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Introduction

During 2019, the Occupation Authority proceeded with its policy of Human attrition through arrests operations that took place in the occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank against the Palestinian people.

The Occupation Authority is lying on the arrests operations as a weapon and a tool of oppression to fight against the existence of the Palestinian people in order to subdue, intimidate and force them to recognize the legitimacy of the Occupation Authority.

The Occupation Authority is also considering the arrests operations as a collective punishment in the aim of draining the energy and destroying the will of the Palestinian People.

All parts of the Palestinian community were victims of the arrests operations including Children, women, liberators, sick people and others with disabilities, elderly, activists and journalists in addition to deputies of the Legislative Council and leaders of factions and others.

In 2019, (5500) people got arrested from many cities, villages and neighborhoods in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem in addition to Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian Legislative Council¹

It is one of the Palestinian National authority institutions, it was established under Oslo Convention and signed by the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Israeli Occupation government; in addition to the Principles Declaration Convention that provided for the establishment of a Governing Council, in order to fill the gap created by the Israeli Forces withdraw from some occupied Palestinian areas.



deputies in
the Legislative
Council

The Governing Council has the same missions as a parliament such as law-making process and controlling the executive power.

The Legislative Council Comprises 132 deputies; they are chosen through free election by the Palestinians of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem.



1. A study for “ADDAMEER” (Arabic for Conscience) Prisoner Support and Human Rights: entitled: the detention of the deputies of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

a repeated random punishment without any legal proof

The arrest of the members of the Palestinian Legislative Council is considered as “a repeated random punishment” and this arrest comes under the administrative arrest “without any legal proof” therefore the Israeli Occupation is violating the detained Palestinian Parliamentarians, and it is also refusing to give any International body or a Juridical Institution information about the conditions and circumstances of the arrest of the Palestinians deputies.

The Israeli Occupation is aiming to prosecute the political activists and intellectuals through its arrest operations of the Deputies of the Palestinian Legislative Council, in order to prevent them from playing their role in raising Community’s awareness and to prepare it for its liberation and its independence. The Israeli Occupation policies towards the deputies of the Palestinian Legislative Council are not new. In fact, these policies started in 1996 through a series of tightening against the members of the Legislative Council. In 2006, more than a third of the members got arrested at the hands of the Israeli Occupation.



The Occupation Authority is deliberately targeting the deputies even though they are elected and they have diplomatic immunity. The deputies are frequently arrested without an accusation nor a justification; as a result, the deputy will spend four to six months in each arrest and he will be released and arrested for a second time. It is constantly happening with the Head of the Palestinian Legislative Council Dr. Aziz DWEIK and to Jerusalem Deputies and others except two deputies, the deputy Marwan AL BARGOUTI and the deputy Ahmad SAADAT who are condemned with high sentences.



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the members of the Legislative Council got arrested



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arrest operations have been reported in 2019

In 2019, the Israeli Occupation continued to target the Deputies through the arrests operations, summons, and house raids. The Israeli Occupation searched their houses and threatened them. Even though the deputies didn't get arrested frequently in 2019, since the fierce campaigns had started against the elected deputies in 2007.

During 2019, seven arrest operations have been reported only, in addition to an investigation that took place on a checkpoint with a deputy and he was released after a few hours.

In the following paragraphs, we will put in your hands a small introduction about the deputies who got arrested in 2019.



MP
Mohamad
Abu Tayr

the Occupation Authority re-arrested the deputy in the Palestinian Legislative Council "Sheikh Mohamad Abu Tayr, aged 67. The Occupation Forces entered by force to his house located in Al Biri city, where he started to live there after being forced to leave Jerusalem 9 years ago. It is worth to be mentioned that Sheikh Abu Tayr spent 35 years in jail and he was transferred from a jail to another during that period of detention. He was also forced to leave his hometown Jerusalem and to stay in Ramallah by the decision of the Minister of Interior in 2010; in addition to this, the residency "national ID card" was withdrawn. In addition to the foregoing, an administrative detention warrant for four months was issued against him, and it was renewed

¹ A report about the situation of prisoners in 2019, Palestinian Prisoners Center for Studies, International Solidarity with prisoners TADAMON.

two days before his release and it was renewed for a second time and for three additional months. Abou Tayr was released after spending 7 months in the administrative detention.



MP
Hasan Youssef

The Occupation forces broke into the house of Deputy Hasan Yusef Kheleel aged 63 from Ramallah and he was re-arrested. He's only been free for 5 months only since his first detention. An administrative detention warrant was issued for six months subject to renewal against him; few days before being released the detention warrant was renewed for a second time.

Deputy "Yusef" spent more than one third of his life behind bars; he got arrested several times and in total he spent 20 years in detention especially in the renewable administrative detention. It is worth to mention that Deputy "Yusef" suffers from many chronic diseases such as Hypertension and Diabetes and he needs continuous medical treatment that is not available in the Occupations forces prisons.



MP
Azzam Salhab

The Occupation Forces re-arrested Deputy “Azzam Noman Salhab” aged 63 from Al Khaleel, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council. They broke into his house and they destroyed the furniture under the pretext of inspection. It is worth to be mentioned that “Salhab” is a released prisoner, he got arrested 6 times and he spent more than 8 years in prison. An administrative warrant detention was issued against him and he got arrested for four months and this warrant was renewed for a second time.



MP
Mohamad
Al Natcheh

The Occupation Forces re-arrested Deputy Mohamad Jamal Noman AL Natcheh, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council from Al Khaleel. The Occupation Forces entered to his house by force and they searched it, Al Natcheh is a former prisoner he got arrested several times and he spent around 20 years in prison. During his years of detention, he contracted numerous diseases such as heart attack and renal problems.



MP
Khaleda Jrrar

The Occupation Forces re-arrested Deputy and released prisoner “Khaleda Kanaan AL Jarrar” age 54. The Forces broke into her house and they destroyed the furniture. She’s only been free for 8 months only since her last arrest.

Deputy “AL Jarrar” was previously arrested twice, the first one was in April 2015 and she spent 14 months in jail, the Occupation Authorities released her in June 2016. She got re-arrested in June 2017, and was charged with the crime of incitement. AL Jarrar spent 20 months in the administrative detention before being released in February 2019 and she was re-arrested in the same year.



MP
Ibrahim
Dahboor

Deputy Ibrahim Mohamad Dahboor aged 53 was re-arrested when the Occupation Forces broke into his house in Jenin city. It has been only less than a year after he spent 12 months in the renewable administration detention. The Occupation Forces released him after being in detention for three weeks, they investigated him in Al Jalma center.



MP
Hatem
Kafisha

The Occupation Forces detained deputy Hatem Rabeh Kafisha aged 59, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council on “AL CONTAINER” checkpoint and he was released after being investigated. The Occupation Forces broke into his house and handed him a summons to meet the intelligence service of the Occupation Forces in a cluster of Jewish settlements “Etzion”.

Deputy Hatem Kafisha spent more than 12 years in the Occupation Forces prisons especially in the administrative detention. He suffers severe health conditions, he has Diabetes and Hypertension.



MP
Nizar
Ramadan

A large number of Occupation Forces accompanied with a high rank intelligence officer broke into the house of the Deputy for Al Khaleel governorate “Nizar Ramadan aged 60, they investigated him and his family members on field and they **threatened him with detention** if he takes part in any events against the Occupation Forces especially Hamas Foundation Festival.



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