Urgent Action: Demand Freedom for the Children of Palestine

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The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations in 1959, states that every child (regardless of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, whether of himself or of his family) shall be  
protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation (articles 1 and 9). Furthermore, The International Convention on the Rights of the Child, which came into force in 1990, sets out to further protect the rights of children.

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Since its imposition in 1948 in Palestine, the Israeli state has not only neglected the rights of the child, but has killed, injured, imprisoned and tortured, and used Palestinian children as human shields. It has targeted playgrounds and schools. Just in the period between September 2000 and April 2013, the Israeli occupation killed 1,518 Palestinian children. This is equivalent to one Palestinian child killed by Israel every 3 days for almost 13 years! The number of Palestinian children injured by the Israelis since September 2000 has reached 6,000 (4 children physically injured every 3 days!). The number of Palestinian children imprisoned since September 2000  is 9,000. That's 6 children imprisoned every three days! In a 22-page report issued in March 2013, UNICEF described the ill-treatment of Palestinian minors held within the Israeli military detention system as **"widespread, systematic and institutionalized"**. This month (June 2013), the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child said it expressed its "deepest  
concern about the reported practice of **torture and ill-treatment of Palestinian children** arrested, prosecuted and detained by the military and the police". Per the latest reports, there are 236 Palestinian children (minors) currently detained in Israel's prisons.

**ACT NOW**  
Please take a moment to write and call the White House and demand that the US administration put a stop to Israel's detention, abuse, mistreatment and torture of Palestine's children. Demand the administration use its considerable financial and military aid to the Zionist state to  
**demand Freedom** for all Palestinian Children and **impose an** **end to Israel's abuse** of the fundamental human rights of Palestine's children.  
  
**To write the White House**, please use the form at  
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