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**AGAINST THE ILLEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION PRACTICE**

Ramallah – PWWSD voices its concern for the illegal and inhumane conditions facing Palestinian prisoners in light of the recently announced boycott on February 15, as well as the planned upcoming hunger strike in April 2018<sup>1</sup>. Prisoners launched a boycott of Israeli Military court refusing to attend hearings of administrative detention, a common Israeli exercise of indefinite incarceration without trial, with almost a 100% conviction rate.

“The Israeli military court and laws are in complete harmony with the occupation’s policies against our people and represent a complete disregard for international norms,” the detainees state.

According to the prisoner’s rights group Addameer, there are around 350 Palestinian children with more than 800,000 Palestinians arrested since the beginning of the Israeli occupation in 1967, which constitute of almost 20% of the total Palestinian population in the occupied Palestinian territories. By the end of 2017, a total number of 437 Palestinians were imprisoned under administrative detention.

Ahed Tamimi, 16 years old at the time of her arrest on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, is a Palestinian teen, awaiting trial for slapping an Israeli soldier in the front yard of her home in AlNabi Saleh Village, which was captured on film and circulated on social media, sparking outrage in Israel and leading to her arrest. Tamimi was charged with multiple counts, including but not limited to, aggravated assault of a soldier, stone throwing, and incitement. Her trial began on January 31 marking her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. As reported by the Palestinian Prisoners’ Club, there are currently 62 female Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, with 6 of them under the age of 18.

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<sup>1</sup> International Middle East Media Centre, ‘Palestinian Administrative Detainees To Start Gradual Hunger Strike In April’, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018



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James Heenan, head of OHCHR's office in the occupied Palestinian territory said in a press release published by OHCHR on January 16<sup>th</sup>, "The circumstances of the girl's arrest are deeply worrisome: in the middle of the night by heavily armed soldiers followed by an interrogation without the presence of a relative or a lawyer in disregard of international standards".

The arrest of both Khalida Jarrar, the member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), and Ahd Tamimi, are part of hundreds of detention cases in Israeli prisons, which violate International Human Rights Law and IHL.

"Under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Israel is a state party, the arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child must be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time." Amnesty International.

PWWSA calls on the release of all administrative detainees and requests the international community to place pressure on the Israeli government to adhere to international law and to end the use of unlawful inhumane detention conditions

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