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COI QUERY RESPONSE

1. Information on persecution by Hamas in Gaza of alleged spies or persons accused of spreading rumors about Hamas in the West, including in relation to Palestinian returnees

UNHCR, quoting various sources, lists perceived critics and opponents of Hamas, including 'activists, (perceived) affiliates or sympathizers of rival political organizations, suspected collaborators, human rights defenders, and journalists', as persons most likely to be targeted for arbitrary arrest, detention and other rights violations by the Hamas authorities in Gaza.¹ The US Department of State (USDOS) indicates that Hamas has also 'detained for interrogation and harassment' family members of suspected individuals, 'particularly prodemocracy youth activists'.²

In a letter to Human Rights Watch, the Hamas-led Ministry of Justice to Human Rights Watch stated that between January 2016 and September 2018 their forces had detained a total of 45 people over social media posts for 'publishing lies, promotion of rumors, and incitement to hatred and disrespect'.³

In one case documented by Human Rights Watch, the Ministry of Interior forced a journalist detained under accusation of being a 'spy', to sign a statement saying that he will not 'publish rumors and speak badly of us', before releasing him.⁴

In September 2016, Mahmoud al-Zahar, one of the co-founders of Hamas, stated to Human Rights Watch that "there are no civilians in Israel" since all serve in the army, and that "Israelis who enter Gaza are spies."⁵

In April 2013, Hamas arrested persons accused of being 'Western spies', including American and European citizens.⁶ No further or more recent information has been found on similar incidents.

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) wrote about the situation of perceived Palestinian collaborators that '[w]hile some instances of genuine collaboration do occur, contacts told DFAT that anyone who has spent time in Israel would come under suspicion of their community and the authorities as a potential collaborator, especially those that have been held in Israeli detention - the assumption being that they may have been recruited as a spy or collaborator during their detention.'⁷

¹ UNHCR, Country of Origin Information on the Situation in the Gaza Strip, Including on Restrictions on Exit and Return, 23 February 2018, [url](#), pp. 18-19

² USDOS, Country Report on Human Rights Practices 2018 - Israel, Golan Heights, West Bank, and Gaza - West Bank and Gaza, 13 March 2019, [url](#)

³ HRW, Two Authorities, One Way, Zero Dissent Arbitrary Arrest and Torture Under the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, October 2018, [url](#), p. 50

⁴ HRW, Two Authorities, One Way, Zero Dissent Arbitrary Arrest and Torture Under the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, October 2018, [url](#), p. 64

⁵ HRW, 2 Israelis Who Entered Gaza Held Incommunicado, 2 May 2017, [url](#)

⁶ Jerusalem Post (The), Hamas Says It Arrested Western Spies in Gaza, 6 April 2013, [url](#)

⁷ Australia, DFAT, DFAT Country Information Report Palestinian Territories, 15 March 2017, [url](#), p. 20

Between 2008 and July 2019, Hamas continued issuing and executing death sentences, including for perceived spies and collaborators.⁸

On 22 August 2014, Hamas' militants executed 18 Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel⁹. Seven people were publicly executed outside a mosque in central Gaza, after Friday afternoon prayers¹⁰, and another 11-suspected collaborators were shot during the morning in an abandoned police station in Gaza¹¹. Hamas reportedly warned other 'collaborators' that the group would 'find and execute them as well'.¹²

In February 2017, a military court in Gaza sentenced to death six Palestinians for allegedly collaborating with Israel.¹³ On 6 April 2017, Hamas executed by hanging at an exercise ground inside a police compound three 'Israel collaborators' on charges of 'treason and conspiring with foreign parties'.¹⁴ On 3 December 2018, it was reported that six 'Palestinian spies' were sentenced to death by Hamas.¹⁵

Consulting a variety of sources, Israeli NGO B'Tselem informed that Hamas courts issued 16 death sentences in 2017 (with 3 executions), 13 in 2018 (with 0 executions) and 2 in 2019 (until 16 July - 0 executions).¹⁶ Between 2007 and 2018, Hamas executed 28 Palestinians, most of them for 'aiding Israel', as reported by DW.¹⁷

On 18 March 2019, an Amnesty International worker in Gaza was detained and threatened by Hamas to prosecute her for 'spying and working as a foreign agent'.¹⁸

No information on detentions on ground of perceived espionage of Palestinians who have returned to Gaza from abroad could be found amongst consulted and listed sources.

2. Information on persecution by Hamas in Gaza of Palestinians who have previously worked in Israel or in the West Bank, or who have relatives in Israel or in the West Bank

⁸ HRW, World Report 2019 - Israel and Palestine, 17 January 2019, [url](#); Freedom House, Freedom in the World 2019 - Gaza Strip, 4 February 2019, [url](#); DW, Hamas sentences six suspected Palestinian spies to death, 3 December 2018, [url](#); B'Tselem, Statistics on the death penalty in the Palestinian Authority and under Hamas control in Gaza, 24 July 2019, [url](#)

⁹ Haaretz, Hamas Executes 18 'Collaborators' in Gaza, 22 August 2014, [url](#); Reuters, Hamas kills 18 suspected collaborators in Gaza, 22 August 2019, [url](#)

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¹³ EFE, 19 February 2018, Gaza court sentences 6 Palestinians to death for espionage, [url](#)

¹⁴ BBC News, Hamas executes three 'Israel collaborators' in Gaza, 6 April 2017, [url](#); DW, Hamas executes three Palestinian 'collaborators', 6 April 2017, [url](#)

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¹⁸ AI, Gaza: Hamas must end brutal crackdown against protesters and rights defenders, 18 March 2019, [url](#), accessed on 21 October 2019



