

A GUIDE TO ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

WHY AM I HERE?



As of February 2013, Israel was holding 169 Palestinians under Administrative Detention laws. Detainees are held without charge or trial.¹

WHAT DID I DO?



Most detainees are held on the basis of 'secret evidence', meaning that they have no way to know what they're accused of.²

CAN I GET A LAWYER?



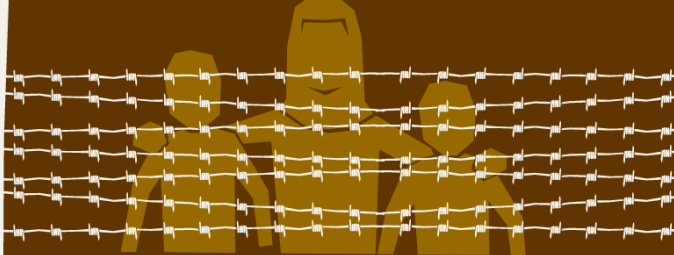
Israel has the power to bar access to a lawyer for up to 90 days. Even with access, the lawyer will still not be allowed to see secret evidence.³

HOW LONG AM I HERE FOR?



Administrative Detention orders last for a maximum of 6 months, but can be renewed indefinitely.⁴

CAN I SEE MY FAMILY?



In theory family visits are allowed twice a month, but if the detainee is held inside Israel special permits are required, which may be denied without reason.⁵

CAN THE RED CROSS HELP ME?



The Red Cross can visit, but will generally not publicly release information about your conditions.⁶

WHAT IF I'M PREGNANT?



Detainees are entitled to medical treatment, but the Israeli prison system can place detainees far from hospitals, forcing some women to give birth inside prisons.⁸

I'M A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHAT ABOUT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY?



As of 1 March 2013, Israel was holding 8 elected Palestinian Legislative Council members under Administrative Detention.⁹

I'M IN SOLITARY. MY HEALTH IS SUFFERING.

The duration of a Palestinian detainee's solitary confinement is approved by Israeli doctors. Physicians for Human Rights-Israel condemns this as complicity in human rights abuses.⁷



HUNGER STRIKE



On 17 April, 2012, over 2,000 Palestinian detainees and prisoners went on hunger strike. The practice of administrative detention continues today, although there are fewer detainees at present.

I WAS DUE FOR RELEASE THIS WEEK...



BUT THEY RENEWED MY DETENTION FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS



WHAT CAN I DO?



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