

November 29: On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Palestinian Prisoner Rights Groups Call On The Free Peoples Of The World To Keep Fighting For An End To The Occupation & To The State Of International Impunity Allowing The Israeli Colonial Machine To Carry Out Genocide Against Our People

Ramallah, occupied Palestine - On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People - a UN-mandated day marked annually – Palestinian prisoner rights groups call on the free peoples of the world to put an end to the exceptional status granted to the Israeli occupation, foremost among its partners such as the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

For decades, the Israeli colonial apparatus has sought to eliminate the Palestinian people's existence, intensifying this effort to an unprecedented degree with the onset of the genocide in occupied Gaza, which marked the most blood-filled chapter in Palestinian history.

During this period, "Israel" pursued policies of erasure and ethnic cleansing, and a central feature of this period is the extension of the genocide into its prisons against Palestinian and Arab detainees, who have faced war crimes and crimes against humanity. Since the start of the genocide, updated data from human rights groups show that 98 detainees have been killed in these prisons, 81 of whom were identified by Palestinian prisoner groups, while dozens of prisoners abducted from Gaza remain forcibly disappeared.

The institutions reaffirmed that the crimes and atrocities committed by "Israel" during the war are merely an extension of the long series of catastrophes endured by the Palestinian people. For decades—during which the so-called "humanitarian" world failed to uphold truth, deliver justice, or secure our people's freedom—it also failed to stop the genocide of children, women, the elderly, and even unborn infants. This unfolded with the backing of major powers rushing to protect the existence of the occupying state, whose ministers compete to devise new tools and policies to erase the Palestinian people, expand methods of killing and pursuit, and tighten control over every aspect of their lives.

Two years after the start of the comprehensive and escalating war of genocide against our people in the Gaza Strip—and as the assault spread across all Palestinian areas—the scope of this genocide came to encompass Palestinian political prisoners, which now faces the height of colonial-settler erasure. Amid unprecedented escalation, the prisons expose another face of genocide through deliberate killings and executions of prisoners. According to prisoner rights groups, as of November 2025, more than 9,300 Palestinians are held in occupation prisons, including 3,368 under administrative detention without charge or trial. Over 350 children and more than 50 women also remain imprisoned, along with more than 1,340 detainees from Gaza, including 1,205 held under the "Unlawful Combatant" law, also without trial or charge. Since 7 October 2023, approximately 21,000 arrests have been recorded in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem alone.

Based on hundreds of documented testimonies, material evidence, and fascist public threats issued by Minister *Itamar Ben-Gvir* and the occupation's government—whose aim is to kill more prisoners—the latest trajectory of targeting and killing prisoners has been the government's push to legislate a law authorizing the execution of prisoners. This seeks to legitimize and formalize

extrajudicial execution policies that the occupation has practiced for decades through various tools and methods, including indirect killing of detainees through disease and denial of medical care.

Prisoner rights groups affirm that the abuses committed against prisoners go beyond severe violations to constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity carried out on a broad and unprecedented scale.

The “Israeli” judicial system—including the Supreme Court—has provided cover for escalating brutality, including torture, killing, theft, starvation, denial of medical care, sexual violence and assault including rape, and collective isolation. These practices, aimed at the physical and psychological destruction of Palestinian prisoners, clearly indicate an ongoing genocide within the occupation’s detention system. The brutality documented over the past two years has exceeded all legal definitions, violating every international law, norm, and convention amid a striking failure of the international system—particularly the exceptional status granted to “Israel” by the United States. Nevertheless, despite the bleak reality, the institutions emphasize the role of committed human rights defenders and the need to activate international decisions that support our people’s right to freedom and self-determination.

Once again, the prisoner institutions express their appreciation for all free people who have embodied the spirit and meaning of freedom throughout history, today, and in the future. The steps taken by many free nations—including South Africa—offered a genuine message reflecting the stance of free peoples and a model of cross-border human solidarity. The same applies to the countries that supported our right to self-determination and took clear, significant steps, foremost among them those that recognized the State of Palestine. Rights groups also welcome the advisory opinion issued by the International Court of Justice and the arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court against several occupation leaders—decisions that carried the voices of free people worldwide who believe in the justice of our cause and our right to freedom and independence. We stress the need to continue working to translate this moral position into reality—one that secures our people’s right to self-determination, achieves their freedom, and ends the occupation.

On this International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, prisoner rights groups call on the international community to take the following urgent steps:

- **Impose a comprehensive arms embargo** on the illegal occupation, and halt all transfers of weapons, military technology, and surveillance systems that contribute to crimes and violations.
- **Activate universal jurisdiction** to prosecute those involved in torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and violations against prisoners.
- **Suspend diplomatic, military, and economic cooperation** with the occupation until it fully complies with international law.
- **Enforce comprehensive boycotts, divestment, and targeted sanctions** against the occupying state to dismantle the system of oppression and strengthen accountability.
- **Ensure the immediate and unconditional release of all Palestinian political prisoners**, including through:
 - Ending administrative detention

- Dismantling the military court system
 - Conducting independent investigations into all cases of torture and deaths in custody.
- Full cooperation with the International Criminal Court **and support for its investigations, including the execution of arrest warrants against those involved in international crimes.**

We call on the free peoples of the world to continue raising their voices until justice is achieved, the occupation ends, and our people attain self-determination.