

Special Edition Monthly Newsletter: Events of November 2015

In light of the mass detention of Palestinians taking place and the significant arrest campaign which began in the beginning of October 2015, Addameer issues a special edition monthly newsletter, covering the events of November 2015. Collective punishment of Palestinians continues, with mass arrests taking place, and ill treatment in the hands of prison guards within the prisons' walls. Additionally, the practice of administrative detention of Palestinians without charge or trial continues to escalate.

November 2015 in Numbers

In the month of November 2015, there were **872 documented cases of arrests of Palestinians**, including **171 children**. These included 302 arrests in Hebron alone, and 167 arrests in Jerusalem, two municipalities which continue to be targeted in a high level. By the middle of November 2015, there were about **6500 Palestinian political prisoners** being held in Israeli prisons and detention centers.

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Publications of November 2015:

Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council (PHROC) Publishes [Factsheet: Force-feeding under International Law and Medical Standards](#)


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Prison Conditions

Addameer Attorney visits three child prisoners in Ramleh Prison

Addameer Attorney Samer Samaan visited three Palestinian female children being held in Ramleh Prison on 25 November 2015 aged between 14 years and 17 years old, who indicated that their **belongings were taken away, including their headscarves and warm clothes**, and that the rooms they were being held in were filled with insects. They reported that they were suffering from degrading treatment by prison guards and that they were **being shackled** during recreation time in the prison yard. Marah Bakir (16 years old), Estabraq Nour (14 years old) and Jihan Ereqat (17 years old) reported to adv. Samaan the inhumane detention conditions and ill treatment to which they have been subjected. The girls stated that they were being detained in a cell with two bunk beds, a blanket, and a mattress, with only one window. They also stated that the cell is severely unhygienic and that it is infested with insects. Two of the girls, Marah and Estabraq, suffer from bullet injuries as they were both shot by IOF during their arrest. It was reported that neither of these girls are receiving adequate medical care. The detention of the girls at Al-Ramleh prison results in their severe isolation, a violation which may amount to psychological torture. Addameer continues to emphasize the necessity of providing the detainees with their fundamental rights in accordance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, especially the right of receiving medical care, the right to practicing religion and the right to receive family visits.

Addameer Attorney visits Givon — Al Ramleh Prison

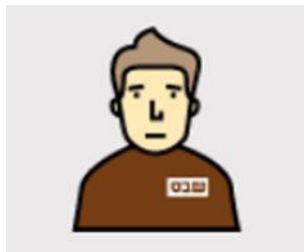
A new section was opened in Givon prison in response to the escalating number of Palestinian children being arrested. Addameer Attorney Mona Naddaf visited Givon—Al Ramleh Prison on 04 November 2015 where Palestinian child prisoners are being held. Adv. Naddaf reported that there are about 56 children are being held in Givon prison, about 36 of whom are from Jerusalem, and 20 of whom are from other various West Bank regions. The prison holds 9 rooms, each with about 6 prisoners, and the rooms have a high level of humidity and a limited level of fresh air. The food is reportedly poor in quality and in quantity, particularly involving a diet of canned foods and meals are served cold. Children reported having only one visit with parents for 30 minutes. They reported their rooms having been searched twice since October by special unit forces. The latest raid took place on 01 November during which a large number of special unit forces entered. Child prisoners were placed into two rooms and the children were strip-searched in the bathrooms. Children were physically assaulted on their necks and backs. The children reported having been insulted and ill treated, including physical beatings during arrest and interrogation.

Addameer Documents Conditions in Oz Police Station

Addameer has documented that many Palestinians from Jerusalem are arrested and then subsequently held in Oz Police Station for several hours. Arrests take place accompanied with physical beatings by arrest units and reportedly high physical beating and verbal assault alongside arrests. Oz Interrogation and Detention Center has recently been used for detention, whereas previously it was used as a police station. Alongside the escalation of high number of arrests and the recent escalation, it became an interrogation center. Addameer highlights particularly that there are no designated holding rooms for long-term detention and detainees are therefore kept on the floor of the center's yard for several hours without clothing in the cold weather and shackled in their arms and legs. There have been reported cases of beatings by the forces who arrest the detainees and with whom this detainees are brought to the center in recent weeks. Addameer's documentation unit received an affidavit from Q., a 15 year old child from Issawiya in Jerusalem who was arrested early October and was physically beat and was kept in the nude for hours in Oz Police Station.

