

State of Palestine

Prime Minister



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H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kingdom of Norway

Dear Mr. Foreign Minister,

With reference to your inquiry regarding allowances paid for the families of Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails, I wish to confirm that all funds transferred to the Palestinian Authority by the Kingdom of Norway have been used to pay the salaries of Palestinian Authority civil servants. Allowances for the prisoners' families are part of a social assistance program for the financially and economically disadvantaged and are not part of the civil servants payroll.

I wish to seize this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to you personally and to the Kingdom of Norway for its unwavering support for the cause of achieving justice and peace in our region.

Sincerely,

Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister