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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE
COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE ON DETENTIONS

The following letter has been received from the Government of Palestine, on detentions.

Government of Palestine
Chief Secretary's Office,
Jerusalem.

21st July, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a statement showing the number of persons held under detention on the 12th July, 1947, the places of detention and the law under which they are detained. This statement was asked for verbally by the Chairman of the Committee.

2. The four detainees in Nablus Prison are Arabs; the remainder are all Jews.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. D.C. MacGillivray
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Principal Secretary,
United Nations Special Committee on Palestine,
Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem.

PERSONS IN DETENTION ON 12th JULY, 1947

I <u>Law under which detained</u>	II <u>Place of detention</u>	III				IV <u>Approximate average period of detention to date</u>
		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>A. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS</u>					
Cyprus Detention (Illegal Immigrants) Law, 1946	Caraclos and Xylotymbou Camps, Cyprus	9,148	5,718	996	15,864	6 months (see note a)
Defence (Emergency) Regulation 107A	Athlit Camp	665	464	85	1,214	
	Hospitals	25	29	2	56	
	Kiryat Shmuel	414	291	34	739	
	<u>T o t a l a</u>	<u>10,252</u>	<u>6,502</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>17,873</u>	
	<u>B. PERSONS DETAINED ON SECURITY GROUNDS</u>					
Defence (Emergency) Regulation 111	Latroun Detention Camp	492			492	11 months
Defence (Emergency) Regulation 111	Bethlehem Prison		33		33	12 months
Defence (Emergency) Regulation 111	Nablus Prison	4			4	6 months (see note b)
Kenya Control of Detained Persons Ordinance, 1947	Gilgil Camp, Kenya	291			291	21 months (see note c)
	<u>T o t a l s</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>33</u>		<u>820</u>	

NOTES (a) Detentions in Cyprus date from mid-August 1946. All those detained prior to October 1946 have now been admitted to Palestine.

(b) One was parachuted into Palestine from Germany during the closing stages of the war and three have recently been detained for terrorist activities.

(c) Deportations to a detention camp outside Palestine began on 18th October, 1944, with the deportation of 142 men to the Sudan. The camp was subsequently moved to Eritrea and on 7.3.47 to Kenya. Since the first deportation smaller batches have been deported at various dates the last being on 11.5.47. 45 of these 291 persons have been detained for over 4 years, the longest being for six years & 8 months.