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Written statement* submitted by the Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Shadi Ghurab (15 years old) was detained when he was leaving school

Shadi was detained when the Israeli soldiers stopped him on Salah Eddin St. Shadi said “They forced me to go into the police station, started to beat me and put me in a dark room” he said he was taken to a dark corner within the prison and beaten badly, which left some marks on his body and caused him some damage in his two legs bones as a result of violent beating.

Four brothers were detained and investigated

The twins “Mohammed Al-Shwaikhi” and “Ali Al-Shwaikhi” were released with house confinement punishment for five days and a financial bail. Their brother “Faris” was imposed with house confinement, but their brother “Firas” is still in prison.

Their mother said that the Israeli occupation forces always break into their house after 2.00a.m. in a violent way, where it usually ends with detaining one of her children, where the last time they detained her sons, the twins: “Mohammed” and “Ali”, they broke into the children’s room and pointed their guns at Ali’s head.

The mother also narrated saying that the Israeli occupation forces did not allow her children to wear clothes and immediately detained them without wearing shoes or clothes, the occupation forces cuffed the children, blindfolded them and hit them in front of their family.

Their mother said that her son Mohammed was detained twice in a month, commanded him not to go to Al-Aqsa mosque, imposed 5 days house confinement, and forced him to sign on a financial bail of three thousand Shekels. She added that Mohammed was detained four times and his brother Ali was detained twice also.

“Sometimes, I find Faris crying for not being able to go out to buy ice cream” his mother said. His worries were all about if he got out of the house; the Israeli patrol will detain him.

His mother also said that after five months of detention, Faris became furious and he did not hesitate to break anything in the house. Faris tried to suicide once and his family reported to the judge in his attempt to ease the house confinement period, but the judge refused and insisted to make it longer.

“Laith Jamal Al-Husseini”

“In November, 2015, the Israeli occupation soldiers broke into our house violently and they brought dogs with them to scare and frighten the children inside the house, who woke up as a result of soldiers’ sounds and screams, then the soldiers cuffed me and threw me into their military vehicle” Laith said.

Laith added “they were beating me inside the vehicle till I passed out and later, they took me to Maskoobiah prison, they stripped me of my clothes, inspected me when I was naked and they investigated me day and night, hit each part of me, threatened me with demolishing my house, detaining members of my family, depriving me from using bathroom and depriving me from having food and drink”.

The child “Mohammed Ziad Zidani” 14 years old child

Mohammed said “I was detained by the Israeli Special Forces at 2.0 a.m., the soldiers sabotaged our house and took me to Maskoobia prison, chamber number 4.

On their way to Maskoobia prison, the military vehicle stopped for a while, they dragged me to the ground and started beating me violently and caused me fractures and bruises all over my body.

“At Maskoobia prison, I had all forms of torture and humiliation, where they forced me to bow on my knees, put my head between my legs with my hands cuffed to the back, blindfolded me and they left me this way for 4 hours. The investigation took 12 hours without allowing me to drink, eat or to use the bathroom”

The investigator forced me to make confessions of crimes by using the electric stick device many times, I couldn’t bear the situation and I started to scream loudly out of pain.

“Kathem Faraj A’noos” 15 years old

Kathim said “I was detained in my house at 5 a.m. After the soldiers broke into our house, they cuffed me and took me to a near settlement in which I stayed for a long time out in a severe cold”.

“At that settlement, a soldier wearing a shoe with an iron insole started beating me, which caused me horrible pain and bruises and later on, they moved me to Maskoobia prison, chamber 4.”

“The investigation took 3 hours, in which they forced me to bow with my face against the wall, my hands cuffed to the back and they started beating me, punching my face with no stop, they caused me severe pain and I stayed there for 12 days.

“When I was in the waiting room in the court, one of the racist group of Hamashon started hitting my head to the wall and beating me to cause me pains, bruises and fractures.”

“Shokry Mohammed Shokry Hanash” 15 years old.

In October, 2015, he was surrounded by Israeli soldiers; they hit him with their guns and their feet till he couldn't stand on his feet. One of the soldiers grabbed him, cuffed him with plastic bands, and blindfolded him.

Shokry said he was moved to a military camp, in which he was thrown in a closed chamber and one of the soldiers started beating him violently with an electric cable on Shokry's back. His screams did not make the soldier stop and Shokry had marks on his body for 6 months due to the violence beating.

“Mohammed Waleed Abu Juma” 16 years old

In 9th of May 2015, many soldiers attacked Mohammed, hit each part of his body, one of soldiers with an iron glove punched Mohammed on his head and on his back causing him severe pains.

“Ashraf Hani Ghaith” 14 years old child from Jerusalem

Ashraf was detained in the 10th of May 2015. In Maskoobia prison, he was tortured by fixing him to a chair with his hands cuffed to the back. Three investigators punched him and hit him violently to force him to confess.

Ashraf said that two investigators pulled his arms strongly and with punching him on his belly and his face to cause him horrible pains, they interrogated him for 5 hours at many rounds.

In chamber 4 at Maskoobia prison, an investigator forced him to bow with his hands cuffed to the back and hit him brutally on his back in a way indicating that investigators were forming their own style of torture.

Jerusalemite children testimonies assures the following:

- 1- The Israeli occupation escalated their targeting and detention of children after the outrage that has started since October. The Israeli occupation has increased its crimes by burning children alive and a good example on this is “Mohammed Abu Khudair” in an attempt to suppress the outrage.
- 2- The Israeli occupation has been treating children in an abusive way represented in hatred against them, offending them and the bad way they treat children when detaining them.
- 3- The Israeli occupation ignores all the International laws which urges not to detain children or torture them.
- 4- The Israeli occupation tries to impose hard judgments on Jerusalem's children who are detained for throwing stones by modifying the penal code, which allows to impose imprisonment periods from 10 to 20 years.
- 5- The occupation state is using Jerusalem children as a tool in emptying Jerusalem from Palestinians by depriving children from their right to renew their IDs. This document is not given for those who were detained.
- 6- The Israeli occupation state has always been claiming to treat Jerusalem children as Israeli citizens holding blue cards, but when detaining the Palestinian children, no minimum rights are given or considered.
- 7- The Israeli occupation is trying to brainwash children of Jerusalem through giving lectures inside the prison, prepared by psychiatrics and psychology experts.
- 8- The Israeli occupation is trying to suppress the Palestinian patriotic essence within the children by torturing and offending children.
- 9- The Israeli occupation is trying to unsettle children's personality by imposing House Confinement punishment and by this punishment, the occupation state is trying to tell the children that their parents are like jailers.
10. The Israeli occupation state is practicing hard acts upon children to make those detained children as an example for other children to make them fear disobeying the Israeli occupation laws.
11. The Israeli occupation state has always been racist and differentiating between Palestinian children and Jewish Israeli children in rights and way of treatment.

Al-Khayyam Prison Victims Rehabilitation Center, Solidary institute and the Palestinian prisoner center for studies demands the world and the International institutes to intervene immediately to help protect Palestinian children, to provide them social and psychological support (whether in prison or out prison) and to help release all detained children from Israeli prisons.

International Solidarity Campaign Supporting Prisoners and detainees in the Israeli occupation jails "TADAMON", an NGO without consultative status, also shares the views expressed in this statement.