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Nafha prison in the Negev desert is the seventeenth jail to be built in Israel. Opened barely three months ago, it has already claimed two victims.

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Designed specifically to break the spirit of Palestinian political prisoners, conditions there are even harsher than in other Israeli jails. Ten prisoners are crammed into each 4 yards by 7 yards cell for 23 hours a day in the burning heat. There are neither beds nor tables and all food has to be eaten off the floor. The toilets are inside the cells, and prisoners are forbidden even toilet paper and underwear.

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When a press conference called by the prisoners' lawyers a month ago failed to bring any improvements, the prisoners of Nafha went on hunger strike. As a punishment, twenty-six of them were transferred to Ramleh jail. On arrival there, they were beaten up by warders and force-fed through tubes inserted in their mouth and nose.

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Within a few days, two of them were dead, and a third one is dying. The official cause of death was given as pneumonia. This was almost certainly the result of fluids entering the prisoners' lungs through a windpipe ruptured when the tubes were violently and unprofessionally inserted.

The prisoners' families and the Palestinian inmates of many other jails in Israel and the occupied territories have now gone on hunger strike in solidarity. They are demanding the closure of Nafha jail, an end to the terrible overcrowding, and equal prison conditions for Palestinian and Jewish prisoners.

There are at least 3,000 Palestinians between the ages of 14 and 75 in Israeli prisons at this moment, almost all of them for opposing the occupation. Please support their struggle by protesting to the Israeli authorities about the way they are being treated. Letters to the Israeli Ministers of Defence and Police can be sent to the Israeli embassy at 2 Palace Green, London W8 4QB.

Yours sincerely,
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