

# *Israeli Troops Arrest Eight Palestinians in East Jerusalem*

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Ramallah, December 18 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have abducted at least eight Palestinians, including two minors, during overnight operations on a number of houses across the occupied East Jerusalem.

Israeli troops also stormed a house in Ras al-Amud neighborhood of East al-Quds on Wednesday morning to arrest a Palestinian man. The man was at work at the time, so Israeli officers assaulted his six relatives and put handcuffs on his father.

Israeli forces have abducted at least 115 Palestinians, including 30 minors, in East Jerusalem since the beginning of December. The Palestinian Prisoners Society had previously said that Israel arrested as many as 549 Palestinians from East Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank in November.

The NGO further stated that the Tel Aviv regime's arrests included 120 Palestinians from Hebron, 43 from Ramallah and al-Bireh, 34 from Bethlehem, 30 from Nablus, and 26 from Jenin. It added that most of a group of 233 detainees from East Jerusalem were minors who were subsequently forced to pay fines or were put under house arrest.

There are reportedly over 7,000 Palestinians in 17 Israeli prisons and detention camps. Among Palestinian prisoners behind Israeli bars, there are 18 women, 250 children, 1,500 sick detainees, who are mostly in a critical condition, and 540 Palestinians held without any trial under administrative detention.

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