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## **EU** should pressure Israel to Release Palestinian Prisoners on hunger strike

In an Urgent letter, Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) urged the president of European Council Charles Michel to put pressure on the Israeli authorities to release those on long term hunger specially Kayed Al-Fasfous and Miqdad Al-Qawasmi.

Both Kayed Al-Fasfous and Migdad Al-Qawasmi are currently detained at intensive care units in hospitals, due to the seriousness of their health

According to reliable sources Kayed is approaching clinical death as he cannot sense his lower part due to problems with the nervous system

All the hunger strikers are protesting against their "administrative detention": the practice of detention without charge or trial, as based on files to which neither the detainee nor their lawyers have access. According to military protocol, an administrative detention order can be issued for a maximum of six months - through an order can be renewed an unlimited number of times.

Since the beginning of 2021, the occupation authorities have issued 869 administrative detention orders, including four against minors. The number increased massively from May onwards, with 200 such orders issued in May alone.

Israel currently holds approximately 4,850 Palestinian prisoners, including 225 children and 41 women, plus 550 administrative detainees.

The impunity that the Israeli occupation leaders enjoy despite their crimes, as well as the international community's silence on the daily abuse of Palestinian citizens, and of prisoners in particular, which encourages the occupation to tighten its grip on them and endanger their lives.

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