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#### **Main Concerns**

- ❑ There is no recognition of the right to conscientious objection for men, and an incomplete recognition of the right to conscientious objection for women.
- ❑ The procedures governing the hearing and deciding of cases of conscientious objectors are unfair and unknown (to the public).
- ❑ The imprisonment of (male) conscientious objectors is a violation of the human rights to conscientious objection, derived from art 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- ❑ The common practice of repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors for the same offence is in breach of article 14, paragraph 7, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- ❑ At present the ongoing attempt to force conscientious objectors into betraying or changing their convictions by means of escalating the tactic of repeated imprisonment is of major concern. This is in breach of article 14, paragraph 7, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and contrary to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/45.

## 1 Introduction

This report focuses on the situation of conscientious objectors in Israel, especially in the last two years. The issue of conscientious objection is complex, with a variety of regulations for specific groups. However, it is generally characterised by the violation of the human right to conscientious objection.

War Resisters' International closely monitors the situation of conscientious objectors in Israel, and took action on several levels to alert the international community about the violation of human rights of young men of conscription age in Israel. In the last two years, more than 200 **co-alerts** have been sent out to generate support for imprisoned conscientious objectors in Israel<sup>1</sup>. War Resisters' International and the Israeli organisation New Profile jointly submitted the case of conscientious objector Victor Sabranski to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights Working Group on Arbitrary Detention<sup>2</sup>. In January 2003 a representative of War Resisters' International visited Israel, and met with several groups working on conscientious objection and human rights to discuss the situation of conscientious objectors in Israel.

This report is based on the information received from several groups in Israel, and discussions during the visit to Israel in January 2003.

## 2. Legal situation

### 2.1 Conscription and military service<sup>3</sup>

Conscription exists since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The present legal basis of conscription is the 1986 *National Defence Service Law*.

All Israeli citizens and permanent residents are liable to military service. However, the Ministry of Defence has used its discretion under Art 36 of this law to automatically exempt all non-Jewish women and all Palestinian men except for the Druze from military service ever since Israel was established. Palestinian Israelis may still volunteer to perform military service, but very few (especially among the Bedouin population of Israel) do so.<sup>4</sup>

Military service lasts for three years in the case of men, and for 20-21 months in the case of women. It lasts longer for officers and certain specialists, such as doctors and nurses<sup>5</sup>.

New immigrants are given a two-year 'absorption period', but can be called up for military service during this period. They are conscripted for similar or shorter periods, according to their age, gender, and status as 'potential immigrants' or 'immigrants'<sup>6</sup>.

Reserve service is required up till the age of 51 in the case of men (54 for officers) and up till 24 in the case of women. Reservist duty involves one month training annually<sup>7</sup>.

Traditionally the reserve service has been considered a very important aspect of Israel's defence policy, indeed an important aspect of building a national identity. Since the 1980s attitudes seem to have changed somewhat. Men of over 35 are often not called up for reserve training, as they are considered medically unfit. Usually men are finally discharged at the age of 41 or 45. Women are as a rule not called up for reserve training at all<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> An archive of all co-alerts can be found on WRI's website at <http://wri-irg.org/cgi/news.cgi>.

<sup>2</sup> War Resisters' International/New Profile: New Profile and War Resisters' International submit repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors in Israel to United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, London/Tel Aviv, 20 September 2002, <http://www.wri-irg.org/news/2002/newprofile.htm>

<sup>3</sup> This chapter is based on: Bart Horeman and Mark Stolwijk: Refusing to bear arms. A world survey on conscription and conscientious objection to military service. War Resisters' International, 1998

<sup>4</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003

<sup>5</sup> Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London.

<sup>6</sup> Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London, see also: DIRB, 29 October 1993.

<sup>7</sup> Institute for Strategic Studies 1997. Military Balance 1997/98. ISS, London.

<sup>8</sup> Documentation, Information and Research Branch (DIRB) of the Immigration and Refugee Board in Canada, 6 September 1996.

Exemption is possible for 'reasons connected with the requirements of education, security settlement or the national economy, for family reasons or for other reasons' (National Defence Service Law, art.36). This applies on medical grounds or to those convicted of criminal offences, but conscientious objectors too have claimed exemption due to unsuitability under this article. Exemption is an entirely internal military procedure, and conscientious objectors might be referred to the 'Conscience Committee' (see section 2.2 below).

The relatively undereducated are also exempt. This is because conscripts are supposed to have finished at least eight years' education. Those who have not but nevertheless wish to volunteer are given a basic education because – according to the authorities – everybody is entitled to serve in the armed forces<sup>9</sup>.

Special rules apply to the exemption of religious students and women.

Jewish male scholars studying in a *yeshiva* (religious school) are granted exemption or automatic deferral until they are past military service age. There is an arrangement whereby they can study while in the armed forces. Druze male religious scholars too are exempt<sup>10</sup>.

In discussing the status of the armed forces shortly after the founding of the State of Israel, representatives of orthodox religious parties argued that *yeshiva* students should be exempt from military service. This derives from the Jewish tradition that if a man wants to dedicate his life to religious study, society must allow him to do so. The request of orthodox political parties to 'prevent neglect of studying the Torah' was granted by the authorities. But in recent years this exemption practice has become the subject of debate in Israeli society<sup>11</sup>.

Exemption is possible for married women, pregnant women, and women having children (art. 38 (a) (b)). Women granted postponement while they were students and married during this period, cannot claim marriage as ground for exemption.

Women are thought to get exempted quite easily; allegedly only 60 percent of all liable women are actually recruited. This figure is steadily dropping for more than a decade<sup>12</sup>.

## 2.2 Conscientious objection to military service

The right to conscientious objection is not legally recognized in the case of men. It is only partially recognized in the case of women under art. 39 of the National Defence Service Law, which permits exemption on grounds of conscience but only if they are religious grounds.

Women can claim exemption from military service on grounds of conscience under arts. 39 (c) and 40 of the Defence Service Law, according to which religious reasons can be grounds for exemption.

Art. 39 (c) deals with the exemption of women with a particular religious background. According to this article: "*A female person of military age who has proved, in such manner and to such authority as shall be prescribed by regulations, that reasons of conscience or reasons connected with her family's religious way of life prevent her from serving in defence service, shall be exempt from the duty of that service.*"

Art. 40 specifies exemption on religious grounds. According to it, exemption is permissible when: "*(1) reasons of religious conviction prevent her from serving in the defence service and (2) she observes the dietary laws at home and away from home and (3) she does not ride on the Sabbath.*"

This article is somewhat ambiguous, as it does not specify which religious conviction can achieve exemption. However, the military authorities have always assumed that it only applies to Jewish

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<sup>9</sup> Gouault, J. 1995. Service National, quelle options? Serie POUR Avec. GREP Editions/UNESCO, Paris.

<sup>10</sup> Amnesty International 1991. Conscientious objection to military service. AI, London, Amnesty International 1988. Israel and the occupied territories, conscientious objection. AI, London, Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London.

<sup>11</sup> Amnesty International 1988. Israel and the occupied territories, conscientious objection. AI, London, Peri, Yoram 1993. 'Israel - Conscientious Objection in a Democracy under Siege', in: Moskos, C.C., J.W. Chambers II. The New Conscientious Objection, from sacred to secular resistance. Oxford University Press, New York/Oxford.

<sup>12</sup> Sergeiy Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003

Orthodox women who keep the *sabbath* and *kosher* rules<sup>13</sup>. There is no article specifying “reasons of conscience”, but conscientious objection of women is not limited to religious reasons.

