

## **The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**On the occasion of Palestinian Detainee Day – The 17<sup>th</sup> of April –**

- **More than 19,000 Palestinian were under administrative detention in Israeli jails since year 2002**
- **More than 7,000 Palestinian are still under detention of whom three have been in jail for more than 30 years**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics issues a press release on the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> of April - **The Palestinian Detainee Day**. Since its occupation of the Palestinian Territory in 1967, the Israeli authorities systematically violate the most basic rights granted by international and human rights conventions through inhumane treatment, restrictions on movements, killings, deportation, and detention.

### **315 detainees in Israeli jails for more than 15 years**

According to the data of the Palestinian Ministry of Detainees and Ex-detainees, Israel has detained since 1967 more than 760,000 Palestinians including about 70,000 since the Aqsa Intifada. The data shows that 315 of current detainees were arrested before the Oslo Agreement and have been in Israeli jails since then. Almost half of the 315 detainees have been under Israeli detention for more than 20 years.

### **More than 7,000 Palestinian still under detention in Israeli jails**

More than 7,000 Palestinian are under detention dispersed to 17 investigation and detention centers as well as prisons. There are 34 female detainees and 270 child detainees of whom 44 under the age of 16 years. There are 726 detainees from the Gaza Strip, 183 detainee from the Arab 48; while the majority of the detainees are from the West Bank (6,280 detainees) of whom 212 from Jerusalem. The data also indicates that more than 19,000 Palestinian were detained under administrative terms (detention without trial) since 2002 of whom 264 are still in detention. In addition, more than 1,000 Palestinian detainee are still awaiting trail in Israeli jails.

### **More than 200 martyrs in Israeli interrogation centers and jails**

The number of martyrs in Israeli jails due to torture, deprivation of health treatment or deliberate killing have amounted to about 200 since 1967 while 76 of these martyrs were killed since year 2000. The year 2007 had witnessed the largest number of martyrs among detainees (7 martyrs) of whom 5 died due to lack of medical treatment; while there were 125 martyrs among detainees during the period from 1967 till 2000 and that constitutes about 62% of all martyrs among detainees.

### **Detainees are deprived from medical treatment**

There are more than 1,500 cases of illness among detainees in Israeli jails including heart problems, kidneys failure, and cancer. Israeli authorities deprive these detainees from adequate medical treatment and often medication is limited to pain killers only. Detainees are often subjected to isolated confinement that lead to psychological problems. The data indicates that about 14 detainees had been subjected to isolated confinement for more than five years.