

ISRAEL / OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

**Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro
face baseless charges for peaceful protest**

Human rights defenders Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro peacefully oppose the existence of Israeli settlements wherever they discriminate against Palestinians. The government has levelled ridiculous charges against them in order to stop their protests.



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The settlements are considered a war crime stemming from Israel's 50-year occupation of Palestinian land. Israel has made many parts of the occupied territories impossible for Palestinians to move about in freely.

Dedicated to non-violence, Farid and Issa brave constant threats and attacks by Israeli soldiers and settlers.

- Farid, a lawyer who exposes abuses by the Palestinian and Israeli authorities, faces harassment.
- Issa encourages Palestinian youth to find non-violent ways to oppose Israel's occupation and discriminatory laws in Hebron. For this, Israeli forces have arrested him more than once. They have beaten, blindfolded, and interrogated him. "The Israeli occupation forces target us to silence us," he says. He was detained briefly in September 2017.

In February 2016, Farid and Issa joined a peaceful protest in the city of Hebron to mark 22 years since Israel first closed one of its streets to Palestinians. The men now face 23 charges like shouting "no retreat" and waving Palestinian flags. The charges are clearly designed to obstruct their human rights work. They are on trial in an Israeli military court where 95% of cases of Palestinians end in conviction. If they are found guilty and sent to prison, Amnesty International would consider them to be prisoners of conscience.

**Farid and Issa defend their right to freedom of expression.
We defend their rights.**

Tell Israel to drop all charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro immediately.

*Everyone is entitled to a
fair and public
hearing...in the
determination... of any
criminal charges against
him.*

*Article 10,
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights*

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Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the prime minister.

- ◆ Start with Dear Prime Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the constant threats and attacks Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro endure by Israeli soldiers and settlers.
- ◆ Ask him to drop all charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro immediately.

Send your message to

Benjamin Netanyahu
Office of the Prime Minister
3 Kaplan Street, PO Box 187
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Jerusalem 91950, Israel

Postage: \$2.50
Fax: 011 972 2 560 5000
Email: pm_eng@pmo.gov.il
Twitter: @IsraeliPM

Please send a copy to

His Excellency Nimrod Barkan
Ambassador for Israel
50 O'Connor Street, Suite 1005
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L2

Postage: \$.85
Fax: (613) 750-7555
E-mail: info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il

Human rights defenders like Farid and Issa are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights. www.amnesty.ca/wedefend #WeDefend

In solidarity with Palestinian human rights defenders Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro



Support Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro!

Farid and Issa would welcome a message from you so they can feel your support from afar. Use a non-religious greeting. You may mention Amnesty International and include your return address, if you wish.

Issa reads both English and Arabic. Farid prefers to receive messages in Arabic; otherwise use English.

Farid and Issa
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Sample Tweets

.@IsraeliPM Please drop charges against Farid al-Atrash, Issa Amro now. Respect freedom of opinion and expression. #W4R17 #Write4Rights

I'm writing to @IsraeliPM to ask him to drop the charges against human rights defenders #FaridAndIssa. #W4R17 #Write4Rights

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