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This report is submitted on behalf of Defence for Children International–Palestine Section (DCI-Palestine), a national section of the international non-governmental child rights organisation and movement, Defence for Children International, established in 1979, with consultative status with ECOSOC.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 29 July 2009, DCI-Palestine submitted an Alternative Report and annexed evidence to the UN Human Rights Committee for consideration by the Committee during its review of the State of Israel's Third Periodic Report in July 2010:

- (i) Alternative Report (29 July 2009) - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/DCI_Israel99.pdf
- (ii) Annexure A – List of Evidence (127 pages) - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/DCI_2_Israel99.pdf

1.2 The purpose of this supplementary report is to update the Committee on some of the events that have occurred since July 2009.

2. RIGHT TO LIFE

2.1 On 28 September 2009, DCI-Palestine and Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights published a joint report on the serious child rights violations that occurred during 'Operation Cast Lead', which included the killing of 353 children - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1257&CategoryId=1>

2.2 On 8 October 2009, DCI-Palestine issued a short statement regarding the killing of children in the so called 'buffer zone' around the Gaza Strip. Since January 2009, at least seven children have been killed in the 'buffer zone' - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1279&CategoryId=1>

3. TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

3.1 Since 29 July 2009, DCI-Palestine has collected 62 sworn affidavits from Palestinian children who report being mistreated, and in some cases, tortured during their arrest, interrogation and detention by Israeli soldiers, police and interrogators. In an analysis of 100 sworn affidavits collected by lawyers for DCI-Palestine in 2009, the following incidents of mistreatment were recorded:

Table 1 - Torture and ill-treatment – Sample of 100 cases from 2009

Ill-treatment	Number of cases out of 100	Percentage
Hand ties	97	97%
Blindfolding	92	92%
Confession during interrogation	81	81%
Beaten or kicked	69	69%
Arrested between midnight and 4am	65	65%

Verbal abuse	50	50%
Threats or inducements	49	49%
Signed confession in Hebrew	32	32%
Position abuse	26	26%
Solitary confinement	14	14%
Threat of sexual assault	12	12%
Sexual assault	4	4%

- 3.2 On 29 September 2009, DCI-Palestine submitted 11 cases to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture arising out of three incidents involving the mass arrest and mistreatment of Palestinian children by the Israeli army - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1260&CategoryId=1>
- 3.3 On 5 January 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted 15 cases to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied since 1967 involving the arrest and mistreatment of Palestinian children for allegedly throwing stones - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1341&CategoryId=1>
- 3.4 On 6 January 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted 13 cases to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in relation to the mistreatment and, in some cases, torture of children in the Al Jalame Interrogation and Detention Centre operated by the Israeli authorities ('Cell No. 36'). In one case documented by DCI-Palestine, a boy was held in solitary confinement for 65 days in a cell with no windows in which an electric light was kept on 24 hours a day - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1342&CategoryId=1>
- 3.5 In February 2010, DCI-Palestine issued an Urgent Appeal in relation the mass night time arrest of at least 17 children from the Al-Jalazun refugee camp on 11 February - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1377&CategoryId=1>
- 3.6 On 15 March 2010, DCI-Palestine issued an Urgent Appeal in relation to the transfer of at least seven Palestinian children from the West Bank to prisons inside Israel in contravention of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949) - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1412&CategoryId=1>
- 3.7 On 18 May 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted 14 cases to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in relation to the alleged sexual assault, and threatened sexual assault of children as young as 13 years by the Israeli army, police and interrogators - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1476&CategoryId=1>

4. JUVENILE MILITARY COURT

- 4.1 On 1 October 2009, Israeli Military Order 1644 came into effect purporting to establish a 'juvenile' military court. On 16 February 2010, DCI-Palestine issued a short report examining the effects of this order on the administration of juvenile justice in the military court system. In summary, DCI-Palestine concluded that there were few, if any, substantive improvements - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1212&CategoryId=1>

5. HUMAN SHIELDS

- 5.1 On 11 May 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted a short statement regarding the continued use of children as human shields by the Israeli army - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1451&CategoryId=1>

6. SETTLER VIOLENCE

- 6.1 On 1 April 2010, DCI-Palestine issued a short statement in relation to the human cost of settlement building and house demolitions in East Jerusalem - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1422&CategoryId=1>
- 6.2 On 10 April 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted a short statement in relation to the human cost of settler building and house demolitions in East Jerusalem - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1434&CategoryId=1>
- 6.3 On 20 April 2010, DCI-Palestine submitted a short statement after investigating the beating of a 16-year-old boy by Israeli soldiers and settlers - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1436&CategoryId=1>
- 6.4 On 26 May 2010, DCI-Palestine issued a short statement after investigating the shooting death of a 15-year-old boy by Israeli settlers in the West Bank - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1488&CategoryId=1>

7. ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

- 7.1 On 22 April 2010, DCI-Palestine issued an Urgent Appeal in relation to the renewed practice of detaining children in administrative detention without charge or trial - <http://www.dci-pal.org/english/display.cfm?DocId=1437&CategoryId=1>

8. PALESTINIAN CHILD DETENTION FIGURES

- 8.1 The following figures relate to Palestinian children detained in Israeli prisons and temporary IDF detention facilities. The figures are compiled by DCI-Palestine every month from information obtained from the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) and visits to IDF temporary detention facilities.

Table 2 - Number of Palestine children in Israeli detention at the end of each month since January 2008.¹

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave
2008	327	307	325	327	337	323	324	293	304	297	327	342	319
2009	389	423	420	391	346	355	342	339	326	325	306	305	355
2010	318	343	342	335									

Table 3 - Number of young (12-15) Palestinians in Israeli detention since January 2008.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave
2008	38	40	45	39	37	34	33	21	23	23	25	30	32
2009	50	54	53	47	39	47	42	39	40	44	41	42	44
2010	44	41	39	32									

Table 4 - Number of Palestinian girls in Israeli detention at the end of each month since January 2008.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave
2008	2	3	3	4	3	6	6	5	6	6	5	7	4.7
2009	5	7	6	6	6	5	4	3	3	0	0	0	3.8
2010	0	0	0	1									

Table 5 - Number of Palestinian children held in Israeli administrative detention since January 2008.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave
2008	18	3	13	12	10	13	13	13	11	8	5	6	10
2009	5	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1.8
2010	0	0	2	2									

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¹ Note: These figures are not cumulative.