

## Israeli Abuse Of Palestinian Children

Three generations have grown up knowing only a life governed by the military rule administered by a foreign army. Israel is the only country in the world that prosecutes children in a military court.

Many Palestinian children are arrested in the middle of the night, their homes are trashed and their parents are not informed about the reason or where they are being taken. Many are slapped, beaten, kicked, interrogated without a lawyer or parent present, abused for being Palestinian and endure sexual threats.

Israeli soldiers and police often arrest children for recruitment purposes, pressurizing them to become informants, forcing them to inform against both adults and other children.

During transfer to an interrogation centre they can suffer ill treatment - verbal or physical abuse, denied water and toilet facilities. Confessions are coerced. All this is of course a violation of International Law.

Israel tortures, degrades and ill-treats Palestinian political prisoners, the most common forms of abuse are beating, kicking, forcing the detainee into painful positions, placing a urine-soaked bag over his head, violent shaking, sleep deprivation, prolonged shackling behind the back, threats (for example to set dogs onto the arrested person or to electrocute him or to harm his family), humiliations such as strip searches.

## 17 April: Palestine Prisoner Day

Since 1967 about 750,000 Palestinians have been detained, so that nearly all families have experienced the imprisonment of at least one male relative.

There are currently 5,023 Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli jails. 17 of them women, 154 of them children, and 175 of them held under “administrative detention,” a policy that Israel uses to hold Palestinians on secret information indefinitely without charging them or allowing them to stand trial.

All but one of the women prisoners are in HaSharon prison in Israel. This prison is run by British private security contractor G4S.



The Israeli occupation affects every aspect of Palestinian life. The most brutal is clearly the military occupation. As in any military conflict, it is the children who particularly suffer. Since 2000, 1518 children have been killed by the Israel Defence Force, that is one child killed every 3 days.

Another house demolition, protected by the IDF (Israeli Defence Forces). House demolition is a daily fact of life in occupied Palestine, with an estimated 27,000 Palestinian buildings pulled down to date.

