



## Free Manal!

Manal Naji Mahmoud Ghanim, 29 years old, mother of four, from Tulkarem Refugee Camp, was arrested in April 2003 by the Israeli army and sentenced in a military court in the occupied West Bank to 50 months in prison. Manal, who suffers from Thalassemia, was arrested when pregnant and shortly after that gave birth to her son Nour. Nour is now a year and half old. Both are held in Hasharon Prison (Telmond).

The prison authorities do not provide Manal and her son with the necessary medical care, nor do they provide Nour with adequate food or toys. The prison authorities even refuse to let the family bring any toys for Nour. In addition to the daily suffering in prison, it happens, as on November 28, 2004, that the wardens attack the women prisoners with tear gas and water hoses. While such a violent act represents severe harassment for all the prisoners, for a baby it actually is a real danger. In fact, Nour was ill for at least six weeks following this attack.

Manal has another two sons and a daughter. The younger boy, 7-years old Maged, suffers from sickle cell anemia. Due to his health condition, he needs hospitalization every ten days. At these times, Maged desperately needs his mother's support.

We, the undersigned, are seriously concerned about the deterioration of Manal's, Nour's and their family's health, caused by Manal's continuous imprisonment. We demand to immediately free Manal Naji Mahmoud Ghanim.

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