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Jordan: Urgent Investigation Must be Opened Into the Killing of Detainee Zaid Dabash in Marka Prison

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (<u>AOHR UK</u>) said that an immediate investigation must be opened into the death of Jordanian citizen Zaid Sidqi Ali Al-Dabash, 37, inside Marka prison in Amman, adding that marks of torture were visible on his body and raising suspicions of being killed under torture.

On September 04, 2022, Al-Dabash was arrested by a security patrol and taken to the Shamsani Security Center in Amman, then transferred to Marka prison in the morning.

No news of Al-Dabash were heard of until the family received a phone call on September 06, from a prison officer who informed them of his death and told him to take his body from the Forensic Medicine Center at Al-Bashir Hospital, without revealing any reasons for his death.

AOHR UK reviewed photos and a video of Al-Dabash's body, filmed by his family after receiving the body, showing signs of bruises on various parts of his body, which is likely to be as a result of beatings and torture which led to his death.

According to the family lawyer, Malik Abu Rumman, the signs of beating and torture were on Al-Dabash's hands, legs, back, stomach and ears, and that the chains with which he was handcuffed and tied on his feet broke his bones.

AOHR UK called on the <u>Jordanian authorities</u> to respond quickly to the demands of the family of Zaid Al-Dabash, to open an immediate investigation into his death, and to hold all those responsible accountable. The Organisation also stressed that ignoring these crimes, and granting impunity to criminals, is a grave violation, which reflects a systematic policy of the authorities.

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