

[Print](#)[Close](#)

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

From: **AINAGCorrespondence@fco.gov.uk**

Sent: 14 September 2015 13:09:42

To: **lphr@live.co.uk**

Our reference: MOP/86806/2015

14 September 2015

Dear Mr Shourou,

Thank you for your email of 14 August to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), enclosing a letter for the Foreign Secretary, about Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). The Near East Department in the FCO has been asked to reply.

The UK is concerned about Israel's extensive use of administrative detention which, according to international law, should be used only when security makes this absolutely necessary rather than as routine practice, and as a preventive rather than a punitive measure. We have raised this and our broader concerns over treatment of Palestinian detainees with the Israeli authorities on many occasions. We have lobbied the Israeli authorities previously that the rights of those on hunger strike to receive medical care of their choice and family visits be respected, and have encouraged all sides to reach a solution that prevents loss of life.

Our Embassy in Tel Aviv lobbied senior Israeli officials on the specific case of the treatment of Mohammed Allan. You may be aware that Mr Allan ended his hunger strike on Wednesday 19 August after the Israeli High Court froze his administrative detention order. He is currently hospitalised, but as a patient not as a detainee. The UK and the EU have stressed throughout that the situation must be resolved swiftly, with a positive outcome.

On behalf of the

Near East Department

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Please do not respond to this email address, as replies are routed to an unmonitored

mailbox. If you require additional information please go to fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk

Visit <http://www.gov.uk/fco> for British foreign policy news and travel advice and <http://blogs.fco.gov.uk> to read our blogs.

This email (with any attachments) is intended for the attention of the addressee(s) only. If you are not the intended recipient, please inform the sender straight away before deleting the message without copying, distributing or disclosing its contents to any other person or organisation.

Unauthorised use, disclosure, storage or copying is not permitted.

Any views or opinions expressed in this e-mail do not necessarily reflect the FCO's policy.

The FCO keeps and uses information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal information may be released to other UK government departments and public authorities.

All messages sent and received by members of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and its missions overseas may be automatically logged, monitored and/or recorded in accordance with the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000.

