



PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

Facts, figures and the law

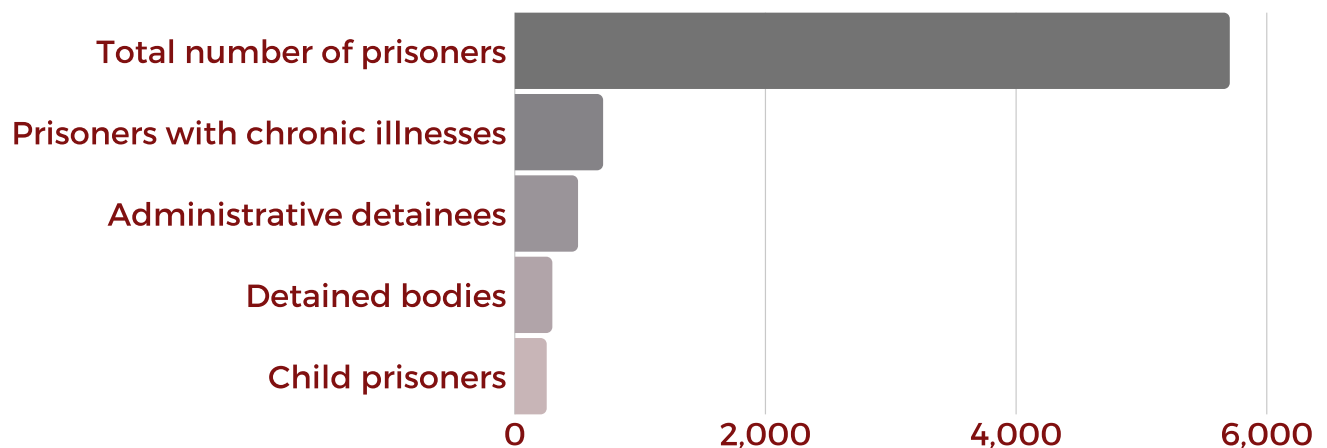


THE FACTS

- Israeli military law **grants army commanders full executive, legislative and judicial authority** over the Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- Since 1967, Israel has issued at least **52,000 administrative detention orders**. Currently, there are **500** Palestinians held in administrative detention without trial or charge.
- Israel is the only country in the world that has a **juvenile military court system exclusively for Palestinian children** as young as 12 years of age.
- In **2018**, Israel detained and/or imprisoned **3255** Palestinian children between the ages of 12 and 17.
- **70%** of Palestinian **children** detained by Israel in 2018 were **threatened with violence**, including **rape, castration, home demolition, imprisonment for life**, and **denial of food**.
- Palestinian detainees are forcibly transferred outside the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in contravention of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
- Israel profits from the mass incarceration of Palestinians. According to Israeli figures, between **2009 and 2011**, the Israel Prison Authority reported **yearly income** of **\$33.82 million** from selling food, cleaning products, and other basic items to Palestinian prisoners at prices of up to **140%** more than the average market price.
- In the **first quarter of 2019**, Israeli forces **detained** around **1600** Palestinians, including **230 children** and 40 women.

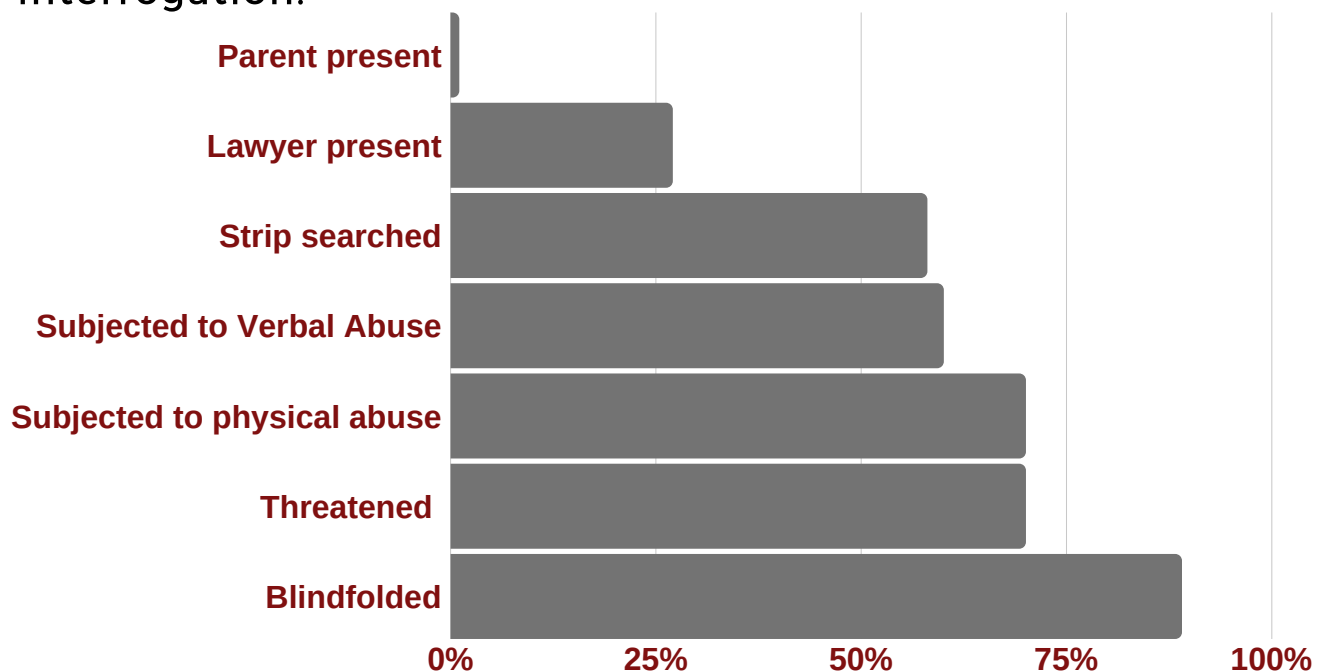
THE FIGURES

As of 31 March 2019, Israel is detaining and imprisoning 5,700 Palestinian men, women, and children. All Palestinian detainees are tried in military courts, which serve as a conveyor belt of convictions (with conviction rate of 99%). In addition to live prisoners, Israel detains bodies of Palestinians it kills in unmarked graves (253 documented cases) and morgues (42 bodies).



CHILD PRISONERS

Israel is the only country in the world that has a military juvenile court system. Every year, Israel detains an average of 1000 Palestinian children a year. The majority of them report being physically and verbally abused. Most are denied the right to counsel or presence of parents during interrogation.



Palestinian prisoners and international law

- The Fourth Geneva Convention obliges Israel, as an occupying power, to provide allowances for Palestinian detainees, as enshrined in Articles 98 and 81 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Israel does not honor this obligation. Instead, Israel is punishing the Palestinian government for providing allowances to the families of Palestinian prisoners by pirating Palestinian tax revenues.
- Article 98 of the Fourth Geneva Convention states that the Detaining Power should provide allowances for the detainees as part of its responsibility towards them.
- Article 81 of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits any deduction from the salary or income of the detainees. It also ensures that support should be provided for the dependents on the detainees.
- The occupation authorities are responsible for the provision of the maintenance for those dependent on the detainees when they are unable to do so themselves.
- The majority of detainees are the sole financial providers for their families, which means Israel is required to provide for their dependents. It does not.