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Report on the Israeli Invasion of Jenin Refugee Camp

Appendix B: Consistencies in the Testimonies and From Eyewitness Accounts

- ID cards, essential for movement, were defaced, ripped, and confiscated by soldiers. Many had the word 'terrorist' stamped on their ID card, making it invalid.
- Almost no food or water in detention, 1-6 days
- Detainees were beaten regularly with two kinds of batons: plastic coated iron or wooden, beaten with rifle butts, punched and kicked
- Hands were cuffed almost the whole time they were held
- Blindfolded almost the entire time they were held
- Generally refused access to bathroom. Some directly told to urinate/defecate on themselves in detention
- Interrogated by soldiers and or intelligence officers. Detainees were asked about names of martyrs, fighters, and endured statements such as "I know you are one of them."
- Upon release, detainees were threatened with death if they attempted to go to the hospital
- Upon release, detainees were threatened with death and/or arrest if they attempted to return to their homes in Jenin camp
- All local and international emergency medical relief services barred from moving in the area. Emergency medical personnel were often shot at, arrested, stripped, and interrogated.
- During the invasion, Israeli soldiers called in air strikes at homes where they saw any movement or heard noise
- Homes were bulldozed with people inside; no one was allowed to rescue them before the home was bulldozed
- A substantial number of civilians did not hear any warning to get out of their houses
- Families were separated. Few knew where their family members were, including their children.
- People thought they were going to die. Reasons: watching their houses demolished, statements from the soldiers, lack of access to medical treatment
- Detainees endured physical threats, such as, "We are going to pick your eyes out, which one would you like us to take first?"
- Death threats and verbal abuse from soldiers
- Detainees were minimally clothed, naked or in underwear the entire time they were in detention
- Older men who were not detained were also forced to strip as they were forced out of their houses. Piles of clothes, mobile phones and papers were seen on the side of the roads.

- Men were shot at without warning or ID check
- Men were executed without trial
- Children, women, elderly and mentally disabled were abused, shot at, wounded or killed.
- People were denied the opportunity to help wounded or disabled out of danger
- People suffered from shortage of food and water
- Men were beaten by Israeli soldiers when they were already wounded
- People from the Palestinian civilian population were used as human shields for Israeli soldiers, including children.
- Apart from bombing and demolishing houses, the IDF swept the rubble back and forth, which minced bodies, obstructed fact finding and made recovery of bodies more difficult.
- Witnessing was difficult as people were shot and threatened of being shot if they looked out a window
- Sleep deprivation
- Beatings
- Israeli soldiers looted and destroyed, wrecking civilian property and infrastructure, houses, schools, clinics, hospitals, drug supplies (UN clinic), pharmacies, mosques, and stores.
- Deliberate defacing of religious sites and memorials of the dead, graffiti in Russian and Hebrew like “Death to Arabs” and Stars of David all over. Pornographic graffiti from Israeli soldiers also stained the walls of several homes.
- Soldiers defecated and urinated on furniture, floors, rugs, pots and pans in camp homes.
- Bomb experts, UN, Red Cross, and journalists not allowed in to alleviate the dire conditions or to bear witness