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Palestinian Political Detainee Ahmed Harish Subjected to Brutal Torture

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (<u>AOHR UK</u>) expressed deep concern over the decision made by the PA Public Prosecution Office in Jericho - on Thursday, June 30 - to deprive the political detainee <u>Ahmed Harish</u> of having any contact with the outside world for 10 days, under the pretext of maintaining "the progress of the investigations", stressing that it is an arbitrary decision and a clear violation to Harish's basic human rights.

AOHR UK pointed out that the decision was made less than 24 hours after <u>Harish</u> informed the prosecutor during a court session that he was subjected to a brutal and systematic torture at the hands of the Intelligence Service in <u>Jericho prison</u> since his arrest in early June.

AOHR UK stressed that the decision reflects an evil intention behind it.

Ahmed Harish was detained on June 05, 2022, from his car, after brutally being assaulted and beaten in front of his children and wife who became unable to talk after suffering a traumatic shock during the violent arrest, which she described as a "horror film."

AOHR UK warned of any risks Harish may subject to, especially that he confirmed during every court session that he is still subjected to ill-treatment and <u>severe torture</u>. His family affirmed that his even unable to move.

Harish appeared in the court a week after his arrest. He was unable to move his head or limbs. He suffers different bruises and injuries all over his body.



However, the judge ignored his torture allegations and extended his arrest without opening an investigation into the serious violations he is subjected to.

Harish's family said: "Ahmed cannot walk or move. He doesn't respond, and we understand that he is undergoing torture, is being tied with cables, his eyes are covered all the time, and he is beaten with wooden and metal sticks. His hands and feet were tied even during the court sessions."

AOHR UK held Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh, and intelligence Service Chief Majed Faraj fully responsible for Harish's life, calling for his immediate release, his urgent medical treatment, and holding all those involved in his torture accountable.

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