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AFFIDAVIT

I the undersigned, **T.F.**, after being warned that I must tell the truth, and that I am subject to punishment set by law if I do not do so, hereby declare in writing as follows:

1. I was arrested on 8 April 2002 and released from detention on 11 April. I was at my home in Ramallah [when I was arrested]. The army came to my house around 10:00 A.M. Soldiers broke a lot of things in the house, even my school books for my university studies.
2. The soldiers took me and the others who were in the building into the street. They had us stand under the sun for 1-1.5 hours. It was very hot. All the occupants were taken into the street. They let my mother go back in to get people who might still have been in the house. Otherwise, if the soldiers went in and found somebody, they would shoot them. My mother went in. Nobody was in the house. After standing outside for the 1-1.5 hours, the soldiers called to me. A soldier grabbed me by the chest and told me that he wants the weapons that are in the house.
3. I told him that I do not have any weapons and that he can search my house. He searched the house and found nothing. Soldiers took two others and me in a tank. They blindfolded us and covered our mouths as well. It choked us. We could not see anything. They handcuffed us really tight, which stopped the flow of blood to our hands. After a while, I lost all sensation in my hand and fingers. While we were moving, the soldiers stopped and arrested another individual.
4. Six hours later, we arrived at Ofer Camp. It was very hot outside. They took us out of the tank. Then they took us into the camp, one after the other. At the entrance, a soldier conducted a body search, changed the blindfold with another, this one white. They also took our personal effects. They had taken my ID card when they arrested me. At the entrance to the camp, they gave it back to me. It was around 4:00 P.M.
5. After an hour passed, they took me to be interrogated. After that, they sat me down on a chair along with the others, who also had been interrogated. By now it was around 6:00 P.M.
6. Our hands were bound. I sat there on the chair until 10:00 P.M. Then the soldiers took the other detainees and brought others in their place, who stayed there with me until 2:00 A.M. It was very cold at night. The chairs we were sitting in were outside. Then

they put us on a bus and took us to where our personal effects were. They sat us on the ground in the cold and called our names. They wrote down my name and gave me a receipt for my things.

7. Then they took the cuffs off and removed the blindfold and took us into the tents. It was around 3:30 A.M. The tent was an ordinary old tent. Cold easily penetrated into the tent. It was very cold there. There were openings in the top, so we were affected by the bad weather. The nights were very cold and the days very hot. There weren't any mattresses or beds. We slept on wooden flats. There were around 24 of them. I did not manage to fall asleep on them. My back still hurts from it. The soldiers did not give us enough blankets. For example, they gave us five blankets for eight people.
8. I put my shoes under my head [as a pillow], and tried to get some sleep, but I did not succeed.
9. The tent was around 20-25 sq. meters. We were 56 men inside. There were 12 wooden flats along the side and 12 on the other side. We slept along the width rather than the length of the flats.
10. Nobody managed to sleep. The cold was horrendous. At ten o'clock the next morning, they brought us food *for the first time*. They gave us a container of sour cream and three small pieces of bread and a tomato and a cucumber, all of this *for every six people*. We stayed in the tent until around 3:00 P.M., when they brought us lunch. Lunch comprised one piece of *frozen* schnitzel for each detainee and bread and tomatoes and cucumbers like we had for breakfast. We stayed in the tent until supper at about 8:00 P.M., which was a container of cream and matzo and a tomato and a cucumber, all of which had to be shared *by six people*. The soldiers did not give us any coffee or tea. We received water. They gave five cigarettes to each of us.
11. The food was inadequate. We were hungry all the time. Sometimes, out of despair, we would not eat. Some detainees who had arrived before us received *nothing* to eat because of the lack of food. Some groups received one container of sour cream for 11 people. We were hungry all the time.
12. As for eating utensils: We received none. We ate on the dirt ground, and it sometimes got into our food.
13. We spent most of our time in the tent, packed together, hot, and sleeping on the wooden flats. Some tried to move about, but it was hard because of the intolerable overcrowding.

14. As for sleeping, it was very crowded. We had no room to move. If I wanted to turn over, I couldn't do it.
15. All the days were the same, the meals were the same (though sometimes they were late in bringing the food).
16. We were given a toothbrush and soap. They let us shower, but did not give us shampoo. I showered twice during my time in the camp (3.5 days). We spent all our time in the tent.
17. As for medical care, some of us were sick and needed care. The soldiers did not respond to our calls for assistance. For example, one of us hurt his knee, but the army did nothing for him. A Palestinian doctor who was detained with us gave him a pill (like aspirin).
18. As for prayers, we prayed on the ground, on the dirt.
19. Regarding physical violence, I personally was not beaten. I saw some detainees who had marks on their bodies from the beatings they received by soldiers. I saw the marks.
20. As for humiliation, they occurred non-stop. There were two soldiers in the guard tower who were very provocative all the time, making gross and caustic comments at us.
21. There were bathrooms. They were indescribable – incredibly filthy with an enormous stench.
22. Nobody questioned me, except when I came into the camp. I do not know why they kept me for 3.5 days. This was how the days passed.
23. At 10:00 A.M. on 11 April 2002, soldiers bound our hands very tightly. My fingers hurt from it. They did not blindfold us. They sat us on chairs and told us to keep our heads down. We stayed that way until 2:00 P.M. Our heads hurt a lot. It was extremely hot, and the sun burned us.
24. At 2:00 P.M., they took us from the camp, put us on a bus and dropped us off at the Qalandiya checkpoint and left.
25. I am still in Qalandiya because I cannot go to Ramallah, even though I was arrested there. I can't enter the city.
26. My back still hurts. I am unable to sleep.

I declare that this is my name, my signature, and the contents of this affidavit, which was translated into Arabic for me, is the truth.

[signed]

T. F.

I hereby confirm that on 13 April 2002, Mr. **T. F., who identified himself by identity card**, appeared before me, Attorney Tarek N. Ibrahim (Lic. No.), in Qalandiya, and after I warned him that he must state the truth, and that he is subject to punishment set by law if he does not do so, confirmed the accuracy of this said declaration and signed it.

[signed]

Tarek N. Ibrahim, Attorney

Note: The paragraph numbers were given for the sake of convenience.