

Nusseibeh tells MK he's innocent

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Palestinian academic Sari Nusseibeh told a Communist MK who visited him in Ramle prison yesterday that "all the allegations against me of spying on behalf of Iraq are absolutely without foundation."

Nusseibeh, who is under administrative detention for three months, was visited by Tamar Gozansky (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) for about an hour and a half. He was detained last week.

According to Gozansky, Nusseibeh told her: "I have never done any spying. I am ready to face charges in a court of law and state my case."

He told the MK that, during the first week of the war, he got dozens of telephone calls from abroad, mostly from people whom he didn't know. One such caller described himself as the Iraqi ambassador in Tunis.

"I said nothing to that man about the situation which I hadn't already said earlier to dozens of other callers," he told Gozansky. "I didn't supply any of them with information. I gave them my analysis of the situation. I do not consider myself as a spy for any country or any party whatsoever."

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