

Wonderful News of the Release of Mohammad el Sharif – update, 1 May 2025

Jane Salmonsens, St John's parishioner and chief executive of Firefly (an Edinburgh based international charity that supports children affected by war in Bosnia, Gaza, and among Syrian refugees, partnering with local experts), writes: 'Last Tuesday I learned that my friend and former Firefly colleague, a specialist in child trauma, Mohammad el Sharif, had been released from detention and is back with his family in Gaza. This is wonderful news.

Mohammad was one of ten Palestinian medics all released together that day. There is an article about this here: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/156912> and a video from Associated Press here: <https://apnews.com/article/mideast-gaza-israel-hamas-war-latest-04-29-2025-a60e2fb8c1db3b1b79c94c4c18397579>



Mohammad appears from his photo to have aged years during almost six months of detention, but we at Firefly are all so pleased and relieved that he is free, that is all that matters just now. **He is back with his wife Alaa and their three little boys. Please use this link if you would like to see his reunion with his sons.**

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJB6fgdq4j4/>

So Team Firefly International is enjoying a moment of huge relief, feeling better than we have felt since Mohammad's arrest and detention without charge, last November. Not knowing if someone is alive or dead has been very hard for us in Scotland and will have been far worse for his family in Gaza. Once again, my thanks for your prayers. **Please continue to pray though, for everyone in Gaza, as the carnage continues, now compounded by starvation.'**