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MEDIA STATEMENT

DEATH OF DETAINED PALESTINIAN HUNGER STRIKER KHADER ADNAN

The Islamic Medical Association of South Africa notes with dismay and horror the death, in an Israeli prison, of Palestinian Hunger Striker, Khader Adnan.

This follows decades of demonstrable persecution and injustice perpetrated against him under the guise of 'administrative detention', which is a tool used by the occupying Israeli criminal forces to subjugate Palestinian freedom. Khader Adnan was undertaking a Hunger Strike which was in its 86th day. Despite recommendations that he be transferred to a hospital for urgent medical intervention, Israeli authorities happily watched him starve to death. This is a murder constructed over decades.

This should once more draw the attention and anger of all fair-minded, good people of the world. Unfortunately, these seem to be in short supply noted by the inaction and silence to what should be global outcries and intensified pressure through sanctions, to effect the dissolution of this illegitimate apartheid regime.

Israel is an oppressive and unjust entity that should be held accountable for its actions.

The people of Palestine - of all creeds and religions, should live under a unitary state with equal rights for all. All peoples displaced by Israeli crimes and aggressions in the past 80 years should be granted the right to return. It is the only just solution.

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