

Palestinian detainee on hunger strike reaches 89 days

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A Palestinian detainee has entered uncharted medical territory with a hunger strike of 89 days — longer than protest fasts by other Palestinians or by prisoners in Northern Ireland in 1981, an advocacy group said Monday.

Mohammed Al-Qeq, a news reporter for Saudi channel Al Majd, is under observation at an Israeli hospital, but has refused all treatment unless he is released from Israeli custody.

A doctor who visited him earlier this month described his condition as "extremely grave" and said Qeq, 33, could barely speak or even hear.

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