

Palestine prime minister urges UN and Red Cross to make Israel stop abusing Palestinian inmates

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Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh (Photo by Wafa news agency)

Ramallah, September 13 (RHC)-- Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh has urged the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations to follow up on the conditions of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails, after the Tel Aviv regime ramped up repressive measures against them in the wake of a daring escape by six inmates from a high-security Israeli prison.

The Palestinian premier made the appeal during the weekly cabinet meeting in Ramallah on Monday, demanding that world bodies make sure the inmates are not subjected to torture and abuse, and compel Israel to implement the Third Geneva Convention related to the treatment of prisoners, Palestine's Wafa news agency reported.

The remarks came following the re-arrest of four of the six inmates who managed to escape the Gilboa prison last week, as reports emerged that they were severely beaten and that the Israel Prison Service (IPS) has sent many Palestinian prisoners into solitary confinement and restricted their access to essential services.

Shtayyeh further called on the ICRC and the UN to hold the Israeli authorities fully responsible for the lives of Palestinian prisoners, particularly those who were recaptured.

Since last week, over 4,500 Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons have been facing a repressive campaign following the escape of the six inmates.

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