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## A F F I D A V I T

I, the undersigned, G. A., after being warned that I must tell the truth and that I am subject to statutory punishment if I fail to do so, hereby declare in writing as follows:

1. I was arrested on 26 August 2002 in the Jenin refugee camp. I was forced to remove all my clothes except my underpants. IDF soldiers and GSS agents arrested me. They tied my hands and legs, and there was also a chain linking the hand cuffs and the leg shackles. I was taken to "Sallem" and was kept there without clothes the whole night. My head was covered with a cloth sack. The next day, I was taken to Jalameh, where I was given tattered clothes and was interrogated for 30 days. When they transferred me from there, they covered my face with a hood and put dark glasses on me. They put me on the floor of a vehicle and covered me with a blanket, with my hands and feet bound and a chain linking them, as before.
2. I do not know where they took me. Nobody told me where I was. I asked my interrogators what the name of the place was. Some of them said "the moon" and some told me it was an army interrogation facility, but they never told me its name.
3. There were no policemen, only GSS people.
4. For three weeks, they kept me in a cell by myself. I was alone for 3 1/2 months, a month and a half of which I was in this facility "on the moon."
5. The cell did not have a toilet, only a plastic can to use for that purpose. They never emptied it, so there was a stench in the cell. The soldiers who came into the cell to give me treatment couldn't stand it.
6. I had health problems for the first three weeks. They did not let me shower; there was no running water or faucet in the cell. They brought drinking water in a plastic pitcher.
7. The cell was in terrible shape. The walls were painted black, and there was a sound coming from a fan, which gave me a headache. The cell had no windows.
8. The clothes they gave me on arrival were dark, a blackish color. There was very little light in the cell, so it was impossible to see anything. If I had a book, I would not have been able to read it. Of course, though, I had no books.
9. After about three weeks passed, and after I caused a commotion so that they would transfer me to [a cell with] normal toilet facilities, they moved me to another cell. This cell had an elevated section made of concrete, which was intended for sleeping. A thin mattress and blanket were on top. I asked for more blankets, and they gave me more.
10. The second cell had running water that was controlled from outside. Only when midnight came did they ask me if I wanted to shower. Of course, I was sleeping at that time of night. If I asked to shower, they would open the water for five minutes and let me shower.

11. The second cell was my home for a week. Then they brought my son, I. A., who had been arrested “in the field” and been placed in a horrible cell, the first cell, the one with the stench. I heard from the soldiers that they let me hear my son’s voice to make me think he was in that cell. My eyes were covered and I couldn’t see whether or not my son was there.
12. When I told my son not to worry, the soldiers hit me and then took me to the interrogation room. They held my right hand (my left arm was amputated), bent it behind my back, and threatened that my son would stay in that cell.
13. An interrogator entered the room after I was waiting for about an hour. He unbound my hands and threatened that he would keep my son in the cell with the stench until I confessed. I replied that I had nothing to confess. He also threatened that two people who admitted that they know me and have ties with me would be held in the same detention facility.
14. Then they took me to the cell with the water, where they kept me for about eight days. It should be mentioned that the cell had a hole in the floor for a toilet, but that did not make things better because there was no running water. Being an amputee made it hard for me to use these kinds of toilets.
15. When they wanted to bring me food, I had to cover my eyes, face the wall, and put my hands on the wall. If my movements did not please the guard, he hit me with his club.
16. The guards were uniformed soldiers.
17. They took me to a doctor twice a week. I told the doctor about my health and the poor hygienic situation, but he did nothing. He told me that he didn’t have any authority in that area.
18. During my stay in the secret army facility, I did not receive any visits from the Red Cross. When I was taken to Jalameh to extend my detention, I met a representative of the Red Cross and told her that I was being kept in a secret detention facility. She told me that they [Red Cross personnel] had asked to visit the facility, but had not yet received approval.
19. Because of my disability, I asked the Red Cross representative to arrange for me to have another detainee in my cell so that he could help me. Apparently, this request was denied, because, as I mentioned above, I was kept in solitary confinement throughout the entire period.
20. “Colonel Rani” is the person in charge of the detention facility. He dressed in civilian clothes. He was also one of the people who interrogated me.
21. Throughout my entire stay in the secret facility, I went out in the yard for a walk only once. That was after I asked the interrogator for permission to do it. They removed my blindfold when I got to the yard. The facility looked like an old prison built in the style of English prisons, like the English buildings in Jenin.
22. I had no idea where I was the whole time I was in detention. It should be mentioned that I did not hear the voice of anybody whom I knew. I heard the sound of lots of doors slamming shut when they moved me from the interrogation rooms back to my isolated cell. I felt as if nobody knew where I was or what had befallen me. I was there just before the war in Iraq, and there were rumors and fears that missiles would

fall in this area. All this increased my fear. I was afraid for my life. What really concerned me, though, was the threat to my son.

23. After they stopped interrogating me, about eight days before I was taken to Jalameh, nobody told me when I would be released or transferred, or where I would be taken. During the last eight days, I had no idea what was going to happen to me.
24. The food in the secret facility was terrible. I had to eat to stay alive. Every time I called for a soldier, the guard shouted at me.
25. The soldiers had a habit or a routine of waking me at night by banging on the door and waking me up. When I awoke, they ordered me to go back to sleep.
26. Once, I refused to get up. Three soldiers came into the cell and beat me with their clubs. I complained to the interrogator. He called for the soldiers, and they explained to him that they wanted to ask me if I wished to take a shower.
27. A medic came into the cell a couple of times to bring me medication. When I developed a skin ailment on my legs because of the poor sanitation, the medic brought me a cream to use. He saw and knew the conditions in which I was being held.

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G. A

#### Confirmation

I hereby confirm that on 8 July 2003, Mr. G.A. appeared before me, attorney Manal Hazzan, in Nafha Prison and identified himself by identity card number \_\_\_\_\_ (with whom I am personally acquainted) and after I warned him that he must tell the truth and that he is subject to statutory punishment if he does not do so, confirmed the accuracy of the above affidavit.

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Attorney