Written application must be made to the Ministry of Defence conscription administration, before the first date for reporting at that office. Application procedure involves a hearing by an exemption board, which may include a Rabbi, psychiatrist, army officer, a representative of the public and a female soldier<sup>14</sup>. Amnesty International comments that, “although the law treats female conscientious objectors more generously than males, this is not to say that Israel fully recognises the right of female conscientious objectors to exemption from military service. ... Additionally, Israeli law does not recognise the right of women who have already served in the IDF to seek exemption from military service on grounds of conscientious objection”<sup>15</sup>. This also applies to women conscripts during their service, who do not have any option to apply for conscientious objection, or exemption<sup>16</sup>. Almost all women who apply for exemption and go through the procedure – which might include appealing to a higher committee – are exempted from military service. However, the appearance before the committee is usually a humiliating experience. Most of the questions asked are irrelevant to the issue of conscientious objection. Information about the option of gaining a CO status is usually concealed by the army. No kind of regulations or criteria – other than administrative aspects of the committee’s work – exist, especially there are no criteria regarding the granting of a CO status.

The legislation on exemption of religious women is based on Jewish tradition, which does not permit daughters either to stray from their father's authority or to live in a mixed-gender society. Military service by women would conflict with both these proscriptions, hence with the traditional religious way of life<sup>17</sup>.

Legislation does not permit exemption for men on conscientious grounds. Male conscientious objectors usually try to claim exemption through 'unsuitability' under art 36. of the National Defence Service Law – a procedure invented by groups counselling conscientious objectors.

There is no right to appeal against a Ministry of Defence decision. In the past, appeals have been made to the Israeli Supreme Court, but they have seldom been considered.

In 1995 the armed forces established a board to consider CO cases (the “*Committee for Granting Exemptions from Defence Service for Reasons of Conscience*”, commonly referred to as Conscience Committee). It consists solely of army representatives (although recently a civilian might have been appointed to this committee<sup>18</sup>) and it has no legal basis or standards for judging applications. Very little is known about this committee. According to information provided by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, “*the committee of men is hold as a matter of grace and not of rights. There are no articles, no forms and no clear procedure or criteria.*”<sup>19</sup> Amnesty International states in a report that the Conscience Committee “has no formal legal status. An internal administrative directive sets down the composition of the Committee and its procedures, and there is no right of appeal. This directive is not published.”<sup>20</sup> According to IDF officials a conscientious objector is referred to the Conscience Committee if he states to an IDF official that he cannot perform military service on grounds of conscientious objection. However, in many cases men who express their conscientious objection are not transferred to the Conscience Committee; this is especially the case with Druze conscientious objectors.”<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Documentation, Information and Research Branch (DIRB) of the Immigration and Refugee Board in Canada, 29 October 1993.

<sup>14</sup> Amnesty International 1988. *Israel and the occupied territories, conscientious objection*. AI, London, Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London.

<sup>15</sup> Amnesty International: *Israel: The price of principles: Imprisonment of conscientious objectors*. September 1999, AI Index: MDE 15/49/99

<sup>16</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003.

<sup>17</sup> Peri, Yoram 1993. 'Israel - Conscientious Objection in a Democracy under Siege', in: Moskos, C.C., J.W. Chambers II. *The New Conscientious Objection, from sacred to secular resistance*. Oxford University Press, New York/Oxford.

<sup>18</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003.

<sup>19</sup> Avner Pinchuk, Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Email to WRI, 26 January 2003

<sup>20</sup> Amnesty International: *Israel: The price of principles: Imprisonment of conscientious objectors*. September 1999, AI Index: MDE 15/49/99

<sup>21</sup> Amnesty International: *Israel: The price of principles: Imprisonment of conscientious objectors*. September 1999, AI Index: MDE 15/49/99

Official figures on the work of the committee, obtained from the Israeli Defence Forces by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, show the low number of accepted applications. It is also important to bear in mind that many conscientious objectors – especially selective conscientious objectors – never get referred to the Conscience Committee, so that the figures shown only represent a small proportion of all conscientious objectors. In addition, many conscientious objectors are not aware of the existence of the 'Conscience Committee', which means that they don't apply.

Table: Applications to the *Committee for Granting Exemptions from Defence Service for Reasons of Conscience*

	1998				1999				2000			
	Requests	Partially accepted <sup>22</sup>	Fully accepted	Turned down	Requests	Partially accepted	Fully accepted	Turned down	Requests	Partially accepted	Fully accepted	Turned down
Draft resisters	15	1	0	14	12		1		26	0	2	24
Conscripts	7	0	0	7	10		1		9	1	0	8
Reservists	14	1	2	11	11		1		11	0	2	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41</b>

*Draft resisters*: conscientious objectors who applied before being enlisted into the IDF

*Conscripts*: application for conscientious objection made during active service

*Reservists*: application for conscientious objection made after military service, but while in the reserve forces (and therefore eligible to reserve duty once a year)

Association for Civil Rights in Israel, data published in Ha'aretz (Hebrew edition), December 2001<sup>23</sup>

More recent figures are not yet available. According to CO groups, the Conscience Committee exempted two more applicants in the period 1995-1997. It is believed that in recent years the number of applications increased, while fewer applicants were fully accepted<sup>24</sup>.

According to CO groups, the reaching of decisions on exemption of conscientious objectors owing to *unsuitability* (as there is no CO status for men, COs are exempted owing to unsuitability by the 'Conscience Committee') is fairly arbitrary. Applications by absolute pacifists are believed as a rule to be more apt to be granted than those made by partial objectors. And an application is more likely to be granted if it has not been the focus of public attention, as the authorities are not keen on CO cases turning into political cases<sup>25</sup>.

There are many COs whose applications for exemption or for assignment to a post within the pre-1967 borders (in cases of selective conscientious objectors) have been rejected but who continued to refuse to serve, and have been sent to prison (see appendix). In other cases informal arrangements within the armed forces are apparently made with reservists who decline to serve in the Occupied Territories. This is at the discretion of the individual commander, each case being dealt with on its merits without providing a precedent. In such cases arrangements may be made within the unit itself, which may lead to assignment in Israel, postponement of service until such time as the unit would not be sent to the Occupied Territories, unarmed service within the armed forces or discharge on medical, domestic or work grounds. However, there is no legal right to this kind of arrangements; the selective conscientious objector is left at the mercy of his/her commander.

The previous Defence Service Law required women who were exempt from military service on grounds of conscience or on religious grounds, to perform 'alternative civilian service', but such service has

<sup>22</sup> Partially accepted. This means that the applicant has to serve in the army, but in some special conditions would be exempted from bearing arms. Such 'partial acceptance' is often not at all acceptable to the applicant.

<sup>23</sup> A summary of these figures was also published in the English edition of Ha'aretz: Aryeh Dayan: Pacifists are fighting hard against the draft. Ha'aretz, 4 March 2002

<sup>24</sup> Sergey Sandler, Official statistics from the Conscience Committee, Email to WRI, 26 December 2001

<sup>25</sup> Documentation, Information and Research Branch (DIRB) of the Immigration and Refugee Board in Canada, 18 August 1995.

never in fact been performed. From 1977 on this provision has been legally ignored. Nevertheless a key question for the women's exemption board is still about a woman's willingness to perform substitute service<sup>26</sup>.

