

Date: October 23, 2006



To:
Colonel Pnina Sharvit Baruch
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Military Advocate General's Office
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By Registered Mail

Dear Madame,

Re: **Temporary Detention Facility for Detainees from the Gaza Strip**

1. As part of its activities in defense of the human rights of residents of the Territories, HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual addresses the rights of detainees. In this context, we have received information regarding numerous arrests made recently by the military during activity in the Gaza Strip, including in Al Maghazi, Beit Hanun, Rafah and 'Abasan. As we have been informed, detainees are taken to a location inside Israel, near the Green Line, for interrogation, after which most are released. A few remain in custody.
2. We have received the names of four Gaza Strip residents who were arrested on October 13, 2006 and remained in custody:
_____ Abu Daka, _____
_____ Al Tarasheh, _____
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_____ Abu Daka, _____
3. In addition, press reports reveal that the facility where these detainees, or some of them, are being held is a temporary detention camp which was set up inside Israel, near the Gaza Strip border.
4. In light of these reports, we request to receive information about the nature of the facility (or facilities) in which these detainees are held and interrogated:
 - a) Has the facility been declared a detention facility in accordance with the law?
 - b) Is the facility under the responsibility of the Military Police or a different unit?

- c) What are the conditions of detention in the facility?
 - d) What is the maximum number of detainees held in the facility?
 - e) What is the maximum length of time a detainee is held in the facility?
 - f) Are the detainees held in tents or in the open air?
 - g) Do they have beds, benches, mattresses, blankets?
5. The undersigned urgently request to visit the facility. Please inform us immediately of the arrangements for this visit.
6. We request your prompt response.

Respectfully

Adv. Tamar Pelleg-Sryck

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