

Dear...

In June 2012, the UK FCO-funded independent legal report, *Children in Military Custody*, found Israel in breach of international law and human rights treaties regarding the treatment of Palestinian children in the military court system.

In March 2013, the UN published its own report, *Children in Israeli Military Detention (March 2013)*, which came to very similar conclusions and recommendations. These findings are supported by reports from both Israeli & Palestinian advocacy groups on the ground.

Despite this overwhelming evidence, Israel has made very little effort to implement the recommendations and Palestinian children continue to be maltreated and abused within the system.

I am therefore writing to ask you to sign the pledge below created by *Action for Palestinian Children* in support of human rights for Palestinian children, and to do what you can within parliament to press the UK government to act on its moral and legal obligations in this matter.

I would like you to call on the Israel authorities to implement, in full, the 40 recommendations made in the *Children in Military Custody* report (www.childreninmilitarycustody.org).

You can sign the pledge here: <http://action4palestinianchildren.org/sign-the-pledge-2/>

Please let me know if you are willing to sign the pledge or not. If you are not, I would be grateful to know your reasons.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

The Pledge Text

We, the undersigned, support the campaign by Action for Palestinian Children to ensure the rights of Palestinian children are upheld in accordance with international human rights treaties and international law.

We call on Israel to act immediately to implement these recommendations as a matter of urgency:

1. An end to Israel's nighttime raids and shackling of Palestinian children;
2. Audio-visual recordings of all interrogations;
3. Parents given the right to be present during questioning and the child's right to access to a lawyer before their interrogation respected;
4. An end to the transfer of children to prisons inside Israel in breach of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention;
5. An end to the use of solitary confinement.

We further call upon Israel to implement, in full, all 40 recommendations made in the independent legal report, Children in Military Custody.

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