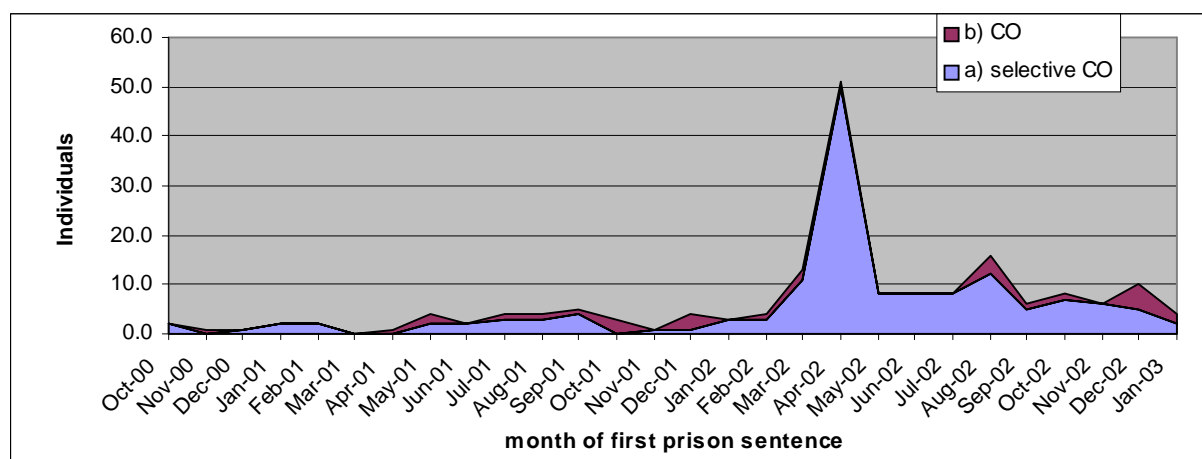
COs are apt to face subsequent restrictions in further life. Those who lack documents proving they have completed military service are often regarded with suspicion – a fact that poses a problem not only to conscientious objectors, but also to everyone who did not serve in the IDF, which includes the Palestinian population<sup>27</sup>.

### 3. Development of conscientious objection in Israel

For the period after 2000, no official figures are available as yet, although the Association for Civil Rights in Israel asked for statistics on the work of the Conscience Committee<sup>28</sup>.

Since the beginning of the recent intifadah the number of conscientious objectors slowly increased. Most of those who refuse are selective conscientious objectors, refusing to serve in the Palestinian Territories. However, more and more potential conscripts refuse to serve too. On 3 September 2001, 62 high school students announced their refusal to serve in an open letter to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon<sup>29</sup>. Early the next year, the 'Combatants' Letter' by the group "Courage to Refuse" – a group of IDF officers who declared their refusal to serve in the Palestinian Territories – received even more public attention<sup>30</sup>. By today (29 January 2003), 520 reservists have signed the statement.

Graphic: Development of imprisonment of conscientious objectors in Israel – Oct 2000-Jan 2003



CO: conscientious objectors who declared their CO before being enlisted into the IDF. Some of these have been referred to the Conscience Committee and have been turned down, other were not referred to the Committee

Selective CO: Refuse to serve in the Occupied Territories. The majority of these cases are members of the reserve, called up for reserve duty.

Based on data supplied by Yesh Gvul and New Profile

In April 2002, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) announced the emergency mobilisation of 20,000 reservists, which led to a peak of imprisoned conscientious objectors in the same month<sup>31</sup>. In April alone there were more than 50 cases of conscientious objection, which all led to imprisonment. From then on the numbers remained higher. In September 2002, the 'Seniors' Letter' of high school students was re-issued, and again sent to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, this time signed by more than 200 high school students who announced that they would refuse to serve in the Palestinian Territories – most

<sup>26</sup> Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London.

<sup>27</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003.

<sup>28</sup> Avner Pinchuk: Email to War Resisters' International, 26 January 2003

<sup>29</sup> Joseph Algazy: High school seniors to PM: We refuse to be 'oppressors of the Palestinians', Ha'aretz, 6 September 2001.

<sup>30</sup> Barbara Plett: Reservists' rebellion highlights cracks. BBC News World/Middle East, 2 February 2002

<sup>31</sup> Sergey Sandler: 21 objectors in prison. Email to War Resisters' International, 3 April 2002

refuse to serve in the IDF altogether on political grounds. The number of signatories has by now increased to more than 300<sup>32</sup>.

The number of conscientious objectors is steadily on the increase in Israel, which also means that this is an issue which demands urgent attention. However, it is almost impossible to give exact figures. The different CO groups in Israel estimate that more than 2000 people declared their conscientious objection since September 2000. More than 1100 cases are well documented<sup>33</sup>.

#### **4. Imprisonment of conscientious objectors**

According to the National Defence Service Law, art 35 (a) (2), failure to fulfil a duty imposed by the National Defence Service Law is punishable by up to two years' imprisonment.

Attempting to evade military service is punishable by up to five years' imprisonment.

Refusal to perform reserve duties is punishable by up to 56 days' imprisonment, the sentence being renewable if the objector refuses repeatedly.

Helping someone to avoid military service is punishable by a fine or up to two years' imprisonment<sup>34</sup>.

Those who disobey call-up orders are regarded as refusing to perform military service and can thus be sentenced to up to five years' imprisonment. In practice sentences do not exceed more than a year's imprisonment<sup>35</sup>. In practice, conscientious objectors are sentenced on one of the following charges: refusing to obey an order, absence without leave, desertion, or refusal to be mobilised<sup>36</sup>.

If an application for exemption from military service is rejected, the individual is ordered to perform military or reserve service. Continued refusal may lead to being disciplined or court-martialled. As stated above, there is no clearly discernible pattern to decision-making in cases of people refusing to serve. Military courts have sentenced objectors to up to one-and-a-half years' imprisonment. Sentences are frequently much shorter, but may be imposed repeatedly. They may be from seven to 35 days' imprisonment, and they may be renewed as much as five times. After they leave prison people may either be 'forgotten' or exempted. Usually COs get exempted after serving a total of more than 90 days in prison. However, this practice is changing, and recently conscientious objectors were sentenced again and again after having spent more than 150 days in prison<sup>37</sup>.

It has been reported in the past that Druze objectors are apt to receive exceptionally severe sentences for draft evasion and desertion<sup>38</sup>.

Since October 2000, more than 181 conscientious objectors spent time in prison – the majority (151) refusing reserve duty in the Occupied Territories (selective conscientious objection).

While the sentences for refusing to perform reserve duty in the Occupied Territories mainly remained constant – normally 28 days, with some cases of 14 or 21 days, and some cases of 35 days – the sentences for draft evasion increased. It can be seen that the average was below 90 days for draft resisters who were called up in 2001, those who were called up in 2002 received sentences of more than 100 days on average, with average sentences climbing to more than 140 days for those called up from August 2002 onwards (the figures for December 2002 and January 2003 are misleading, as these draft resisters haven't received their last prison sentence yet.).

The increase of sentences is the result of repeated imprisonment. Before 2002, draft resisters were usually sentenced 4 or at maximum 5 times, until they had spent at least 90 days in prison. Eventually they are sent to the "Unsuitability Committee" that usually exempts them on grounds of 'unsuitability for

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<sup>32</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003.

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<sup>34</sup> Informed provided by Amnesty International 1991. *Conscientious objection to military service*. AI, London.

<sup>35</sup> Documentation, Information and Research Branch (DIRB) of the Immigration and Refugee Board in Canada, 29 October 1993.

<sup>36</sup> Sergey Sandler: Comment on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of this report, email 2 February 2003.

