Palestinian Prisoner Martyrs 2000–2023 | Executions After Arrest and Medical Neglect in Occupation Prisons

With the outbreak of the al-Aqsa Intifada in September 2000, the arrest of a Palestinian often became a death sentence carried out on the spot. Of the **114 martyrs** of the prisoner movement between November 2000 and May 2023, occupation soldiers deliberately killed 47 after arrest, 15 died after being arrested wounded, 39 died of medical neglect and 10 of torture and beating. With this period, the prisoner movement's martyrs since 1967 reached **237** on the eve of the genocidal war. [1][2]

This article is part of Palestinuna's series on "The martyrs of the prisoner movement" and includes a table of all the martyrs of this period.

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In numbers

Item	Details
Martyrs	114 (November 2000 – May 2023)

Item	Details
Deliberately killed after arrest	47
Arrested wounded and died	15
Medical neglect	39
Torture and beating	10
Other	Shot during repression of prisoners (1), unclear circumstances (1), hunger strike (1)
Deadliest years	2002: 25 martyrs; 2001: 15
Women martyrs	Fatima Taqatqa (2017) and Sa’diya Farajallah (2022)
Total prisoner martyrs on the eve of the genocidal war	237 since 1967

[1][2]

Execution after arrest

In the first years of the al-Aqsa Intifada, between 2000 and 2004, 54 prisoners were killed, 38 of them deliberately after arrest. Farwana’s list describes cases in which young men were arrested wounded and then shot, or handcuffed and then killed: **Ibrahim al-Baradiya** was arrested on his way to work in November 2000, his hands were bound, and he was shot. [1]

On 18 November 2001 **Medhat Abu Dalal** and **Muhammad Hussein** were wounded and captured, then killed, their bodies mutilated and run over by a tank. On 22 January 2002 an Israeli force raided an apartment in Nablus, overpowered **Yusuf al-Sarkaji**, **Jaser Samaro**, **Nasim Abu al-Rous** and **Karim Mfarjeh** in their sleep, arrested and killed them, and then blew up the apartment. On 12 February 2002 **Tareq al-Hindawi** was wounded and arrested, and soldiers tied him to the front of a jeep until he died. [1]

2002 was the deadliest year, with 25 prisoners killed. On 29 March 2002 five young men were arrested and killed inside an apartment; and on 14 April 2002, during

the battle of Jenin camp, **Hazem Qabha** of Ya'bad was executed by firing squad in the square of the al-Damaj neighbourhood after his arrest. [1]

Medical neglect: slow death

After 2005 medical neglect became the leading cause of prisoners' deaths, claiming 32 of the 60 martyrs between 2005 and May 2023. Its martyrs include **Rasem Abu Ghurra** of Kafr Malik, who died in Megiddo camp in 2005 after a fire in his detention tent, and **Maysara Abu Hamdiya** of Hebron, who died of cancer in April 2013. [1]

In 2019 and 2020 three prisoners with cancer died: **Bassam al-Sayeh** of Nablus, **Sami Abu Diak** of Silat al-Dhahr and **Kamal Abu Waer** of Qabatiya, all of whom had been held in Ramla prison, which prisoners call "the slaughterhouse." The occupation withheld al-Sayeh's body for about three years. On 20 December 2022 **Nasser Abu Hmeid** of Ramallah died of lung cancer. [1][3]

Women were not spared: **Fatima Taqatqa** of Beit Fajjar died in 2017 of medical neglect after being shot, and **Sa'diya Farajallah** of Idhna died in Damon prison in July 2022. The Syrian prisoner **Asaad Abd al-Wali** of Mas'ada in the occupied Golan also died in the occupation's prisons, in Telmond prison in 2016. [1][3]

Torture and hunger strike

On 23 February 2013 **Arafat Jaradat** of Sa'ir died under interrogation in Megiddo prison. The occupation claimed a heart attack, but a Palestinian forensic physician who attended the autopsy found recent bruises and torture marks, a broken rib, and a healthy heart. In 2018 **Yasin al-Saradih** of Jericho and **Muhammad al-Rimawi** of Beit Rima died of beating and torture during arrest. [1][4]

