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The sweeping use in Israel of "Administrative Detention" is legally and morally unacceptable.

Hundreds languish in prison without trial.

Even after the release of prisoners this week, Israel continues to hold around 800 Palestinians under administrative detention. They do not know what they are accused of or when they will be released. Their detention is extended again and again on the basis of secret evidence provided by the General Security Services (Shabak).

On 19 December 2004, the administrative detainees began a strike demanding an end to the policy of prolonging their detentions, and to be released or put on trial. Although the detainees boycott the court proceedings, the military courts simply continue to confirm the detention orders in their absence.

Israeli Human Rights Groups Support Administrative Detainees' Demands

RELEASE OR FAIR TRIAL

- Physicians for Human Rights
- B'Tselem - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
- HaMoked – Center for the Defence of the Individual
- Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
- Public Committee Against Torture
- Rabbis for Human Rights