<sup>37</sup> See for example: War Resisters' International: *ISRAEL: Seventh prison term for Jonathan Ben-Artzi*, 16 January 2003, <http://wri-irg.org/news/htdocs/16012003a.html>; *ISRAEL: Update on 12 imprisoned conscientious objectors and refuseniks*, 22 January 2003, <http://wri-irg.org/news/htdocs/22012003a.html>

<sup>38</sup> Society of St. Yves 1990. Response to War Resisters' International questionnaire. WRI, London; Sergey Sandler: *Delivering the message, loud and clear, The Broken Rifle* No 53, November 2001, <http://www.wri-irg.org/news/2001/pfp01-en.htm>

Table: Imprisonment of conscientious objectors in Israel

Date	Oct-00	Nov-00	Dec-00	Jan-01	Feb-01	Mar-01	Apr-01	May-01	Jun-01	Jul-01
<b>Total cases 1)</b>	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	4	2	4
a) Selective COs	2		1	2	2			2	2	3
b) Conscientious objectors		1					1	2		1
<b>a) Sentences selective COs</b>										
Total Sentence (days)	84.0		28.0	49.0	77.0			42.0	23.0	68.0
Average Sentence (days)	42.0	0.0	28.0	24.5	38.5	0.0	0.0	21.0	11.5	22.7
Total No Sentences	4.0		2.0	2.0	3.0			3.0	2.0	3.0
Average No Sentences	2.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.0	1.0
<b>b) Sentences COs</b>										
Total Sentence (days)		14.0					70.0	175.0		60.0
Average Sentence (days)	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.0	87.5	0.0	60.0
Total No Sentences		1.0					3.0	7.0		1.0
Average No Sentences	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.5	0.0	1.0
<b>Total Sentences (days)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>128</b>

Date	Aug-01	Sep-01	Oct-01	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	Apr-02	May-02
<b>Total cases 1)</b>	4	5	3	1	4	3	4	13	51	8
a) Selective COs	3	4		1	1	3	3	11	50	8
b) Conscientious objectors	1	1	3		3		1	2	1	
<b>a) Sentences selective COs</b>										
Total Sentence (days)	114.0	86.0		28.0	14.0	53.0	84.0	301.0	1418.0	203.0
Average Sentence (days)	38.0	21.5	0.0	28.0	14.0	17.7	28.0	27.4	28.4	25.4
Total No Sentences	4.0	4.0		1.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	14.0	51.0	8.0
Average No Sentences	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
<b>b) Sentences COs</b>										
Total Sentence (days)	84.0	28.0	267.0		325.0		91.0	189.0	126.0	
Average Sentence (days)	84.0	28.0	89.0	0.0	108.3	0.0	91.0	94.5	126.0	0.0
Total No Sentences	3.0	1.0	6.0		8.0		5.0	8.0	5.0	
Average No Sentences	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	0.0
<b>Total Sentences (days)</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>203</b>

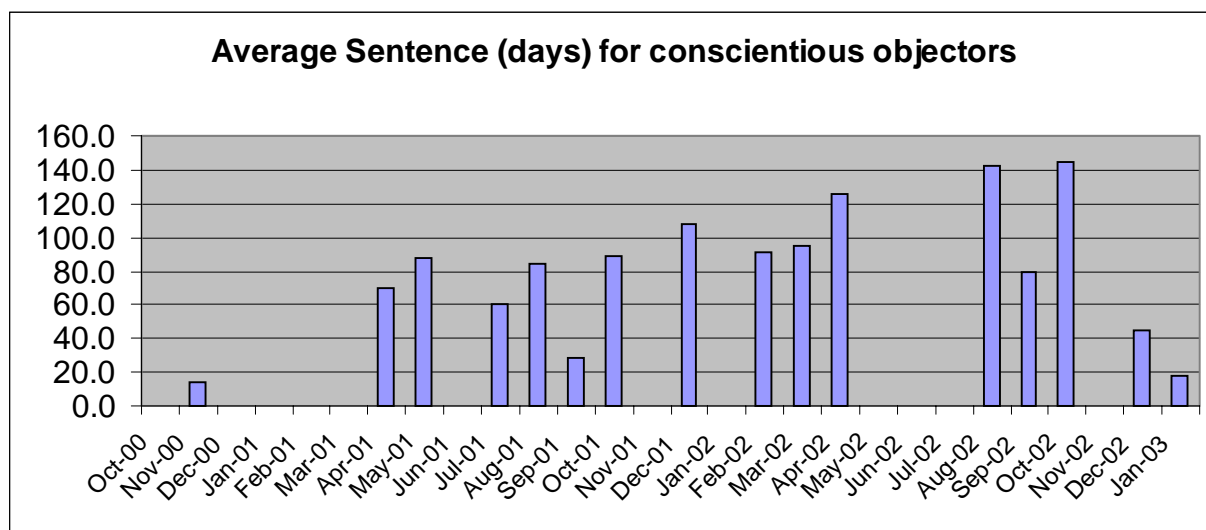
Date	Jun-02	Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02	Oct-02	Nov-02	Dec-02	Jan-03
<b>Total cases 1)</b>	8	8	16	6	8	6	10	4
a) Selective COs	8	8	12	5	7	6	5	2
b) Conscientious objectors			4	1	1		5	2
<b>a) Sentences selective COs</b>								
Total Sentence (days)	203.0	210.0	322.0	122.0	231.0	126.0	147.0	56.0
Average Sentence (days)	25.4	26.3	26.8	24.4	33.0	21.0	29.4	28.0
Total No Sentences	8.0	8.0	12.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	2.0
Average No Sentences	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.0
<b>b) Sentences COs</b>								
Total Sentence (days)			567.0	80.0	145.0		224.0	35.0
Average Sentence (days)	0.0	0.0	141.8	80.0	145.0	0.0	44.8	17.5
Total No Sentences			23.0	1.0	4.0		7.0	2.0
Average No Sentences	0.0	0.0	5.8	1.0	4.0	0.0	1.4	1.0
<b>Total Sentences (days)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>91</b>

1) Cases are counted in the month of the first prison sentence. In cases of reservists (selective conscientious objectors), a second imprisonment might have occurred more than 1 year later

military service'. The decision to refer a draft resister to this committee is with the 'Classification Officer'. In some cases a classification officer referred a draft resister to the Unsuitability Committee even before 90 days in prison were reached. For those draft resisters who were called up in 2002 the situation changed. Victor Sabranski, who was called up in May 2002, spent 126 days in prison. Those who were called up from August 2002 on spent even more days in prison, being sentenced five, six, seven, or even more times, with no end in sight<sup>39</sup>. In the case of Jonathan Ben-Artzi, who is presently serving a seventh prison term, the decision was transferred to the Head of the Manpower Department of the IDF<sup>40</sup>, an indication that the increase in sentencing is a change of policy.

It is especially worrying that repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors is on the increase in Israel. This is in contradiction to UN Commission on Human Rights Resolution 2002/45, which explicitly took note of "*recommendation 2 made by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in its report (see E/CN.4/2001/14, chap. IV, sect. B), aimed at preventing the judicial system of States from being used to force conscientious objectors to change their convictions*"<sup>41</sup>.

Graphics: Average sentence for draft evasion



Source: Data provided by New Profile and Yesh Gvul

## 5. Conclusions

Israel's treatment of conscientious objectors needs urgent attention. This treatment is in breach of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Art 18) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Art 18), of which Israel is a signatory.

War Resisters' International calls on the Human Rights Committee to demand from Israel the recognition of the right to conscientious objection, in accordance with several resolutions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

War Resisters' International will continue to work with CO groups in Israel, for the recognition of the right to conscientious objection.

