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Dear Ian Cash

Committee to Protect Journalists

Amin Abu Warda was arrested on April 15 2015, after intelligence indicated his identity as a senior Hamas activist. The detainee is suspected of activities supportive of terrorism that constitute a significant threat to regional security. Based on this information, the commander ordered administrative detention for a period of six months. The detainee was brought for judicial review before the military court, which after reviewing the case's classified material, ruled that the intelligence was high-quality, up to date, based on a number of sources and indicated danger to the regional security if the prisoner were to be released. It was also noted that this material shows that the detainee was operating within the Hamas infrastructure in Nablus, when said infrastructure reached a high level of alert and included several activists and collaborators. Accordingly, the Court held that there was a basis for the administrative detention of the detainee, but did order a shortening of the detention period, given the fact that at that time the investigations into others involved within the same infrastructure as said detainee were ongoing. This decision of the court was appealed by the prisoner, and the court has not yet made a decision. The basis for the administrative detention has been recognized by international law, in Article 78 of the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949) as well as in the Defense Emergency Regulations in 1979.

Yours sincerely,

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