The last martyr of this period was Sheikh **Khader Adnan** of Arraba, who died on 2 May 2023 after 87 days on hunger strike against his detention; he had been arrested about 12 times and spent about 9 years in prison. [5][1]

The full list

The table lists the martyrs of the prisoner movement between November 2000 and May 2023 in order of date of martyrdom (day/month/year), as given in Abdel Naser Farwana's list. [1][6]

#	Name	Hometown	Date	Prison/place	Cause
1	Ibrahim Muhammad al-Baradiya	Surif, Hebron	21/11/2000	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
2	Muhammad Yusuf al-Maghribi	Dheisheh camp	10/12/2000	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
3	Muhammad Khalil Muhammad al-Dahamin	Hebron	12/4/2001	Megiddo	Medical neglect
4	Hasan Saeed Ahmad Abu Shaira	al-Azza camp	14/6/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
5	Mahmoud Musa Suleiman Khalil	Jenin	1/7/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
6	Jamal Dayfallah Hasan Thalji	Jenin	1/7/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
7	Mustafa Yusuf Muhammad Yasin	Jenin	23/7/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
8	Ali Ibrahim al-Jolani	Jerusalem	5/8/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
9	Hisham Musa Abu Jamous	Rafah	25/8/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
10	Sufyan Ahmad al-Arda	Arraba, Jenin	12/9/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died

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11	Thaer Muhsen al-Mahdawi	al-Far’a camp	14/9/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
12	Jamal Hasan Khader Abu Mallouh	Deir Istiya, Salfit	6/11/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
13	Iyad Odeh Muhammad al-Khatib	Deir Istiya, Salfit	6/11/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
14	Ali Ibrahim Abu Hajleh	Deir Istiya, Salfit	6/11/2001	–	Arrested wounded and died
15	Issa Khalil Muhammad Dababseh	Yatta, Hebron	7/11/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
16	Medhat Izzo Abu Dalal	Nuseirat camp	18/11/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
17	Muhammad Ibrahim Hussein	Abraj al-Nada, Gaza	18/11/2001	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
18	Yusuf Khaled al-Sarkaji	Nablus	22/1/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
19	Jaser Asaad Samaro	Nablus	22/1/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
20	Nasim Shafiq Abu al-Rous	Nablus	22/1/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
21	Karim Munir Mfarjeh	Ramallah	22/1/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
22	Nassar Hasan Abu Salim	Rantis, Ramallah	26/1/2002	–	Medical neglect
23	Tareq Hasan Muhammad al-Hindawi	Gaza	12/2/2002	Halhul	Deliberately killed after arrest

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24	Anwar Awni Mustafa Abd al-Ghani	Tulkarm	15/2/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
25	Abd al-Ghani Abd al-Rahman Abu Daqqa	Abasan, Khan Younis	8/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
26	Mahmoud Saeed Salah	Jerusalem	8/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
27	Basem Muhammad Abu Shehadeh	Gaza	24/3/2002	Ramallah	Deliberately killed after arrest
28	Khaled Fathi Awadallah	Jericho	29/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
29	Ismail Ibrahim Zeid	Beit Anan, Jerusalem	29/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
30	Saeed Muhammad Mahdi	Gaza	29/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
31	Abd al-Rahman Tawfiq Abdullah	Nablus	29/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
32	Omar Muhammad Musa	Jericho	29/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
33	Ahmad Fathi Mahmoud Ajjaj	Saida, Tulkarm	30/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
34	Azmi Adel Mahmoud Ajjaj	Saida, Tulkarm	30/3/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
35	Bahaa Khaled al-Sharqawi	al-Zababdeh, Jenin	2/4/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest

