

## CANADA'S ROLE

The Canadian Government says it has an exceptional, bilateral relationship with Israel, but it doesn't hold Israel accountable to its violations of the human rights of Palestinian children.

In the Fall of 2020, petition e-2667 called upon the Government of Canada to ensure the human rights of Palestinian children are protected by instructing a Special Envoy to promote, monitor, and report on the human rights situation of Palestinian children living in the occupied Palestinian Territory and Gaza.

The Government's response to Petition e-2667 was tabled in the House of Commons.

You can see it together with the full Petition e-2667 on the House of Commons website at:  
<https://bit.ly/2WmICMV>

**Canada Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights** is a broad based cross-Canada coalition working on behalf of Palestinian children's human rights.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel  
<https://bit.ly/3DctDWK>

Military Court Watch  
<http://www.militarycourtwatch.org/>

Human Rights Report, 2020  
<https://bit.ly/3gwtQKI>

Defense of Children International - Palestine section  
<https://www.dci-palestine.org/>

Canadian Friends Service Committee  
<https://quakerservice.ca/news/no-way-treat-child/>

# CANADA, STAND UP FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS!





## **STAND UP FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS STOP THE ARREST & ILLEGAL DETENTION OF PALESTINIANS**

It is estimated that between 500 and 700 Palestinian children are charged under military law and imprisoned by the Israeli government every year. Hundreds more are taken by Israeli soldiers and police, often at gunpoint during night-raids, held for hours or days, and released without charge. Many of these detainees are held in prisons inside Israel, not Palestine, in direct contravention of international law and beyond the reach of their Palestinian families.

Three quarters of those detained experience physical violence and interrogation.

This deliberate strategy of the Israeli state is to break the spirit of Palestinian families and communities. The ultimate aim: to prevent them from resisting the occupation when older.

Source: *United Network for Peace in Palestine and Israel.*

<https://www.unjppi.org/childrens-rights.html>

Defense of Children International <https://www.dci-palestine.org/>

## **CANADIAN INITIATIVES**

In 2020, Canadians submitted a petition to the House of Commons calling on Canada to appoint a Special Envoy to address the treatment of Palestinian children. The goal of the petition was to shine a light on the kidnap, arrest, detainment, abuse, torture and murder of Palestinian children by Israeli military and police.

International laws, meant to protect an occupied population, and laws to protect children's rights are being broken daily and action is needed to stop this.

**We are continuing the Canada, Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights Campaign because we strongly believe that the Government's response does not relate, in a direct, knowledgeable, concerned way, to what we know to be documented: daily, extreme abuses of the Palestinian children's human rights.**

Neither was the remedy the aforementioned petition proposed of a Special Envoy adequately addressed.

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

We are inviting you to be part of our campaign to support Palestinian children living under the Israeli military occupation.

Sign-up through the link below to receive information about the campaign and how you can participate.

<http://eepurl.com/htSZpb>

You will receive an advocacy email once a month inviting you to take action on behalf of these children's human rights.

You will also be invited to write a letter to Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs

([melanie.joly@international.gc.ca](mailto:melanie.joly@international.gc.ca))

and your own member of parliament.

We will provide you with a sample letter.

Our monthly e-mail will also include resources and other information so that you can learn more about the treatment that children receive.

**Thank you, on behalf of a broad based cross-Canada coalition working on behalf of Palestinian children's human rights.**

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