



# SOLIDARITY

## with Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike



**T**he hunger strikers are putting their lives at risk to demand an end to a number of illegal practises, including the denial of family visits, appropriate medical care for sick prisoners, and the end of solitary confinement and administrative detention – the imprisonment without charge or trial.

There are currently over 6,000 Palestinian prisoners detained by Israel, of which 53 are female and 300 are children – some as young as 12 years old, 7 are elected members of

the Palestinian Legislative Council and 536 administrative detainees are held without charge or trial.

As documented by numerous human rights organisations, prisoners are systematically subjected to unacceptable and illegal practises. This includes the use of torture during interrogation, solitary confinement, numerous cases of gross medical negligence in cases of acute health issues, alongside the routine denial of visits.

# Take action for justice: Support the hunger strike

Since 1967, the start of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory, more than 800,000 Palestinians has been detained under Israeli military orders. This number constitutes approximately 20 percent of the total Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and as much as 40 percent of the total male Palestinian population. It also includes approximately 10,000 women jailed since 1967, as well as 8,000 Palestinian children arrested since 2000. Every Palestinian family has been subjected to having one or more members incarcerated subjecting the Palestinian people to one of the highest rates of incarceration in the world.

“Among the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians whom Israel has taken captive are children, women, parliamentarians, activists, journalists, human rights defenders, academics, political figures, militants, bystanders, family members of prisoners. And all with one aim: to bury the legitimate aspirations of an entire nation.”

**Marwan Barghouti, *New York Times* 16/04/17**

“Israel’s ruthless policy of holding Palestinian prisoners arrested in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in prisons inside Israel is a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention. It is unlawful and cruel and the consequences for the imprisoned person and their loved ones, who are often deprived from seeing them for months, and at times for years on end, can be devastating”

**Magdalena Mughrabi,  
Deputy Regional Director for the Middle East and  
North Africa at Amnesty International**

We are calling on the British government to call for an immediate end of these practises, and for immediate protection for these prisoners and detainees, and the restoration of their long-denied basic rights, accordance to the provisions of the third and fourth Geneva conventions.



Please take a moment to show your solidarity with Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike and take action:

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