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36	Hazem Ahmad Rayhan Qabha	Ya’bad, Jenin	14/4/2002	Jenin camp	Deliberately killed after arrest
37	Ahmad Hussein Abd al-Salam Jawabreh	al-Arroub camp	28/5/2002	Megiddo prison	Medical neglect
38	Alaa Munther Khudairiya	Nablus	27/10/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
39	Yasin Saeed al-Agha	Khan Younis	10/12/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
40	Jadallah Musa Shawkeh	Bethlehem	13/12/2002	–	Torture and beating
41	Ibrahim Taleb Abu Hawash	Nablus	25/12/2002	–	Torture and beating
42	Omran Abd al-Ghani Ghaith	Hebron	30/12/2002	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
43	Fayez Sabri Jaber	Tulkarm camp	31/1/2003	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
44	Walid Muhammad Amro	Dura, Hebron	19/2/2003	Nafha prison	Medical neglect
45	Muhammad Ahmad al-As’as	Bethlehem	6/3/2003	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
46	Jaser Jabr Hasanein	Khan Younis	10/6/2003	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
47	Ahmad Khamis Atiyya	Qalqilya	22/11/2003	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
48	Bashir Muhammad Ahmad Owais	Balata camp	8/12/2003	Megiddo camp	Medical neglect

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49	Abd al-Afu Mustafa al-Qassas	Nablus	6/1/2004	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
50	Fawaz Saeed Muhammad al-Bulbul	Tulkarm	16/9/2004	Megiddo camp	Medical neglect
51	Falah Hasan Masharqa	Nur Shams camp	23/9/2004	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
52	Muhammad Hasan Abu Hadwan	Jerusalem	4/11/2004	–	Medical neglect
53	Mahmoud Abd al-Rahman Kmeil	Jenin	3/12/2004	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
54	Salah Omar Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	10/12/2004	Soroka hospital	Deliberately killed after arrest
55	Rasem Suleiman Abu Ghurra	Kafr Malik, Ramallah	27/1/2005	Megiddo camp	Medical neglect
56	Abd al-Fattah Yusuf Mahmoud Raddad	Saida, Tulkarm	5/5/2005	–	Medical neglect
57	Ali Muhammad Tawfiq Abu al-Rub	Jenin	15/6/2005	Rosh Pina detention centre	Torture and beating
58	Bashar Aref Abd al-Wali Bani Odeh	Tammoun, Jenin	23/6/2005	Gilboa prison	Medical neglect
59	Jawad Adel Abd al-Aziz Abu Mughseeb	Deir al-Balah	28/7/2005	Negev camp	Medical neglect
60	Suleiman Muhammad Mahmoud Drayjeh	al-Tayibe, occupied interior	26/4/2006	HaSharon prison	Medical neglect

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61	Mazen Hani Shabat	Beit Hanoun	5/11/2006	Erez crossing	Deliberately killed after arrest
62	Salim Rajeh Abu al-Hayja	al-Yamoun, Jenin	9/11/2006	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
63	Mahmoud Rajeh Zaki Abu Hasan	al-Yamoun, Jenin	9/11/2006	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
64	Jamal Hasan Abdullah al-Sarahin	Beit Ula, Hebron	16/1/2007	Ansar 3, Negev	Medical neglect
65	Wael Yusuf al-Qarawi	al-Tur, Jerusalem	9/3/2007	–	Torture and beating
66	Maher Ata Mustafa Dandan	Balata camp	9/6/2007	–	Medical neglect
67	Shadi Saeed al-Sa’ayda	al-Maghazi camp	31/7/2007	Nafha prison	Medical neglect
68	Omar Ayed Salman Mallouh al-Masalmeh	Beit Awwa, Hebron	25/8/2007	Ramla prison	Medical neglect
69	Muhammad Safi al-Ashqar	Saida, Tulkarm	22/10/2007	Negev prison	Shot during repression of prisoners
70	Fadi Abd al-Latif Abu al-Rub	Qabatiya, Jenin	28/12/2007	Gilboa prison	Medical neglect
71	Fawaz Awni Freihat	al-Yamoun, Jenin	7/1/2008	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
72	Fadl Odeh Atiyya Shaheen	Gaza	29/2/2008	Beersheba prison	Medical neglect
73	Jum’a Ismail Muhammad Musa	Jerusalem	24/12/2008	Ramla prison hospital	Medical neglect

