Freedom for Khalida Jarrar! End administrative detention!

We, the undersigned organizations, come together to demand freedom for Palestinian political leader Khalida Jarrar, prominent leftist, feminist, prisoners’ rights advocate and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council. She has been imprisoned without charge and without trial since July 2017 – and now the Israeli military occupation has declared that her imprisonment will be extended for an additional four months.

On July 2, 2017, Khalida Jarrar’s home was raided by Israeli occupation soldiers in a pre-dawn raid. She was ordered shortly thereafter to administrative detention, imprisonment without charge or trial. She is one of approximately 450 Palestinians held under administrative detention, a relic of the British colonial mandate that has been used by the Israeli occupation to jail thousands of Palestinian community and political leaders, and one of approximately 6,100 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

In December 2017, her detention was renewed for another six months. Now, another military order declares that she will be imprisoned for four more months. Administrative detention orders can be issued for up to six months at a time and are indefinitely renewable. Palestinians can spend years at a time jailed under these orders, never knowing when they could be released, if ever.

As Addameer notes, “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 him/herself. This also violates Article 66 of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the basic standards of fair trial.”

On July 2, an Israeli military court is scheduled to approve the detention order. Jarrar, like all administrative detainees, has boycotted these hearings since February, as they are mere rubber-stamp sessions used as a fig leaf to “legitimize” the arbitrary imprisonment of Palestinians.

Jarrar is a Palestinian political leader, representing the Abu Ali Mustafa Bloc, allied with the leftist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, in the Palestinian Legislative Council. She is a frequent leader and participant in demonstrations and popular actions for Palestinian freedom, a long-time Palestinian political prisoners’ advocate and former executive director of Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association and now a member of its board, and chair of the Prisoners’ Committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

She has also been active in the Palestinian women’s movement since her earliest days as a university student organizing with other female students to challenge the occupation. She is a leading organizer of International Women’s Day events in
Palestine and coordinates closely with Palestinian women’s organizations. “Palestinian women are full partners in the Palestinian struggle,” she emphasizes.

Khalida Jarrar is heavily involved in the fight to hold Israeli officials accountable for war crimes in the International Criminal Court. She is a member of a Palestinian commission charged with bringing complaints and files before the international court about ongoing Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people, from attacks on Gaza to land confiscation and settlement construction to mass arrests and imprisonment.

Since 1998, she has been forbidden to travel outside occupied Palestine. When she needed medical treatment in Jordan in 2010, she struggled for months in a public campaign before finally receiving it. The Israeli occupation attempted to forcibly displace her from her home to Jericho in 2014, and in 2015, arrested and jailed her 14 months for her political activities.

The extended administrative detention of Khalida Jarrar is an attempt to remove an effective, grassroots leader from the Palestinian national movement. Especially now, when people are taking to the streets throughout occupied Palestine and thousands are marching in Gaza for the Great Return March, leaders like her are targeted for arrest and imprisonment in an attempt to defuse the Palestinian struggle.

Khalida Jarrar is being targeted as a Palestinian leader, a Palestinian voice for justice, and an active Palestinian woman. Her imprisonment is yet another attack by the Israeli colonial state against the Palestinian people struggling for freedom, and administrative detention and the mass imprisonment of Palestinians are two of the weapons used in an attempt to break the Palestinian liberation movement.

We come together today to demand the immediate release of Khalida Jarrar, an end to the policy and practice of administrative detention and freedom for Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails. We pledge to struggle for justice through protests, actions, organizing and escalating boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) actions against Israel, in Khalida’s own spirit of resistance.