Arrests of November 2015

Children

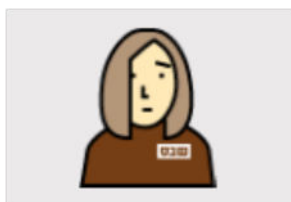


In November 2015, there were about **400 Palestinian children in Israeli detention**. Children continue to be subjected to persisting violations, arrested particularly in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem. The Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by Israel on 3 October 1991, states in article 37 that "No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." The article also states that "No child shall be deprived of his or her liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily" and that detention, imprisonment or arrest should be used only as a last resort.

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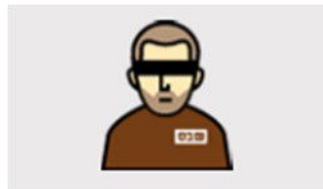
Female Prisoners



In November, there were about **46 Palestinian female prisoners in Israeli detention**, including 6 female children. Over the last five decades, an estimated 10,000 Palestinian women have been arrested

or detained under Israeli military orders. Palestinian women are held mainly in **Hasharon prison, located outside the 1967 occupied territory, in direct contravention of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states that an Occupying Power must detain residents of occupied territory in prisons inside the occupied territory**. Female Prisoners of November 2015 included Palestinian Legislative Council member Khalida Jarrar who was arrested on 02 April 2015 and has been held in Israeli detention since that date.

Administrative Detention



In November 2015 there has been a continued spike in the use of Administrative Detention by Israeli occupation forces. Administrative detention is a procedure that allows the Israeli military to hold prisoners indefinitely based

on secret information without charging them or allowing them to stand trial. Administrative detention is used almost exclusively to detain Palestinians from the occupied Palestinian territory (OPT) which includes the West Bank and East Jerusalem. In November 2015, there were approximately **528 Palestinian Administrative Detainees being held without charge or trial**, indicating its use in a systemic and widespread manner, in contravention with international law.

Palestinian Legislative Council Members



The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 2, states that states parties are to ensure "to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognized in the present Covenant, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or

other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status" (United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2200A (XXI) of 16 December 1966). However, Palestinian political leaders, including Palestinian Legislative Council members, are routinely arrested. **In November 2015, there were five Palestinian Legislative Council members held in Israeli detention, including two held under administrative detention without charge or trial.**

	Name	Date of Arrest	Legal Status as of November 2015
1	Marwan Al-Barghouthi	15/4/2002	5 life sentences
2	Ahmad Sa'adat	13/6/2006	30 years
3	Mohammad Al-Natsheh	27/3/2013	Administrative Detention
4	Khalida Jarrar	2/4/2015	Undergoing Military Trial
5	Hassan Yousef	20/10/2015	Administrative Detention

Awareness Raising Activities of November 2015



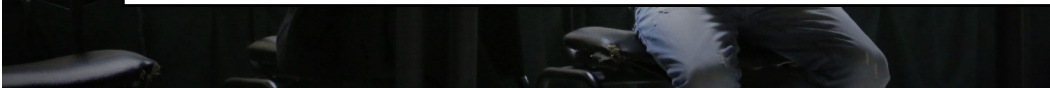
"Addamaer" volunteers conduct tree-planting activity in Jalazone Refugee camp on 20 November 2015.



"Addamaer" volunteers conduct tree-planting activity in Jalazone Refugee camp on 20 November 2015 . Areas Damaged by Israeli Occupation forces were targeted for the tree planting activity.



Addameer Attorney Farah Bayadsi gives "Know Your Rights" session addressing the use of social media to Gheras Cultural Center in Bethlehem on 19 November 2015

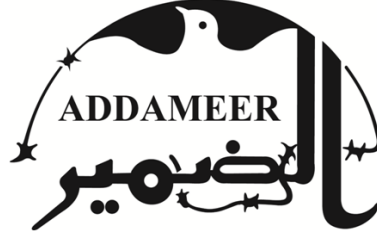


Participants in "Know Your Rights" session addressing legal aspects of the use of social media to Gheras Cultural Center in Bethlehem on 19 November 2015



Addameer Training and Awareness Unit carries out "Know Your Rights" Session on 19 November 2015 in Aroub Secondary School in Aroub Refugee Camp

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