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Detention Bulletin March 2014

At the end of March, a [total](#) of **202** Palestinian children were imprisoned and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, a decrease of **12 percent** over February.

The number of young children detained between the ages of 12 and 15 was **24**, a decrease of **33 percent** from February.

In March, DCI-Palestine [highlighted](#) the case of Ali Shamlawi, a Palestinian teenager who confessed to throwing stones after he was tortured in Israeli custody. He has been in detention for over a year and neither his lawyer, nor his family know when a verdict will be reached. He faces attempted murder charges and a severe prison sentence.

The United Nations Human Rights Council held its 2014 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on March 13 with the theme of access to justice for children. During the discussion, several references were made to the widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention. For a summary of the discussion, click [here](#).

March 2014 Detention Data

Each year approximately **500-700** Palestinian children, **some as young as 12 years**, are detained and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system.

Detention Figures

202 children detained
24 children aged 12-15
51% held inside Israel
0 girls detained
0 in admin detention



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The most common charge is for throwing stones. Currently, **104** Palestinian child prisoners are **detained inside Israel** in violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Below is the latest data from the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) on the number of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention at the end of each month.

Total number of Palestinian children in Israeli detention at end of each month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.
2009	389	423	420	391	346	355	342	339	326	325	306	305	355
2010	318	343	342	335	305	291	284	286	269	256	228	213	289
2011	222	221	226	220	211	209	202	180	164	150	161	135	192
2012	170	187	206	220	234	221	211	195	189	164	178	195	198
2013	223	236	238	238	223	193	195	179	179	159	173	154	199
2014	183	230	202										205

Note: These figures are not cumulative

Number of 13-15 year old Palestinians in Israeli detention at end

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.
2009	50	54	53	47	39	47	42	39	40	44	41	42	44
2010	44	41	39	32	25	23	18	20	32	34	32	30	31
2011	34	45	45	37	38	38	40	34	35	30	33	19	36
2012	26	24	31	33	39	35	34	30	28	21	21	23	29
2013	31	39	39	44	48	41	35	30	27	15	16	14	32
2014	20	36	24										27

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News Alerts

Palestinian teen charged with attempted murder for stone-throwing confessed after torture

Ramallah, March 20, 2014— A Palestinian teenager who confessed to throwing stones after he was tortured in Israeli custody faces attempted murder charges and a severe prison sentence. [Read more.](#)



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Case Summaries

Mohammad S. (16)

Detained: 16 March 2014
Location: Burqa, Nablus
Ill-treatment, torture, unlawful transfer

Mohammad was arrested for knife possession and suspicion of stone-throwing. During a security search prior to entering Salem military court to attend his cousin's trial, Israeli soldiers found a pocket knife in Mohammad's jacket and took him into custody. [Read more.](#)

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Ramallah, March 21, 2014—A boy from East Jerusalem who signed a confession after Israeli interrogators threatened him with sodomy spent over two months under house arrest. [Read more.](#)



Israeli soldiers open fire on children with live ammunition

Ramallah, March 3, 2014—Three teenagers were injured over the

course of a few weeks in February and March near Jalazoun refugee camp, indicating increasing instances of the use of live ammunition by Israeli soldiers against children. [Read more.](#)

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