

# MONITORING VIOLENCE AT CHECKPOINTS AND IN DETENTION - A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS SUFFERED BY PALESTINIAN WOMEN  
BY THE HAND OF FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE IDF

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## **Abstract**

This study had the initial aim to trace common ill treatments and abuses suffered by Palestinian women in detention and at checkpoints; in particular, those abuses perpetrated specifically by women members of the Israeli army, linking potential violence and sexual harassment Israeli women suffer during their military training with their behaviours while deployed at checkpoints and in detention, as most of the Palestinian women interviewed linked the presence of women at checkpoints with additional aggressiveness.

“The context where the whole research takes place is the one where there is an occupying force repressing and limiting an occupied one; I would like, in this terms, to point out that the major human rights violation come from the historical and political aspect, linking occupation to limitation of the right to movement, right to housing, right to personal safety etc. is therefore a starting point of the study.

Taking that into consideration, I could focus on specific gender based violence occurring in what we can consider “borders” in this context”.

The research cannot be considered concluded, given the difficulties encountered in getting in touch with former female soldiers or guards, but it could be taken as a starting point for additional research on the topic.

By focusing on women’s experiences in prison, I wanted to shine a light on the oppression that is specifically gendered and the voices who are normally silenced in European academia.