



FREE PALESTINIAN MP HUSSAM KHADER!



"We have succeeded in convincing much of the world that the **Right of Return** is at the heart of the Palestinian issue and that without granting the refugees that right there can be no enduring peace in the region. ... We can't allow ethnic cleansing to triumph. We will assert this position day and night. We will not allow ourselves to rest because the **Right of Return** is a matter of life or death for the refugees and the Palestinian national cause as a whole. The refugees' cause is the Palestinian cause."

— Hussam Khader
Palestinian Member of Parliament (MP)

On 17 March, 2003 Hussam Khader, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council from the city of Nablus, was arrested by the Israeli occupation forces. Since his arrest, he has been subjected to brutal psychological and physical torture, including one year in solitary confinement.

Khader is the founder of the "Association for the Defence of the Rights of Palestinian Refugees." He earned widespread acclaim among the Palestinian people for his refusal to accept anything less than the unconditional Right of Return of all Palestinian refugees to their original villages and homes.

Human rights organisations the world over have decried Khader's conditions of detention, the illegal interrogation methods used, and the inadequate access to his lawyers. Members of the Israeli Knesset have accused the Israeli authorities of fabricating the evidence against Khader.

Khader is the second member of the Palestinian Legislative Council to be arrested, after Marwan Barghout.

On 9 March, 2005 a Parliamentary Conference was held in Algiers at the initiative of the Algerian Workers Party and *Dialogue: A Political Review of Discussion*

Between Arab and Jewish Activists of Palestine.

Representatives from all the Palestinian political and human rights organisations participated, as did most of the Arab diplomatic representations in Algeria.

At this conference, Salah Salah, member of the Palestinian National Council and Chair of the PNC Commission on the Right of Return, raised the plight of Hussam Khader. In his presentation, Alexandre Anor, Deputy of the Socialist Party of Geneva (Switzerland) proposed an international defence campaign targeting mainly (though not exclusively) elected officials the world over — a proposal that was supported enthusiastically by all the participants.

Ten days later, many of the labour activists from more than 50 countries gathered in Madrid at the World Conference of the ILC endorsed this campaign.

Dialogue magazine, which has promoted widely the campaign for the unconditional right of return of all Palestinian refugees to their villages and homes, calls on all labour and human rights activists around the world to endorse this Appeal and to lobby your elected officials in national parliaments to join the broadbased international campaign to free Hussam Khader.

Please add my name to the list of endorsers of the Appeal to free Hussam Khader.

NAME _____ UNION/ORG & TITLE (list if for id. only) _____

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This Appeal is being circulated internationally by *Dialogue: A Review Published by Arab and Jewish Activists in Palestine* -- which hosted an International Conference for the Right of Return in Paris on December 4, 2004. Send your endorsements to *Dialogue*, 87 rue du Faubourg St. Denis, 75010 - Paris, France.
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Initial List of Endorsers of the Appeal for the Immediate Release of Hussam Khader Supported by Dialogue: Political Review of Discussion Between Arab and Jewish Activists in Palestine

“We, the undersigned demand the immediate release of Hussam Khader, member of the Palestine Legislative Council and deputy of the city of Nablus.”

Appeal launched by:

Louisa Hanoune, Deputy of the Algerian National Popular Assembly

Alexandre Anor, Deputy of the Socialist Party of Geneva (Switzerland)

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(titles listed for id. only)

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