

TRAUMA AND TORTURE: THE IMPRISONMENT OF PALESTINIAN CHILDREN

The Defense for Children International - Palestine released a report titled "No Way to Treat a Child," detailing the mistreatment of Palestinian youth under 18 in Israeli prisons. From coerced confessions to isolation and physical violence, this report showcases just a few of the injustices forced upon Palestinian children in Israeli military detention. Data collection on detained Palestinian youth began in 2008. The statistics below are from the latest reporting on Palestinian children in Israeli detention, by the [Defense for Children International - Palestine](http://www.dci-palestine.org).



ISRAEL SYSTEMATICALLY PROSECUTES 500 - 700 CHILDREN IN MILITARY COURTS EACH YEAR.



AT THE END OF 2015, THERE WERE 116 PALESTINIAN CHILD DETAINEES BETWEEN 12-15 YEARS OLD.

THERE ARE 12 GIRLS UNDER 18 IN ISRAELI MILITARY PRISONS.



FROM 2012 TO 2015, 3/4 OF CHILDREN ENDURED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE FOLLOWING ARREST.



88% OF CHILDREN WERE ARRESTED WITHOUT NOTIFYING PARENTS OF REASON OR LOCATION OF DETENTION.



INTERROGATORS USED POSITION ABUSE, THREATS, AND ISOLATION TO COERCE CONFESSIONS FROM PALESTINIAN CHILDREN.

42% OF DETAINED PALESTINIAN CHILDREN WERE ARRESTED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

97% OF DETAINED PALESTINIAN CHILDREN HAD NO PARENT OR LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT DURING INTERROGATION.

