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54 **Explanation:**

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56 Each year the Israeli military detains and prosecutes between 500 to 700 Palestinian children.
57 Statistics from studies done by Defense of Children International - Palestine show children are
58 arrested on suspicion without a warrant, three quarters of them endure some form of physical
59 violence following arrest, 97 percent have no parent present during interrogation and they are
60 not properly informed of their rights. All are subject to Israeli military law that denies basic and
61 fair trial protection and are prosecuted in Hebrew in an Israeli military court - not a civil court.
62 This whole adverse experience creates an enduring Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the
63 affected child and their families which breaks down the fabric of the family and the targeted
64 Palestinian society.