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# Call to Action: International Week to Free Ahmad Sa'adat, 15-22 January 2019

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*"The Palestinian people are determined to continue the intifada for all of the national rights of our people. This position is naturally consistent with the struggle of all progressive global forces confronting global imperial arrogance and struggling for independence, self-determination and liberation, for social justice, equality and socialism, based on a fair distribution of the wealth and human principles of peace, rejection of war, imperialism and all forms of oppression and exploitation..." - Ahmad Sa'adat*

Today, we remember the 10th anniversary of the Israeli sentencing of prominent Palestinian national liberation and international left leader **Ahmad Sa'adat**, the General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. **We urge you to [join us for an International Week of Action](https://www.struggle-la-lucha.org/2019/01/09/call-to-action-international-week-to-free-ahmad-saadat-15-22-january-2019/) between 15 and 22 January 2019 to free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian prisoners!**

On 15 January 2019, we will mark the 17th anniversary of Sa'adat's arrest by the Palestinian Authority in the context of "security cooperation" with the Israeli occupation. After a violent attack on the PA's Jericho prison in 2006, where Sa'adat was held under United States and British guards, Ahmad Sa'adat and his comrades are serving lengthy sentences in Israeli prisons. Sa'adat was sentenced to 30 years in prison, convicted in an Israeli military court of leading a prohibited organization and "incitement."

Sa'adat is a leader in the Palestinian prisoners' movement and the Palestinian national liberation movement. He is a figure of international importance and political clarity, targeted behind bars in an attempt to isolate him from his political role. He stands alongside nearly 6,000 fellow Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails on the front lines of the liberation struggle. As such, he is a symbol of Palestinian, Arab and internationalist resistance to capitalism, racism, apartheid and colonization.

The case of Ahmad Sa'adat also clearly highlights the complicity of international powers in the occupation and colonization of Palestine. He and his comrades were held for years under U.S. and British guards in a Palestinian Authority prison - and those guards moved away in a prearranged agreement to allow the Israeli occupation army to attack Jericho prison in 2006. The support of the United States, Britain, Canada, the European Union, Australia and others for the Israeli colonial project continues to perpetuate its impunity as it carries out land confiscations, home demolitions, mass imprisonment, extrajudicial executions, the ethnic cleansing of Jerusalem, the siege on Gaza and further crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The Palestinian Authority kidnapped Sa'adat under false pretenses and imprisoned him for four years before its prison was attacked by the Israeli occupation. This is part and parcel of the policy of "security coordination" that has led to the repeated imprisonment of Palestinians for their political involvement by the PA. Despite

critical words, the policy remains firmly in place – with devastating and deadly consequences for Palestinians, as seen in the case of Basil al-Araj.

On 15-22 January 2019, join us in a collective call for the freedom of Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian Prisoners. Join us to build the global grassroots campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions from Israel and complicit corporations. Join us to fight for an end to aid and support for the Israeli occupation that has been confiscating land and lives for over 70 years.

**We urge you to organize events, actions and protests in cities, campuses, communities, towns, campuses and all other public spaces. When we raise our voices, we can help to break the Israeli isolation of Ahmad Sa'adat and his fellow Palestinian prisoners. Free Ahmad Sa'adat! Free all Palestinian Prisoners! Free Palestine!**

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