

Data since 7 October 2023

Interrogations, Arrests and Indictments of Palestinian citizens of Israel over the last month

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Introduction

Since 7 October 2023, Palestinian citizens of Israel have faced political persecution and a severe crackdown on their freedom of expression and assembly. The repression of speech is the result of widespread and coordinated efforts between government offices, Israeli institutions, and far-right groups, all targeting Palestinian citizens and those who dare to express dissent against the military's retaliatory attacks on Gaza.

Israeli authorities have accused dozens of individuals of "supporting terrorist organizations" or engaging in "incitement to terrorism" for planning protests and expressing their opinions on social media platforms. The posts, interactions, and other means of expression largely fall within the rights protected by freedom of expression. The speech includes opposition to the targeting of civilians in Gaza, expressions of sympathy for the Palestinian people in Gaza, opposition to collective punishment and war crimes, and the dissemination of news about Gaza.

Adalah's legal team monitors and track cases of investigations and arrests, as well as indictments filed by the State of Israel against Palestinian citizens of Israel for speech-related offenses. Adalah provides direct legal representation, as well as advice and consultation to private lawyers handling these cases. Adalah works to develop a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which the police, the prosecutors and the courts are dealing with the detentions and these new criminal charges under the 2016 Counter-Terrorism Law, as well as to identify available remedies.

Adalah's legal team cooperates with the High Follow-up Committee for Arab Citizens of Israel and its Emergency Committee, as well as with lawyers, popular committees and partner NGOs in many towns and villages to monitor and document rights violations and to represent Palestinian citizens of Israel facing these criminal charges.

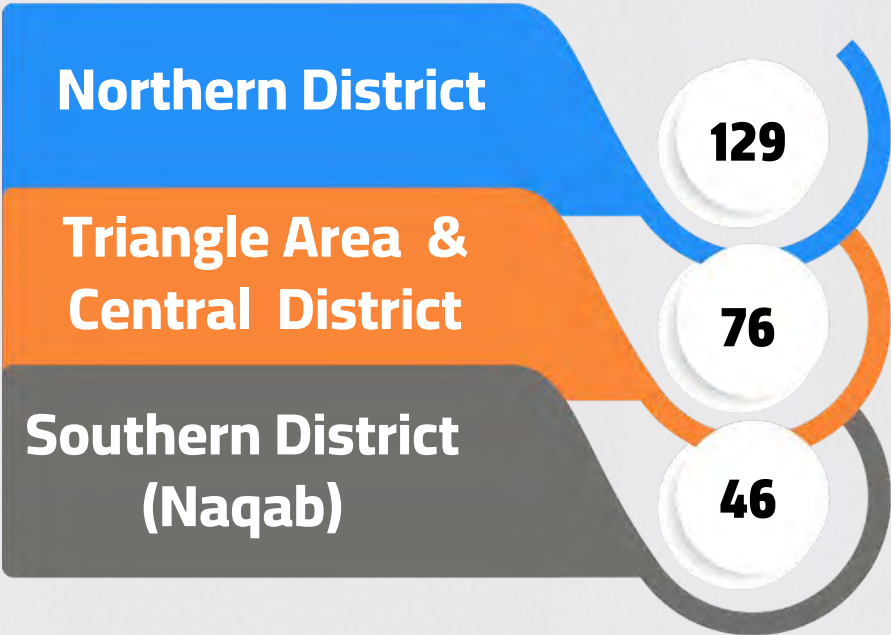
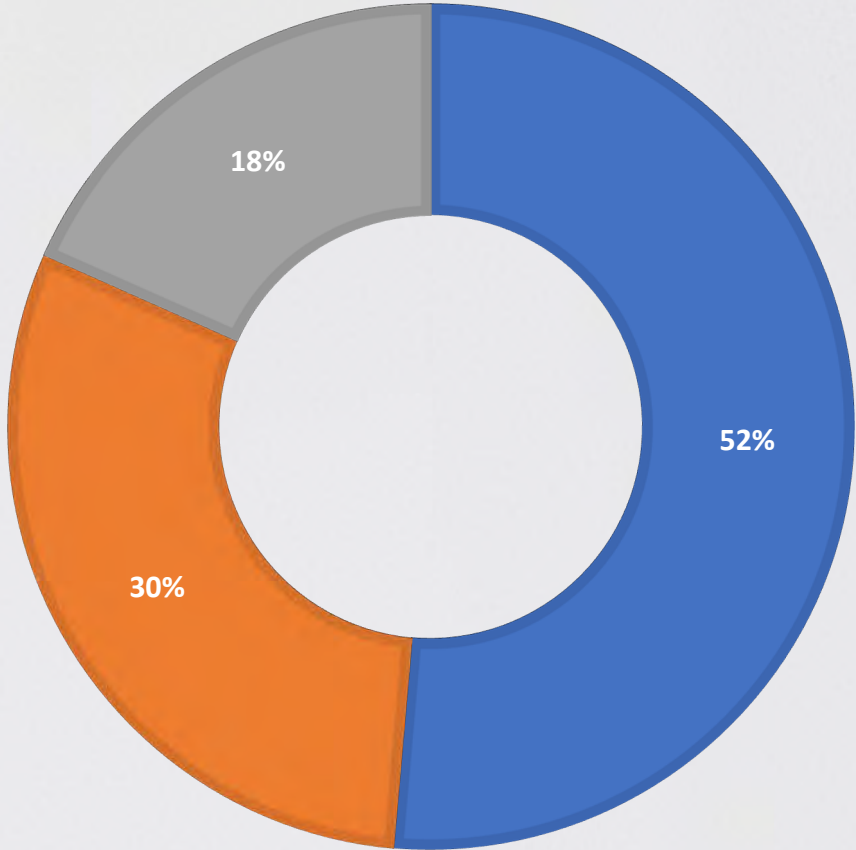
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Arrests, interrogations and “warning talks” recorded by Adalah

