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### **Condemnation on the brutal attack on our YWCA staff Mr. Majdi Hussein**

The YWCA of Palestine condemns in the strongest possible terms the brutal barbaric and racist attack on its staff member, Mr. Majdi Hussein, the IT Coordinator at the National Council Office, by Israeli settlers and extremists in West Jerusalem in the early hours of Sunday morning.

According to medical reports, Majdi sustained several injuries and bruises all over his body and a slight malformation of his face due to this attack. He had to be hospitalized and is still recovering from this horrible incident.

We hold the Israeli authorities responsible for this brutal attack, as the police officers at the scene did not interfere to help Majdi or stop the attackers.

We call upon our partner YWCA and YMCA movements, Christian organizations and all peace loving people around the world to condemn this brutal and racist attack by the Israeli extremists, settlers and authorities and the continued state-protected human rights violations against the Palestinians in the Holy Land.

**Jerusalem, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

**Ms. Mira Rizek**

**National General Secretary**

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**National President**

***The Israeli police and an ambulance worker deal roughly with the injured! ★***

*Tens of Israelis attack two Jerusalemite Palestinian men in Hillel Street*

**Jerusalem – Al-Quds reporter – Mr. Majdi Ibrahim Al Hussein (28 years old) YWCA Jerusalem IT Coordinator and his cousin, Mr. Khaled Jamal Al Hussein, were attacked by a number of Israelis in Hillel Street, Jerusalem, in the early hours of Sunday morning.**

The attack took place when one of the attackers asked Majdi what time it was, and he answered that he did not have a watch. When Majdi turned around, tens of Israelis attacked him and Khaled as they were shouting “Aravim, Aravim”, meaning Arabs, Arabs! which led to more Israelis arriving to the scene and joining the attack. When Majdi and Khaled tried to seek help from the Police, none of the Policemen in the vicinity came to their assistance even though the attackers used gas and batons.

Eventually Khaled managed to break free from the attackers. He approached a number of Police officers who were stationed in the area and he informed them of the attack and of his cousin still being attacked, but none of the Police officers moved to their assistance. After that, Majdi managed to escape the attackers and as a result of the strong beatings he passed out in front of the police.

One of the Police officers pulled Majdi to remove him from the street and to avoid any gathering around the scene. He remained unconscious on the floor for 15 minutes before an ambulance team arrived to the scene. The ambulance paramedic handled Majdi in a very rough manner, and when Khaled asked why he was treating his cousin that way, the paramedic answered; do not interfere with my job! And pulled Majdi into the ambulance. Khaled climbed into the ambulance after him, while instead of receiving medical help, the paramedic started interrogating Khaled. Then he brought a Police officer and requested that Khaled be removed from the ambulance and when Khaled asked; based on which law are you doing this, the Police officer answer; Based on OUR laws!

Majdi also stated that he was assaulted when he was in the ambulance, while on the way to She’ar Tsedek Hospital. Upon arrival to the hospital, the Police arrived to interrogate him and informed his family not to send anyone and not to invite any journalists.

Majdi’s face has been slightly malformed as a result of the constant beatings. He spent the night at the hospital and left the following morning.

**★ *Translation from Alquds Newspaper 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 page 2 (Arabic Original below)***

## الشرطة الاسرائيلية ورجل الاسعاف تعاملوا مع الجريحين بعنف!

# عشرات الاسرائيليين يهاجمون شاين مقدسين في شارع هليل

الا ان افراد الشرطة قام بجرحه بعنف الى الرصيف لمنع التجمهر حوله ويعد بقائه على الارض اكثر من ربع ساعة جاءت سيارة اسعاف وتعامل رجل الاسعاف معه بعنف شديد وعندما سألته خالد لماذا تتصرف بقسوة معه اجابه ، لا تتدخل في عملي ، ثم القى بمجدي الى سيارة الاسعاف وعندما صعد خالد الى سيارة الاسعاف بدأ موظف الاسعاف بالتحقيق معه بدل معالجة المعتدي عليهما ، ثم احضر رجل الاسعاف شرطيا ارغم خالد على النزول من سيارة الاسعاف وعندما سألته خالد بموجب اي قانون تضع ذلك .

### اجابه وفق قانوننا...!

وفاد مجدي بانه تم الاعتداء عليه في سيارة الاسعاف اثناء توجهها الى مستشفى شعاري تصيدق ، وعندما وصل الى هناك حضرت الشرطة للتحقيق معه وابلغت اسرته بعدم احضار اي شخص او صحفي.

وقال مجدي انه تعرض للتشويه في وجهه نتيجة الضرب للبرح وقضى ليلته في المستشفى وغادره صباحا .

القدس - مراسل القدس - تعرض مجدي ابراهيم الحسيني ( ٢٨ عاما ) وخالد جمال الحسيني ( ٣٨ عاما ) لاعتداء اسرائيليين في شارع هليل بعد منتصف الليلة قبل الماضية . وقد وقع الاعتداء عندما سأل احد المعتدين الشاب مجدي عن الوقت فاجابه بانه لا يحمل ساعة وعندما ادار مجدي ظهره هجم عليه وعلى خالد عشرات الاسرائيليين الذين كانوا بصرخون (عربييم - عربييم ) عرب - عرب ، فهرع الاسرائيليون في المكان وشاركوا في عملية الاعتداء عليهما وعندما حاولوا الاستغاثة بالشرطة لم تهرع لنجدها رغم ان المعتدين استخدموا الغاز والعصي .

وقد تمكن خالد من الافلات من المعتدين واللجوء الى عدد من رجال الشرطة المتواجدين في الشارع وابلغهم بالاعتداء الذي يجري علي ابن عمه مجدي ولكنهم لم يحركوا ساكنا .

ثم تمكن مجدي من الافلات من المعتدين وارتمى امام رجال الشرطة فاقتدا الوعي من شدة الضرب.