

Hamas says CNN report on torture and abuse at Israeli prison just tip of iceberg

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A leaked photograph of an enclosure where detainees in gray tracksuits are seen blindfolded and sitting on paper-thin mattresses. CNN was able to geolocate the hangar in the Sde Teiman facility. A portion of this image has been blurred by CNN to protect the identity of the source. Obtained by CNN

Gaza City, May 11 (RHC)-- The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas says what has been reported by the US-based news channel CNN about how Israel treats prisoners taken from Gaza in a jail near the strip is only a tip of the iceberg.

In a statement issued late on Friday, Hamas said CNN's investigative report about Israeli prisons published earlier in the day only reflects a small portion of the atrocities committed against Palestinian detainees in regime's "human slaughterhouses."

It said the horror experienced by Gazan prisoners in Israeli jails was more terrifying than what happened in prisons run by the German Nazis in the Second World War.

The group called on international human rights groups to document violations and inhumane practices committed in prisons controlled by the Israeli regime.

"... peoples and generations will never forget all these atrocities. The day will come when these criminals will be held accountable for what they committed against our people and humanity," said Hamas in its statement.

A CNN report on Friday cited statements from whistleblowers working at Israel's Sde Teiman military detention camp which showed that the regime has been committing systemic abuses against people it has detained during its ongoing war on Gaza.

The witnesses said Palestinian prisoners have been restrained, blindfolded, and forced to wear diapers during their detention time in Sde Teiman which is located in the Negev desert, in south of the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories near Gaza.

Prisoners were not allowed to move, talk, or even peek when they were blindfolded while guards unleashed large dogs on sleeping detainees or beat them out of spite and for revenge, the report said of the prison.

Israel has killed nearly 35,000 people in Gaza in more than seven months of aggression on the Palestinian territory. More than 7,000 people have been arrested by the Israeli regime in both Gaza and in the West Bank since the war started in early October.

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