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"At the end of December 2024, the Israel Prison Service (IPS) was holding **9,619 Palestinians** in detention or in prison on what it defined "security" grounds, including 2,216 from the Gaza Strip" ([The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories 2025](#)).

"Furthermore, this system subjects Palestinians to **military courts** lacking the basic minimum of guarantees of due process and fair trial. **More than 99% of prosecutions end in convictions**" ([Cario Institute for Human Rights Studies 2018](#)).

"The **mass incarceration of Palestinians** is just one feature of Israel's illegal occupation of the West Bank, which also involves expanding illegal Israeli settlements and the mass killing, injuring and dispossession of civilians, according to rights groups and prisoners' families" ([Nashed 2025](#)).



"The Israeli prison system as a whole, in regard to Palestinians, turned into a **network of torture** camps" ([Adams 2024](#)).

"Our documentation illustrates how the Israeli authorities are using the **Unlawful Combatants Law** to arbitrarily round up Palestinian civilians from Gaza and toss them into a virtual **black hole for prolonged periods** without producing any evidence that they pose a security threat and without minimum due process. Israeli authorities must immediately repeal this law and release those **arbitrarily detained** under it" ([Amnesty International 2024](#)).

Testimony by Alaa Muhanaa, whose husband was detained in 2023: "I assure the children that Ahmad is fine, that he's coming back soon, but to live through this war, the constant displacement, the bombing and also have to fight to know where your husband is, not to hear his voice, is like a **war within the war**" ([Amnesty International 2024](#)).



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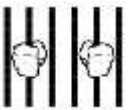
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“Of utmost concern in recent years, the Israeli military has increasingly **detained children** at an escalating rate, including by **administrative detention**. Since 2015, in total a third of all detentions concern **children under the age of 18**” ([Cario Institute for Human Rights Studies 2018](#)).

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“Each year approximately **500-700 Palestinian children**, some as young as 12 years old, are **detained and prosecuted** in the Israeli military court system. The most common charge is stone throwing” ([Defence for Children International – Palestine 2024](#)).

“In another case, the Israeli army arrested a **14-year-old child** from his home in Jabalia, in northern Gaza on 1 January 2024. He was held for 24 days in the Sde Teiman military detention centre with at least 100 adult detainees in one barrack. He told Amnesty International that military interrogators had subjected him to **torture**, including by **kicking him, punching him** in the neck and head” ([Amnesty International 2024](#)).

“Recently, UN experts said they have received credible allegations of **Palestinian women and girls arbitrarily executed in Gaza**, and of **inhumane and degrading treatment of girls in detention**, including being **beaten, denied menstruation pads, food and medicine**” ([Save the Children 2024](#)).



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