

# URGENT ACTION

## FORMER CHILD DETAINEE RETURNED TO PRISON

**Mohammad al-Hashlamoun was released on 28 June after six months in administrative detention. However, the Israeli authorities have subsequently rearrested him and on 7 November he has been given another four month administrative detention order.**

**Mohammad al-Hashlamoun** had been in prison since he was arrested on 3 December 2015 at the age of 17 from his home in Ras al-Amud, in occupied East Jerusalem. He was issued with a six-month administrative order by the Minister of Defence on 20 January. Mohammad al-Hashlamoun was released on 28 June when this order expired, but on 12 October he was arrested again from his home, along with his aunt, in what his family described as “a violent and traumatic arrest raid”. The authorities released him on 4 November after the family paid a bail of 5000NIS (1300 US\$), but just a few days later, on 7 November, a large force of police dressed in black came to his house and arrested him again. His uncle told Amnesty International that Mohammad al-Hashlamoun had now been given another four month administrative detention order.

While Amnesty International opposes the use of administrative detention for both children and adults, our current focus is on campaigning on the cases of children in administrative detention. Therefore, while we continue to monitor the case of Mohammad al-Hashlamoun, we are closing this UA since he has now turned 18.

According to the NGO Defence for Children International – Palestine (DCI), since October 2015 19 Palestinian children have been issued with administrative detention orders. Of those, 12 have been released without charge. Two have been transferred to the courts and were charged. Of the remaining 5, at least one has turned 18 while in detention, leaving four children still in administrative detention.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

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