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Politically Motivated Charges Against Munther Amira Should Be Dropped Immediately

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately release and drop all charges against activist **Munther Amira**, to rescind military order 101, and to fully respect the right of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of a coordinated campaign to persecute **Munther Amira** and prevent him from peacefully protesting in Bethlehem for Palestinian human rights.

We strongly believe that you and the Israeli government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Article 9 & 19* – the right to liberty and security of person, and the right to freedom of expression. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to take action to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Commander of the IDF – West Bank Major-General Roni Numa, Minister of Defence
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