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## PA: Independent doctor to investigate detainee's death

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Israel will grant a request from the Palestinian Authority to bring an independent doctor to investigate the death of a detainee who died in Israeli custody, an official said Friday.

Civil Affairs Minister Hussein al-Sheikh told Ma'an that the foreign doctor would investigate the death of Arafat Jaradat, who died last week in an Israeli prison.

"This is the first time Israel agrees that a non-Israeli doctor will participate in an issue related to Palestinians in Israeli jails," al-Sheikh told Ma'an.

But the official said the doctor had not yet been identified and he did not name a date of arrival.

Jaradat, 30, died in Israel's Megiddo prison on Saturday, a week after he was arrested and accused of throwing stones.

Israeli authorities have called the cause of death ambiguous, but a Palestinian Authority health official present at his autopsy concluded the body showed signs of torture.

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