

Over 3,000 Palestinian children killed by Israel since Second Intifada



Palestinian mourners carry the body of 18-year-old Amer Abdel-Rahim Sanouber in the occupied West Bank. (Photo: AFP)

Ramallah, November 21 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Ministry of Information has pointed to the deliberate targeting of Palestinian children by Israeli military, stating that more than 3,000 minors have lost their lives at the hands of Israeli troops since the Second Intifada (uprising).

The ministry said in a statement on Thursday that at least 3,097 Palestinian children have been killed, while tens of thousands of others sustained injuries between the Second Intifada, which broke out on September 28, 2000 against Tel Aviv regime's occupation of Palestinian territory, until the end of October

2019.

The statement added that 123 Palestinian minors have been killed and many more injured ever since US President Donald Trump sparked controversy by officially recognizing Jerusalem al-Quds as the Israeli capital in December 2017. More than 17,000 Palestinian children were rounded up and detained during the mentioned period as well.

The Palestinian Ministry of Information highlighted that seven children have been killed in the occupied West Bank and besieged Gaza Strip since the beginning of the current year as a result of the Israeli military assaults.

According to statistics from the Palestinian Prisoners Club and the Palestinian Prisoners' Affairs Authority Israeli forces have arrested 304 children between the start of the current year and the end of June, and the number of Palestinian minors currently being held bars at Israeli jails stands at 155.

More than 7,000 Palestinian children have been detained by the Israeli authorities since 2015, and some have been sentenced to ten years in prison or life imprisonment, the Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS) said in a statement released on the occasion of World Children's Day, which is celebrated on November 20 each year.

The society highlighted that most of the child detainees are from occupied Jerusalem al-Quds.

The PPS then called on international human rights institutions, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in particular, to make serious efforts to protect Palestinian children, and to oblige Israeli authorities to abide by a series of agreements concerning protection of child detainees.

More than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners are currently held in some 17 Israeli jails, with dozens of them serving multiple life sentences.

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