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74	Obaida Maher Abd al-Mu’ti al-Qudsi al-Dweik	Hebron	13/9/2009	–	Torture and beating
75	Raed Mahmoud Ahmad Abu Hammad	al-Eizariya, Jerusalem	16/4/2010	Eshel prison, Beersheba	Medical neglect
76	Muhammad Abd al-Salam Musa Abdeen	Jerusalem	10/6/2010	Ramla prison	Medical neglect
77	Ziad al-Jolani	Jerusalem	11/6/2010	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
78	Amjad Asaad Shalabiya	Nur Shams camp	17/9/2010	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
79	Izz al-Din Saleh Kawazba	Sa’ir, Hebron	2/10/2010	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
80	Arafat Shaheen Jaradat	Sa’ir, Hebron	23/2/2013	Megiddo prison	Torture and beating
81	Maysara Abu Hamdiya	Hebron	2/4/2013	Soroka hospital	Medical neglect
82	Hasan Abd al-Halim al-Turabi	Sarra, Nablus	5/11/2013	Afula hospital	Medical neglect
83	Raed Abd al-Salam al-Jaabari	Hebron	9/9/2014	Soroka hospital	Unclear circumstances
84	Fadi Ali Ahmad al-Darbi	Jenin	14/10/2015	Soroka hospital	Medical neglect
85	Yasser Diab Hussein Hamdouni	Ya’bad, Jenin	25/9/2016	Ramon prison	Medical neglect

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86	Asaad Fares Abd al-Wali	Mas’ada, occupied Syrian Golan	25/12/2016	Telmond prison	Medical neglect
87	Muhammad Amer al-Jallad	Tulkarm	10/2/2017	Beilinson hospital	Medical neglect
88	Fatima Jibril Ayed Taqatqa	Beit Fajjar, Bethlehem	20/5/2017	Shaare Zedek hospital	Arrested wounded and died
89	Raed al-Salhi	Dheisheh camp	3/9/2017	Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital	Arrested wounded and died
90	Yasin Omar al-Saradih	Jericho	22/2/2018	–	Torture and beating
91	Muhammad Subhi Anbar	Tulkarm camp	8/4/2018	Meir hospital	Arrested wounded and died
92	Muhammad Abd al-Karim Zuhdi Marshoud	Balata camp	9/4/2018	Hadassah hospital	Arrested wounded and died
93	Aziz Musa Salem Owaisat	Jabal al-Mukabbir, Jerusalem	20/5/2018	–	Torture and beating
94	Muhammad Zaghloul al-Khatib (al-Rimawi)	Beit Rima, Ramallah	18/9/2018	–	Torture and beating
95	Fares Ahmad Muhammad Baroud	al-Shati camp	6/2/2019	–	Medical neglect
96	Omar Awni Abd al-Karim Younis	Sanniriya, Qalqilya	27/4/2019	Beilinson hospital	Medical neglect
97	Nassar Majed Omar Taqatqa	Beit Fajjar, Bethlehem	16/7/2019	Ramla isolation	Torture and beating
98	Bassam Amin Muhammad al-Sayeh	Nablus	8/9/2019	Assaf Harofeh hospital	Medical neglect

