



July 12, 2026

Military Advocate General Itai Ofi
Military Advocate General's Corps
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Tel Aviv, 6190901
Israel

RE: Release Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to call for the immediate release of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, a pediatrician and the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in the Occupied Gaza Strip, who was arbitrarily detained and forcibly disappeared by Israeli forces on December 27, 2024, along with other hospital staff and patients, following a deadly raid on the hospital which put it out of service.

Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya is one of the most prominent voices of Gaza's decimated healthcare sector. Before being detained, he provided comprehensive and reliable information about the healthcare situation in the North Gaza governorate, particularly since Israeli forces laid a near-total siege to the area. He continued to bear witness and treat children, despite the killing of his son last year.

Testimonies collected by Amnesty International and other human rights groups reveal a dreadful reality inside Israeli prisons and detention centers, where Palestinian detainees – including health workers – face systematic torture and other ill-treatment, and are denied their right to a fair trial and due process, along with access to adequate food and medical care. In light of this, and the ongoing failure of Israeli authorities to grant independent monitors access to detention centres, I am extremely concerned for the life and wellbeing of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya.

By arresting him arbitrarily, Israeli forces committed serious violations of international law.

I urge you to secure the release of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya and all other Palestinians, including health workers, forcibly disappeared and arbitrarily detained by Israel. Pending Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya's release, I urge you to disclose his whereabouts and ensure his protection from all forms of torture and other ill-treatment, including coercion. Pending his release, Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya must be granted access to legal counsel and adequate medical care while in detention.

Sincerely.

(Print Name & Address) _____

CC: Secretary of State Marco Rubio, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520

CC: Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff