



On Palestinian Prisoner's Day 4,450 Palestinians are Deprived of their Liberty in Israeli Occupation Prisons



April 17 marks Palestinian Prisoner's Day, established by the Palestinian National Council in 1974 as a national tribute to honor the thousands of Palestinian prisoners arbitrarily held in Israeli occupation prisons and to support their legitimate right to freedom.

Since the beginning of 2022, Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have arrested over 2,140 Palestinians, the majority of whom were from the occupied Palestinian cities of Jerusalem and Jenin. Arrests escalated in March and with the beginning of the Holy month of Ramadan, reaching their peak on April 15, when IOF raided Al-Aqsa mosque during dawn prayer and carried out arbitrary mass arrests of over 450 Palestinians, including many children.

Alarming, the scale of attacks and arbitrary arrests in Jerusalem is reminiscent of Israeli attacks preceding the [May 2021 Unity Uprising](#), which led to mass arrest campaigns and heightened violence across occupied Palestine.

Now more than ever, the international community must abide by its responsibilities under international law and uphold its legal and moral commitment to foster the protection of Palestinian human rights within the larger framework of the right to self-determination.

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Stand with Palestinian Prisoners

On Palestinian Prisoners' Day, I stand against Israeli Military Courts

#FreeThemALL

#OurDecisionIsFreedom

In response to the expanded, arbitrary, and systematic practice of administrative detention, some 500 Palestinian administrative detainees announced their collective and comprehensive boycott of all Israeli military courts, with the inclusion of the civil Israeli High Court. Since the initiation of their mass boycott on January 1, 2022 under the campaign '[Our Decision is Freedom...No to Administrative Detention](#),' Palestinian administrative detainees have boycotted the courts for over 100 days. Their boycott continues today.

Post your support on social media using the hashtags #FreeThemAll and #OurDecisionIsFreedom

[Palestinian Prisoners' Day Video](#)

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The Policy of Administrative Detention

The Israeli occupation systematically pursues the practice of indefinite administrative detention without charge or trial against all facets of Palestinian society, including [students](#), [children](#), [the sick](#), and [the elderly](#).

The administrative detainee is held without charges or a legal trial. Administrative detention is ordered under the pretext of a "secret file" that neither the detainee nor their lawyer has access to.

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Israeli Military Courts Position Paper

The Israeli military judicial system plays an integral role in facilitating the expansion of



administrative detention and, more broadly, in sustaining and feeding the establishment of a comprehensive Israeli apartheid apparatus over the occupied territories.

The illegality of Israeli military courts goes beyond the serious violations of the right to a fair trial. It is a judicial system inherently bound up with the use of [ill-treatment and torture](#). Seeking better trial standards in Israeli military courts is redundant; all efforts should be put toward ending the trial of Palestinian civilians in Israeli military courts and the abolition of the Israeli occupation.

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Art against Imprisonment: Palestinian Prisoners' Day

For Palestinian Prisoner's Day 2022, Art against Imprisonment is proud to host Palestinian former prisoners and artists to celebrate steadfast resistance against imprisonment, occupation, and settler colonialism.

Sunday, 17th April 2022
10:00 PDT
13:00 EDT
20:00 Palestine Time

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Palestinian Prisoners of Apartheid Demand Justice

In the face of mounting Israeli repression, Palestinian prisoners have stepped up the demand for their rights; they've launched a collective boycott of Israel's military courts, in protest over the widespread and illegal practice of administrative detention.

Join us to hear directly from prisoners' rights advocates in Palestine about the prisoners' struggle for justice and the wider movement for Palestinian freedom and self-determination, and to learn more about Israel's regime of arrest and detention and how we can support Palestinian political prisoners' demands for justice.

Wednesday, 20th April 2022
18:00 London Time
20:00 Palestine Time

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