



Fact Sheet on Detainees and Prisoners in Israeli Occupation Prisons

Total Number of Detainees



9,792 Total number of Palestinian detainees in Israeli occupation prisons as of April 2025 ,17 — this does not include thousands of detainees from Gaza who are being held in military camps amid ongoing forced disappearances.

(HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual)

As for the West Bank and Jerusalem, there have been **15,700** arrests since October 7, up until April 2025 ,17.

(Palestinian Prisoners' Club)

Earlier in April, Israel's Prison Authority and Ministry of National Security announced:

“The detention capacity for Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons is 14,500, while the actual number of detainees exceeds 21,000.”

6,000 Palestinians have been arrested by the Israeli army from the West Bank since the beginning of the war.

Spokesperson for the Israeli Army, December 2024 ,16

Administrative Detainees



3,498 is the number of administrative detainees.

(HaMoked, April 2025 ,17)

10,000 is the total number of administrative detention cases since October 7, including both new and renewed orders — among them, orders issued against children and women.

(Palestinian Prisoners' Club, as of December 2024 ,16)

Detained Prisoners



3,076 detainees are being held in pre-trial detention.

(HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual, as of April 2025 ,17)

Sentenced Prisoners



1,471 Sentenced prisoners

(HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual, as of April 2025 ,17)

Forcibly Disappeared Detainees



3,600 Forcibly disappeared detainees

(Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor) as of March 2025 ,5.

Unlawful Combatants



1,747 detainees from Gaza have been classified by the Israeli authorities as «unlawful combatants.»

(HaMoked Center for the Defence of the Individual, as of April 2025 ,17)

The Al Mezan Center for Human Rights estimated their number to be 2,350 detainees in a press release issued on September 2024 ,3.

The Missing and Forcibly Disappeared in Gaza



14,222 is the number of publicly reported missing persons.
1,500 is the number of officially registered missing persons.

(Palestinian Center for the Missing and Forcibly Disappeared, as of March 2025 ,13)

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Child Detainees



350

child prisoners under the age of 18

(Palestinian Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs – March 2025 ,5)

Among them, 40 children are held under administrative detention.

The number of child arrests since October 7 has reached approximately 1,055 cases as of January 2025 ,1.

(Palestinian Prisoners' Club – January 2025 ,1)

Life Sentences



600

600 prisoners are serving life sentences (life imprisonment – up to 99 years).

The prisoner with the highest sentence is Abdullah Barghouti, sentenced to 67 life sentences, followed by Ibrahim Hamed, sentenced to 54 life sentences.

(Palestinian Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs – January 2025 ,1)

Female Prisoners



29

female prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons

(Palestinian Prisoners Club – April 2025 ,4).

Among them, there is a mother from Gaza, Siham Abu Salem, whose identity is known, and another mother of two martyrs, Hanin Jaber from Tulkarm. There is also a third prisoner who is three months pregnant, and a fourth who is a mother suffering from cancer.

A total of 500 female arrests have been recorded in the West Bank and Jerusalem since the beginning of the genocide war.

It is important to note that the majority of female prisoners in Israeli prisons are detained for reasons related to freedom of opinion and expression, under the charge of «incitement» on social media platforms. Like all male prisoners, they are subjected to crimes of torture, starvation, systematic medical crimes, and collective isolation in harsh and difficult conditions, accompanied by repression carried out by the prison system against them. Additionally, there are 4 administrative detainees.

Freed Prisoners From the veteran prisoners and those with long sentences.



291

prisoners from the veteran prisoners and those with long sentences were freed by the resistance in the first phase of the exchange deal.

«Veteran prisoners» is a term used by Palestinians to refer to those who have been held in Israeli prisons for more than 20 consecutive years.

Sick Prisoners



700

Sick prisoners are currently held in Israeli prisons.

Among them is Osama Amin Adais (34 years old) from Hebron, who is facing a concerning health condition. He underwent an amputation above the knee of his left leg after being shot by Israeli forces during his arrest on September ,9 2024. Additionally, he sustained another injury in his abdomen.

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Veteran prisoners

17

17 prisoners have spent more than 32 years in detention.

The first phase of the release included (4) of them, and (17) prisoners remain in Israeli prisons who were detained before the «Oslo Agreement,» the oldest of whom is prisoner «Ibrahim Abu Makh» from the occupied 1948 areas, who has been detained for 39 years.

(Abd al-Nasser Farwana - Specialist in Prisoners' Affairs) 2025-3-13

Withheld Bodies

665

Palestinian corpses are being held in numbered graves, refrigerators, and the Sdei Taiman military camp, some of them since the 1960s and 1970s, including young people, the elderly, children, women, and prisoners. Note that this data does not include the martyrs whose bodies are held from the Gaza Strip.

Since the beginning of the war, 149 bodies have been held, which represents more than half of the martyrs held since 2015. It also does not include the number of martyrs from Gaza whose bodies are held, which is estimated to be in the hundreds.

Among the martyrs whose bodies are held:

259 martyrs since the beginning of the aggression in October 2023.

67 martyrs from the prisoner movement.

59 martyrs who are children under the age of 18.

9 martyrs who are women.

The only information revealed about the bodies of martyrs from Gaza held by the occupation was in July 2024, when the Hebrew newspaper Haaretz reported that the Israeli occupation was holding about 1,500 bodies of Palestinians, whose identities were unknown. The bodies were stored in refrigerated containers inside the military base known as Sdei Taiman and were classified by numbers, not names. The newspaper mentioned that the bodies had reached a certain stage of decomposition, with some missing limbs and others lacking facial features.

(22) prisoners who were martyred and announced since the beginning of the genocide war have their bodies held, and they are among **(33)** martyr prisoners whose bodies the occupation continues to hold, whose identities have been announced.

