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CASE STUDY

Name: Kareem H, 13
Date detained: May 16, 2017
Location: Azzun, Qalqilya
Allegation: Throwing stones
Sentence: Two months, three days. Released.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on May 16, 2017, Israeli soldiers entered the home of Kareem H. His brother woke him up and soldiers took him from the home, pushing and verbally insulting him. He was not told why he was being detained and the soldiers did not present an arrest warrant.

Israeli soldiers tied Kareem's hands behind his back, blindfolded him, and forced him to run to the entrance of the village. The soldiers punched and kicked him and he fell several times. Kareem was taken to a nearby military tower and forced to sit on the ground for over an hour before being transferred to a police station in the Jewish-only settlement of Ariel for interrogation. Soldiers beat him several times during transfer, which lasted at least two hours.

The interrogator did not inform Kareem of his rights and interrogated him without the presence of a lawyer or family member. Kareem spoke with a lawyer over the phone prior to interrogation but did not understand what the lawyer told him. The interrogator accused Kareem of throwing stones. He confessed and was signed a statement drafted in Hebrew.

Kareem was transferred bound and blindfolded to Huwwara detention center south of the West Bank city of Nablus. He arrived around 1:30 p.m. and was strip searched upon arrival. He told DCIP: "I was naked and felt very humiliated." Kareem was asked general questions about his health and detained in a cell until 3 p.m.

Guards from the Israel Prison Service then transferred him handcuffed and shackled to Megiddo detention center inside Israel where he appeared in Salem military court. At the hearing, his detention was extended for five days. Kareem was then strip searched and detained in a cell with other children.

The following day he was interrogated at Ariel police station by the same interrogator. The interrogator accused him of throwing stones on a different occasion and threatened to put him in prison for a long period of time. Kareem told DCIP: "He was shouting, and I was so scared that I confessed to throwing stones."

Kareem appeared in Salem military court five additional times. An indictment was submitted against him on May 29, and his detention was extended until July 4.

The No Way to Treat a Child campaign seeks to challenge and end Israel's military occupation of Palestinians by exposing widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. It is a project of Defense for Children International - Palestine and the American Friends Service Committee.

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