

Thirteenth Palestinian prisoner dies in Israeli jails since October

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Gaza City, March 16 (RHC)-- Independent and non-governmental rights organizations say another Palestinian prisoner has died in Israeli jails. The latest death has brought to 13 the number of detainees who have lost their lives due to torture and medical negligence in Israeli jails ever since the regime launched its genocidal war against Gaza on October 7th last year.

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Deceased Palestinian prisoner Juma Abu Ghanima (Photo via social media)

The Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs and the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) announced on Saturday the death of 26-year-old Juma Abu Ghanima in the Negev desert prison.

PPS pointed out that Israel Prison Service (IPS) officials transferred Abu Ghanima from his cell in Eshel Prison to a hospital in a serious health condition. His situation worsened drastically and he died five days later. The independent rights organization held the IPS, which continues to exercise various forms of torture and systematic medical negligence against Palestinian detainees, fully responsible for the death of the young Palestinian man.

According to the official Palestinian news agency Wafa, Abu Ghanima was arrested in January for his resistance to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.

The Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs and the Palestinian Prisoner's Society stated that at least 250 Palestinian prisoners have died in Israeli prisons since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, including East al-Quds, in 1967.

The total number of Palestinian detainees being held in Israeli prisons has soared to 9,100, including 3,558 administrative detainees.

Human rights organizations say Israel violates all the rights and freedoms granted to prisoners by the Fourth Geneva Convention. They say administrative detention violates their right to due process since the evidence is withheld from prisoners while they are held for lengthy periods without being charged, tried, or convicted.

Palestinian detainees have continuously resorted to open-ended hunger strikes in an attempt to express outrage at their detention. Israeli jail authorities keep Palestinian prisoners under deplorable conditions without proper hygienic standards. Palestinian inmates have also been subject to systematic torture, harassment, and repression.

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