(7 October 13 - November 2023)

- **The data reflects only cases tracked by Adalah. Adalah cannot monitor all cases due to the scores of arrests, and individuals' reluctance to report cases due to fear of negative repercussions.**
- **The data includes cases where Adalah, directly or indirectly, provided legal consultation or representation.**
- **The data does not include cases in the Jerusalem District.**

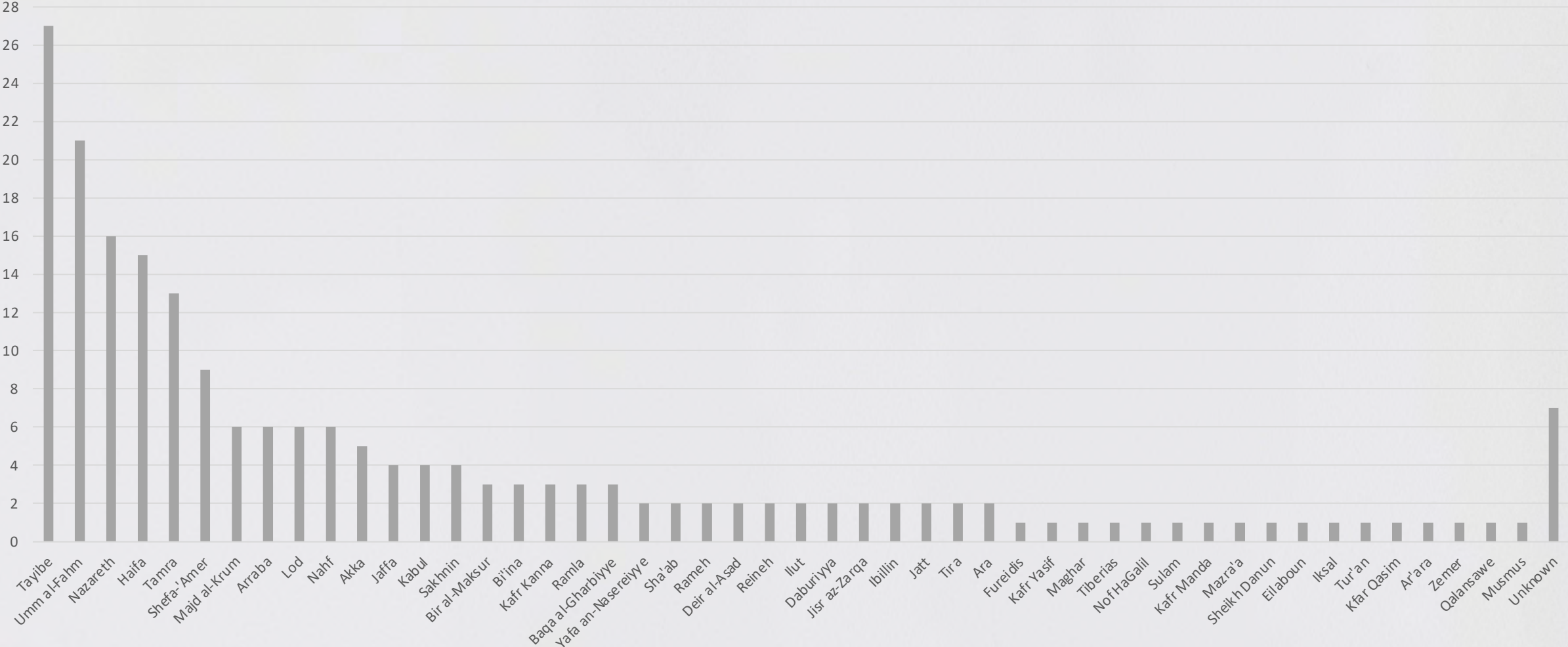
Geographic Distribution by Districts



- Northern District
- Triangle Area and Central District
- Southern District (Naqab)

The data included in this report was recorded between 7 October and 13 November 2023

