

# Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

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### Public Facing Advocacy Writing

(WASHINGTON, DC, 12/7/18) The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nations largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, is calling on the U.S. Department of State to ensure that the rights of Suha Badran Darjbara, who is currently detained in Jericho, Palestine, are respected and she is not subjected to further torture.

Darjbara is an American citizen and mother of three who expected to return next year with her children to New Jersey, where they previously lived.

[NOTE: CAIR attorneys are representing Darjbaras family]

**SEE: CAIR Letter to State Department**

<https://tinyurl.com/DarjbaralLetter>

Last month, Darjbara was arrested by authorities in Jericho, Palestine. Since her arrest, Darjbaras sister and father have been able to visit her, and during these visits, her family learned of her torture and saw bruises and markings on various parts of her body.

Darjbara told her family that she had been severely beaten on her chest and back, shaken and slammed against the wall, and threatened with sexual violence. Authorities also showed Darjbara other individuals who were in the process of being tortured. As a result of this treatment and the apparently indefinite nature of her detention, Darjbara has been on hunger strike for more than a week.

**SEE: [Former New Jersey Resident on Hunger Strike in Palestinian Jail](#)**

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2018/12/07/nj-woman-suha-jbara-hunger-strike-palestinian-jail-amnesty-international/2205393002/>

Her family was not provided with any information regarding her arrest. The family recently learned that authorities denied Darjbara access to her attorney and coerced her into signing documents under physical and psychological duress.

**SEE Amnesty Internationals Report: [Social Justice Activist on Hunger Strike](#)**

<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/MDE1594782018ENGLISH.pdf>

Darjbara and her three American citizen children, ages 8, 10 and 12, had plans to return to their home in New Jersey at the end of the school year. She had renewed her childrens passports in preparation for their return home. Her children were excited to return to school in the United States.

We demand confirmation that Ms. Darjbaras rights are being respected and that she is not being tortured in detention, said CAIR National Litigation Director Lena Masri. Americans should feel safe knowing they can travel under the protection of the United States government.

CAIR is Americas largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

La misión de CAIR es proteger las libertades civiles, mejorar la comprensión del Islam, promover la justicia, y empoderar a los musulmanes en los Estados Unidos.

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