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Week 16: Administrative Detention

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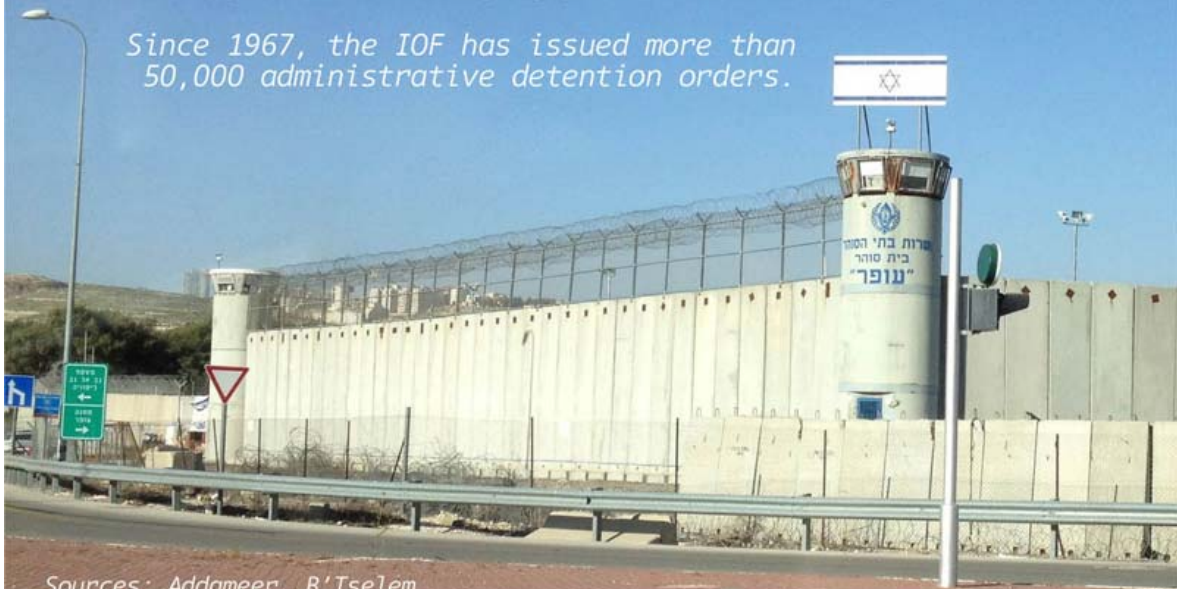
ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

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Sources: Addameer, B'Tselem

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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

We have a webinar this Tuesday! But before we move on to that and the rest of the webinar, let's discuss Palestinian Prisoners Day:

Palestinian Prisoners Day

April 17



Sunday is **Palestinian Prisoners Day**. In 1974, the Palestinian National Council adopted a resolution to mark April 17 of each year as a day to honor Palestinian prisoners. [According to Birzeit University](#), "Since then, that day is seen as a national tribute to prisoners and their sacrifices, a call to unify the efforts to support them and their right to freedom, and a call for solidarity with their families."

Please mark this day and week with us with your thoughts, prayers, and activism, including this week's Kumi Action. Last year, we worked with **Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network** for a [Kumi Now webinar](#). This year, Samidoun is coordinating [10 Days of Struggle for Palestinian Prisoners' Liberation](#).

Here are details on this week's Kumi Now online gathering:

Next Online Gathering



April 19: Palestinian Innovators #6

Join us Tuesday for our next Palestinian Innovators webinar. Our guest will be announced soon!

Time: Tuesday, April 19, at 6:00pm East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+3). That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am
- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm
- Greenwich (London): 4pm
- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 5pm
- Manila: 11pm
- Sydney: 1am (+1 Day)
- Auckland: 3am (+1 Day)

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (The meetings require a simple registration now, but it only takes a second.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the

[registration form at the bottom of the page.](#)

This Week's Entry

Please note: To match the dates in the [calendar](#), we post a new entry and publish the newsletter each Saturday.

