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Only 27 of the total 35 women held in Israeli prisons at the time of the exchange deal were included in the first list of prisoners to be released, despite agreement by Israel that all female political prisoners would be included in the exchange. Crucially, of the first 477 prisoners to be released, 205 of them were not reunited with their families as their release was made contingent on their deportation or transfer, both of which are in violation of international law. Click [here](#) to read Addameer and Al-Haq's statement on the terms of the prisoner exchange deal.

On 18 December, 550 prisoners were released in completion of the second phase of the exchange deal. Of the 550 prisoners released in this phase, all were released to their homes, however, only 6 of the 11 women in Israeli detention were included on the list of released prisoners. Click [here](#) to read Addameer's statement on this phase of releases.

The prisoner exchange deal in numbers

18 October release

The full list of the first 477 names published by the Israeli Prison Service is available in [English](#) and [Hebrew](#). Below is an analysis of the 477 prisoners, providing information on the prisoners' background, place and condition of release, and arrest and sentencing. The analysis is also available in [PDF format](#).

Background of the released prisoners

	Number Gender of prisoners
Men	450
Women	27

Origin	Number of prisoners
	133 (132 men, 1 woman)
Gaza Strip	1
West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem)	290 (267 men, 23 women)
East Jerusalem	46 (45 men, 1 woman)
Golan Heights	1
Israel	7 (5 men, 2 women)

Political affiliation	Number of prisoners
Hamas	307
Fatah	99
Islamic Jihad	27
PFLP	24
DFLP	6
Other	14

Place of Release

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Date of release	Number of prisoners
2011 (less than one year to serve)	4
2012 (1 year to serve)	9

2013 (2 years to serve)	4
2014 (3 years to serve)	4
2015 (4 years to serve)	5
2016 (5 years to serve)	8
2017 (6 years to serve)	5
2018 (7 years to serve)	8
2019 (8 years to serve)	7
2020 (9 years to serve)	4
2021 (10 years to serve)	9
2022-2031 (11-20 years to serve)	97
2032-2041 (21-30 years to serve)	31
2042-2051 (31-40 years to serve)	3
2052-2075 (41-64 years to serve)	1
Life	278

18 December release

The full list of the 550 names published by the Israeli Prison Service is available in [English](#) and [Hebrew](#). Below is an analysis of the 550 prisoners, providing information on the prisoners' background, date of arrest and sentencing. The analysis is also available in [PDF format](#).

Background of the released prisoners

	Number
Gender of prisoners	
Men	544
Women	6

Origin	Number of prisoners
Gaza Strip	40
West Bank	506 (501 men, 5 women)
East Jerusalem	2 (1 man, 1 woman)
Jordan	2

Details on Arrest and Sentencing

	Number
Sentencing of prisoners	
More than 10 years	49
7 years	13
5 years	23
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7 years	26
6 years	29
5 years	65
4 years	51
3 years	52
	72
2 years	(including 2 women)
	98
1 year	(including 3 women)
Less than 1 year	71
Detained until conclusion of legal proceedings	1 (1 woman)

Date of release	Number of prisoners
December 2011 (less than 1 month to serve)	25
January 2012 (less than 2 months to serve)	75
2012	259
2013	80
2014	31
2015	31
2016	21
2017	21
2018	1
2019	5
Detained until conclusion of legal proceedings	1
