Treatment inconsistent with child rights continues during court appearances, including shackling of children; denial of bail and imposition of custodial sentences; and transfer of children outside occupied Palestinian territory to serve their sentences inside Israel. The incarceration isolates them from their families and interrupts their studies. These practices are in violation of international law that protects all children against ill-treatment when in contact with law enforcement, military and judicial institutions.


Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians, who seek a just peace as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions.

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) is a non-profit, Christian ecumenical organization that seeks to mobilize faith-based and secular communities to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine through nonviolence and education.

Drop G4S

G4S profits from Israel’s illegal detention and abuse of Palestinian children

Friends of Sabeel North America Campaign to Stop Child Detainment advocacy@fosna.org fosna.org/g4s

Join the campaign to have G4S contracts dropped until G4S cuts its ties to Palestinian child detainment and abuse.

Just as international campaigns helped end apartheid in South Africa, international pressure on G4S can help win human rights for the people of Palestine.
What is G4S?
Group 4 Securicor (G4S) is a multinational security company in more than 120 countries with over 620,000 employees.

Where is G4S?
In the United States, G4S operates privatized US juvenile detention facilities. They hold state, county, and city contracts for jails, airport, courthouses, government offices, and more. G4S contracts with US Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection to detain and deport people across the U.S./Mexico border.

G4S hides its logo but it’s everywhere. Check your local college, airport, juvenile detention center, and social security office, and more.

What does G4S do in Palestine?
Through its Israeli subsidiary, G4S provides security systems for Israeli prisons and detention centers in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, including the Al-Jalame detention facility where many of the interrogations of children take place.

There are reports of extensive torture of prisoners, including child prisoners, being carried out within the Israeli prison facilities where G4S provides security systems. Many child prisoners and detainees are prohibited from seeing lawyers. Their family members are often denied the special permits needed for visitation.

According to Defense for Children International (DCI), each year, approximately 700 Palestinian children (12-17 years of age) are arrested, detained, and interrogated in facilities with G4S security systems and personnel. Thereafter, the children are often transferred to other G4S security supplied prisons inside of Israel in contravention to the Fourth Geneva Convention that prohibits the transfer of prisoners from occupied territory into the territory of the occupier.

Take Action in your Community

- Go to fosna.org/stopg4s
- Look for G4S guards/contracts in your community at government offices, airports, jails, colleges and universities, and more. Then contact us for help building a campaign to get your community to drop their contract with G4S.
- Encourage members of your church, mosque, or temple or other religious, spiritual, or service groups to divest from G4S.
- Set up an informational table at your church, mosque, or temple.
- Add an announcement to your church, mosque, or temple’s weekly service bulletin, regional list serve, e-blast.

We’re here to help! Contact us at: advocacy@fosna.org