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Thank you for contacting me about the arrest of Mahmoud Nawajaa.

A number of my constituents have contacted me about Mr Nawajaa’s arrest, and I will ensure that Ministers are made aware of this.

The UK repeatedly calls on the Israeli authorities to comply with their obligations under international law and either charge or release detainees. The UK also remains concerned about Israel’s extensive use of administrative detention which, according to international law, should be used only when security makes this absolutely necessary, rather than as routine practice and as a preventive measure.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office puts human rights and human rights defenders at the heart of its work. The UK’s recognises the essential role human rights defenders play and in July 2019 published the “UK Support for Rights Defenders” document to publicly underline the UK’s commitment to protecting them.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP**

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**