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Date: April 1, 2015
In your response please note: 87041

To:
Lieut. Col. Khariz Safadi
Head of Nablus DCO
Civil Administration

By fax: 02-9703172

Urgent!

Dear Sir,

Re: **Exit to Jordan via Allenby Bridge – request to expedite processing of appeal Mr. Salawdeh, ID No.**

1. Mr. Salawdeh, whose information is provided in the subject line, requests to have the foreign travel ban that has been imposed on him removed without conditions. Mr. Salawdeh is a computer science PhD candidate at the National University of Ireland Galway and must return to Ireland to resume his studies **by May 1, 2015**, otherwise he will not be able to complete the current academic year.

Attached:

Confirmation of Mr. Salawdeh's enrollment for the current academic year – marked A

Letter from the National University of Ireland in Galway – marked B

2. Mr. Salawdeh, returned to the West Bank on November 22, 2014 for a family visit. On January 25, 2015, he arrived at the Allenby Bridge border crossing in order to return to his studies in Ireland, but the Israeli authorities denied him exit. Mr. Salawdeh wished to file an appeal against the travel ban at the Allenby Bridge itself, but despite Civil Administration protocols, he was told to file the appeal at the DCO in his area of residence.
3. Mr. Salawdeh arrived at the Israeli DCO in Nablus on January 29, 2015 to inquire about his foreign travel ban. The soldier at the reception window provided him with written confirmation that there was no impediment to his traveling abroad. The soldier exceeded his authority and departed from Civil Administration protocols by recommending Mr. Salawdeh change his domicile to Ireland.

The confirmation from the Nablus DCO is attached hereto, marked C.

4. On February 11, 2015, Mr. Salawdeh returned to Allenby Bridge in order to resume his studies. He was carrying the aforementioned Nablus DCO confirmation that he was not under a foreign travel ban. Despite the preliminary inquiry Mr. Salawdeh held with the DCO and its results, the Israeli authorities once again denied him exit. Moreover, Mr. Salawdeh was



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also arrested at the Allenby Bridge border crossing without being told the reason for the arrest.

5. After his release on March 1, 2015, Mr. Salawdeh returned to Allenby Bridge on March 24, 2015, in order to resume his studies, but the Israeli authorities denied him exit for a third time. Mr. Salawdeh again asked to challenge the ban immediately, but, despite Civil Administration protocols, he was again told to contact the Israeli DCO in his area of residence.
6. On March 25, 2015, Mr. Salawdeh returned to the Nablus DCO to inquire about his foreign travel ban. The soldier at the reception window told him that the ban was in place. In complete contravention of Civil Administration procedures, the soldier told Mr. Salawdeh to file an appeal against the ban in the Palestinian DCO in Nablus.
7. Mr. Salawdeh filed the appeal at the Nablus Palestinian DCO that same day.

The appeal form is attached hereto – marked D

8. Today, (April 1, 2015), the undersigned spoke on the telephone with a soldier named Ron from the Civil Administration Public Liaison Officer's Office. The latter said that the Civil Administration database contains no application for removal of a foreign travel ban under Mr. Salawdeh's name.
9. In order to prevent the denial of Mr. Salawdeh's right to freedom of movement and in order to avoid a violation of his rights to access higher education and to freedom of occupation, I request that you remove the foreign travel ban imposed on Mr. Salawdeh without conditions, and allow him to travel to Jordan. Further thereto, and beyond requirement, we attach a current appeal form.
10. As recalled, Mr. Salawdeh must arrive in Ireland no later than May 1, 2015. Given this, and given the injurious conduct of the Israeli authorities in his matter, as described above, I request that you expedite processing of Mr. Salawdeh's appeal and allow his exit to Jordan **urgently and no later than April 15, 2015**, otherwise, we will consider legal action.

Respectfully,
Omri Metzger,
Client Advocacy Coordinator

Enclosed:

Marked A-D

CC:

Major Barak Siman Tov, Head of Population Registry, West Bank Legal Advisor

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