

Date: November 24, 2014
In your response please note: 78563

To
Major Adv. Zohar Levy
Head of Public Liaison and Human Rights Department
IDF Spokesperson's Office, HaKirya, Tel Aviv
APS 01025

Registered Mail



**CENTER FOR
THE DEFENCE OF
THE INDIVIDUAL**

המוקד להגנת הפרט

مركز الدفاع عن الفرد

Dear Sir,

Re: **Procedure for the transfer of complaints of Palestinian detainees from the temporary detention facilities in the West Bank to the Military Police Criminal Investigation Division**

Reference: Letter Invst 20144100207 dated May 22, 2014 of Captain Tom Mor from the Military Advocate for Operational Affairs; Letter Admin 17370 dated October 1, 2014 of Lieutenant Colonel Boaz Meizel, Head of Detention Division

4 Abu Obeidah St.
Jerusalem 97200
Tel. +972.2.6283555
Fax. +972.2.6276317

1. In view of the response letters received from the Military Advocate for Operational Affairs and from the Head of Detention Division referred to above and attached hereto, I hereby write to you in the above reference matter. It should be noted that for many months now we have been unable to locate the above referenced procedure, as we were repeatedly put off by the above mentioned agencies.
2. In the course of our work, we receive complaints of Palestinian detainees in the West Bank concerning the manner by which they were detained, violence which was used against them during their detention and their transfer into Israel for interrogation and detention purposes. Sometimes we even send complaints regarding specific cases, the circumstances of which so require. In this context, we came across cases in which detainees reported that they underwent interrogations by IDF office holders, who served in the temporary detention facilities in the West Bank ("Etzion" and "Shomron"), regarding the detention process. Occasionally, the Palestinian detainees tell us that they informed said office holders (it is unclear from the detainees' reports who these office holders are) of violence which was used against them.
3. In this context it should be noted that a few months ago, HaMoked's representatives had a work meeting with the Head of the Interrogees' Complaints Comptroller's Office, who noted, that according to her experience as former Chief Military Prosecutor, whenever a military official encountered a situation in which violence was used by a soldier against a detainee, or in which the detainee's rights were otherwise unlawfully violated, said soldier was obligated to report of same to the Military Police Criminal Investigation Division. **The above raises a question to which we would appreciate receiving an answer: does an orderly procedure exist which regulates the interrogation of Palestinian detainees who are brought to the temporary detention facilities in the West Bank? Is there a specific form according to which**

شارع أبو عبيده ٤
القدس ٩٧٢٠٠
هاتف. ٦٢٨٣٥٥٥. ٠٢.
فاكس. ٦٢٧٦٣١٧. ٠٢.

mail@hamoked.org.il
www.hamoked.org.il

the interrogation is carried out? If any such procedure and/or form exist, we would appreciate receiving a copy thereof or details concerning same.

4. Thanking you for your response.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shenhar,
Advocate

Attached: Copies of the letters of the Military Advocate for Operational Affairs and the Head of Detention Division.