National Campaign for the Retrieval of Martyrs' Bodies, February 2025.

(National Campaign to Recover the Martyrs' Bodies, August 2024 ,30)

Detained Journalists

51

journalists are detained, including 6 female journalists, and 31 journalists from Gaza, of whom 16 are under administrative detention.

(Palestinian Prisoners' Club) March 2025 ,19

A total of 170 journalists were arrested since October 2023 ,7, some of whom have been released. (Palestinian Prisoners' Club)

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Detainees of Gaza



15,000

total number of arrests from the Gaza Strip, with approximately 3,636 detainees still held in known and unknown prisons and detention centers, according to the statement made by the Israeli government to the Israeli Supreme Court.

(Kadoura Fares - Arab World News Agency TV Service, AWP) January 2025 ,15, statement by the Israeli government to the Israeli Supreme Court.

3,636 detainees from Gaza, including 529 detainees who are denied visits.

January 2025 ,15, statement by the Israeli government to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Among the total number of detainees, about 300 are undergoing trials, while

2,350 are held as «unlawful combatants.»

Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights - September 2024 ,3.

Martyr Prisoners



301

martyrs from the prisoner movement since 1967, whose names are known, including:

73 martyrs whose bodies are still held by Israel, including 62 martyrs since the start of the genocide war.

(Palestinian Prisoners' Club) March 2025 ,5.

237 martyrs who died before October 7.

64 martyrs after October 2023 ,7, up until March 2025 ,23, including 40 from Gaza, who are the only prisoners whose names have been identified.

Additionally, dozens of Gaza detainees who were martyred in prisons and detention camps, whose identities and circumstances of their deaths have not been revealed by the occupation, as well as many who were subjected to field executions.

According to an investigative report revealed by Haaretz newspaper on March 27 ,2024 ,7 Palestinian prisoners from Gaza were martyred in Israeli military detention centers since the beginning of the war. The Israeli army officially announced on June 1 that 36 Palestinian prisoners from Gaza were martyred in detention camps after October 7.

The numerical distribution of martyrs from the Palestinian prisoner movement in **Israeli prisons according to the type of violation committed against them since 1967 until April 2024 ,17:**

79 prisoners were deliberately martyred after arrest.

105 prisoners martyred due to deliberate medical neglect and medical crimes.

110 prisoners martyred due to torture in Israeli prisons.

7 prisoners martyred due to direct gunfire.

The numerical distribution of martyrs from the Palestinian prisoner movement in Israeli prisons since 1967 until March 2025 ,5, according to the period of detention:

45 martyrs : 1967-1977

26 martyrs : 1977-1987

50 martyrs : 1989-1997

75 martyrs : 1989-2008

30 martyrs : 2009-2020

11 martyrs : June 2021 - October 2023

64 martyrs : October 2023 - April 2025.



Exchange Deal – Phase One:



First Batch – (January 2025 ,20)

90 prisoners were released, including children and women.



Second Batch – (January 2025 ,25)

200 prisoners were released, including:

121 serving life sentences

79 with high sentences



Third Batch – (January 2025 ,30)

110 prisoners were released, including:

32 serving life sentences

48 with high sentences

30 child prisoners



Fourth Batch – (February 2025 ,1)

183 prisoners were released, including:

18 serving life sentences

54 with high sentences

111 prisoners from the Gaza Strip who were detained after October 2023 ,7



Fifth Batch – (February 2025 ,8)

183 prisoners were released, including:

18 serving life sentences

54 with high sentences

111 prisoners from the Gaza Strip who were detained after October 2023 ,7



Sixth Batch – (February 2025 ,15)

369 prisoners were released, including:

36 serving life sentences

333 prisoners from the Gaza Strip detained after October 2023 ,7



Seventh Batch – (February 2025 ,22)

628 prisoners were released, including:

50 serving life sentences

60 with high sentences

47 prisoners from the Shalit deal who had been re-arrested

445 prisoners from the Gaza Strip detained after October 2023 ,7

26 minors from Gaza

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Information



A total of **1,777** prisoners were released as part of the first phase of the exchange deal with the Israeli occupation, including:

285 prisoners serving life sentences

283 prisoners serving high sentences (10 years or more)

«The Oldest Freed Prisoner in Israeli Jails»

Freed prisoner Mousa Nawawra (70 years old) from Bethlehem, who was sentenced to two life terms and 21 additional years, regained his freedom after being released in the sixth batch of the first phase of the prisoner exchange deal on February 2025 ,15.

Release of the Abu Hamid Brothers: Nasser, Mohammed, and Sharif (Naji)

They were among 70 prisoners forcibly deported from the occupied Palestinian territories. Their mother, Um Nasser Abu Hamid, was nicknamed «The Khansa of Palestine» after one of her sons was killed in 1994, five others were imprisoned, one of whom died in prison, another was not released, and three were forcibly exiled.

Israel released the three Palestinian brothers from the Abu Hamid family from Al-Amari refugee camp in Ramallah, central occupied West Bank, as part of a group of 200 prisoners freed in the second batch of the first phase of the ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement in Gaza.

92 prisoners from Gaza who were serving life sentences or long sentences were released as part of the first phase of the exchange deal out of a total of 189 prisoners detained before October 7.

— Abdel Nasser Ferwana, specialist in prisoner affairs

1,045 detainees from Gaza, arrested after October 2023 ,7, were released after being included in the first phase of the exchange deal. They were among thousands of forcibly disappeared detainees whose fate remains unknown.

— Abdel Nasser Ferwana, specialist in prisoner affairs

Before October 2023 ,7, the total number of prisoners in Israeli prisons exceeded 5,250, including 40 female prisoners. The number of children in detention was 170, and the number of administrative detainees was approximately 1,320.



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