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Dear Major-General Nadav Padan,

On 13 November at around 3:00am at least 10 Israeli soldiers entered Ubai Aboudi's home in Kufr Aqab and detained him in front of his wife and children. Ubai Aboudi is meant to take part in the Third International Meeting for Science in Palestine in the USA in January 2020.

On 18 November, Ubai Aboudi was issued a four-month administrative detention order signed by you. On 28 November 2019, his detention order is meant to be confirmed by an Israeli military judge. Ubai Aboudi is the Director of prominent Palestinian NGO Bisan Center for Research and Development. Administrative detention orders can be renewed indefinitely, and evidence is kept secret, meaning that detainees are not able to effectively challenge their detention and do not know when they will be released.

Amnesty International is gravely concerned that Israel's systematic use of administrative detention against Palestinians violates international human rights law; its use as such result in arbitrary detention, and if prolonged or repeated can amount to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment.

I urge you to immediately release Ubai Aboudi, and all others who have been placed under administrative detention, unless they are promptly charged with an internationally recognizable crime and tried in proceedings that adhere to international fair trial standards. I urge you to take immediate steps to end the practice of administrative detention.

Yours sincerely,