

*Israeli Ministry of Education bars  
previously detained Palestinian  
children from returning to school*

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Tel Aviv, December 4 (RHC)-- Palestinian children who were recently released from detention are barred from going back to school this term, the Israeli Ministry of Education told reporters in a statement.

The Ministry of Education said former child detainees, many of whom are teenagers considered children under international law, won't be able to "study in the education system and will be accompanied by a parole officer" at least until the end of the winter term on January 10, 2024. After that date, their return to school will be examined on an "individual" basis according to the "the necessary adjustments for each one of the students are underway," the ministry said.

In a video posted on social media, the father of a Palestinian boy named Ahmed, who was reportedly released as part of the exchange deal between Hamas and Israel, says he was "surprised" when the school did not allow his son to continue his education there.

"Now we are by the school door to say: we have many prisoners in Jerusalem, young children at [school] age... They are the future generation and the builders of the future and they want to stop them from getting an education. Our question is: where should we go with our children from today?," the father says in the video.

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