

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Current Status of Palestinian Detainees in Israeli Prisons

More than 750,000 Arrests Since 1967

One member or all members of almost each Palestinian family have been detained. There are some Palestinian citizens who have been detained several times. Prisons, detention camps and interrogation centers have been established in almost all parts of Palestine. Since occupying the Palestinian Territory in 1967, Israeli Occupation Forces have detained about 750,000 Palestinian citizens from all parts of Palestine of whom 12,000 women and tens of thousands of children. Detention also included Palestinian martyrs where the Israeli Occupation Forces still detain tens of corpses of male and female martyrs killed during Al-Aqsa Intifada; in addition to hundreds of corpses of martyrs killed in previous years.

Since the breakout of Al-Aqsa Intifada in September 28/2000, more than 70,000 have been detained of whom 8,000 children; members of parliament; former ministers; more than 20,000 decisions have been issued either to renew detention of detainees or to detain new detainees under administrative detention and 850 women detainees of whom 4 women have given birth in prison during Al-Aqsa Intifada and they have been released later on.

Currently, about 6,000 detainees are held in Israeli prisons of whom tens of detainees of different Arab nationalities; 35 women; 285 children equivalent to 5.3% of the total number of detainees (hundreds of detainees have been detained while being children and grown up in prison); 270 detainees held under administrative detention; 21 members of parliament; a number of political leaders and 820 detainees who have been sentenced to life once or many times.

More than 200 detainees martyred in prison since 1967 as a result of torture, medical negligence, being killed directly after detention or shot dead inside prison by soldiers and guards of whom 70 detainees killed under torture; 51 detainees killed due to medical negligence; 74 killed after detention directly and 7 detainees shot dead inside prison by soldiers and guards.

Veteran detainees, deans of detainees and generals of patience:

There are 302 detainees detained before signing Oslo agreement and the establishment of the Palestinian National Authority in May 1994. These detainees are called "veteran detainees" as they are the longest-serving detainees of whom spent at least 17 years in prison. There are 136 detainees who spent more than 20 years in prison and these are called "Deans of Detainees". "Generals of Patience" is a term given to detainees who spent more than 25 years in prison. They will reach 41 detainees by the end of October, 2011 of whom one Arab detainee from the Occupied Syrian Golan Heights and 4 detainees who have spent more than 30 years in prison. These detainees are: Na'el Barghouti, Fakhri Barghouti, Akram Mansour and Fouad Al-Razem from Jerusalem.