Palestinian Prisoner Martyrs Since the Genocidal War | 92 Killed in Occupation Prisons and Camps

Since the start of the genocidal war on Gaza in October 2023, the Zionist occupation's prisons and camps have become what prisoners' organisations call the deadliest period in the history of the prisoner movement. By September 2026 the Palestinian Prisoners' Club had announced **92 identified martyrs** among prisoners and detainees, 53 of them Gaza detainees, while the fate of other Gaza detainees remains unknown because of the crime of enforced disappearance.[1][2]

This is the final article in Palestinuna's series on "The martyrs of the prisoner movement." Unlike earlier periods, there is no complete published list of this period's martyrs, because the occupation conceals their identities and delays announcing their deaths, sometimes acknowledging them only months later. The table in this article therefore includes only names that have been announced and documented in Arab sources. [3][4]

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In numbers

Item	Details
Identified martyrs since October 2023	92 (September 2026)
Of whom Gaza detainees	53
Prisoner movement martyrs since 1967	329
Martyrs in 2025 alone	32, 10 of them from Gaza
Bodies withheld of prisoners who died since the war	89 of 100
Arrests in the West Bank since the war	About 21,000 by the end of 2025, excluding Gaza detainees
Prisoners in occupation prisons	More than 9,300 at the end of 2025, 3,350 of them administrative detainees

[1][5]

The rising toll

Prisoners’ organisations’ figures show how the toll climbed month after month:

Date	Identified martyrs since the war began
November 2023	6
February 2024	11
May 2024	18
October 2024	40
December 2024	48
May 2025	69
August 2025	76
March 2026	89
September 2026	92

[6][7][8][3][9][4][10][2][1]

How prisoners are killed

Prisoners' organisations attribute these deaths to a system of crimes: torture, starvation, medical crimes, sexual assault and humiliation. They say they hold testimonies about dozens of detainees executed in the field. [1]

Beaten to death: Thaer Abu Asab of Qalqilya and **Abd al-Rahman Mar'i** of Qarawat Bani Hassan died in November 2023 after severe beatings, according to prisoners' testimony, during what jailers call "count or security check procedures." [11][6]

Starvation: on 24 March 2025 the child **Walid Khaled Ahmad**, 17, of Silwad, died in Megiddo prison; autopsy reports found he had been "deliberately starved to death," and his body is still withheld. [12]

Torture under interrogation: Dr **Adnan al-Bursh**, head of orthopaedics at al-Shifa Hospital, died in Ofer prison on 19 April 2024 after being seized from al-Awda Hospital; prisoners' organisations called his death a "deliberate assassination." In December 2024 **Muhammad Walid Ali** of Nur Shams camp died in the al-Jalameh interrogation centre a week after his arrest, with signs of torture. [8][9]

Medical neglect: Walid Daqqa of Baqa al-Gharbiyye died on 7 April 2024 after 38 years in captivity, suffering from a rare cancer; and **Marwan Harzallah** of al-Ein camp in Nablus, a leg amputee, died in Megiddo prison in March 2026 after being denied treatment. [13][2]

Gaza's detainees: death in the shadows

Gaza's detainees are held in military camps, and the occupation has classified more than a thousand of them as "unlawful combatants," so that their whereabouts are unknown and visits are barred. Their families learn of their martyrdom only when the occupation army replies to organisations' inquiries, giving only a date of death without details. In October 2024 the names of 15 Gaza

detainee martyrs were announced at once, and in May 2025 three more, among them **Ayman Qdeih**, 56, who was arrested on 7 October 2023 and died five days later. [3][4][5]

Two families asked that their sons' names not be published, for private reasons, so they were announced by initials only. After almost two years of concealing his fate, the occupation acknowledged the martyrdom of **Ihab Diab**, 36, of Gaza, arrested in December 2023, claiming he had been ill – which his family denied. [3][14]

Announced names

The table lists 34 of this period's martyrs whose names have been announced and documented in the sources cited, in order of date of martyrdom. It is not a complete list: the announced toll stands at 92 identified martyrs.

#	Name	Hometown	Age	Date	Prison/place	Notes
1	Ayman Abd al-Hadi Qdeih	Gaza	56	12/10/2023	–	Arrested on 7 October 2023 [4]
2	Ata Yusuf Hasan Fayyad	Gaza	–	15/10/2023	–	– [3]
3	Omar Daraghmeh	Tubas	58	23/10/2023	–	– [6]
4	Arafat Hamdan	Ramallah	25	October 2023	–	Less than 24 hours after Daraghmeh [6]
5	Majed Ahmad Zaqqoul	Gaza	32	6/11/2023	–	– [6]
6	Abd al-Rahman Mar'i	Qarawat Bani Hassan, Salfit	33	November 2023	Megiddo prison	Severe beating, according to prisoners' testimony [6]
7	Thaer Samih Abu Asab	Qalqilya	38	November 2023	Negev prison	Severe beating; a prisoner since 2005 [15]

