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An appeal hearing for Addameer's field researcher and human rights defender Salah Hamouri has been set for 22 October 2017 at the Israeli High Court in Jerusalem. The appeal will challenge the grounds and process of Hamouri's initial administrative detention.

On 29 August 2017, a six-month administrative detention order was issued against Hamouri but, on 5 September 2017, the order was replaced with three months (the remainder of his former sentence from when he was released in the 2011 Wafa al-Ahrar prisoner exchange). On 14 September 2017, Hamouri's administrative detention order was reinstated after the Israeli High Court accepted the prosecutor's appeal not to reissue the three-month sentence.

Salah Hamouri, 32, is a Palestinian-French dual citizen and former Palestinian prisoner in Israeli jails. He was released in Wafa al-Ahrar exchange deal in 2011 after spending seven years in Israeli occupation prisons. In addition, he was banned from entering the West Bank by an Israeli military order until September 2016, and his wife Elsa Lefort is currently banned from entering Palestine.

Administrative detention, as a policy, is used by the occupying power to suppress Palestinian resistance through the arbitrary detention of those who use political and human rights-based means to struggle for dignity and self-determination. This detainment is but one of many where the

occupying power has attempted to stifle the legitimate pursuit of Palestinian human rights and basic dignity. For those who dare to speak up against this oppressive colonial regime, arbitrary detainment awaits.

Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association reiterates its call for Hamouri's immediate release, as his detention constitutes an attack on Palestinian human rights defenders.

Addameer considers administrative detention to be a form of arbitrary detention which amounts to psychological torture. As a result of being held indefinitely without charge or trial, the detainee may develop a psychological disorder, long-term depression, and chronic anxiety associated with the element of unpredictability.

This practice of arbitrary detention is a grave violation of international laws and human rights standards, particularly articles 78 and 72 of the Fourth Geneva Convention which state that an accused individual has the right to defend himself. This also violates article 66 of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the basic standards of fair trial.

Organizations, activists, and parliamentarians across France are mobilizing to demand Hamouri's freedom once again. [Take action](#) now and demand Israeli officials to immediately release Salah Hamouri.

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