Signed,

1. Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
2. Al-Awda NY, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition
3. Action Antifasciste NP2C
4. Actions4Palestine
5. Alkarama Movement of Palestinian Women
6. Al-Quds Day Committee of New York
7. American Muslims for Palestine – NY/NJ
8. American Party of Labor
9. Anticapitalistas
10. Anti-Imperialist Action Ireland
11. Anti-Zionist and Anti-Imperialist Friends of Palestine
12. ArbeiterInnenmacht (Germany)
13. Arbeiter*innenstandpunkt (Austria)
14. Association Belgo-Palestinienne
15. Association des Universitaires pour le Respect du Droit International en Palestine (AURDIP)
16. Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR), India
17. Association France-Palestine Solidarité
18. AFPS 63 (Association France Palestine Solidarité 63)
19. AFPS 59/62
20. AFPS Alès-Cévennes
21. AFPS Paris 14-6
22. Associazione Amicizia Sardegna Palestina
23. Assopace Palestina – Italy
24. ATIK – Confederation of Workers from Turkey in Europe
25. Balfour Declaration Centenary Campaign
26. BDS Berlin
27. BDS France Saint-Étienne
28. BDS Turkey
29. BDS UChile (Universidad de Chile)
30. BDS Vancouver-Coast Salish
31. BDS Zürich
32. Belgian Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (BACBI)
33. Black Alliance for Peace
34. Boycott! Supporting the Palestinian BDS Call from Within (aka Boycott from Within – Israeli citizens for BDS)
35. Bruxelles Panthères
36. Cafe Palestina of the Southern Berkshires
37. California Coalition for Women Prisoners
38. Campagne BDS France
39. Campagne unitaire pour la libération de Georges Ibahim Abdallah (Paris)
40. Campaign to Boycott Supporters of "Israel" in Lebanon
41. Campaign to Free Ahmad Sa'adat
42. Canada Palestine Association
43. Canadian BDS Coalition
44. Canadian Friends of Sabeel
45. Centre de la Communauté Démocratique Kurde de Toulouse
46. Coalition for Justice – Blacksburg
47. CODEPINK – Women for Peace
48. Colectivo Contraimpunidad
49. Collectif de Soutien à la Résistance Palestinienne 59-62
50. Collectif Judéo Arabe et Citoyen pour la Palestine
51. Collectif pour la Libération de Georges Ibrahim Abdallah
52. Colletivo Palestina Rossa
53. Comité Internacional Paz,Justicia y Dignidad a los Pueblos
54. Comité de Vigilance pour la Démocratie en Tunisie
55. Comité Poitevin Palestine
56. Committee to Stop FBI Repression – National
57. Committee to Stop FBI Repression – NY
58. Committees for a Democratic Palestine – Europe
59. Communist Party, Sweden
60. Coordinamento di Solidarietà con la Palestina – Sicilia
61. Corsica Internazionalista
62. Corvallis Palestine Solidarity
63. Coup Pour Coup 31
64. Dun Padraig Friends of Palestine
65. Eye On Palestine Arts and Film Festival
66. Familles de prisonniers pour la Justice – Belgique
67. Femmes en lutte 93
68. F.O.R. Palestine (Berlin)
69. Free Gaza Movement
70. Free Palestine Movement
71. Freedom Archives
72. Freedom Road Socialist Organization
73. Friends of Sabeel North America
74. Frihet åt Ahed Tamimi Göteborg
75. Fronte Palestina
76. General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS Aix-Marseille)
77. General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS France)
78. Gents Actieplatform Palestina
80. Greek Front of Resistance and Solidarity with Palestine “Ghassan Kanafani”
81. Green Mountain Solidarity with Palestine
82. Greenville for Gaza
83. Handala Center for Prisoners and Former Prisoners – Palestine
84. Harakat Shaab – Lebanon
85. HDP (Peoples' Democratic Party) Central Women's Assembly
86. Hilombé Solidaridad
87. Human Rights Defenders
88. ICAHD
89. Independent Jewish Voices – Canada
90. Indivisible Midlands
91. Inminds Human Rights Group
92. intal
93. International Action Center
94. International Association of Democratic Lawyers
95. International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal
96. International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) Spain
97. International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network – Canada
98. International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS)
99. International Red Help
100. International Women’s Alliance
101. Internationalt Forum – Denmark
102. Invictapalestina – Documentation Center
103. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign
104. Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Association (IRPWA)
105. Irish Socialist Republicans
106. ISM France
107. Izquierda Unida – Spain
108. Jacksonville Community Action Committee
109. Jacksonville Palestine Solidarity Network
110. Jericho Movement – National
111. Jericho Movement – New York City
112. Jersey City Peace Movement
113. Jeune Garde Lyon
114. Jeunes Révolutionnaires Genève
115. Jeunes Révolutionnaires Vaud