With a reported unemployment rate in Gaza as high as 50 %¹⁹, working in Israel has been described as an important source of income for many Palestinians.²⁰

Contrary to the situation with Palestinians living in the West Bank, International Labour Organisation (ILO) found that 'seeking work in Israel is not an option as the Israeli labour market remains closed to workers from Gaza' since 2007. The source added that a number of 'business people' were allowed to enter Israel via the Erez crossing, with quota for 'Businessman Gaza' permits reportedly falling to 175 from 900 in 2016, and 5 000 in 2015, preventing local entrepreneurs from doing commercial activities outside of Gaza.²¹ Al Monitor reported of young Gazans teleworking for Israeli companies from Gaza.²²

In October 2019, Israeli sources reported on 'thousands of Gaza workers' being allowed to work in Israel and in the West Bank on 'merchant permits' in jobs in construction, agriculture and manufacturing. According to a Palestinian Authority's official quoted by Haaretz, Israel has increased number of permits from 1,000 in 2017 to 5,000 in 2019. According to an official from the Gaza Chamber of Commerce, Israel has extended the permits to 6 months and lowered minimum eligible age to 25.²³

No information on persecution by Hamas in Gaza of persons on the ground of having previously worked in Israel or in the West Bank, or who have relatives in Israel or the West Bank could be found amongst consulted and listed sources.

3. Information on the use of torture by Hamas during investigation, detention and imprisonment, including on methods of torture

Even though prohibited by article 13 of the Basic Law of Palestine²⁴, sources reported on the 'widespread' use of torture committed by the Hamas authorities in the Gaza Strip with impunity²⁵, described by USDOS as 'systematic'²⁶. According to Human Rights Watch, Palestinian security forces 'routinely' used torture against detainees.²⁷

During 2018, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), an independent Palestinian human rights organization, reported on cases of physical and psychological abuse committed against 'persons suspected of committing criminal offenses, against those raising security suspicions, political rivals,

¹⁹ Times of Israel (The), Israel quietly lets in thousands of Gaza workers, in bid to ease tensions, 1 October 2019, [url](#); OHCHR, End-of-mission statement of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices, 24 June 2019, [url](#)

²⁰ ILO, The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories, 2017, ILC.106/DG/APP, [url](#), para. 74

²¹ ILO, The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories, 2017, ILC.106/DG/APP, [url](#); UNHCR, Country of Origin Information on the Situation in the Gaza Strip, Including on Restrictions on Exit and Return, 23 February 2018, [url](#), p. 9

²² Al Monitor, Why some Gazans are telecommuting with Israeli firms, 4 August 2016, [url](#)

²³ AP News, Israel quietly lets in Gaza workers in bid to ease tensions, 1 October 2019, [url](#)

²⁴ UN Women, The Palestinian Basic Law 2003, as amended to 2005, n.d., [url](#); USDOS, Country Report on Human Rights Practices 2018 - Israel, Golan Heights, West Bank, and Gaza - West Bank and Gaza, 13 March 2019, [url](#)

²⁵ HRW, Interview: How Palestinian Authorities Crush Dissent Critics Arrested, Detained, Tortured, 23 October 2018, [url](#); Al, Human rights in the Middle East and North Africa: Review of 2018 - Palestine (State of) [MDE 21/9912/2019], 26 February 2019, [url](#)

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etc.²⁸ Those arrested were charged under several laws, including ‘harming revolutionary unity’, creating ‘sectarian strife’, and ‘insulting higher authorities’.²⁹

For their 2018 report on use of torture by Palestinian authorities, Human Rights Watch interviewed a range of persons reportedly detained and tortured by Hamas for a variety of reasons such as political opposition, online posts, participation in demonstrations, or possessions of narcotics.³⁰

In the Gaza Strip alone, Independent Commission for Human Rights, Palestinian national and constitutional human rights institution, documented 57 cases of ‘physical or moral assaults’ outside of the detention center, 368 cases of ‘physical torture or threats’ during custody within the detention centers; and 122 cases of ‘cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment’ in 2017.³¹

Documented methods of torture used by Hamas included beating, taunting, forcing to stay in painful positions for long time, sleeping deprivation, and death threats, among others.³² According to the PCHR, ‘[t]he most frequently occurring form of torture was to force detainees to stand in difficult and exhausting positions for hours, in a method known as shackling “Shabeh”, causing terrible pains throughout the body, especially the legs and hands. It should be noted that the shackling is done in different forms.’³³

Human Rights Watch described an example, when ‘worst offenders’ were brought to Hamas’ Internal Security Headquarters in Gaza, and placed in a room named ‘the bus’, where detainees were forced to remain standing or seated in a small chair, sometimes for days. During the procedure, they were not allowed to talk, sleep or go to a bathroom without permission.³⁴

²⁸ PCHR, Annual report 2018, 1 July 2019, [url](#), pp. 26, 91

²⁹ HRW, Interview: How Palestinian Authorities Crush Dissent Critics Arrested, Detained, Tortured, 23 October 2018, [url](#)

³⁰ HRW, Two Authorities, One Way, Zero Dissent Arbitrary Arrest and Torture Under the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, October 2018, [url](#), pp. 51-75

³¹ ICHR, ICHR 23rd Annual Report, 14 November 2018, [url](#), p. 19

³² PCHR, Annual report 2018, 1 July 2019, [url](#), p. 91; HRW, Interview: How Palestinian Authorities Crush Dissent Critics Arrested, Detained, Tortured, 23 October 2018, [url](#)

³³ PCHR, Annual report 2018, 1 July 2019, [url](#), pp. 91-92

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