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The treatment of the 21-year-old Bethlehem University student Berlanty Azzam by the Israeli military is the latest incident in a long list of brutalities. Returning to the West Bank, after a job interview in Ramallah, Berlanty (who has lived in Bethlehem since 2005), was detained at a military checkpoint, blindfolded, handcuffed, loaded into a military jeep and deported to Gaza on 28 October. Since then the Israeli military has refused to allow Berlanty to return to Bethlehem. We urge the British Government immediately to intervene and ensure that Berlanty is allowed to return to Bethlehem to complete her bachelor's degree. As a signatory to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, Britain has a responsibility and indeed a duty to intervene and ensure that Palestinians under illegal occupation are fully protected and that the Palestinian right to education is upheld a right which we all take for granted in the UK.

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