116. Jewish Liberation Theology Institute
117. Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)
118. Jewish Women for Justice in Israel/ Palestine
119. Jews Against Genocide (JAG)
120. Jews for Palestinian Right of Return
121. Justice For Palestinians, Calgary
122. Justice for Palestinians – San Jose
123. Karapatan Alliance for the Advancement of People’s Rights – Philippines
124. Katie Miranda Studios
125. Kia Ora Gaza (New Zealand)
126. Kickapoo Peace Circle
127. LA4Palestine
128. Labor for Palestine
129. La Voix des Prisonnier.ère.s Politiques de Turquie et Kurdistan
130. Le Collectif Rouge Internationaliste pour la libération des prisonniers révolutionnaires (Paris)
131. Le Comité d’action et de soutien aux luttes du peuple marocain (Paris)
132. League for the Fifth International
133. Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre
134. Links Ecologisch Forum/Forum Gauche Ecologie – LEF-FGE
135. Libérons-les
136. London Palestine Action
137. Manchester Palestine Action
138. Mouvement Citoyens Palestine
139. National Campaign to Free Georges Abdallah – Lebanon
140. National Coalition to Protect Student Privacy
141. National Lawyers Guild International Committee
142. National Lawyers Guild - Massachusetts Chapter
143. National Student Federation (Pa)
144. New Orleans Workers Group
145. Newry Palestinian Support Group
146. NION (Not In Our Name)
147. No One Is Illegal – Vancouver Coast Salish Territories
148. NY4Palestine
149. NYU Disorientation Guide
150. NYU Jewish Voice for Peace
151. NZ Palestine Solidarity Network
152. Palestine Democratic Forum
153. Palestine International Network – Lebanon
154. Palestine Solidarity Committee – Austin, TX
155. Palestine Solidarity Network – Edmonton
156. Palestinian Child and Youth Institute (PCYI)
157. Palestinian Cultural Club – American University of Beirut
158. Palestinian Cultural Club – Beirut
159. Palestinian Progressive Student Bloc
160. Palestinian Refugee Portal
161. Palbox
162. Palestina Toma La Calle
163. Palestinian Youth Movement – USA
164. Partido Comunista de España
165. Party for Socialism and Liberation
166. Paz con Dignidad
167. People Power Assembly Queens
168. People's Power Assembly
169. Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee
170. Plate-Forme Charleroi-Palestine
171. Popular Resistance
172. Progetto Palestina
173. Progressive Palestinian Youth Union
174. Progressive Scouts Group – Gaza
175. Progressive Student Labor Front (Palestine)
176. Project South
177. RAGE – Réseau d’Agitation Genève
178. RedMed Web Network
179. Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP
180. Republican Network for Unity
181. Revolutionary Socialist Movement (Pakistan)
182. Revolutionary Workers Party (DİP) (Turkey)
183. REVOLUTION (youth movement)
184. Right of Return Coalition – Baddawi Camp, Lebanon (composed of 22 organizations)
185. Saoradh
186. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign
187. Secours Rouge Belgique / Red Help Belgium
188. Sheffield Hallam Palestine Society
189. Sheffield Labour Friends of Palestine
190. Sheffield Labour Students
191. Sodepaz Euskadi
192. Solidarity with Palestine St. John’s
193. Students Against Israeli Apartheid at York University
194. Students for Justice in Palestine – CCNY
195. Students for Justice in Palestine – College of Staten Island
196. Students for Justice in Palestine – Houston
197. Students for Justice in Palestine – NYU
198. Students for Justice in Palestine – Temple University
199. Students for Justice in Palestine at University of South Carolina
200. Syria Solidarity Movement
201. Taqadomy Media Team
202. TJA (Tevgera Jinên Azad) – Free Women Movement
203. The Bronx Green Party
204. The Palestine Project
205. The Red Nation
206. Toronto BDS Action
207. UNADIKUM Association
208. United National Antiwar Campaign (UNAC)
209. Union of Palestinian Communities and Institutions – Europe
210. Unión de Juventudes Comunistas de España
211. Unione Democratica Arabe Palestina (UDAP)
212. Union juive française pour la paix (UJFP)
213. United for Palestine Toronto/GTA
214. University of Leeds – Palestine Solidarity Group
215. University of Sheffield Palestine Society
216. UGEP (Unión General de Estudiantes Palestinos Chile)
217. US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI)
218. US Palestinian Community Network (USPCN)
219. Vermonters for Justice in Palestine
220. Victoria Coalition against Israeli Apartheid
221. Vrede vzw
222. WESPAC Foundation
223. Within Our Lifetime • United for Palestine
224. Women Against Military Madness
225. Women In Solidarity With Palestine
226. Women for Women’s Humans Rights – New Ways
227. Women’s Solidarity Foundation (KADAV)-Turkey
228. Workers World Party
229. Young Democratic Socialists – University of South Carolina