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AFFIDAVIT

I the undersigned, **H.M.**, 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 am a resident of Yasid, Nablus District. I am 30 years old and work for the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture.
2. I was arrested on 31 March 2002, in the Makhmas building, in Ramallah. It was in the afternoon. I was with three people, among them the building's guard. I was hiding in the building because I couldn't get back to my house in Nablus.
3. When soldiers knocked on the front door of the building, the guard opened the gate. The soldiers came in and asked us for our identity cards and told us to raise our hands. They kept their M16 rifles aimed at us. They searched us and then bound our hands behind our backs very tightly with plastic cuffs. They left us at the doorway of the building sitting on the ground for about an hour. It became very cold.
4. Then they took us by army jeep to a high school and sat us down in the schoolyard. It was cold and rainy. We stayed in that position for about 30 minutes. They took us in a large army personnel vehicle to Ofer Camp.
5. We were 40 people in the vehicle, which was large enough for 20. They told us to keep our heads facing downward, and we were blindfolded. They also made humiliating comments at us.
6. When we got to Ofer Camp, they sat us down outside on the ground in the cold and rain until 11:00 P.M., our hands still bound behind us and our eyes covered. Then they took me into interrogation. They took off my blindfold, but not the cuffs. The questioning lasted about 30 minutes, during which I sat on a chair.
7. They put my blindfold back on and took me into the yard and sat me down on the ground with another 50 or so detainees. I sat there for about an hour, blindfolded and hands bound. The soldiers then took us to another yard, where I could remove my blindfold.
8. It was now around one o'clock in the morning. We sat without blankets, without anything. There were about one hundred of us. If one of us removed his cuffs, a

soldier would call out to him, beat him, and put the cuffs back on. We stayed there until morning.

9. At 8:00 A.M., the soldiers took 20-30 of us along a dirt road and then back, and sometimes had us sit in the mud and lay down on our backs or stomachs and then get up and walk. They had us do this in the cold and rain for two hours.
10. Then they took us to an asbestos structure with about 300 people. They gave me two blankets, but no mattress or towel, soap, or underpants. The next day, they gave me a wooden flat without a mattress. It was terribly crowded. Three detainees slept on one flat, and some of us slept on the floor. It was very cold because the sides of the structure were open.
11. They detained me for a week. During this time, I did not shower or change underpants, did not receive a towel or soap, and hardly washed my face.
12. They gave us very little food. Every six or seven detainees had to share a container of white cheese, tomato and apple, and each of us was given two matzos. We were only given water to drink. They did not give us any newspaper to read and there was no TV or radio, so we were completely detached [from the outside world]. When we complained about the conditions, the soldiers got the tear gas and clubs ready to attack us.
13. They had a lineup three times a day, during which they had us sit on the ground with our heads bent over. They did not return my identity card to me.
14. On the way from Ofer to Qalandiya, where they released us, our hands were bound.

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

[signed]

Signature of the declarant

I hereby confirm that on 13 April 2002, Mr. **H.M.**, who identified himself by identity card, appeared before me, Attorney Sahar Francis, 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]

Sahar Francis, Attorney

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