Collective punishment & repression

The effects of Israeli measures after October 7, 2023, on Palestinian workers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

findings of a rapid assessment with 150 Palestinian workers

March 2024
45.3% Palestinian workers reported that their work conditions and circumstances have changed after October 7, 2023.

- Reduced work days/hours
- Leave without pay
- Deduction of salary benefits
- Deprived from leaves
60% Palestinian workers affected by violations related to right to wages

- 3.3% no payment
- 13.3% decrease of wages
- 24% partial payment
- 16% delays in payment
50.6% Palestinian workers faced restrictions in seeking to reach their workplace or returning home due to:

- Israeli checkpoints*
- Israeli road closures**
- Israeli incursions***

leading to...

1) Lack of / higher cost of transportation
2) Traffic jams at Israeli checkpoints/road blocks
Israeli checkpoints

Israeli checkpoints are manned permanently or punctually by armed Israeli soldiers; they sometimes prevent Palestinian vehicles from passing through for various duration (it can last hours), or slow down traffic and/or perform checks on vehicles and/or persons. Any attempts to protest, turn around or continue on foot, or any mishap with the vehicle, can be met with violence, including use of deadly force by the soldiers.
Israelí Road Closures

The Israeli occupying forces close off roads from and to Palestinian localities through placing physical obstacles, such as earth mounds across the road, cement blocks, or closing of metal fences installed previously. Vehicles can no longer pass through, and Israeli soldiers do usually not guard these barriers. They oblige Palestinians to make lengthy detours.
Israeli incursions***

 Israeli incursions and military operations can last hours or days, and result in targeted Palestinian localities, refugee camps or neighborhoods being closed off; people cannot return home or leave the area. It is extremely dangerous to try to circulate, while such operations are ongoing.
24.6% Palestinian workers have been targeted or deliberately attacked by Israeli soldiers

“I was injured at the container checkpoint and went to the hospital for treatment. I suffered a laceration in my genitals as a result of the beating”

a testimony of a worker
10.6% Palestinian workers have been assaulted by Israeli occupation soldiers at work/ in their workplace.
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