

Rights group reports that Israel deliberately leaks torture footage of Palestine inmates

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Ramallah, September 8 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Prisoners Society says Israel has intentionally leaked shocking footage of Palestinian detainees being tortured inside its prisons to spread terror among Palestinian citizens.

Leaked footage by Israeli newspaper Haaretz circulating on social media shows Palestinian abductees being brutally tortured at the regime's Megiddo Prison. The Palestinian men are seen being attacked by police dogs while their hands are shackled behind their backs, and they are lying face down on the ground.

The rights group said in a statement Saturday, "The leaking of these photos and videos is a deliberate act by the current settler government, headed by the fascist Minister [of National Security Ben-Gvir], to boast about torturing prisoners."

It said the practice was "part of the competition between the ministers of the current government over who tortures and kills Palestinians more."

"The other goal," it said, "is to influence the image of the Palestinian prisoner in the collective consciousness ..., in addition to using them as an additional tool for intimidation operations and spreading terror among Palestinian citizens ..."

The rights group also urged the United Nations to open an independent probe into the torture of Palestinian detainees in the regime's prisons.

The rights group said that the leaked footage represents only a small part of the systematic torture inflicted on Palestinian detainees across various Israeli prisons and detention camps.

Earlier in the day, Hamas called on the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to document Israel's brutal torture and humiliation of Palestinians, which it said demonstrates "the hatred and sadism of the prison guards towards the Palestinians."

Israeli military forces have kidnapped at least 5,000 Palestinians since the regime launched its genocidal war on the people of Gaza on October 2023, according to the Gaza media office.

The fate of many of them or the conditions of their detention are still unknown, said the media office.

Human rights groups have repeatedly raised the alarm about "unprecedented difficult conditions" in which all Palestinian detainees, including women, are being held. Around 80 female detainees are currently being held in the regime's prisons.

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