



8 Palestinians killed in the custody of the Israeli Prison Service.

(October–February 2024)

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About 15 people from the force attacked him, all of them surrounding him and hitting him hard. The blows went on for about five minutes, and they focused on beating him on the head.”

–Witness to the beating death of Abed al-Rahman Mara'i at Meggido Prison

On October 18, 2023, the Israeli Knesset approved an ordinance allowing overcrowding at Israeli prisons.

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They tell us that if we want [food] we should get down on our knees. They gave us food, and then a mouse emerged from the rice. **We were 16 people in a cell with only 9 mattresses.**”

—Mohammad, 31, Palestinian citizen of Israel imprisoned for participating in a demonstration



On November 23, 2023, Israeli police were instructed to crack down on Palestinians for “expressing joy” when reuniting with loved ones released from Israeli prison.

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There are to be no expressions of joy.

Expressions of joy are equivalent to backing terrorism.”

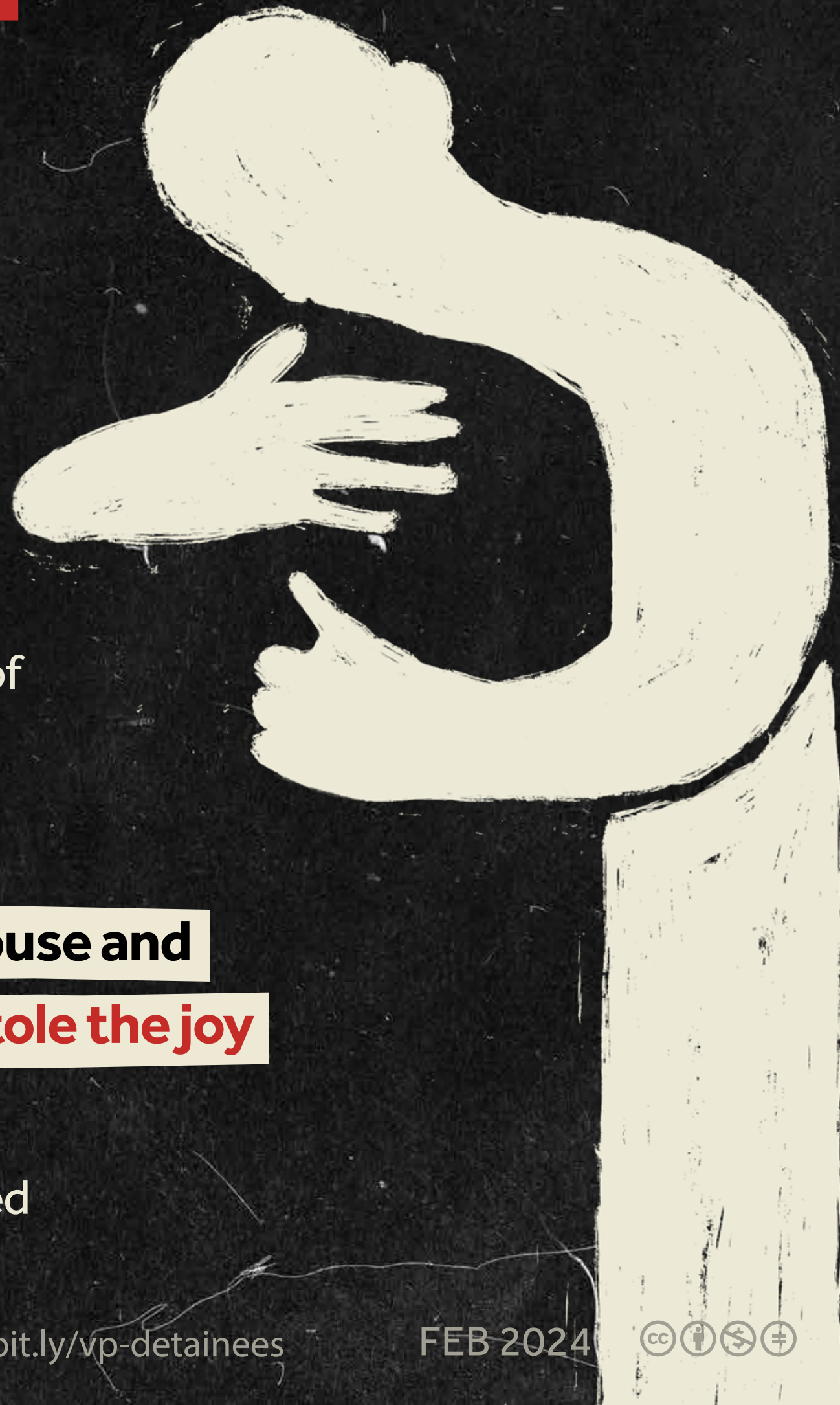
–Order from Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israeli Minister of National Security

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[Israeli authorities] surrounded the house and

ripped down the decorations...They stole the joy of my daughter's release.”

–Fatima, mother of Palestinian captive released



**280% increase in the number of
Palestinians Israel is holding
without charge or trial
over the last year (Jan
2023–Jan 2024).**

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**They threatened to kill me, my family,
burn my house down.”**

–Lama, 47, described cruel conditions in the women’s prison where she was held without charge, including strip searches, threats of violence, beatings, solitary confinement, denial of food, water, and sanitary pads, and use of pepper spray for “any perceived slight”



At least 15 videos of torture and humiliation of Palestinians in Israeli custody were posted on social media in a one month period after October 2023.

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He then got a knife and tore all of my clothes off except for my

underwear and **used part of my torn clothes to blindfold me...**

At one point he **started jumping on my back**

– three or four times – while yelling ‘die,

die you trash’ ...another officer urinated

on my face and body while also yelling at

us ‘to die’.”

–Testimony from Palestinian man from the West Bank who appeared in a video filmed by Israeli soldiers and shared online



1,400 complaints of torture against the Israeli Security Agency (Shin Bet) from 2001–2022. 99.8% were dismissed without investigation.

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I was covering my head. The stick was aimed here, at my head, but my hands would receive the blow.”

–Mohammad, 18, imprisoned without charge or trial, released with both hands broken



86% of Palestinian children held in Israeli military detention are beaten, according to a July 2023 study.

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Around 18 children were severely beaten, screaming in pain...[the guard] opened the door and unleashed an unmuzzled dog at us. I tried to defend myself and catch the dog, but the dog bit and injured me.”

–Yousef, 17, imprisoned without charge or trial

