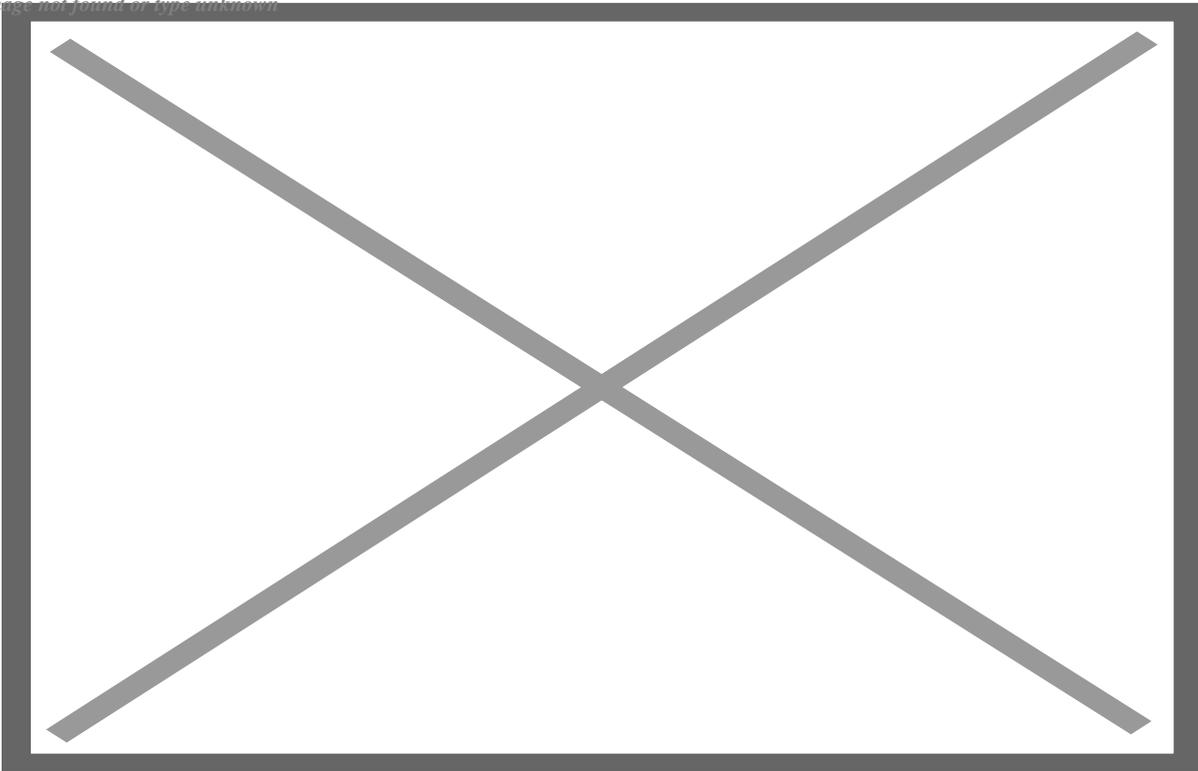# Israel denies access to Gaza prisoners, who are subject to harsh torture

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Ramallah, May 27 (RHC)-- Palestinian authorities say Israel is imposing the harshest tortures on prisoners taken from Gaza.   Israel is imposing some of harshest tortures on prisoners it has arrested during its ongoing invasion of Gaza, Palestinian authorities say.

Palestine's Ministry of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs said in a statement over the weekend that Palestinians arrested in Gaza since the start of Israel's invasion of the territory on October 7th have been subject to various forms of torture inside the regime's secret prisons and detention centers.

The Ministry said that the Israeli regime has refused to cooperate with international organizations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, that are seeking to obtain more information about the Palestinian prisoners.

It said that the Israelis have finished the interrogation of many of those arrested in Gaza but still refuse to release them. The statement called on international organizations to put more pressure on Israel to force it to allow rights groups and lawyers to visit its prisons.

It comes after the U.S.-based news channel CNN published a report earlier this month showing that Palestinians taken prisoner during Israel's invasion of Gaza have been subject to torture in the regime's Sde Teiman prison.

The report cited information from sources inside then prison, located in the Negev desert near Gaza in south of the occupied Palestine, showing that prisoners have been systemically abused there as they have been restrained, blindfolded, and forced to wear diapers during their detention time.

That comes as Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir recently called for execution of all Palestinians arrested in Gaza instead of keeping in the regime's prisons.

Israel has continued its aggression on Gaza despite relentless regional and international efforts aimed at reaching a ceasefire in the territory. Nearly 36,000 people, most of them women and children, have been killed by Israel in Gaza in more than eight months of war.

The war started after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out an unprecedented military operation in the Israeli-controlled areas near Gaza, killing some 1,200 settlers and military forces.

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