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Palestinian Prisoners Hunger Strike

A Test for Israeli Arrogance

Israel, the occupying power, systematically abuses Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, holding them as hostages to exert pressure on the Palestinian leadership to pay a hefty political price for their release. Since 1967, Israel arrested more than 800,000 Palestinians and incarcerated them in Israeli jails. Today, there are around 5,820 Palestinian political prisoners scattered over 20 Israeli jails, detention and investigation centers, and more than 450 administrative detainees, including 10 elected Legislative Council members. Israeli practice constitutes a flagrant violation of the provisions of the International Humanitarian Law, the Fourth Geneva Conventions, and the third agreement on the legal protection of prisoners. The international community faces a moral test and has a political, humanitarian and legal obligation to end the occupation, and enable the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination and return.

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