

Israeli Prison Services (IPS) instituted a series of collective penalties against Palestinian political prisoners affiliated with Hamas, including shutting down entire prison sections.

IPS locked down all prison sections affiliated with Hamas prisoners, and preventing them from their allotted yard time today, and shut down Section 12 of Nafha prison, and transform punishment cells.

This followed an incident in which a Palestinian prisoner wounded one of the jailers in protest of IPS' physical assault off Palestinian female prisoners in Damoun prison, in addition to isolate the female prisoners' representative and her deputy.

IPS transferred about 80 prisoners outside their cells and chaining them for hours in the freezing cold while beating the prisoners severely. The prisoner who injured the guard was severely beaten, leading him to be hospitalized.

Other Palestinian prisoners were also hospitalized following the attack and transferred back to prison, (including the prisoner Fadi Abu Al-Sabbah and Tamer Al-Derini, in addition to a third prisoner whose name is not yet known.) The prisoners Omar Sharif, Youssef Masoud and Mahmoud Radwan were transferred with other prisoners to solitary confinement, and IPS confiscated all of the prisoners' belongings and all electrical tools from Section 12.

Addameer condemns the Prison Authority's assault on the prisoners and the imposition of collective punishments on them, by beating, positional torture, and isolation. Addameer calls on the Red Cross and the international bodies to assume their responsibilities and urgently intervene to stop the collective punishment against the prisoners—particularly the use of Israeli special forces—and counteract the blanket silence of information about the fate of the prisoners in Nafha prison.