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“Four Violent Raids Per Week”: Palestinian Political Prisoners Testify to Ongoing Attacks, Severe Abuse

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Ramallah, occupied Palestine – In a new briefing published Tuesday, the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) presents harrowing testimonies from 12 Palestinians detained in the Israeli occupation's Ofer prison. The accounts were collected in January and February 2026 during visits by PPS lawyers. The report also draws on dozens of additional testimonies gathered during the same period, exposing systematic patterns of abuse, widespread violations, and grave crimes committed within Israel's prison system against Palestinian political prisoners.

The testimonies reveal an alarming consistent escalation in systematic assaults, including gang-beatings, shootings with rubber-coated bullets, new types of weapons that inflict burns on skin, breaking of bones, and other types of attacks resulting in lifelong disabilities for many detainees. Palestinian prisoners reported violent, half-an-hour-long crackdowns for minor acts, such as covering their heads with towels due to the cold. This comes in addition to systematic degrading treatment and deliberate humiliation.

Thousands of prisoners continue to endure starvation, deliberate deprivation of food and water, denial of medical care, and inhumane living conditions. The spread of scabies and other untreated skin diseases continues to be rampant, affecting most detainees. Across detention facilities, the number of sick prisoners is rising sharply, fueled by harsh conditions, lack of sanitation, and deliberate starvation that weaken immune systems and cause widespread illness.

Since the onset of the genocide in Gaza in October 2023, the Israeli occupation's central prisons and military detention camps have effectively become extensions of the genocide. Today, more than 9,300 Palestinian political prisoners are subjected to severe physical and psychological harm, living with constant torture, abuse, and severe violations. Now, they are also living with the threat of a potential execution law hanging above their heads.

The Palestinian Prisoner's Society calls on all international political, legal and civil institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations and civil society groups, coalitions and movements, to take action, disrupt business-as-usual, and pressure their governments to hold the Israeli occupation accountable, stop its crimes, and save the lives of Palestinian political prisoners.



Anonymized Testimonies From Ofer Prison (January and February 2026):

- *“Not a single day passes without violent crackdowns, assaults, or searches. More than four repression raids are carried out per week. During every raid, police dogs are brought in and grenades are used. In late January, one cell was stormed after a guard claimed that a nail had been found. The repression operation lasted about ten minutes. The prison administration did not stop there; they confiscated the mattresses from the prisoners in the room. This was followed by another raid during which I was injured. As I tried to lower my head to avoid being beaten, my hand struck the metal muzzle covering one of the dogs’ mouths.”* — Detainee (L. K).*

**Lawyer’s note:* During the visit, bruising was observed on the prisoner’s fingers.

- *“Repression raids and assaults occur continuously, particularly during the time of the prisoner ‘count –inspection,’ when repression is carried out with police dogs and the use of weapons, including stun grenades and rubber bullets, in addition to severe beatings. Most of these raids result in injuries ranging from bruises and fractures to wounds caused by rubber bullets.” — Detainee (R.Y.)*
- Detainee (A.A.) told PPS lawyers that armed prison units have been using a new type of weapon recently, which according to the detainees, causes burns on the skin when fired at detainees. He added that the unit that used this weapon was the “Keter” unit. This comes in addition to the use of rubber-coated bullets, stun and gas grenades against detainees inside cells and close quarters.
- Detainee (F.W.) told PPS lawyers that on October 6, 2025, armed prison units attacked the prison section he is being held, during which they shot him in the thigh with a rubber-coated bullet. He was denied medical treatment and was unable to stand for two months. Despite his injury, prison guards forced him to kneel during the three-times-a-day prisoner count and inspections. He also noted that has been suffering from scabies skin disease for several months.
- Detainee (D.N.) was injured by occupation forces during his arrest in 2024; he was shot and sustained injuries to his right hand, abdomen, and pelvis. He was left to bleed on the ground at the time, and an ambulance was prevented from reaching him. He was later hospitalized for 18 days and subsequently transferred to Ramla prison for six months.

He told PPS lawyers in the latest visit that he is denied necessary treatment and suffers from difficulty walking, severe pelvic pain, and complications related to urination. He relies on tubes to urinate due to total bladder damage. According to the prisoner, doctors informed him that there is currently no treatment available for his condition.

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- “On January 15, 2026, Section (16) [of Ofer prison] was subjected to a large-scale repression raid, during which one of the cells was sprayed with gas. One prisoner was severely beaten, and due to the intensity of the beating, he remained unable to move for two weeks.” — Detainee (Y.Q.)
- “A large-scale crackdown took place on December 14, 2025. I was severely beaten, which caused a hairline fracture in my shoulder. I was not provided with any form of medical treatment.” — Detainee (A.N.)
- Detainee (A.A.) told PPS lawyers he lost hearing in his left ear as a result of physical assault by prison forces. According to his account, he was subjected to a gang-beating that led to permanent hearing loss in that ear.
- “The conditions in the prison are extremely harsh in every respect. The food is very scarce, there is no medical treatment whatsoever, there is a severe shortage of clothing, and assaults are ongoing.”* — Detainee (A.R.)

**Lawyer's note:* Detainee A.R. pointed out that for the past five months he has been suffering from scabies and denied treatment. He stressed that many sections are experiencing a widespread scabies outbreak due to severe overcrowding, continuous transfers, and a lack of proper hygiene and ventilation.

- Prisoner (B.J.) told PPS lawyers he is facing systematic medical crimes and denial of care. He suffers from blood clots in the arteries of the liver, small intestine, and stomach, as well as diabetes and a platelet disorder. He requires close medical care and monitoring. He was beaten upon entry to Ofer prison, which led to his dental implants falling out, and since then he has not received any treatment, with his suffering increasing.
- Detainee (A.Y.) told PPS lawyers how violent raids are carried out, explaining that prison attack units compel prisoners to sit on their knees throughout the inspection period, which sometimes lasts over 45 minutes. They are then forced to lie down on the ground on their stomachs and chests for extended periods, during which police dogs are brought into the cells to intimidate them.
- Detainee (M.Y.) told PPS lawyers that prior to his arrest, he suffered from a back fracture due to an accident. During his arrest, he was severely beaten, resulting in a broken nose, and he was not provided with any treatment. He has been unable to sleep due to the pain. He suffers consistent weight loss as a result of starvation, and has lost approximately 26 kilograms since his arrest.
