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Open letter regarding the welfare and freedom of Mr Anas Abu Srour, Director Aida Youth Centre, Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem, West Bank, Palestine.

To: Mr David Cameron, Foreign Secretary, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, London and Lord Ahmad, Minister of State, Middle East, FCDO, London

We are extremely concerned about the whereabouts and welfare of our colleague and friend Anas Abu Srour. We have had a partnership with the Aida Youth Centre for many years and a number of us have met Mr Abu Srour several times and know him to be a person of great integrity, committed to nonviolence. He has been missing, following his abduction by Israeli military, since Tuesday 28 November.

We understand that he travelled in his vehicle from his home in Aida Camp in the city of Bethlehem to the central West Bank city of Ramallah on Tuesday November 28th. After completing an English-language exam in Ramallah, Anas sent a text message to his wife Maysan around 11:45 am, telling her that he was on his way home to Bethlehem. That was the last that Maysan heard from him.

After 12 gruelling hours of not knowing anything about Anas' whereabouts, his family and colleagues were informed shortly after midnight local time by the Palestinian Authority Liaison Office that he had been abducted by Israeli army forces. The Israeli military did not inform the Palestinian Authority of any details about Anas' arrest, including where he was arrested from, on what charges, and where he was taken to.

We urge you to use your offices to help us determine the whereabouts of Mr Abu Srour, to ensure that if he is being held by the Israeli military or courts, that he has access to legal representation and to help bring about his speedy release.

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