Sharing and publicizing: The graphics in this newsletter are designed to be the perfect size and shape to share to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. So each week you can help the cause simply by sharing these images online. It's one more option you have to help.

Kumi Week #16: Administrative Detention

Week 16 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). Administrative detention is a procedure that allows the Israeli military to hold prisoners indefinitely on secret information without charging them with a crime or allowing them to stand trial. Although administrative detention is used almost exclusively to detain Palestinians from the occupied Palestinian territory, which includes the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, Israeli citizens and foreign nationals can also be held as administrative detainees by Israel. However, only 9 Israeli settlers have ever been held in administrative detention. This week, the Kumi Now community is uniting to shed light on these administrative detentions. Here's what you need to know and what you can do so that together we can *rise up*.

Please read the essay on this issue and the story of Thabet Nassar. Last year we were joined by **Charlotte Kates**, international coordinator for **Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network**. You can see her talk and Q and A starting at the [7:00 mark of the webinar](#). And here are a few more facts for you:

Just the facts... *440 Palestinians are held in administrative detention as of April, 2021.*

Israeli forces use administrative detention without a charge or trial based on a "secret file" that neither the detainee nor their lawyer can review.

This process denies detainees their right to a fair trial guaranteed by international law.

Palestinians are commonly held under administrative detention orders for periods ranging from 6 months to 6 years.

Since 1967, the IOF has issued more than 50,000 administrative detention orders.

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has repeatedly condemned Israel's widespread use of administrative detention.

Since March 2002, not a month has gone by without Israel holding at least 100 Palestinians in administrative detention.

Sources: Addameer, B'Tselem

Administrative detention used in a systemic manner is a form of collective punishment prohibited under Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Two Israeli prisons lie outside Palestinian territory, in violation of the Geneva Convention prohibition against transferring prisoners from the occupied territory.

Israeli Prison Service often does not provide sufficient meals, withholds medical care, denies family visits, limits educational opportunities, and arbitrarily uses isolation and solitary confinement.

<http://kuminow.com/AdministrativeDetention>

Understanding Administrative Detention: Just the Facts...

- 440 Palestinians are held in administrative detention as of April, 2021.
- The occupation forces use administrative detention against Palestinians without a charge or trial based on a "secret file" that neither the detainee nor his lawyer can review.
- This process thereby denies the detainee from his or her right to fair trial that is guaranteed by international law.
- Palestinians are commonly held under administrative detention orders for periods ranging from six months to six years or more.
- Since 1967, the IOF has issued more than 50,000 administrative detention orders.
- The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has repeatedly condemned Israel's widespread use of administrative detention.
- The IOF's use of administrative detention in a systemic and widespread manner against Palestinians is a form of collective punishment which is prohibited under Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
- Two of the prisons used for the majority of administrative detainees lie outside of Palestinian territory, in violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention which states that detainees may not be transferred outside the occupied territory.
- The Israeli Prison Service often does not provide administrative detainees with sufficient meals, withholds appropriate medical care, denies family visits, denies educational opportunities, and arbitrarily uses isolation and solitary confinement on administrative detainees.

- Since March 2002, not a single month has gone by without Israel holding at least 100 Palestinians in administrative detention.
- The longest administrative detention was for eight years, where a Palestinian detainee was put in detention for that period of time without charge or fair trial.

