He was supposed to attend the January 2020 Palestinian Science conference at MIT which he helped organize, but on Nov. 13 Ubai Aboudi was abducted from his home in the West Bank by Israeli soldiers at 3 a.m. in the morning. He was put into “Administrative Detention” which translated from Israel-speak means imprisonment in a military prison without charges or trial. Lawyers for defense are not allowed to see evidence. It’s a 6-month term which can be renewed indefinitely.

In 1952 Menachem Begin who later became Israeli Prime Minister said this about Administrative detention. “There are laws that are tyrannical, there are laws that are unethical, and there are Nazi laws.” Yet the Israeli human rights group B’tselem explains that since March 2002, not a single month has gone by without Israel holding at least 100 Palestinians in administrative detention.

Ubai Aboudi is an American citizen, but the politicians who never miss a chance to stand in front of a bevy of American flags have done nothing for him. His case has been highlighted by Amnesty International which notes that Aboudi is a Director of the prominent Palestinian NGO Bisan Center for Research and Development. Amnesty calls for his immediate release from Administrative Detention.

Call your local media and members of Congress about this case. Call this number 202-224-3121 to reach a Senator or member of the House. Someone at the switchboard will send you to the correct office. For most members of Congress you can leave a message 24/7.

Send a message to Israeli officials and be sure to tell them you’ve alerted the media. Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer Email: info@washington.mfa.gov.il  Also cc: Major-General Nadav Padan. His email is: 1111@idf.gov.il

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