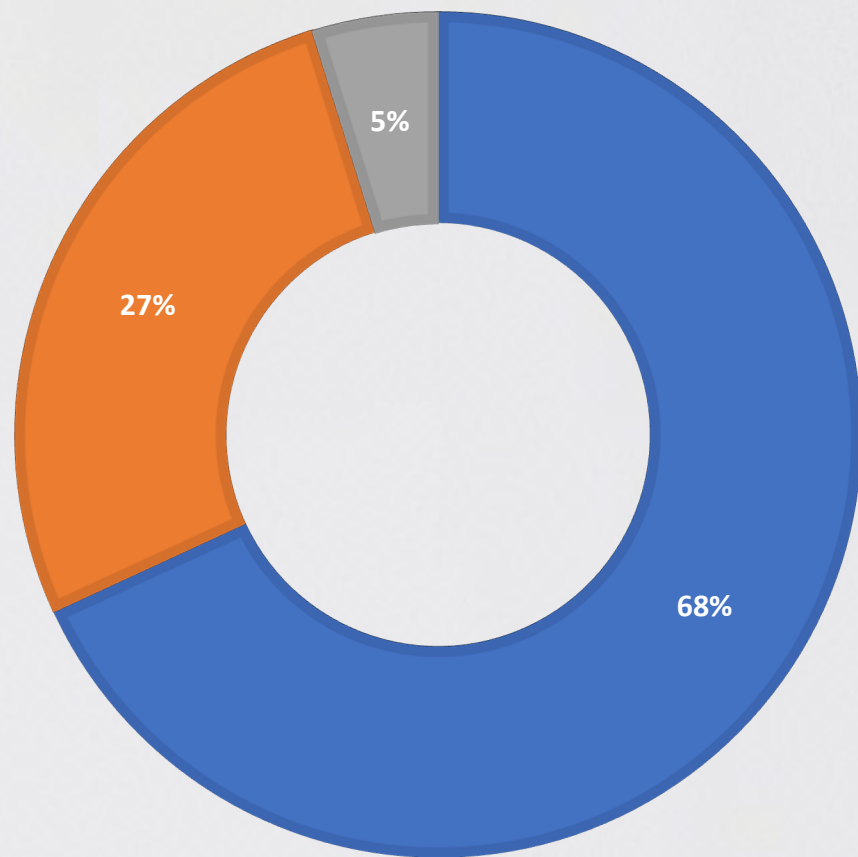
Geographical Distribution by Towns



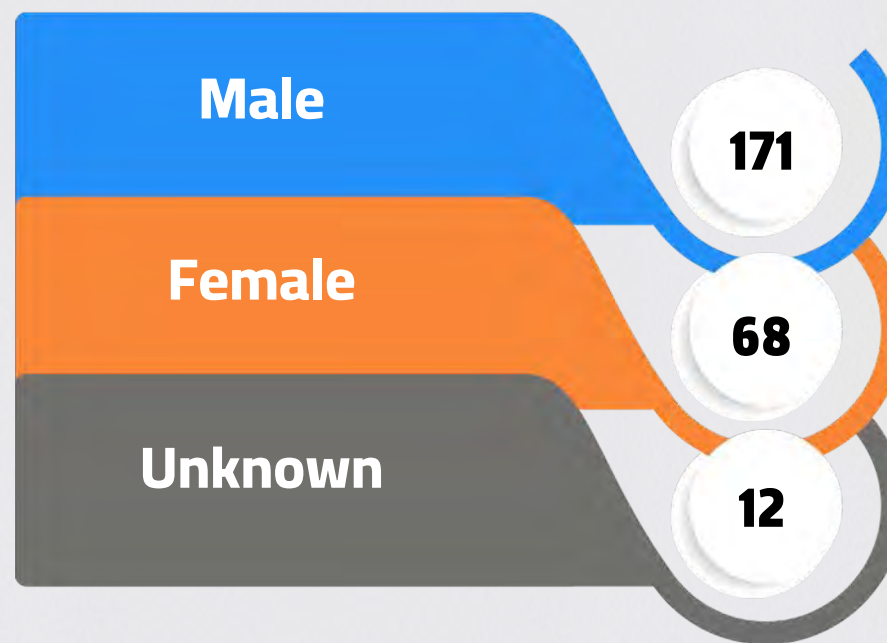
▶ The geographical distribution by towns covers the Northern District, Triangle and Center District (205 cases). However, in the Naqab (46 cases), there is no recorded information on distribution by town in some cases.

