

Day 117: Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 117th day of "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the occupation authorities continued to impose their restrictions on the entry of worshipers to Al-Aqsa, and settlers' incursions into it continued, and the forces carried out incursions into the towns and neighborhoods of Jerusalem.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem explained that 149 settlers stormed Al-Aqsa during the morning and afternoon incursion periods, and performed prayers during that, while restrictions on the entry of worshipers into the mosque continue, as all arrivals were stopped and boys and young men were prevented from entering Al-Aqsa.

Visiting prisoners in Megiddo and Negev prisons

On the other hand, during the last two days, the lawyer of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem, Firas Al-Jabrini, was able to visit Jerusalemite prisoners in Megiddo and Negev prisons.

The children prisoners in Megiddo Prison conveyed to the lawyer of the information center what has been going on inside the prison since October 7th.

The prisoner explained to the lawyer that they suffer from severe overcrowding inside the rooms; the room that can accommodate six prisoners currently holds between 11–12 prisoners, and there are no beds, blankets, pillows or mattresses sufficient for the increase of the number of prisoners in each room, and prisoner are forced to sit next to each other on a light blanket, trying to get warm.

The prisoners explained that the prison administration keeps the windows of the rooms open, and the cold inside the rooms is severe.

As for the food, there is little and it is not enough for their needs, and its quality is very poor, and the children prisoners are forced, in an attempt to satisfy their hunger, to combine lunch and dinner together.

Lawyer Al-Jabrini explained, quoting the prisoners, that all the prisoners' clothes were confiscated at the beginning of the war, and each prisoner has only the clothes he wears, and the prison administration forbids the prisoners from getting any new clothes.

And due to the lack of any clothes for the prisoner, the prisoner washes the clothes he was wearing until they dry and puts them back on, noting that the clothes are light and some of them are summer clothes, and that the prisoners come to the lawyer's visiting room in light summer clothes, and they have no socks.

The prisoners explained that the electricity only works from 18:00 until 22:00.

The situation in the Negev prison is similar to the Megiddo prison, with overcrowding inside the rooms and the lack of any blankets, bedding or clothing sufficient for the number of prisoners in the room.

The inmate in the Negev prison explained that the prison administration disconnects the electricity from the rooms around the clock, and only cold water is available between 2:30-3:30.

The prisoner explained that many of them need daily medication and since the war, the medication has been cut off from them.

As for the prisoners who were injured during the repression and breaking into the rooms, they were not given the necessary treatment, and among them, some prisoners suffered broken limbs.

The inmate told the lawyer Al-Jabrini: "With the recent cold weather, the situation in the prison is freezing, very cold inside the rooms, especially at night, and there is no possibility or way to heat the room."

The prisoners also explained that they are also prohibited from shaving the hair or beard.