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## ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN GROUP WELCOMES RELEASE OF COLLEAGUE FROM ISRAELI DETENTION

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May 21, 2007: Jerusalem: Freed on 14 May 2007 after two years of administrative detention, Alternative Information Center (AIC) activist Ahmad Abu Haniya thanks the countless people around the world who advocated for his release—and calls on everyone to continue struggling for the rights of the Palestinian people and a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis.

“I knew all along that people were interested in my case,” says Ahmad, “but only now do I understand just how many and how hard they worked.” Ahmad continues, noting that “my two long years of unjust imprisonment served to strengthen my resistance to injustice and belief that only a joint struggle of Palestinians, Israelis and internationals will succeed in ending the Israeli occupation and building a joint and just existence for everyone living in this land.”

Administration detention is imprisonment without trial or charges. Although international law places stringent regulations on how administrative detention may be employed by countries, Israel is today holding approximately 800 Palestinian political activists in prison for their just and non-violent resistance to the Israeli occupation and violations of Palestinian human and national rights.

The Alternative Information Center, a progressive joint Palestinian-Israeli activist organization, will be publishing in-depth interviews with Ahmad in the coming weeks. The interviews, as both podcasts and written articles, will be available on the AIC website: [www.alternativenews.org](http://www.alternativenews.org). Until then, the AIC joins Ahmad in thanking the global human rights and progressive activist communities for their tireless efforts that came together to help free Ahmad.

\* Letters of solidarity can be send to AIC via their [website](#).