These facts are drawn from:

- **Addameer's** [statistics](#)
- **Addameer's** "[Ten Facts on Administrative Detention](#)"
- **B'Tselem's** [page on administrative detention](#)

Learning More

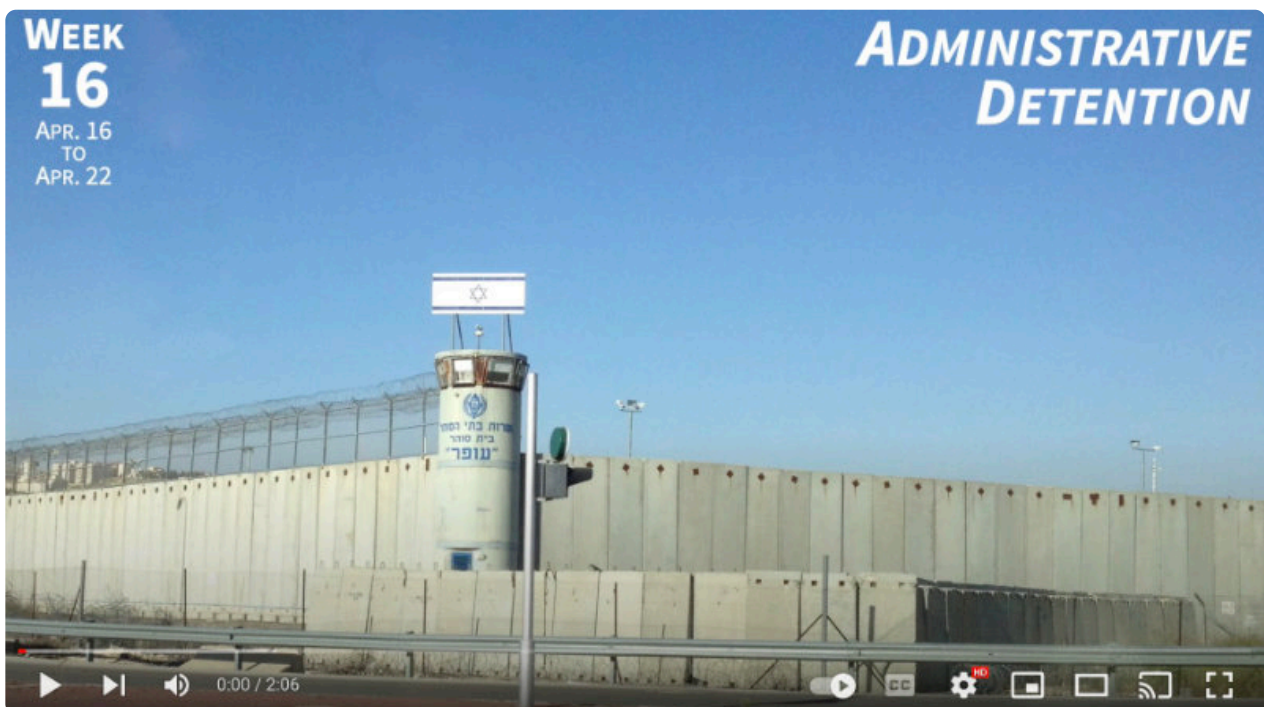
To learn more, you should:

- Read **Addameer's** "[Administrative Detention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: A Legal Analysis Report, Fourth Edition 2016](#)".
- Watch **Addameer's** 11-minute "[Life on Hold - The Policy of Administrative Detention](#)".
- Head to the websites of [Addameer](#) or [Samidoun](#).

To go deeper, we have an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week's entry and we're developing a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you'll want to get involved. Here's the Kumi Action for this week. We're now releasing a video each week focusing on the Kumi Action! Check out the one below on [YouTube](#).

Kumi Action



Look at Addameer's website and pick a name from the [list of individuals who have been detained recently](#). "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3). Blindfold yourself for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or an hour. Do not talk, do not eat, do not drink. Think about how you can end this exercise at any time, but this prisoner held by authorities who don't respect the rule of law does not have this luxury. How would that feel? What impact would it have on your family?

Then, write about your feelings and understanding of administrative detention and the inhumane treatment of detainees in a solidarity letter. Share your writing on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Be sure to begin your post with a clear message, noting your own privilege, such as, "I could stop this exercise at any time, but prisoners in administrative detention could not." You could also share a photo of yourself blindfolded. Include a link to this page of the Kumi Now website along with the hashtags #StopAD, #KumiNow, and #Kumi16.

