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Israeli Occupation Authorities Bear Responsibility for the Safety of Prisoner Mais Abu-Ghosh

Systematic Torture and Health Negligence are Deliberate Policies Used against Prisoners

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) said that the Israeli occupation authorities bear responsibility for the safety of the Palestinian prisoner, Mais Abu-Ghosh, 22, after her health deteriorated inside prison, due to the severe torture she suffered at the beginning of her arrest last August.

In a letter to her family, Ghosh said that she suffers from severe pain in her spine, foot, hand and head, and that her prison administration ignores her complaint. It has been four months since Ghosh was transferred to the hospital to follow up her condition, and currently she is only given painkillers.

AOHR UK stated that Mais Abu-Ghosh was arrested from her house in Qalandia Refugee Camp on August, 29. She was interrogated for more than a month in an occupation army camp in Qalandiya checkpoint, where she was tortured, beaten, kicked and dragged on the ground while being handcuffed and blindfolded.

Ghosh was transferred to "Al-Maskoubiyya" detention centre in Jerusalem, where her torture during interrogation continued. She was tied to a small chair inside a very cold cell, and she was beaten, electrocuted, and deprived of sleep.

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AOHR UK stressed that medical negligence inside Israeli prisons is a deliberate policy of abuse of prisoners which resulted in the death of dozens of prisoners, while others suffer from serious diseases and their lives are at risk due to the lack of medical care.

AOHR UK called on the ICRC and the UN to take the necessary action to end the suffering of all prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons, to stop the policy of health negligence and end all forms of physical and psychological torture and ill-treatment during interrogation and detention and to enable prisoners to have the necessary legal remedies.

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