Palestinians mourn prisoner who died of medical neglect

Ramallah, December 21 (RHC)-- Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank have declared a one-day general strike to mourn the death of prisoner Nasser Abu Hamid.

The 49-year-old Palestinian had been held in an Israeli prison since his arrest in 2002 for his involvement in an armed wing of the ruling Fatah party. He was diagnosed from prison with late-stage lung cancer in August 2021.

His family says Israeli prison authorities ignored his medical complaints for months, leading him to die of medical neglect. Human rights groups say dozens of other Palestinian prisoners have died of preventable illnesses due to a lack of routine health checks.

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