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3 February 2003

<sup>39</sup> War Resisters' International: ISRAEL: Update on 12 imprisoned conscientious objectors and refuseniks. 22 January 2003

<sup>40</sup> The Other Israel: TOI Billboard: Hardening treatment of COs, fateful elections + many protests, Email, 17 January 2003

<sup>41</sup> Conscientious objection to military service, Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/45, E/2002/23-E/CN.4/2002/200

# Appendix: Imprisonment of conscientious objectors in Israel

			<b>Military ID number / memo</b>	<b>prison</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>until</b>	<b>sentence</b>
11140	Alex Lyakas	ISRAEL	<i>14 days for the actual "offence" - refusal to serve in the occupied territories - plus 10 days activated suspended sentence</i>		<b>25/07/01</b>	<b>06/08/01</b>	14 days
11307	Ariel Levin	KfarSaba ISRAEL	Personal No 7204992 <i>first imprisoned in Military Prison No 4, moved to Military Prison No 6 on 13 September 2001 transferred to Military Prison No 6 imprisoned on Sunday (12/08/01), sentenced to 28 days imprisonment.</i>	Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 4	<b>06/09/01</b> <b>21/08/01</b> <b>12/08/01</b>	<b>03/10/01</b> <b>06/09/01</b> <b>21/08/01</b>	28 days 28 days 28 days
11444	Avia A'tai	ISRAEL	Military ID 7078490	Military Prison 400	<b>03/09/01</b>	<b>27/09/01</b>	28 days
11806	Avinoam Klein	Givataim ISRAEL	Mil ID 5089861 <i>plus 7 days suspended sentence</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>02/01/02</b>	<b>22/01/02</b>	21 days
11807	Adi Eilat	ISRAEL	Mil ID	Military Prison No 6	<b>02/01/02</b>	<b>19/01/02</b>	18 days
11928	Amit Gal	ISRAEL	Mil ID 4695371 <i>refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>25/02/02</b>	<b>24/03/02</b>	28 days
11951	Amnon Sagiv	Moshav Ganot ISRAEL	<i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/03/02</b>	<b>02/04/02</b>	28 days
11987	Amos Baer	ISRAEL	Reservists Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>02/04/02</b>	<b>29/04/02</b>	28 days
11988	A. C.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		<b>02/04/02</b>	<b>29/04/02</b>	28 days
11992	Arad Hakim	Kibbutz Ein ISRAEL	First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/04/02</b>	<b>03/05/02</b>	28 days
11993	Amnon Hillel	Kibbutz Ein ISRAEL	First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/04/02</b>	<b>03/05/02</b>	28 days
11995	Ari Boneh	ISRAEL	First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/04/02</b>	<b>05/05/02</b>	30 days
12010	Amichai Katz	Jerusalem ISRAEL	First Sgt. (res.) <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>08/04/02</b>	<b>05/05/02</b>	28 days
12044	Amit Brook	ISRAEL	Staff Sgt. <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6	<b>18/09/02</b> <b>15/04/02</b>	<b>08/10/02</b> <b>10/05/02</b>	14 days 28 days
12046	Amir Samuel	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>18/04/02</b>	<b>19/05/02</b>	35 days
12054	Alon Sela	ISRAEL	Corporal <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>24/04/02</b>	<b>12/05/02</b>	28 days
12057	Alon Dror	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7014088 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>20/05/02</b>	28 days
12060	A. L.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		<b>29/04/02</b>	<b>30/05/02</b>	35 days
12061	Amir Schachal	ISRAEL	Officers Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>13/05/02</b>	21 days
12072	Amit Grossman	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>03/04/02</b>	<b>26/05/02</b>	28 days
12110	Avner Michaeli	ISRAEL	First Sgt. (res.) <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>26/05/02</b>	<b>21/06/02</b>	28 days

			<b>Military ID number / memo</b>	<b>prison</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>until</b>	<b>sentence</b>
12151	<b>Amit Bar-Tzedeq</b>	Tel Aviv	ISRAEL				
			Sgt. First Class				
			<i>refusenik, signatory to Courage to Refuse letter</i>		<b>16/06/02</b>	<b>11/07/02</b>	21 days
			<i>refusenik (prison dates are not exactly known - late Feb-March)</i>		<b>26/02/01</b>	<b>24/03/01</b>	28 days
12379	<b>Aviad Reutgrund</b>		ISRAEL	Reserves Ward			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>12/08/02</b>	<b>06/09/02</b>	28 days
12697	<b>Avner Inbar</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>16/10/02</b>	<b>03/11/02</b>	21 days
12843	<b>Adam Maor</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7246176			
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>07/01/03</b>	<b>16/02/03</b>	42 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>10/12/02</b>	<b>05/01/03</b>	28 days
12877	<b>Avshalom Ben-Zvi</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>conscript, refuses to serve in the Occupied</i>		<b>14/01/03</b>	<b>01/02/03</b>	21 days
12899	<b>Avi Menkes</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>refuses to serve in the IDF</i>		<b>15/12/00</b>	<b>27/12/00</b>	14 days
			<i>refuses to serve in the IDF (prison dates not exactly clear)</i>		<b>04/10/00</b>	<b>16/10/00</b>	14 days
12907	<b>anonymous</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>Druze CO (prison dates not exactly known, at least two months in prison in summer 2001)</i>		<b>01/07/01</b>	<b>31/08/01</b>	2 mont
12908	<b>A.K.</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories (prison dates not exactly known), continues military service inside Israel's recognised borders</i>		<b>10/06/01</b>	<b>19/06/01</b>	10 days
12910	<b>A.M.</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>political objector (prison dates not exactly known)</i>		<b>01/09/01</b>	<b>28/09/01</b>	28 days
12911	<b>Ariel Shatil</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik. Confinement to base</i>		<b>30/09/01</b>	<b>18/10/01</b>	19 days
11981	<b>B. L.</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>		<b>02/04/02</b>	<b>29/04/02</b>	28 days
12805	<b>Chen Alon</b>		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/11/02</b>	<b>11/12/02</b>	21 days
11138	<b>David Haham Kherson</b>	JERUSALEM	ISRAEL				
			<i>jailed for refusal to serve in the occupied territories</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>16/07/01</b>	<b>10/08/01</b>	28 days
11385	<b>Dan Tamir</b>		ISRAEL				
					<b>20/08/01</b>	<b>16/09/01</b>	28 days
11974	<b>David Perlman</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 5188146			
			<i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories.</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>24/03/02</b>	<b>06/04/02</b>	14 days
11989	<b>Danny Breutman</b>		ISRAEL	First Sgt.			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>08/04/02</b>	<b>21/04/02</b>	14 days
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>26/03/02</b>	<b>07/04/02</b>	14 days
11999	<b>Doron Mota'i</b>		ISRAEL	Capt. (res.)			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>07/04/02</b>	<b>04/05/02</b>	28 days
12045	<b>Daniel Jakobovitz</b>		ISRAEL	Reserves Company			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>18/04/02</b>	<b>13/05/02</b>	28 days
12062	<b>Doron Schinmein</b>		ISRAEL	Reserves Company			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>13/05/02</b>	21 days
12105	<b>Daniel Weinbach</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7052543			
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>16/06/02</b>	<b>28/06/02</b>	14 days
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>07/05/02</b>	<b>31/05/02</b>	28 days
			<i>refusenik</i>		<b>31/03/02</b>	<b>18/04/02</b>	21 days
			<i>refusenik</i>		<b>05/03/02</b>	<b>22/03/02</b>	21 days

