

Unfair. Unjust. Illegal.

End Israel's Administrative Detention Policy Now

Just "Water and Salt" Please

Support Palestinian Prisoners Hunger Strike

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HUNGER STRIKE: Lives are on the line!

On April 24, 2014, approximately 90 Palestinians held in Israeli jails launched a hunger strike. These Palestinians are held under administrative detention, a policy under which Palestinians may be held indefinitely without charge or trial. Some Palestinians have been held for years in administrative detention. **More Palestinians have joined the strike each week - there are now over 200 prisoners on strike.**

The hunger strikers are demanding an end to their confinement without charge or trial and an end to the use of administrative detention. **They have now been on hunger strike for over 35 days, and their health is increasingly at risk.** One hunger striker has had a heart attack; others have been transferred to hospitals. They are consuming only water and salt; they are putting their lives, and their bodies, on the line for freedom. **Please join them to call for an end to the policy of administrative detention.**

What is administrative detention? The state of Israel is occupying Palestinian land; in the Palestinian West Bank, occupied by the Israeli military, Palestinians are at constant threat of arrest. 40% of Palestinian men in the West Bank have spent time in Israeli detention, and there are currently over 5200 Palestinians in total held as political prisoners in Israeli jails.

Administrative detention is a practice used by Israel to detain Palestinians on one to six-month, indefinitely renewable, detention orders. These detention orders are issued without charges, without trial, and without evidence that the detainee or their lawyer may access - a secret file, kept within the Israeli military and intelligence system. Administrative detention is often used when there is insufficient evidence to charge or try Palestinians under the military orders used in the West Bank by the Israeli military. (It should be noted that Israeli military courts have a 99.74% conviction rate, and yet Israeli authorities opt, using administrative detention, to hold Palestinians without even a military trial in such a court.)

Approximately 200 Palestinians are currently held under administrative detention orders. They do not know why they are held, what they are accused of, and why their freedom has been taken away. Administrative detainees are women and men, people of all ages (the youngest hunger striker is 19 years old) and backgrounds - students, workers, teachers, and political leaders.

Administrative detention is unfair and unjust. It denies Palestinians the right to know the charges against them, to have competent legal representation, to confront their accusers, and to be have a fair trial.

Administrative detention is illegal. It violates the Fourth Geneva Convention: Israel uses administrative detention as standard practice, not in "emergency" situations or "exceptional circumstances," as required in international law. Some Palestinians have spent over 10 years cumulatively in administrative detention and have not been charged or tried.

Take Action!

The U.S. and other governments around the world are responsible for Israel's continuing impunity. Israel continues to violate Palestinian rights and engage in administrative detention (and numerous other abuses of Palestinian rights) because it faces no consequences. However, you can take action to support the demands of the hunger strikers and bring an end to administrative detention.

- 1. Write and call your elected officials and demand that they take a stand and publicly criticize Israeli actions, especially administrative detention, and call for an end to all aid to Israel.**
- 2. Contact Israeli officials - you can find the petition online at samidoun.ca - and demand an end to the use of administrative detention.**
- 3. Join the campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS). Global security campaign G4S is involved in providing control systems for the prisons that hold administrative detainees. Protest G4S and call on businesses and governments to stop using a human rights violator for security services.**
- 4. Share this information with others and learn more. Visit samidoun.ca, addameer.org, bdsmovement.net and many more online resources for detailed information and materials.**

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