

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Detainees and Ex-detainees

On the Occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day – The 17th of April

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Around 4,700 Palestinians are still under detention of whom 23 have been in jail for more than 25 years**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Detainees and Ex-detainees issue a press release on the occasion of the 17th of April - **The Palestinian Detainees 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.

27 Detainees in Israeli jails for more than 25 Years

Data of the Palestinian Ministry of Detainees and Ex-detainees shows that Israel had arrested since 1967 more than 800,000 Palestinians, more than 70,000 of them were arrested since Al-aqsa Intifada. It should be noted that 2,000 detainees were arrested since Oct.18, 2011 (after the implementation of Shalit deal of war prisoners swapping release) at a rate of more than 10 cases a day. The data also shows that 124 of current detainees were arrested before Oslo Agreement and have been in Israeli jails since then. 50 detainees have been under Israeli detention for more than 20 years, and 23 detainees have been under Israeli detention for more than 25 years.

Around 4,200 Palestinians are still detained in Israeli jails

Around 4,700 Palestinian are still detained and distributed in 17 jails and detention centers as well as prisons. 6 of detainees are females, 185 child, and 27 Palestinian legislators. The data also indicates that more than 20,000 Palestinians were detained under administrative terms (detention without trial) since 2002 of whom 320 are still in detention. In addition, 822 Palestinian detainee are still waiting trial in Israeli jails.

201 Martyrs in Israeli jails and detention centers

The number of martyrs in Israeli jails due to torture, deprivation of health treatment or deliberate killing have amounted to 201 since 1967 while 76 of these martyrs were killed since 2000. The year of 2007 had witnessed the largest number of martyrs among detainees (7 martyrs) of whom 5 had 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 62.2% of all martyrs among detainees.