#	Name	Hometown	Age	Date	Prison/place	Notes
8	Iyad Ahmad Muhammad al-Rantisi	Gaza	–	November 2023	–	About a week after his arrest [3]
9	Hamdan Hasan Anaba	Gaza	–	2/12/2023	–	– [3]
10	Faraj Hussein Hasan Ali	Gaza	–	19/12/2023	–	– [3]
11	Hussein Saber Abu Obeida	Gaza	–	29/1/2024	–	– [3]
12	Ali Abdullah Suleiman al-Houli	Gaza	–	5/2/2024	–	– [3]
13	Arafat Yusuf Arafat al-Khawaja	Gaza	–	15/2/2024	–	– [3]
14	Asef Abd al-Mu'ti al-Rifai	Kafr Ein, Ramallah	22	February 2024	Ramla prison clinic	Cancer patient, a prisoner since 2022 [7]
15	Majed Hamdi Ibrahim Swafiri	Gaza	–	8/3/2024	–	– [3]
16	Ahmad Abd Marjan al-Aqqad	Gaza	–	9/3/2024	–	– [3]
17	Jum'a Abu Ghanima	the Naqab	26	16/3/2024	Eshel prison	Found unconscious in his cell [16]
18	Dr Ziad Muhammad Saleh al-Dalou	Gaza	–	21/3/2024	–	– [3]
19	Wafa Amin Muhammad Abd al-Hadi	Gaza	–	25/3/2024	–	– [3]

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20	Kamal Hussein Ahmad Radi	Gaza	–	25/3/2024	–	– [3]
21	Walid Daqqa	Baqa al-Gharbiyye	62	7/4/2024	Assaf Harofeh hospital	Myelofibrosis; a prisoner since 1986 [13]
22	Fathi Muhammad Mahmoud Jadallah	Gaza	–	9/4/2024	–	– [3]
23	Dr Adnan al-Bursh	Gaza	50	19/4/2024	Ofer prison	Torture; head of orthopaedics at al-Shifa Hospital [8]
24	Bilal Talal Salameh	Gaza	24	11/8/2024	–	Arrested while displaced from Khan Younis [4]
25	Ihab Muhammad Abd al-Qader Diab	Gaza	36	18/9/2024 (likely)	–	His family denied the claim that he was ill [14]
26	Samih Suleiman Muhammad Aliwi	Nablus	61	November 2024	–	Administrative detainee since 21 October 2023; medical crimes and starvation [17]
27	Anwar Shaaban Muhammad Esleem	Gaza	44	November 2024	–	Had no illness before his arrest [17]
28	Muhammad Walid Hussein Ali	Nur Shams camp	45	December 2024	al-Jalameh interrogation centre	Signs of torture [9]
29	Walid Khaled Ahmad	Silwad, Ramallah	17	24/3/2025	Megiddo prison	Deliberate starvation; a child [12]
30	Muhammad Ismail al-Astal	Gaza	46	2/5/2025	–	– [4]

#	Name	Hometown	Age	Date	Prison/place	Notes
31	Ahmad Saeed Saleh Tazaza’a	Jenin	20	August 2025	Megiddo prison	Administrative detainee [10]
32	Marwan Fathi Harzallah	al-Ein camp, Nablus	–	28/3/2026	Megiddo prison	Denied treatment; a leg amputee [2]
33	Imad Rajeh Sarhan	–	–	June 2026	Gilboa prison	Systematic medical neglect [14]
34	Mu’taz al-Atrash	Hebron	–	September 2026	Ofer prison	– [1]

The bodies

The occupation does not stop at killing prisoners; it withholds their bodies. Of the 100 identified prisoner-movement martyrs whose bodies it holds, 89 died after the war began, among them Dr Adnan al-Bursh and the child Walid Ahmad. They are among at least 799 Palestinian bodies withheld. [1][8][12][18]

Between the accounts

The overall toll: rights groups counted 100 prisoner martyrs from the start of the war to the end of 2025, while the Prisoners’ Club announced 92 identified martyrs by September 2026. The difference most likely reflects those whose identities have not been disclosed or whose families asked that they not be named. [5][1]

Abd al-Rahman Mar’i: Al-Quds newspaper names him “Ahmad Muhammad Mar’i,” 33, of Qarawat Bani Hassan, while the prisoners’ organisations’ annual report names him “Abd al-Rahman Mar’i.” [6][11]

Different figures in one report: Ahram Online, citing the Prisoners’ Club in March 2026, gives 89 martyrs since the war, then 86 elsewhere. [2]

The occupation’s accounts: the occupation army gives only a date of death, or

claims illness, as with Ihab Diab, which families deny. [4][14]

Timeline

Date	Event
7 October 2023	Ayman Qdeih arrested; he dies five days later [4]
23 October 2023	Omar Daraghmeh and Arafat Hamdan die less than a day apart [6]
November 2023	Thaer Abu Asab and Abd al-Rahman Mar’i die after severe beatings [11]
7 April 2024	Walid Daqqa dies after 38 years in captivity [13]
19 April 2024	Dr Adnan al-Bursh dies in Ofer prison [8]
6 October 2024	Names of 15 Gaza detainee martyrs announced [3]
24 March 2025	The child Walid Ahmad dies of starvation in Megiddo [12]
December 2025	32 prisoner martyrs in 2025 alone [5]
March 2026	Marwan Harzallah dies in Megiddo prison [2]
September 2026	The toll reaches 92 identified martyrs since the war began [1]

Frequently asked questions about prisoner martyrs since the genocidal war

How many prisoners have died since the genocidal war began?

92 identified martyrs by September 2026, 53 of them Gaza detainees, not counting those whose fate is still unknown. [1]

Why is there no complete list of names?

Because the occupation conceals the identities of many Gaza detainees, delays announcing their deaths, and gives only a date of death. [4][1]

Who is the youngest martyr on this list?

The child Walid Khaled Ahmad, 17, of Silwad, who died of starvation in Megiddo prison in March 2025. [12]

How many bodies of prisoners who died since the war does the occupation hold?

89, of the 100 identified prisoner-movement martyrs whose bodies it holds. [1]

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