



From the interview with Dr. Abu Safiya's lawyer Gheed Kassem

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Q: What is Abu Safiya accused of by Israel?

Kassem: [The Incarceration of Unlawful Combatants Law] calls people like Dr. Abu Safiya “unlawful combat-

ants.” This allows authorities to issue detention orders for up to six months [without charge], which can be extended [indefinitely]. These detainees do not receive a formal accusation because their holding relies on secret intelligence files that even their lawyers cannot see. The trials connected to this law lack real safeguards. They are often fake and conducted only by phone or video call, without any true cross-examination or presentation of evidence.

There is no real process. Rights are almost entirely missing. Hearings are just for show.

Q: How many prisoners from Gaza are now held in Israel? Are there differences in how they are treated compared to those from the West Bank?

Kassem: The imprisonment of Palestinians from Gaza carries especially severe characteristics, legally and physically. With about 2,700 prisoners now jailed, this group endures much harsher treatment than detainees from the West Bank. This difference shows itself in many ways. [For Palestinians in Gaza], often it's their first time being held, their classification is distinct, and they are kept separate from other detainees. While prison conditions are extreme for everyone, those for Gaza detainees reach unheard of severity. Their situation goes beyond any human standard, marked by constant deprivations, violence, torture, hunger,

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