

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
Press Release on the Occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day
More than 650,000 Palestinian were exposed to detention since 1967,
of whom 9,400 are still in Prison

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics issued a press release on the occasion of a Palestinian Prisoners Day, April 17th, 2006.

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Data from the Ministry of Detainee's Affairs point out that more than 650,000 Palestinian citizens have been arrested since 1967, while more than 40,000 Palestinian citizens have been arrested during Al-Aqsa Intifada. Of these, 9,400 prisoners are still detained in the more than 30 Israeli jails and detention centers. 421 prisoners have spent more than 10 years in prison, while 7 of them spent more than 25 years.

555 of Prisoners were Arrested Before the Al-Aqsa Intifada

Data shows that there are 555 prisoners (5.9%) were arrested before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada are still in custody, 369 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.

More than 4,000 Palestinians were seized after the reported "calming" of the situation since February 2005

The Israeli Occupation Forces have seized more than 4,000 Palestinians since the reported "calming" of the situation from February 2005 until the end of March 2006, in addition to hundreds of residents and students who are held for long hours or sometimes for days at the road barriers and checkpoints.

9,400 Prisoners are Still Detained in Israeli Jails and Detention Centers

Data shows that there are 9,400 prisoners still detained as of the end of March 2006, 86.6% from the West Bank, and 7.2% from Gaza Strip (675 prisoners), and 6.2% prisoners from Jerusalem, together with prisoners from the 1948 areas and the Arab countries.

Data indicates that 810 prisoners do not know the accusations against them (administrative detention), in addition to 3,908 prisoners without trial until now. According to the data, 74% of prisoners were single, and 26% were married.

183 Prisoners have been Martyred in Israeli Jails and Detention Centers

Data shows that there have been 183 prisoners martyred as a result of harsh torture in interrogation and from medical neglect since 1967. Of these, 72 were martyred as a result of 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

60 prisoners who died during al-Aqsa Intifada, 48 of them martyred as a result of premeditated murder and interrogation after arrest.

16 Prisoners of Mother were Deprived from Raising about 60 children
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Since 1967, about 10,000 women have been seized by Israeli occupation forces; 500 women have been in prison during al-Aqsa Intifada, and 120 (1.3% of total prisoners) are still detained. 18 of the women prisoners were seized during 2005. 110 of women were from the West Bank, and 6 prisoners from Jerusalem's governorate, and four from Gaza Strip. Five prisoners are less than 18 years of age. 16 women prisoners are mothers who are deprived from raising a total of 60 children.

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Data indicate that more than 4,000 Palestinian children have been arrested since the outbreak of Al-Aqsa Intifada (28/9/2000), and 330 children, representing 3.5% of the total number of prisoners, are still detained. In addition, there are 70 children in prison who are sick and in need of medical treatment.

Approximately 500 prisoners were arrested when they were below the age of 18 years, and they are still detained in Israeli jails and detention centers.