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ISRAEL SENTENCED AHED TAMIMI'S BROTHER TO MORE THAN ONE YEAR



Waed Tamimi, 22, brother of the recently released Ahed Tamimi

An Israeli military court has sentenced Waed Tamimi, the brother of the recently released Palestinian teenager [Ahed Tamimi](#), to 14 months in prison for allegedly throwing stones at Israeli soldiers in 2016 and 2017. He was also fined 7,000 shekels (\$1,900) in connection with the 2017 case.



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Arrest and sentencing

Waed Tamimi, 22, was arrested by Israeli forces on May 10, during an overnight raid, for suspected involvement in “popular terror acts”, as Israel refer to Palestinian resistance.

On Monday, an Israeli military court found Tamimi guilty of participating in a “violent riot” in which an Israeli police officer has his hand wounded by stones thrown at his vehicle, that had entered the town of Nabi Saleh in the occupied West Bank.

According to a court document, he was given a 14-month sentence after reaching a plea bargain.

“This sentence was a surprise for us. This stole our moment of joy with Ahed’s release,” said the father Bassem Tamimi noting that the sentencing came right during the holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Revenge against the whole family

“The whole case against my son is an admonitory one,” Bassem Tamimi said. “I consider this to be revenge against the whole family.”

He added that he felt the sentence was disproportionate to the charges. “We don't expect justice from this system.”

“Many kids in similar cases went home without charges being filed against them. If it was someone from another family I believe he would have received less time,” he said.

A spokeswoman for Waed Tamimi’s attorney Gaby Lasky also criticized the sentencing, arguing it was far more severe than the punishments given to Israeli Jews for the same actions.



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Double standards

Last month a group of settlers clashed with Israeli forces, injuring a soldier. Some of the settlers were arrested, but they were all released with no charges.

This is standard practice. In the West Bank, Israeli settlers and Palestinians are liable to [different legal systems](#): a civilian legal system for Israeli citizens and a military court system for Palestinian residents.

Until Ahed Tamimi and her mother Nariman were released from prison less than a month ago on 29 July, half of the Tamimi family were detained by Israel, with only Bassem Tamimi and his two youngest sons, Mohammed, 14, and Salem, 12, left in the family home in the occupied West Bank village of Nabi Saleh.

Nabi Saleh – Palestinian resistance against illegal Israeli occupation

The town, where the Tamimi family lives, is one of the centres of Palestinian resistance to the expansion of Israeli illegal settlements in the West Bank.

Nabi Saleh is known for the organisation of weekly protests against the expansion of a nearby [Jewish-only illegal settlement](#), [Halamish](#), and Israel has continuously targeted the Tamimi family due to their active resistance to the occupation.

Israel's continuous targeting of the Tamimi family

Since her detention, Ahed Tamimi has become a symbol of Palestinian resistance, a role her and her family have taken up, while repeatedly highlighting that hundreds of Palestinian minors are detained by Israel without receiving the same level of international attention.

Bassem al-Tamimi has been jailed by Israeli authorities on nine separate times between 1988 and 2013, during which he was subjected to various kinds of torture.



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Between December 2017 and August 2018, several members of the Tamimi family have been either injured, killed or imprisoned by Israel.

In December, 15-year-old cousin [Mohammed Tamimi](#) was shot in the head with a rubber-coated bullet. Mohammed required an intensive surgery, where part of his skull was removed, in order to dislodge the rubber bullet. Months later, Israeli forces arrested the Palestinian teen.

In January 16-year-old [Musab Tamimi](#) was shot in the neck in the nearby village of Deir Nidham. He died as a result of his wound.

In June Israeli occupation forces killed another member of the Tamimi family, 21-year-old [Ezz al-Din Tamimi](#), who was shot at close range during an early morning raid in the village.

At least 160 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire and over 10,000 have been injured since mass demonstrations began 30 March

ICSFT condemns the disproportionate sentencing given to the civilian Palestinian Waed Tamimi by the Israeli occupying military court.

We urge the Israeli authorities to release him, as well as all other Palestinians who were merely resisting the illegal occupation and the violations committed by the occupiers, especially those detained for charges that will not result in imprisonment if the same behaviour had been committed by an Israeli settler.

Finally, we call on the international community to condemn this decision and to pressure Israel to abide by international law and its standards, by making clear that Israel is by no means an exception to the international human rights protocol and standard.