Family of Jau Detainee Denied Visitation


The family of detainee Moosa Jaffer al-Afyaa grew concerned about the wellbeing of their son when they were informed that he had contracted scabies in prison. In addition, they have continually been denied visitation rights over the past four months.

On 13 May 2015, the family received a call from Moosa, informing them of his illness and that he was suffering from burns on his hands. They noted that he sounded exhausted during the conversation.

The family also recounted:

“On 14 April, Moosa called and told us that we have a visit. We went there and waited for more than an hour to see him. Afterward, the police officer told us to leave without telling us the reasons...he told us to submit a request after a day or two. When we gave our son’s name to the concerned authorities in the prison, they informed us that there are no visits. He took our phone number.”

The disrespectful manner in which the family is being treated is very alarming.

The family pointed out that on 21 May 2015 a visit was scheduled at 1 pm. However, at the prison, they were told that it was postponed to 2 pm because of the number of families waiting:

“We waited until our turn, but my son was not brought. After a three hour wait, we asked and were told that they know nothing about him and that he might have escaped,[been] transferred to the Dry Dock prison, [been] put in one of the new buildings, or he might have [an] allergy and is in the quarantine. We returned home without seeing him.”