



Background

Hafez Omar was arrested at home in Ramallah on 13 March, and taken by force to an Israeli prison by the military. He has been held incommunicado in administrative detention, without access to a lawyer for over twenty days, and without being informed of any charges. The Israeli military court has rejected all legal appeals made against Hafez's detention, and continues to issue successive extension orders without indictment.

Hafez faces inhuman conditions that breach his basic human rights, all protected under the Geneva Conventions. He lacks access to clean water, and suffered an early lack of access to medicine. He continues to endure lengthy interrogations about his art and his discussions of the collective and individual rights of the Palestinian people, and Palestinian prisoners in particular, on social media. His engagement and advocacy are protected under the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949. Equally, the terrible conditions he now suffers in prison are in direct breach of the Third Geneva Convention on Prisoners of 1949. The flagrant abuse by Israel of these core international treaties is part of the systematic repression of Palestinian organisers working under military occupation, intensive colonialism and accelerating apartheid.

Hafez's Work

Hafez's posters are located in the Palestinian liberation tradition that relies on popular mobilization. By highlighting the injustices Palestinian people face, and encouraging resistance to these injustices, his work strengthens solidarity across the world. Since 2011, movements across the Arab World, Europe, and the Americas have relied on Hafez's remarkable graphics, which inspire and support all those organizing against injustice, and for equality and freedom, with Palestine always at its heart.

Take Action

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