WHEN YOU ARE LOCKED UP

As of May 2017...

6,020 Palestinian prisoners held for “security reasons.”

475 Palestinians in administrative detention in Israeli custody without charges or trial.

331 Palestinian children (under age of 18) held in Israeli military detention.

81% of adult Palestinian prisoners transferred from the West Bank to jails in Israel, separating families and violating international law.

Children in jail

Night raids

52% of arrests take place at night, causing extreme fear for all family members.

In detention

75% are mistreated by soldiers.

97% have no access to lawyer or parent during interrogations.

Return home

When they return home, children experience nightmares, bed wetting, problems at school and increased aggressiveness.

No way to treat a child

The No Way to Treat a Child campaign seeks to expose widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. It is a project of Defense for Children International – Palestine. MCC participates in this campaign in both Canada and the U.S.

“Palestinian children have the right to a safe and just future.”

A Cry for Home offers stories, videos and fact sheets from MCC on Palestine and Israel. Everyone needs a home – where families are safe and secure, where their basic needs are met, where they can come and go freely, and where they can imagine a future. But that is not the reality for Palestinians – or even for some Israelis. To view other fact sheets and learn more, visit: mcc.org/cry-for-home.
Living in fear

I used to go out with my friends to parties, but now when I reach the end of the street I remember what happened. And I come back. There is no feeling of safety.

Jarrah, 18, was 15 when he was arrested by Israeli soldiers.

Two different systems

If you are a Palestinian,
• Soldiers will move quickly to detain you
• You will go to military court

99% of cases against Palestinians result in conviction

If you are an Israeli settler,
• Soldiers may or may not detain you
• You will go to civilian court

8% of cases against Israeli settlers result in conviction

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