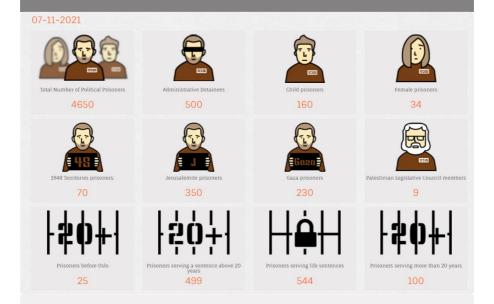


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This past month has seen an unprecedented attack against Palestinian human rights defenders and civil society, most notably with Israel's "Defense" Ministry's designation of six leading Palestinian civil society organizations, among them Addameer, as "terror organizations" on 19 October 2021. Despite international condemnation, the Israeli occupation regime followed up with a military order outlawing the six organizations in the West Bank on 3 November 2021. On the heels of this decision is the revelation by Front Line Defenders of a systematic underground campaign of spyware surveillance aimed at infiltrating Palestinian HRDs and lawyers' devices, including Addameer lawyer Salah Hammouri.



As of October 2021, 4,650 Palestinian political prisoners remain imprisoned in Israeli occupation prisons, including 34 female prisoners, 160 children, and about 500 under administrative detention. This month alone, Israeli occupation forces issued 106 administrative detention orders, including 57 renewals, and 49 new orders.



Ofer Military Court Confirms Renewal of Administrative Detention Against Palestinian Child Amal Nakhleh

On 26 October 2021, Ofer military court confirmed the renewal of four months of administrative detention against Palestinian child Amal Nakhleh, 17 years old, despite his young age, the absence of any new or disclosed information, and, more gravely, his precarious health condition. Amal suffers from myasthenia gravis, a rare neuromuscular disorder requiring specialized medical care, regular medication, and constant

monitoring of symptoms. Since then, Amal has been found to face new compounding health concerns. Nevertheless, the confirmed renewal marks his third term under administrative detention. As such, Amal Nakhleh will not be released until 18 January 2022, marking an entire year spent under administrative detention with no charge or trial.

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Two Hunger Striking Detainees Surpass 100 Days on Hunger Strike

As of 4 November 2021, two of the six Palestinian detainees on hunger strike have surpassed 100 days on strike, in critical condition and facing an increasingly imminent threat to life as they protest their continued administrative detention without trial or charge. The longest-running striker, Kayed Fasous, 32 years old, entered his 113th hunger strike, whereas Miqdad Al-Qawasameh, a 24-yearold university student, completes 106 days. They are joined by Alaa Al-Araj, 34 years old and father of one, on strike for over 89 days, Hisham Abu Hawash, 39 years old and father of four, reaching 80 days, Ayyad Hraimi, 28 years old, who has since completed 48 days, and Louay Al-Ashqar, 45 years old, who has entered day 25 of hunger strike.

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