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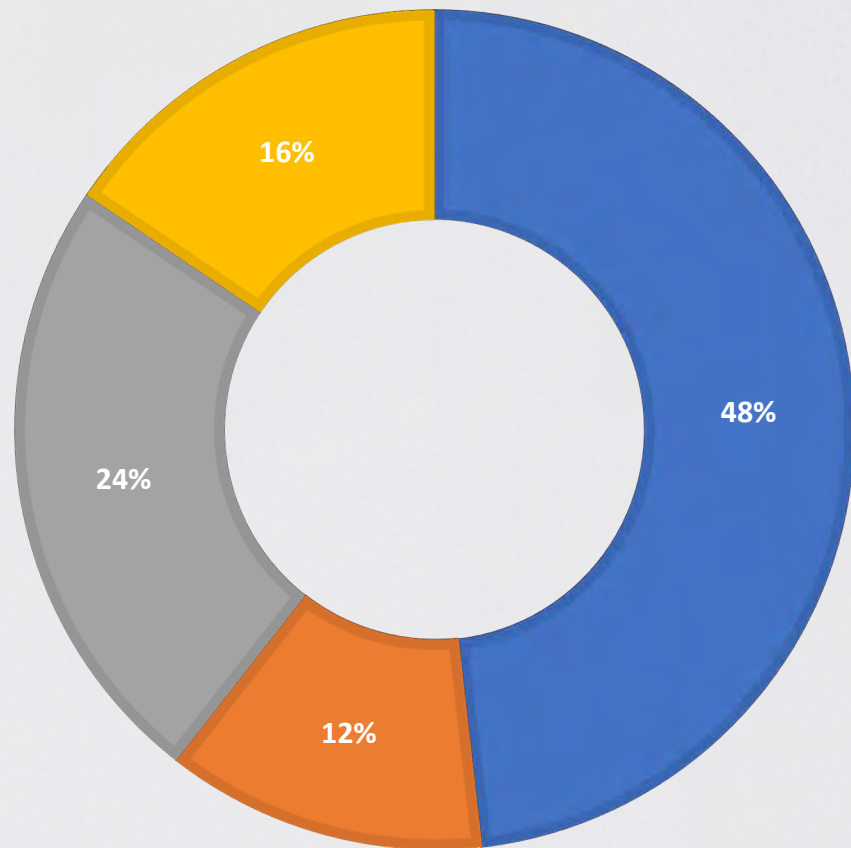
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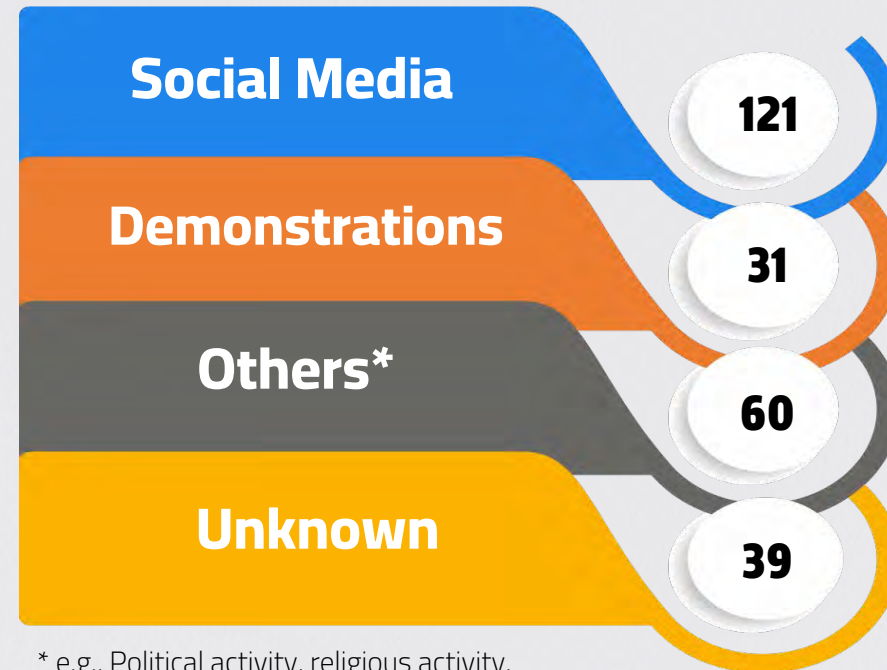
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Basis of Arrest/Interrogation