			<b>Military ID number / memo</b>	<b>prison</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>until</b>	<b>sentence</b>
12106	Denis Ruttenburgh	Haifa	ISRAEL Mil ID 5707940 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	06/05/02	31/05/02	28 days
12109	Danny Eizer		ISRAEL First Sgt. (res.) <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	26/05/02	01/06/02	7 days
12131	David Sonnenschein		ISRAEL Officers' Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	12/06/02	13/07/02	35 days
12373	Dror Boimel		ISRAEL Mil ID 7282965 <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 4	19/01/03 03/12/02 05/11/02 23/10/02 26/09/02 13/08/02	21/02/03 30/12/02 24/11/02 04/11/02 23/10/02 05/09/02	35 days 28 days 21 days 14 days 28 days 28 days
12500	David Raban		ISRAEL <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/09/02	08/09/02	7 days
12689	Danny Greenwald	Kibbutz Hasolelim	ISRAEL <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	09/10/02	04/11/02	28 days
12807	Dror Lutzatti		ISRAEL <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	03/12/02	20/12/02	18 days
11512	Eyal Rosin		ISRAEL Mil. ID 3706024	Military Barracks	19/09/01	29/09/01	11 days
11612	Eran Razgour		ISRAEL Mil ID 7118061 <i>refuses to enlist in the army</i> <i>Conscientious objector, refuses enlistment into the army.</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 6	03/01/02 28/10/01	23/01/02 04/12/01	21 days 42 days
11949	Elad Lahav		ISRAEL <i>refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories</i>	Military Prison No 4	18/03/02	14/04/02	28 days
11984	Eran Ackerman		ISRAEL Mil ID 5111605 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/04/02	29/04/02	28 days
12009	Ezra Perce		ISRAEL First Sgt. (res.) <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 4	08/04/02	05/05/02	28 days
12066	Eyal Fischer		ISRAEL Mil ID 574151 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	18/04/02	13/05/02	28 days
12103	Eran Ben-David		ISRAEL Mil ID 5169544 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	09/05/02	21/05/02	14 days
12111	Erez Zweiling		ISRAEL First Sgt. (res.) <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	26/05/02	28/06/02	35 days
12808	Eshel Herzog		ISRAEL <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	03/12/02	28/12/02	28 days
12900	Eyal Rozenberg		ISRAEL MID 6963386 <i>conscientious objector</i>		26/11/00	08/12/00	14 days
11982	Gil Bronstein		ISRAEL Reservists Compnay <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/04/02	29/04/02	28 days
11985	Guy Keshet		ISRAEL Mil ID 5089936 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/04/02	29/04/02	28 days
12012	G. B.		ISRAEL Sgt. <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4	08/04/02 18/03/02	12/05/02 24/03/02	35 days 7 days
12031	Gilad Hyman		ISRAEL First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>		10/04/02	07/05/02	28 days
12132	Gilead Svirski		ISRAEL Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	12/06/02	07/07/02	28 days

			<b>Military ID number / memo</b>		<b>prison</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>until</b>	<b>sentence</b>
12135	<b>Guy Rozin</b>	Tel Aviv	ISRAEL	Mil ID 3777618				
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>16/06/02</b>	<b>12/07/02</b>	28 days
12904	<b>Gabriel Wolff</b>		ISRAEL					
				<i>conscientious objector</i>		<b>21/05/01</b>	<b>15/06/01</b>	28 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>		<b>15/04/01</b>	<b>10/05/01</b>	28 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>		<b>01/04/01</b>	<b>13/04/01</b>	14 days
11228	<b>Hilmi Naffaa</b>	Beit Jann	ISRAEL					
				<i>probably serving sentence in prison 4</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>29/07/01</b>	<b>10/08/01</b>	14 days
				<i>Druze CO</i>		<b>10/07/01</b>	<b>27/07/01</b>	21 days
				<i>Druze CO (prison dates not exactly known)</i>		<b>05/06/01</b>	<b>08/07/01</b>	35 days
				<i>Druze CO (prison dates not exactly known)</i>		<b>08/05/01</b>	<b>03/06/01</b>	28 days
11918	<b>Haggai Regel</b>	Eilat	ISRAEL	Mil ID 5218163				
					c/o Rasar Office	<b>22/02/02</b>	<b>05/03/02</b>	14 days
					Military Prison No 6	<b>20/02/02</b>	<b>22/02/02</b>	14 days
12701	<b>Haggai Matar</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7281989				
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>03/12/03</b>	<b>28/01/03</b>	56 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>30/01/03</b>	<b>12/02/03</b>	14 days
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>07/11/02</b>	<b>03/12/03</b>	28 days
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>05/11/02</b>	<b>01/12/02</b>	28 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>23/10/02</b>	<b>05/11/02</b>	14 days
12841	<b>Hillel Goral</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7269230				
				<i>draft resister (sentence not really clear)</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>16/01/03</b>	<b>29/01/03</b>	14 days
				<i>draft resister</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>08/12/02</b>	<b>16/01/03</b>	42 days
12905	<b>Hedai Levi</b>		ISRAEL					
				<i>refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories</i>		<b>01/05/01</b>	<b>13/05/01</b>	14 days
11166	<b>Ishai Sagi</b>		ISRAEL					
				<i>refusenik</i>		<b>29/07/01</b>	<b>22/08/01</b>	26 days
11885	<b>Igal Rosenberg</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7303585				
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>13/05/02</b>	<b>24/05/02</b>	14 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>29/04/02</b>	<b>10/05/02</b>	14 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>10/04/02</b>	<b>21/04/02</b>	14 days
				<i>transferred from military prison no 4</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>05/03/02</b>	<b>22/03/02</b>	28 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>26/02/02</b>	<b>05/03/02</b>	28 days
				<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>03/02/02</b>	<b>23/02/02</b>	21 days
11947	<b>Ishai Mor</b>		ISRAEL					
				<i>refuses to serve in the Gaza Strip</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>20/03/02</b>	<b>16/04/02</b>	28 days
11950	<b>Itai Haviv</b>		ISRAEL					
				<i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories.</i>		<b>14/03/02</b>	<b>03/04/02</b>	21 days
11973	<b>Ilan Windholz</b>		ISRAEL	Mil ID 7265473				
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>02/07/02</b>	<b>27/07/02</b>	28 days
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>26/05/02</b>	<b>20/06/02</b>	28 days
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>06/05/02</b>	<b>24/05/02</b>	21 days
				<i>Refuses to serve in the Israeli army</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>24/03/02</b>	<b>20/04/02</b>	28 days
11980	<b>Itai Riv</b>	Jerusalem	ISRAEL	Reservists Company				
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>02/04/02</b>	<b>29/04/02</b>	28 days
12048	<b>Idan Ashur</b>	Tel Aviv	ISRAEL	Sgt.Major				
				<i>refusenik</i>		<b>19/04/02</b>	<b>11/05/02</b>	23 days
12133	<b>Itai Svirski</b>		ISRAEL	Officers' Company				
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>12/06/02</b>	<b>30/06/02</b>	21 days
12344	<b>Itamar Shachar</b>	Carmiel	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7015440				
				<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>11/07/02</b>	<b>05/08/02</b>	28 days

