad Faisal Abu Sakha and all other administrative detainees or charge them with a recognisable criminal offence and try them fairly and promptly.**

**Write to:** Military Advocate General,  
Brigadier General Sharon Afek  
Hakirya  
Tel Aviv  
Israel

**Email:** [mag@idf.gov.il](mailto:mag@idf.gov.il)

**Fax:** +972 3 569 4526

**Salutation:** Dear Advocate General

**In your letter:** Urge him to ensure Mohammad and other administrative detainees are not ill-treated, and to end the practice of administrative detention.



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