

Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi
c/o Botschaft des Staates Israel
Anton-Frank-Gasse 20
1180 Wien

Place, date

Please forward to Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi:

Dear Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi,

I am writing to you to demand the immediate release of **Dr Hussam Abu Safiya**, a paediatrician and the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in the occupied Gaza Strip, who was arbitrarily detained and forcibly disappeared by Israeli forces on 27 December 2024, along with other hospital staff and patients, following a deadly raid on the hospital, which put it out of service.

Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, 51, has for months acted as one of the most prominent voices of Gaza's decimated healthcare sector, providing comprehensive and reliable information about the healthcare situation in the North Gaza governorate, particularly since Israeli forces laid a near-total siege to the area since 6 October 2024.

Testimonies collected by Amnesty International and other human rights groups reveal a dreadful reality inside Israeli prisons and detention centres, where Palestinian detainees, including health workers, face systematic torture and other ill-treatment and are denied their right to a fair trial and due process, along with access to adequate food and medical care.

By arresting him arbitrarily, refusing to disclose his whereabouts and refusing to grant him access to legal counsel, Israeli forces committed serious violations of international law, including the crime of enforced disappearance.

Therefore, I urge you to secure the release of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya and all other Palestinians, including health workers, forcibly disappeared and arbitrarily detained by Israel. Pending Dr Hussam Abu Safiya's release, I urge you to disclose his whereabouts and ensure his protection from all forms of torture and other ill-treatment, including coercion. Also pending his release, Dr Hussam Abu Safiya must be granted access to legal counsel and adequate medical care while in detention.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

First Name, Surname

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