			<b>Military ID number / memo</b>	<b>prison</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>until</b>	<b>sentence</b>
12699	<b>Idan Eisner</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>16/10/02</b>	<b>16/11/02</b>	35 days
12809	<b>Itzik Shabbtai</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>26/11/02</b>	<b>23/12/02</b>	28 days
12845	<b>Ido Harrari</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>10/12/02</b> <b>02/05/01</b>	<b>22/12/02</b> <b>14/05/01</b>	14 days 14 days
12909	<b>Ishai Rosen-Zvi</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		<b>13/06/01</b>	<b>24/06/01</b>	13 days
11306	<b>Jonathan Moss</b>	ISRAEL	<i>Was released on 4 September 2001. Likely to be imprisoned again when called up for the next reserve duty, but not in the near future.</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>08/08/01</b>	<b>04/09/01</b>	30 days
12371	<b>Jonathan Ben-Artzi</b>	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7169436 <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4	<b>16/01/03</b> <b>08/12/02</b> <b>10/11/02</b> <b>06/12/02</b> <b>21/10/02</b> <b>02/11/02</b> <b>01/10/02</b> <b>21/10/02</b> <b>04/09/02</b> <b>30/09/02</b> <b>08/08/02</b> <b>03/09/02</b>	35 days 35 days 28 days 21 days 21 days 28 days 28 days	
11994	<b>Kuti Rot</b>	Jerusalem	ISRAEL First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/04/02</b>	<b>03/05/02</b>	28 days
12804	<b>Kobi Gabai-Yorista</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>03/12/02</b>	<b>11/12/02</b>	10 days
11598	<b>Leonid Krassner</b>	Haifa 35841	ISRAEL Mil. ID 7156547 <i>prison sentence not yet known, awaiting trial</i> <i>prison sentence not yet known</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4	<b>20/10/01</b> <b>15/10/01</b>	<b>20/02/02</b> <b>20/10/01</b>	4 mont 0
12049	<b>Levi Oren</b>	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>19/04/02</b>	<b>14/05/02</b>	28 days
12071	<b>Liron Eliasov</b>	Haifa	ISRAEL <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>03/04/02</b>	<b>26/05/02</b>	28 days
12520	<b>L. Y.</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/08/02</b>	<b>05/09/02</b>	14 days
12878	<b>Lior Livneh</b>	ISRAEL	1st Sgt/Reserve Ward <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>07/01/03</b>	<b>01/02/03</b>	28 days
12906	<b>Luai Nafaa</b>	ISRAEL	<i>Druze CO</i> <i>Druze CO (prison dates not exactly known)</i> <i>Druze CO (prison dates not exactly known)</i>		<b>10/07/01</b> <b>05/06/01</b> <b>09/05/01</b>	<b>22/07/01</b> <b>08/07/01</b> <b>03/06/01</b>	14 days 35 days 28 days
12073	<b>Michel Wexler</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>02/05/02</b>	<b>28/05/02</b>	28 days
12806	<b>M. G.</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/11/02</b>	<b>11/12/02</b>	21 days
12840	<b>Matan Kaminer</b>	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7176324 <i>draft resister, prison dates not exactly known.</i> <i>draft resister</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4	<b>07/01/03</b> <b>10/12/02</b>	<b>20/01/03</b> <b>05/01/03</b>	14 days 28 days
11990	<b>Noam Shezaf</b>	ISRAEL	Lt. (res.) <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6	<b>08/04/02</b> <b>26/03/02</b>	<b>21/04/02</b> <b>07/04/02</b>	14 days 14 days
12047	<b>Nir Maor</b>	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>18/04/02</b>	<b>13/05/02</b>	28 days

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12596	Noam Levy	ISRAEL	Cpl. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	12/09/02	08/10/02	28 days
12667	Noam Gefen	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik, confined to base.</i>		29/09/02	26/10/02	28 days
12810	N. V.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	28/11/02	06/12/02	10 days
12842	Noam Bahat	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7165951 <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 4	16/01/03 10/12/02	25/02/03 05/01/03	42 days 28 days
12846	N.R.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	10/12/02	05/01/03	28 days
12898	Noam Kuzar	ISRAEL	<i>refusal to serve in the occupied territories. Spent at least 28 more days in prison in spring 2001</i>		04/10/00	28/10/00	28 days
12902	Noam Livneh	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik (prison dates are not exactly known)</i>		02/01/01	20/01/01	21 days
11755	Omer Herrera	Beer-Sheva	Mil ID 7107698-9 <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/12/01	15/12/01	14 days
11873	Omry Yeshurun	ISRAEL	<i>Refuses to serve in the occupied territories</i>	Military Prison No 4	22/01/02	18/02/02	28 days
11979	Oded L.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		02/04/02	06/05/02	35 days
11983	Ofer Shafir	ISRAEL	Reservists Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	02/04/02	29/04/02	28 days
11986	O. T.	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		02/04/02	29/04/02	28 days
11996	O. Y. (ISR11996)	ISRAEL	First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	06/04/02	03/05/02	28 days
11997	O. Y. (ISR11997)	ISRAEL	First Sgt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	06/04/02	03/05/02	28 days
12038	Omri Tsalmona	ISRAEL	Mil ID 6351613 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	14/04/02	12/05/02	35 days
12052	Ovadyah Ezra	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	20/04/02	03/05/02	14 days
12063	Ohad Shem-Tov	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 4	24/04/02	12/05/02	21 days
12342	Ori Toker-Meimon	Jerusalem	Mil ID 4609349 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	21/07/02	14/08/02	28 days
12521	Ophir Bedusa	ISRAEL	Staff Sergeant (res) <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	22/08/02	15/09/02	28 days
12598	Oren Ya'akobovitz	ISRAEL	Reserves Unit <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 6	15/09/02	07/10/02	24 days
12749	Ofer Sela	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	07/11/02	26/11/02	18 days
12903	Omri Kleinberger	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik (prison dates are not exactly known)</i>		15/02/01	13/03/01	28 days
11975	Piki Ben-Shalon	Jerusalem	Mil ID 4609194 <i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories.</i>	Military Prison No 6	26/03/02	22/04/02	28 days
12155	Plato Melinovski	ISRAEL	Corporal <i>refusenik</i>		01/07/02	26/07/02	28 days
11391	Rotem Dan Mor	ISRAEL	Military ID 7046397 <i>in addition 28 days suspended sentence</i>	Military Prison No 6	03/09/01	27/09/01	28 days

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11621	Ro'i Wolman	Tel Aviv	ISRAEL				
			<i>refusing to serve in the Occupied Territories</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>05/11/01</b>	<b>02/12/01</b>	28 days
11862	Rennan Amin Salameh		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 6371684 <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>04/04/02</b>	<b>01/05/02</b>	30 days
			<i>sentence not yet known</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>15/12/01</b>	<b>02/04/02</b>	4 mont
11998	Reuven Volochaviansky	Tel Aviv-Yafo	ISRAEL				
			<i>Refusing to recruit members of his reserve unit for service in the territories.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>07/04/02</b>	<b>04/05/02</b>	28 days
12051	Ram Alfiah		ISRAEL				
			Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>20/04/02</b>	<b>03/05/02</b>	14 days
12059	Rafram Haddad		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5118505 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>29/04/02</b>	<b>24/05/02</b>	28 days
12074	Ro'i Sabbat		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>05/05/02</b>	<b>31/05/02</b>	28 days
12130	Rabia' Jihad Sa'ad		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 7232805 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>12/06/02</b>	<b>24/06/02</b>	14 days
12136	R.B.N.		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>		<b>17/06/02</b>	<b>29/06/02</b>	14 days
12329	Rami Kaplan		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/08/02</b>	<b>02/09/02</b>	28 days
12331	Ro'i Barsai		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/08/02</b>	<b>02/09/02</b>	28 days
12370	Ron Smilanski		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>13/08/02</b>	<b>05/09/02</b>	28 days
12522	Ro'i Berlin		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 7037914 <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>19/08/02</b>	<b>12/09/02</b>	28 days
12597	Ran Tene		ISRAEL				
			Staff Sgt. <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>12/09/02</b>	<b>15/10/02</b>	35 days
13031	Ran Ron		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>31/07/02</b>	<b>23/08/02</b>	28 days
11860	Sharon Karpol	Kibutz Dalia	ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5041536 <i>refuses reserve duty in the Occupied Territories</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>17/01/02</b>	<b>30/01/02</b>	14 days
11930	Sharon Shmila		ISRAEL				
			<i>refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>28/02/02</b>	<b>27/03/02</b>	28 days
11948	Sergio Yahni		ISRAEL				
			<i>refuses to serve in the IDF as long as the occupation is in force.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>19/03/02</b>	<b>15/04/02</b>	28 days
11976	Shachar Tzur	Haifa	ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5067698 <i>Refuses to serve in the Occupied Territories.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>26/03/02</b>	<b>23/04/02</b>	28 days
12030	Sean Laikov	Kibbutz Tzora	ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5072373 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>10/04/02</b>	<b>14/05/02</b>	35 days
12043	Shimko El-Ami	Jerusalem	ISRAEL				
			Officers Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>14/04/02</b>	<b>09/05/02</b>	28 days
12050	Shai Yakir		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5054225 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>19/04/02</b>	<b>14/05/02</b>	28 days
12055	Shay Biran		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 6993743 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>20/05/02</b>	28 days
12064	S. U.		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik</i>		<b>24/04/02</b>	<b>12/05/02</b>	21 days
12251	Sergeyi Gornostight		ISRAEL				
			Mil ID 5092248 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>10/07/02</b>	<b>23/07/02</b>	14 days
12332	Shahar Ramah		ISRAEL				
			<i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/08/02</b>	<b>02/09/02</b>	28 days

