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- Dear Prime Minister,

Issa Amro and **Farid al-Atrash** are Palestinian human rights defenders facing charges in an Israeli military court for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Both are committed to non-violent activism. They risk being sentenced to prison, if found guilty. On 26 February 2016, Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash took part in a peaceful demonstration to mark 22 years since the Israeli authorities first closed al-Shuhada Street. The demonstration called for a re-opening of Shuhada Street, ending discriminatory restrictions on movement placed on Palestinians in the city, and the removal of Israeli settlers from Hebron.

Please drop all charges against Issa Amro and Farid al-Atrash immediately, as they are being charged solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression and freedom of association.

Yours sincerely,

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