

## ISRAEL

### MEET A CHILD

**Danny**, a 15-year-old boy, detained at Bet El detention centre in an Israeli settlement outside Ramallah, describes about the conditions of child prisoners there. "I was detained on 1 April'03. We are in a very small room with 11 people. We are allowed to use the bathroom only three times a day at specific times. Once a week we are allowed to take a 30-minute recess. There is nothing in the room; we spend our time sitting and talking: there are no books etc. Regarding the food, we get 3 meals a day, but it is of bad quality and it is not enough either. The prison guards force us into shabeh position: they tie our hands up and one leg and then we have to face the wall. I want to shift to another detention centre as soon as possible."

**TOTAL POPULATION 6,807,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION 1,905,960**

Population Reference Bureau

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

No confirmed data

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

By the year 2010, an estimated 3,308,000 people would be economically active with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population.

### GENDER RATIO

1010 females for 1000 males

### CHILDREN OUT SCHOOL

In 2001, 1000 children in the primary school age group of 10-14 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.981, Israel's level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor, and there were no reports that such practices occurred.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports  
on Human Rights Practices- 2004,  
February 2005

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Israel is a destination country for women trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and men and women trafficked for the purpose of labor exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION**

There were more than 1,000 women under the age of 18 who work as prostitutes.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

There is a growing market for child-pornography in Israel. It is not produced in Israel, but is imported and sold freely in response to growing demand.

CATW Fact Book citing CEDAW Report on Human Rights Practices

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

In Israel, volunteers aged under 18 were recruited into non-combat tasks in the government armed forces. And children from 14 years old received military training, including in the use of weapons.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No Confirmed Data