

FREE THE HOLY LAND FIVE

JULY 2025
**NATIONAL DAY
OF AGITATION**

STAND WITH PALESTINE! FIGHT REPRESSION!

The last years have seen a vicious crackdown on righteous resistance to the US-Israel genocide,

from campus crackdowns to mass arrests, whole organizations being banned, to activists being threatened with deportation. What many people may not be aware of is that the groundwork for this wave of repression was laid in the legalized wave of Islamophobia that followed the 9/11 attacks. That Bush-led, Democrat-approved crackdown included the government-sanctioned use of torture, holding detainees in Guantanamo Bay without due process, and the crackdown on Muslim charities. The largest of those Muslim charities was known as the Holy Land Foundation.

Not only was the Holy Land Foundation shut down by the government in 2001, its founders were ruthlessly prosecuted for their charitable endeavors. **Two of them remain incarcerated to this day: Ghassan Elashi and Shukri Abu Baker.**

Ghassan and Shukri were falsely convicted of financing terrorism on the word of two Israeli witnesses, who were allowed to testify anonymously in a US court.



What did the Holy Land Foundation do?

They donated backpacks to children in Palestine and raised money to buy ambulances and send medical supplies to help save lives from Israeli occupation and war. Charities like the HLF have existed for decades to save lives in Palestine, exposing the brutality of the US-backed Israeli war machine that has displaced and conquered the Palestinian people for generations. These days, Israel will go as far as to bomb international organizations like the World Central Kitchen and UNRWA in broad daylight just because they dare to feed and provide aid to Palestinians during Israel's genocidal war on Gaza. In Palestine, charity isn't a tax break; it's a target on your back.

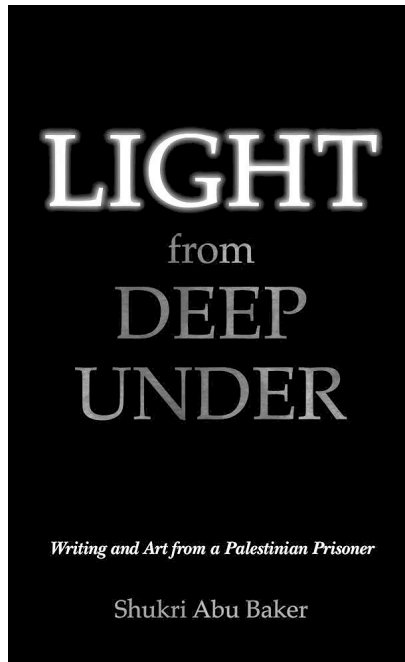


Ghassan and Shukri have been in prison here in the US for almost 25 years facing barbarous conditions. Shukri has been denied visitors, had his mail read, and even had his visitor list restricted after October 7th 2023. He nearly died in maximum security when guards fired tear gas into cells after a fight broke out between inmates. Abu Baker's lungs were damaged, and was rushed to hospital after falling unconscious.

Despite the long sentences and inhumane conditions they've endured, they stand in a long line of political prisoners who keep their heads up and continue to fight behind bars.

Shukri wrote a book this year, *Light from Deep Under*, about his life, his unapologetic humanitarian work, and the struggle of the Palestinian people in the face of genocide.

Light from Deep Under can be purchased at: https://shoptbmbooks.com/Light_from_Deep_Under.html



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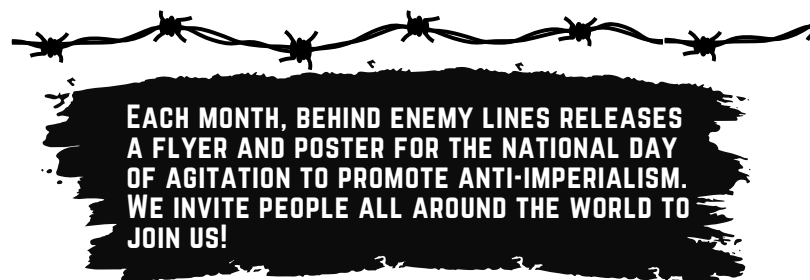
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Ghassan and Shukri are Palestinian political prisoners here in the US - their imprisonment is a function of the US-Israel war machine's campaign of genocide and the need to stifle any dissent. They are being punished for providing humanitarian aid to people that the US-Israel war machine would rather see disappear off the face of the earth.

In the face of the intensifying repression against people supporting Palestine, we must fight to free those who have come before us and defend all those coming under attack for standing up to this fucked up system.

They deserve to be free and with their families, not languishing in federal prison.

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