This activity can be done individually or in a group, privately or in public. If done with a school or church group, consider discussing your feelings before or after you write. The goal is to help people understand that administrative detention is not just ordinary prison with a more sinister name, but an actual system of abuse and torture that has no place in any society.

You Should Know

One or two people, companies, or organizations you should know, and how you can follow them online.



Combatants for Peace

Now is a great time to highlight **Combatants for Peace** as they will be hosting their [17th Annual Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day ceremony](#) on May 3rd.

From their website:

"**Combatants for Peace**, founded in 2006, is a non-profit, volunteer organization of ex-combatant Israelis and Palestinians, men and women, who have laid down their weapons and rejected all means of violence. We are working together to end the occupation of Palestine, bring just peace to the land, and demonstrate that Israelis and Palestinians can work and live together.

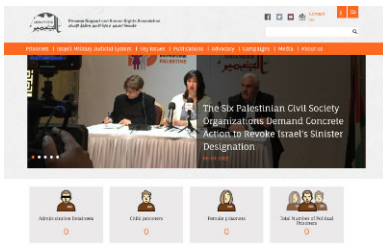
It is a movement based upon nonviolent activism designed to advance the termination of the occupation and to provide a foundation for relations between the two peoples subsequent to a peace agreement."

Combatants for Peace primarily works to bring together people from both sides of the conflict through meetings, bi-national groups, and tours to the West Bank, among other activities.

The history and foundation of Combatants for Peace is told in the excellent and highly-regarded documentary [Disturbing the Peace](#), which you might be able to find on your film platform of choice.

You can find Combatants for Peace on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#).

Addameer Prisoner Support and Human



Rights Association

Addameer (Arabic for *conscience*) **Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association** is a Palestinian non-governmental, civil institution that works to support Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli and Palestinian prisons. Established in 1992 by a group of activists interested in human rights, the center offers free legal aid to political prisoners, advocates for their rights at the national and international level, and works to end torture and other violations of prisoners' rights through monitoring, legal procedures, and solidarity campaigns.

You can find Addameer on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#).

Upcoming Weeks

And here's what we have coming up in April so you can plan ahead and decide how you want to be a part of Kumi Now:



April 23 to 29: Week 17 - Nation-State Law

[Read the full entry online.](#)

On May 1, 2018, the Knesset passed the Nation-State law (officially Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People) in its first reading. As we approach the anniversary of this passage, we as a Kumi Community want to analyze this law and what it means for Palestinians and other minorities in Israel.

For our Kumi Action we will make it clear that it is not too late for Israeli politicians to change their direction and pass legislation that would provide equality for all of its citizens.

You Should Watch or Read

Recent and not-so-recent films, books, music, and other arts related to Palestine, as well as news about festivals and other events

Arna's Children

The **Palestine Film Institute's** film of the week is **Arna's Children** (Documentary, 2004, 84 minutes). You have until Wednesday to watch it for free [on their website](#). About the film:

“Yussef committed a suicide attack in 2001. Ashraf was killed by the Israeli army in 2002. Alla led a group of



resistance fighters to his death in 2003. The director, who documented them as promising child actors in a theatre group he founded with his mother Arna, returns to Jenin Refugee Camp in April 2002, to see what happened to the children he knew and loved”

Trabelsi Productions, Pieter van Huystee Film and IKON Television Present:
ARNA'S CHILDREN
a film by **Juliano Mer Khamis**
Best Documentary Feature **Tribeca Film Festival** USA
FFRSCQ Best First Documentary Feature **Hot Docs Film Festival** Canada
Best First Documentary Feature **One World film festival** Czech Republic
The Dutch Academy Award for best documentary for 2004

What's Next

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter next Saturday, focused on our next issue, [the Nation-State Law](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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