Online Hub for Information & Action: Reverse the Ban on Six Palestinian NGOs

The Palestinian civil society organizations (CSOs) targeted by the Israeli government, alongside partners, have launched a new website as part of our #StandWithThe6 campaign. Visit PalCivilSociety.com to learn more and join us in challenging Israel’s attempts to shrink civic space and defund and criminalize human rights defenders.

The website consolidates the efforts of our six targeted Palestinian CSOs and provides resources for supporters. The website will be a central space where supporters can mobilize in solidarity with civil society.

Take action now: send an email to US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, asking them to take decisive action to force Israel to reverse the unlawful designation.

Read more about our new campaign website here. Click here for graphics that you can use to amplify our campaign on social media.

Visit the New Campaign Website

Update on Palestinian Political Prisoners

In November 2021, Israeli Occupation Forces arrested 402 Palestinians, including 66 children and 3 women. Israel continues to place Palestinians under administrative detention indefinitely without trial and based on ‘secret material’, as a coercive measure targeting Palestinian activists, civil society members, students, and former prisoners. This month alone,
the Israeli military commander issued 123 administrative detention orders. **Prisoner Hisham Abu Hawash will be entering his 120 days of hunger strikes protesting his administrative detention.**

**November Statistics**

In an alarming escalation of the Israeli Occupation's systematic targeting of Palestinian HRDs and CSOs, Israeli occupation authorities renewed a persecution campaign against 79-year-old Bashir Khairi. Khairi is a Palestinian lawyer who served as legal advisor to several Palestinian CSOs. **Noting Mr. Khairi’s age, health condition, and the dated charges laid against him, the Israeli military court ordered his release on bail in late November.**

Yet, on Dec 6, the terms of Khairi’s release were amended to increase bail to 10,000 NIS, along with a third-party guarantee of 20,000 NIS. The Israeli military prosecutor then requested to postpone Mr. Khairi’s release for 24-hours to consider an administrative detention order, to which the court acceded. **This highlights the arbitrary detention of Mr. Khairi, as when charges are insufficient to indict him, he is detained under administrative detention without charge or trial.**

On Dec 7, a 6-month administrative detention order was issued against Bashir Khairi, based on “secret evidence” that he constituted an imminent “security threat” to the region. **Mr. Khairi announced his boycott of Israeli military courts on the same day, requesting that his legal counsel not appear before these courts to represent him.**

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