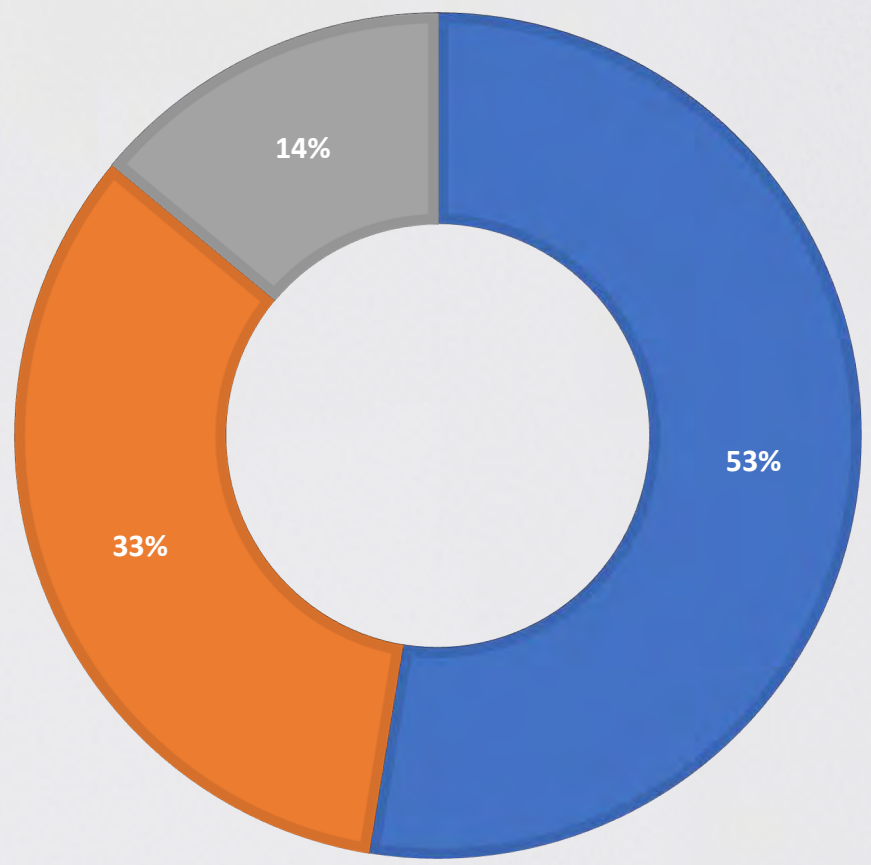


■ Social Media ■ Demonstrations ■ Others ■ Unknown

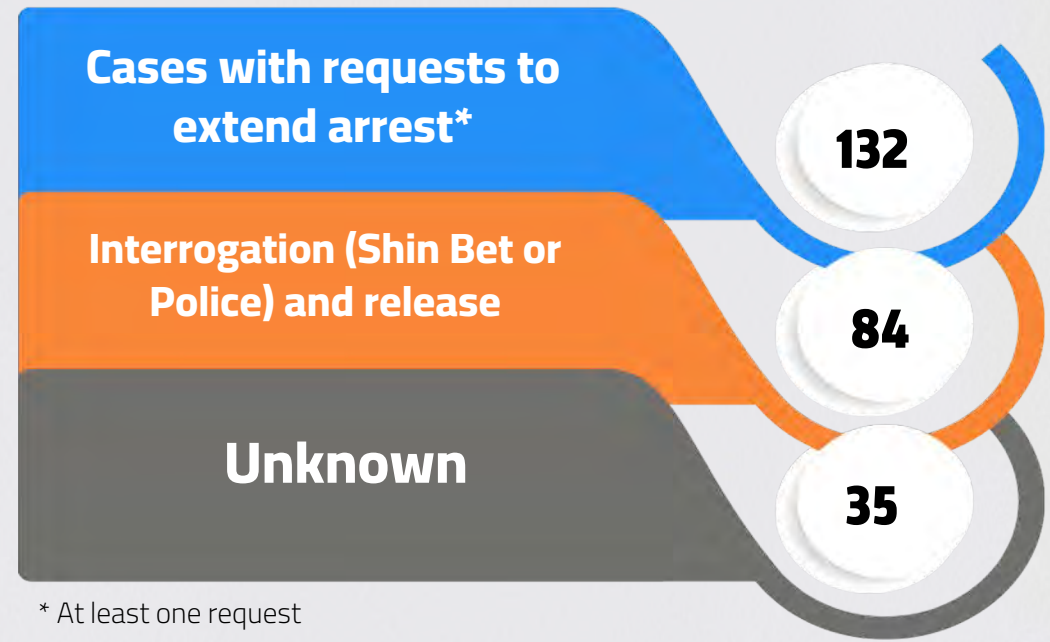


* e.g., Political activity, religious activity, obstructing police work

Status of Detention



■ Request to extend arrest ■ Interrogation and release ■ Unknown



* At least one request

Indictments

- According to official police data, as of 7 November, **76** indictments were filed since 7 October 2023.
- Adalah monitored **70** of them. In all cases the prosecution asked for an **extension of detention until the end of trial**.
- In most cases, the state prosecutor charged the individuals with “incitement to terrorism” and/or “identifying with terror organizations,” as defined in Israel's 2016 Counter Terrorism Law.

Geographic distribution

34

Palestinian citizens of Israel

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Residents of East Jerusalem

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Unknown (minor)