

Over 100 faith, human rights, and civil rights groups urgently call on Secretary Rubio to act now to free the Florida child imprisoned by Israel

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary of State Marco Rubio,

We are a coalition of over 100 U.S. faith-based, human rights, and civil rights organizations, **demanding that the U.S. government act now to ensure the safe release of Florida child [Mohammed Ibrahim](#), a 16-year-old US citizen, unjustly imprisoned by the Israeli military since February.**

Mohammed's health is dire and requires your immediate action to ensure Mohammed is free, safe, and with his parents—his life is on the line. According to his attorneys, **Mohammed is suffering from scabies and has not received any medication; he has also lost over 30 pounds due to Israel denying him food and medical treatment. The Israeli military is holding Mohammed in Israel's notorious [Ofer prison](#), a known place of abuse of Palestinian children. Prior to Ofer, Mohammed was held in [Megiddo prison](#), also known for Israel's abuse of Palestinian children, specifically leading to "[malnutrition, illness, and death](#)".**

Mohammed's imprisonment in Megiddo prison, located inside Israel, is also a flagrant violation of the 4th Geneva Convention, Article 49 of which strictly prohibits the deportation of protected persons from an Occupied Territory to the territory of the Occupying Power.

In February, over 30 heavily armed Israeli soldiers broke into Mohammed's family home in the West Bank at 3 AM, blindfolded and tied Mohammed's hands behind his back, and ripped him away from his mother and father. Mohammed traveled to his family's home in the West Bank for a family vacation to see loved ones. **The Israeli military took Mohammed when he was only 15 years old, forcing him to spend his 16th birthday in an Israeli military prison, terrified and separated from his parents.**

For 6 months, the Israeli military has unjustly imprisoned Mohammed, a child, without a trial, forcing his parents to live a non-stop nightmare. Israel has not allowed Mohammed's parents to contact him since he was taken. **Mohammed is an American child with a community in Florida who cares about him deeply. It is the responsibility of the U.S. government to protect all American children, including Palestinian-Americans.**

Mohammed is also the first cousin of [Sayfollah Musallet](#), the 20-year-old Palestinian American man who was beaten to death by Israeli settlers last month. **Dozens of [Palestinian-American families own land in the West Bank Palestinian cities and villages that are increasingly being targeted by Israeli settlers](#) and the Israeli military.** Yet, Palestinian-American families are not receiving any protection from the US government against rising Israeli settler and Israeli military violence against them.

Numerous human rights groups have repeatedly [documented](#) Israel's systematic abuse of imprisoned Palestinian children, such as torture and violent physical abuse. In April 2025, [a 17-year-old Palestinian boy who had been imprisoned in Megiddo collapsed and died due to the abusive conditions](#) there. In July 2023, [Save the Children](#) issued a disturbing [report](#) stating that Israel's abuse of Palestinian children in prison has [soared](#).

We are demanding that the U.S. Department of State work to secure the immediate release of Mohammed Ibrahim from Israeli prison and protect US citizens, particularly children. As a coalition of faith-based, human rights, and civil rights organizations, we stress the urgency of Mohammed's health and that a child's life is on the line.

Sincerely,

1. A New Policy
2. Abiding Presence Faith Community Reformed Catholic Church
3. About Face: Veterans Against the War
4. Adalah Justice Project
5. Al-Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition
6. All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation
7. American Coalition For Good Government(ACGG)
8. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
9. American Muslims for Palestine - Florida (AMP - FL)
10. American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)
11. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
12. Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)
13. AMP Columbus
14. Animal Healthcare Workers Against Genocide
15. Arab Resource and Organizing Center Action
16. Arizona Muslim Alliance
17. Audubon Park Church
18. Bay Area Dream Defenders
19. Brevard Community Organizing
20. Brevard Vanguard
21. CAIR
22. CAIR-Florida
23. CAIR-WA

24. Calif/Nevada United Methodist Church Palestine Task Force
25. Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)
26. Christian-Jewish Allies for a Just Peace for Israel/Palestine
27. CHXNGE FL
28. Coalition of Palestinian American Organizations
29. CODEPINK
30. Council on American-Islamic Relations, New York chapter (CAIR-NY)
31. Dar al-Hijrah Islamic Center
32. Democratic Socialists of America
33. Democratic Socialists of America - Saint Louis
34. Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Liberation Caucus
35. Doctors Against Genocide
36. Dream Defenders
37. El-Tawhid Juma Circle of Madison
38. End to Genocide Coalition
39. Faith Strategies
40. Florida Palestine Network
41. ForAysenur
42. Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)
43. Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ
44. GLSEN Central Florida
45. ICNA Council for Social Justice
46. ICNA CSJ NY
47. IfNotNow
48. IMEU Policy Project
49. INTERNATIONAL CONCERNED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MUMIA ABU JAMAL
50. Islamic Circles of North America
51. Islamic Shura Council of Southern California
52. Islamophobia Studies Center
53. Jacksonville Palestine Solidarity Network
54. Jewish Voice for Peace Action
55. JVP Bay Area Chapter
56. Labor Community Alliance of South Florida (LCA)
57. Labor for Palestine National Network
58. Las Semillas
59. Libyan American Alliance
60. Madison Dharma Activists for Nonviolence and Awareness
61. Majlis Ash-Shura of NY
62. Malaya Movement Florida
63. Malaya Movement USA
64. Middle East Justice and Peace Group of South Central Pennsylvania
65. MN BDS Community
66. Muslim American Society

67. Muslim American Society - DC Chapter
68. Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)
69. National Students for a Democratic Society
70. Never Again Action
71. Orlando for Peace
72. Pacifica Social Justice
73. Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
74. Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace
75. Partners for Palestine
76. Party for Socialism and Liberation
77. Pax Christi USA
78. Pax Christi USA Young Adult Caucus
79. Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!
80. Prairie Unitarian Universalist Congregation Social Action Committee
81. Progressive Jewish Coalition
82. Racial Agency Initiative
83. Revolutionary Education and Action League (REAL)
84. Sacramento JVP
85. Space Coast Democratic Socialists of America
86. Space Coast Progressive Alliance
87. STL DSA
88. Sunrise Movement
89. Tampa Bay for Palestine
90. Tampa Bay Students for a Democratic Society
91. Tampa DSA
92. The Family of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi
93. The International Concerned Family/Friends of Mumia Abu Jamal
94. The Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church USA Bay Area
95. Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East
96. United Methodists for Kairos Response (UMKR)
97. US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO)
98. USCPR Action
99. Veterans For Peace
100. Washington for Peace and Justice
101. Young Muslims
102. Young Muslims Florida