



“Burned with boiling water, urinated on,” New testimonies of Palestinian detainees from Gaza

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Palestinian Prisoners’ Society (PPS) & Commission of Detainees’ Affairs

Ramallah, Palestine - The Palestinian Prisoners’ Society (PPS) and the Commission of Detainees Affairs released a new report detailing severe torture and abuse by occupation soldiers against Palestinians detained from Gaza, including burning them with boiling water and urinating on them.

This report is based on the testimonies of 23 detainees, gathered during visits to the prisoners by the lawyers of the Commission of Detainees Affairs. The visits took place between January 6-8, 2025, at the Naqab (Negev) prison and the Naftali military detention camp.

The testimonies reveal shocking details about the systematic torture that Palestinian detainees are being subject to across all prisons. While the Sdei Teiman military detention camp received the largest share of media attention due to the gang-rape that took place there, it is imperative to note that similar practices are taking place across many other prisons.

Occupation authorities also recently released a video from Rakefet prison, which is located underground in the Ramla prison. It is one of several prisons restored by the occupation after the genocide to hold Palestinians from Gaza.

*The detainees’ identities have been kept anonymous to protect against retaliation by prison authorities.



- **“They poured boiling water on me,” - (K.N.), 45-years-old, detained since December 2023.**

"I have been severely beaten since my arrest in an attempt to force confessions out of me. I sustained fractures to my body as a result of the beatings. It was like the torment of judgement day. They shackled me, beat me, and humiliated me all the time. I was initially held at a military detention camp in the Gaza envelope for 58 days. They then transferred me to the Naqab prison, during which they poured boiling water on me from an electric kettle. The burn marks are still visible on my body. Today, we are being held in tents at the Naqab prison. We suffer from the extreme winter cold and the hunger we are exposed to."

- **"Occupation soldiers urinated on us," – (M.H.), 21-years-old, detained since December 2024.**

"The first days of my detention were horrible. I was subject to torture and abuse. I was taken to the prison yard and was severely beaten for an entire day. They dumped sewage water on us and urinated on us. They blindfolded us, with our arms and legs shackled, and left us on our knees for 27 days. All of this took place in different military detention camps, before I was transferred to the Naqab (Negev) prison. Today, we live in the Naqab prison amid torment and a slow death."

*The lawyer indicated that the detainee (M.H.) came to the prison visit wearing a torn-up sleeveless undershirt (in the middle of winter), shivering from the cold, and with scabies disease all over his body.

- **"My artificial eye fell out during severe beating," – (M.D.)**

"I was arrested from one of the shelters in Gaza while I was with my family. After my arrest, I was transferred to a detention camp in the Gaza envelope. I was detained there for 60 days, then I was transferred to the Naqab prison. I lost my artificial eye while they were severely beating me. The soldiers did not stop there – they confiscated my eyeglasses."



- **"I go to sleep hungry and wake up hungry," – (A.H.), 21-years-old, detained since February 2024.**

"I was arrested while fleeing from one part of Gaza to another. They transferred me to a military detention camp in the Gaza envelope, where I was held for 12 days. I was then transferred to a detention camp in Jerusalem, then to Ofer Prison, and finally to the Naqab prison.

Every part of the trip was a journey of torment and death. Today, as you can see, boils, wounds and holes cover my body due to the scabies disease that I contracted in prison. I go to sleep hungry and wake up hungry. I also suffer from a medical problem with my eye, and I need follow-up. Since childhood, I have not seen in my right eye, and today my left eye is in serious danger."

- **"We were living in hell," – (KH.J.)**

"At the beginning of my arrest, we were living in hell. We did not know our fate or our legal status. All forms of crimes, abuse and deprivation were committed against us. Today, we are facing hunger. The quantities of food are very small and unfit for human consumption. Most of the prisoners gather all their (small) meals together so that they can eat one proper meal for dinner. Since our detention, we have been deprived of sugar and salt. We are suffering from difficult detention conditions and we are deprived of all the basic necessities of life."

- **"The detainees are sick, hungry, and shiver from the cold all night long," (M.A.), 25-years-old.**

"I was arrested by the occupation army from one of the schools we were sheltering in. I was beaten, strip-searched and questioned in the field. I was later transferred to one of the military detention camps in the Gaza envelope, then to a detention camp in Jerusalem, then to Ofer prison, and then to the Naqab prison. I was handcuffed and blindfolded the entire time. Today, most of the prisoners suffer from fatigue and



emaciation, and this only worsens with time. Many of them also suffer from fainting spells. The conditions are very difficult. The prisoners are hungry and sick and shiver from the cold all night long."

In the Naftali military detention camp in the country's north, detainees' testimonies reflected the same level of brutality practiced by the prison system, with very limited differences. The detainees interviewed focused mainly on the first stage of arrest and interrogation, during which the abuse and torture is the worst. Many of the detainees there suffer from deprivation of medical care.

One of the prisoners visited at Naftali detention camp suffers from cancer. He had undergone several surgeries before his arrest. He requires immediate and urgent medical care in prison but is suffering from medical negligence by prison authorities.

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