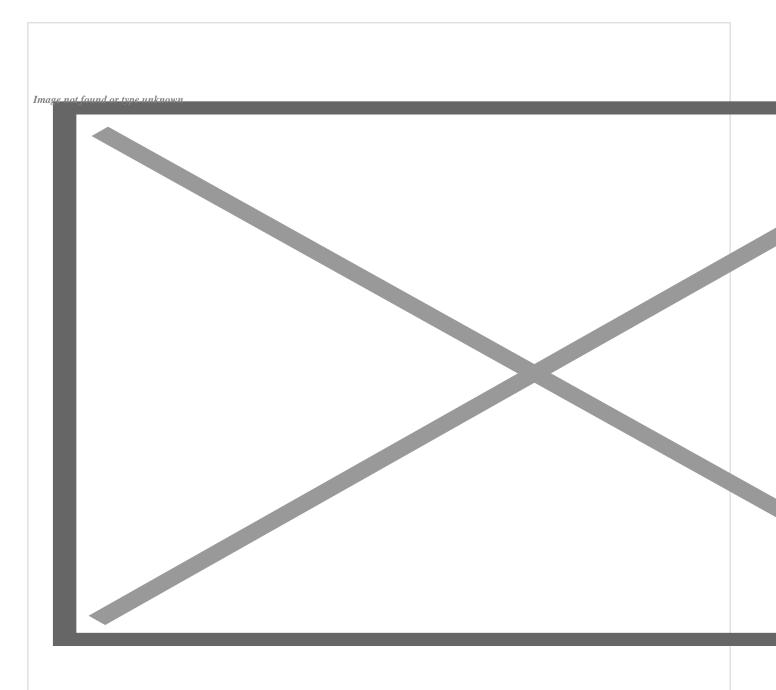# *Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails report surge in torture*

File photo shows Israeli forces transferring abducted Palestinians out of the Gaza Strip. (Photo by ARamallah)

Tel Aviv, January 3 (RHC)-- The Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported on Tuesday that the latest instances of violence happened at several prisons in northern occupied territories and testimonies were submitted to

the daily and human rights groups.

Detainees at Megiddo Prison have reported several cases of harsh violence and abuse carried out by prison authorities. Testimonies are emerging from the prison of severely inhumane conditions, which human rights groups have brought to the Israeli attorney general's attention.

Haaretz, quoting detainees at Gilboa prison, also reported that guards had assaulted, humiliated, and abused them since the regime launched the ongoing war against Gaza on October 7th. "Eleven prisoners were put in a cell that usually held a third of that. [The guards] threw the food on the floor, sometimes they mashed it with their feet, and every day – under the pretext of a "search" – they would beat the prisoners with iron sticks," one Palestinian testimony said about the treatment of prisoners.

Inmates have reported several cases of harsh violence and abuse carried out by prison wardens, including guards kicking, punching and humiliating prisoners.

On Tuesday it was announced that a seventh Palestinian prisoner died in an Israeli jail since October 7th. Palestinian officials have already said testimonies from released Palestinian abductees from the besieged Gaza Strip revealed they had been subjected to torture by Israeli forces. They stated that the abductees were subjected to all forms of beatings and ill-treatment during their detention.

The testimonies came from abductees who said they were held in a makeshift detention camp in Beersheba, also known as Bir as-Sab. A Geneva-based rights group recently called for an urgent international investigation into the torture and murder of Palestinian abductees held in Israel's "Guantanamo-like" jails.

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor said it had gathered testimonies confirming recent reports in Israeli media about the regime's field execution of the Gaza abductees.

The Sde Teman Israeli army camp has been turned into "a new Guantanamo-like prison," where detainees lose their lives after being subjected to extreme torture and mistreatment. The Israeli army uses open-air chicken coops to house the inmates and withhold food or drink for long periods.

The rights group also noted that the Palestinians held in Sde Teman are caged in inhumane conditions, blindfolded and subjected to harsh interrogations with their hands tied. One of the released detainees had said that he witnessed Israeli soldiers directly shooting and killing abductees in separate incidents.

Testimony from released detainees and human rights lawyers, as well as video footage and images, illustrate some of the forms of torture and other ill-treatment prisoners have been subjected to by Israeli forces over the past months

These include severe beatings and humiliation of detainees, including by forcing them to keep their heads down, to kneel on the floor during inmate count, and to sing Israeli songs.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry In a statement on Tuesday condemned the Israeli field executions of Palestinians as "the act of gangs". it called on Israel to promptly reveal undisclosed detention facilities and give information on the identities and well-being of individuals captured from the Gaza Strip.

Israel's genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip has resulted in one of the worst civilian death tolls in modern history. Since the start of the offensive, the Israeli regime has killed more than 22,200 Palestinians, mostly women and children. Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under the rubble.

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