

# **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics**

**Press Release on the Occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day  
More than 11,000 Palestinian are still in Prison, of whom 5,671 have been arrested during 2006, and 3,495 have been arrested during 2005.**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics issued a press release on the occasion of a Palestinian Prisoners Day, which marked on April 17<sup>th</sup> every year <sup>(1)</sup>.

## **187 prisoners have spent more than 15 years in prison**

Data from the Ministry of Detainee's Affairs point out that more than 800,000 Palestinian citizens have been arrested since 1948, while more than 45,000 Palestinian citizens have been arrested during Al-Aqsa Intifada. Of these, 11,000 prisoners are still detained in more than 30 Israeli jails and detention centers. 187 prisoners have spent more than 15 years in prison, while 8 of them spent more than 25 years.

## **5,671 Palestinians were seized during 2006**

The Israeli Occupation Forces have seized more than 5,671 Palestinians during 2006, of them 246 from Gaza Strip, comparing with 3,495 were seized during 2005, in addition to hundreds of residents and students who are held for long hours or sometimes for days at the road barriers and checkpoints.

## **553 of Prisoners were Arrested Before the Al-Aqsa Intifada**

Data shows that there are 553 prisoners (5.0%) were arrested before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada are still in custody, 367 of them have been arrested before Oslo Accord, and 186 prisoners were arrested following the signing of the Oslo Accord and before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada.

## **11,000 Prisoners are Still Detained in Israeli Jails and Detention Centers**

Data shows that there are 11,000 prisoners still detained, 85.3% from the West Bank, and 7.9% from Gaza Strip (867 prisoners), and 6.8% (745 prisoners) from Jerusalem, together with prisoners from Israel and the Arab countries.

Data indicates that 890 prisoners do not know the accusations against them (administrative detention), in addition to 4,820 prisoners without trial until now.

## **186 Prisoners have been Martyred in Israeli Jails and Detention Centers**

Data shows that there have been 186 prisoners martyred as a result of harsh torture in interrogation and from medical neglect since 1967. Of these, 75 were martyred as a result of

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<sup>(1)</sup> Data at the end of February 2007.

premeditated murder following arrest, and 69 detainees were killed as result of torture within the Israeli jails and detention centers; 42 were martyred as a result of medical negligence.

From 1967 to the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada (September 28, 2000), there were 123 martyrs among the prisoners, or 67.2% of the total prisoners who were martyred; there were 63 prisoners who died during al-Aqsa Intifada, 50 of them martyred as a result of premeditated murder and interrogation after arrest.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Three Women gave their birth at prisons</b></p>
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Since 1967, about 10,000 women have been seized by Israeli occupation forces; 600 women have been in prison during al-Aqsa Intifada, and 118 (1.1% of total prisoners) are still detained. 18 of the women prisoners were seized during 2005. Five prisoners are less than 18 years of age. Three of them gave their birth at prison. Data indicate that more than 4,000 Palestinian children have been arrested since the outbreak of Al-Aqsa Intifada (28/9/2000), and 344 children, representing 3.1% of the total number of prisoners, are still detained.