Detention of Relief Activists Continues... The Arrest of Activist Muna Al Wadi

Despite the Syrian government's issuing of a number of amnesty decrees reducing or abolishing the prison sentence for most crimes, with the last two issued in May 2011 then in January 2012, relief workers, who should not have been detained or prosecuted, have not been included in any of these decrees. Instead, there are daily reports of activists being killed as a result of torture, starvation or asphyxiation in detention centers which lack the minimum standards required to sustain life.

Among those detained, hidden away from the outside world is university student Muna al Wadi, who is amongst those being subjected to the most horrendous violations behind the walls of detention centers, away from the eyes of the independent UN observers; in Muna al Wadi's case, the sole charge against her is that she helped others!

According to local sources, on 26.11.2012, Muna al Wadi's car was stopped at a checkpoint run by the Palestine Branch's Vehicle Security in Deir al Asafeer town in the eastern Ghouta in Damascus suburbs governorate. She was arrested when the security elements found a box of food she was bringing to one of the affected families there. They also impounded the car she was driving.

Muna was subsequently taken to the Palestine Branch in the capital, Damascus, where she was held until she was transferred a few days ago to the Air Intelligence Branch in al Mazza area, according to individuals previously released from the facility who saw her there. Her family members have been unable to contact or visit her.

Personal photos of Muna al Wadi

Muna al Wadi, known as "Yaman"

Father's Name: Adnan Mother's Name: Fatima Muna was born in 1976

She's from Daraa governorate – al Harra city

Student at Damascus University - Faculty of Electrical Engineering Married







The Syrian Network has documented the arrest and harassment of various forms of a number of humanitarian relief workers, doctors and university students by the Syrian government while these individuals were trying to provide assistance; this is a violation of the government's obligations under international law, which requires the provision and facilitation of the distribution of the necessary aid impartially to residents in need, and the guarantee of freedom of movement for humanitarian relief workers.

The Syrian Network hereby calls on the Syrian government to immediately release this young student, Muna, and of all other humanitarian relief workers, and calls on the international community to act and to exert pressure on the government by all means to ensure the disclosure of the fate of Muna, of her fellow humanitarian relief workers and of all the detainees and forcibly disappeared.