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99	Sami Ahed Abdullah Abu Diak	Silat al-Dhahr, Jenin	26/11/2019	Assaf Harofeh hospital	Medical neglect
100	Nour al-Din Rashad Hussein Jabr (al-Barghouti)	Aboud, Ramallah	22/4/2020	Negev prison	Medical neglect
101	Saadi Khalil Mahmoud al-Gharabli	Shujaiyya, Gaza	8/7/2020	Kaplan hospital	Medical neglect
102	Dawoud Tal’at Dawoud al-Khatib	Bethlehem	2/9/2020	Ofer prison	Medical neglect
103	Kamal Najib Amin Abu Waer	Qabatiya, Jenin	10/11/2020	–	Medical neglect
104	Sami Abed Mahmoud al-Amour	Deir al-Balah	18/11/2021	–	Medical neglect
105	Dawoud Muhammad al-Zubeidi	Jenin camp	15/5/2022	–	Arrested wounded and died
106	Muhammad Abdullah Hamed	Silwad, Ramallah	26/6/2022	–	Arrested wounded and died
107	Sa’diya Salem Farajallah (Matar)	Idhna, Hebron	2/7/2022	Damon prison	Medical neglect
108	Rafiq Riyad Ghannam	Jaba, Jenin	6/7/2022	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
109	Muhammad Maher al-Saeed (Ghawadreh)	Jenin	14/10/2022	–	Deliberately killed after arrest
110	Nasser Muhammad Yusuf Abu Hmeid	Ramallah	20/12/2022	–	Medical neglect

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111	Wadee Aziz Abu Ramouz	Jerusalem	27/1/2023	–	Arrested wounded and died
112	Ahmad Badr Abdullah Abu Ali	Yatta, Hebron	10/2/2023	Negev prison, then Soroka hospital	Medical neglect
113	Mahmoud Jamal Hasan Hamdan	Aqabat Jabr camp, Jericho	1/3/2023	–	Arrested wounded and died
114	Khader Muhammad Musa Adnan	Arraba, Jenin	2/5/2023	–	Hunger strike

Between the accounts

The two martyrs of 2000: Farwana's list gives Ibrahim al-Baradiya of Surif on 21 November 2000 and Muhammad Yusuf al-Maghribi of Dheisheh camp on 10 December 2000, while the WAFA list ties the first date to Jamal Thalji of Surif and the second to Ibrahim al-Baradiya of Dheisheh. Farwana lists Jamal Thalji from Jenin on 1 July 2001. [1][6]

Khader Adnan: Farwana's list gives his residence as Jenin camp, while the Al Jazeera Encyclopedia says he was from the town of Arraba in Jenin governorate. [1][5]

Arafat Jaradat: the occupation claimed a heart attack; the autopsy found marks of torture. [4]

2011 and 2012: Farwana's list records no martyrs in these two years. [1]

Timeline

Date	Event
21 November 2000	The first prisoner martyr of the al-Aqsa Intifada [1]
18 November 2001	Medhat Abu Dalal and Muhammad Hussein killed after capture and their bodies mutilated [1]

Date	Event
22 January 2002	Four prisoners killed in a Nablus apartment, which is then blown up [1]
14 April 2002	Hazem Qabha executed after arrest in Jenin camp [1]
27 January 2005	Rasem Abu Ghurra dies after a fire in his tent in Megiddo [1]
23 February 2013	Arafat Jaradat dies under torture [4]
2 April 2013	Maysara Abu Hamdiya dies of cancer [1]
2019–2020	Bassam al-Sayeh, Sami Abu Diak and Kamal Abu Waer die of cancer [1]
2 July 2022	Prisoner Sa’diya Farajallah dies in Damon prison [1]
20 December 2022	Nasser Abu Hmeid dies of lung cancer [1]
2 May 2023	Khader Adnan dies after 87 days on hunger strike [5]

Frequently asked questions about prisoner martyrs 2000–2023

How many prisoners died between 2000 and 2023?

114 martyrs up to May 2023, bringing the prisoner movement’s total since 1967 to 237 before the genocidal war. [1][2]

What was the most common cause during the al-Aqsa Intifada?

Deliberate killing after arrest: 38 of the 54 prisoners who died between 2000 and 2004 were killed this way. [1]

What was the most common cause after 2005?

Medical neglect, which killed 32 of 60 martyrs. [1]

Who was the last prisoner martyr before the genocidal war?

Sheikh Khader Adnan, on 2 May 2023, after 87 days on hunger strike. [5]

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