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12333	<b>Shuki Sadeh</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>20/07/02</b>	<b>15/08/02</b>	28 days
12369	<b>Shachar Samucha</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>14/08/02</b>	<b>05/09/02</b>	28 days
12602	<b>Salman Salameh</b>	ISRAEL	<i>Druse conscientious objector (release date and sentence(s) not exactly known)</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>04/09/02</b>	<b>15/11/02</b>	0
12847	<b>Shimri Tzamaret</b>	ISRAEL	<i>draft resister</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>10/12/02</b>	<b>05/01/03</b>	28 days
12879	<b>Shachar Ben-Har</b>	ISRAEL	<i>conscientious objector</i>		<b>09/01/03</b>	<b>21/01/03</b>	14 days
11978	<b>Timor Yisraeli</b>	ISRAEL	Reservists Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>02/04/02</b>	<b>29/04/02</b>	28 days
12058	<b>Tomer Friedman</b>	ISRAEL	Mil ID 6993743 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>20/05/02</b>	28 days
12065	<b>Tomer Livneh</b>	ISRAEL	Mil ID 5213558 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>23/04/02</b>	<b>17/05/02</b>	28 days
12134	<b>Uri Dotan</b>	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>02/06/02</b>	<b>03/07/02</b>	35 days
12154	<b>Udi Orr</b>	ISRAEL	Lt. <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>24/06/02</b>	<b>20/07/02</b>	28 days
12330	<b>Uri Shein</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>06/08/02</b>	<b>02/09/02</b>	28 days
12334	<b>U. T.</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>20/07/02</b>	<b>15/08/02</b>	28 days
12376	<b>Uri Ya'acobi</b>	Jerusalem	ISRAEL Mil ID 7342725 <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>08/12/02</b>	<b>03/01/03</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>10/11/02</b>	<b>06/12/02</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>15/10/02</b>	<b>09/11/02</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>01/10/02</b>	<b>08/10/02</b>	7 days
			<i>conscientious objector.</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>01/09/02</b>	<b>27/09/02</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>14/08/02</b>	<b>26/08/02</b>	14 days
12844	<b>Uri Rotlevi</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>09/12/02</b>	<b>27/12/02</b>	21 days
13030	<b>Udi Elifantz</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>30/07/02</b>	<b>23/08/02</b>	28 days
12053	<b>Victor Sabranski</b>	Naharyia	ISRAEL Mil ID 7312440 <i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>11/08/02</b>	<b>06/09/02</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>23/06/02</b>	<b>18/07/02</b>	28 days
			<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>23/05/02</b>	<b>17/06/02</b>	28 days
			<i>conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>20/05/02</b>	28 days
12750	<b>V.N.</b>	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		<b>13/11/02</b>	<b>12/12/02</b>	28 days
11431	<b>Yosef Sendik</b>	Tel Aviv	ISRAEL Officers' Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>05/06/02</b>	<b>30/06/02</b>	28 days
			<i>14 days suspended sentence, so likely to be released on 11/09/01.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>29/08/01</b>	<b>11/09/01</b>	28 days
11599	<b>Yair Halper</b>	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7237405 <i>pacifist CO</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>09/12/01</b>	<b>03/01/02</b>	28 days
			<i>pacifist CO</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>14/11/01</b>	<b>09/12/01</b>	28 days
			<i>pacifist CO</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>11/11/01</b>	<b>14/11/01</b>	28 days
			<i>transferred on 14/11/01 to Military Prison No 6.</i>				
			<i>pacifist CO</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>17/10/01</b>	<b>11/11/01</b>	28 days

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11763	Yair Khilou	ISRAEL	Mil ID 7274070 <i>conscientious objector</i> <i>conscientious objector.</i> <i>transferred from Military Prison no 4 on 5 February</i> <i>political conscientious objector</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6	<b>13/05/02</b> <b>02/04/02</b> <b>05/02/02</b> <b>28/01/02</b> <b>23/12/01</b>	<b>24/05/02</b> <b>29/04/02</b> <b>24/02/02</b> <b>05/02/02</b> <b>17/01/02</b>	14 days 28 days 28 days 28 days 28 days
12011	Yoav Caspi	ISRAEL	Lt. (res.) <i>refusenik.</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>08/04/02</b>	<b>05/05/02</b>	28 days
12032	Yaron Hoffman	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>10/04/02</b>	<b>07/05/02</b>	28 days
12056	Yiftah Admoni	ISRAEL	Mil ID 6961658 <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>25/04/02</b>	<b>20/05/02</b>	28 days
12104	Yaron Parsol	ISRAEL	Reserves Company <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>08/05/02</b>	<b>07/06/02</b>	35 days
12372	Yoni Yechezkel	ISRAEL	<i>fourth sentence - length not exactly clear (info on third sentence missing). Total so far: 84 days</i> <i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 6 Military Prison No 4	<b>21/11/02</b> <b>15/10/02</b> <b>08/08/02</b>	<b>17/12/02</b> <b>09/11/02</b> <b>20/08/02</b>	28 days 28 days 14 days
12377	Yuval Ron	Tel Aviv ISRAEL	Reserves Ward <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>13/08/02</b>	<b>16/09/02</b>	28 days
12378	Yaniv Itzkovitsch	Tel Aviv ISRAEL	Reserves Ward <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>13/08/02</b>	<b>06/09/02</b>	28 days
12666	Yuval Daphny	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i> <i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4 Military Prison No 6	<b>25/10/02</b> <b>03/10/02</b>	<b>20/11/02</b> <b>21/10/02</b>	28 days 21 days
12698	Yuval Endoran	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>16/10/02</b>	<b>10/11/02</b>	28 days
12700	Yigal Unik	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 6	<b>16/10/02</b>	<b>16/11/02</b>	35 days
12723	Yigal Bronner	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>		<b>28/10/02</b>	<b>23/11/02</b>	28 days
12876	Yoni Kozlovski	ISRAEL	<i>refusenik</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>19/01/03</b>	<b>13/02/03</b>	28 days
12901	Y.Y.	ISRAEL	<i>refused to obey an order on political grounds (prison dates not exactly known)</i> <i>refused to obey an order on political grounds (prison dates not exactly known)</i>		<b>16/12/00</b> <b>01/12/00</b>	<b>28/12/00</b> <b>14/12/00</b>	14 days 14 days
11863	Zvi Osmolovski	ISRAEL	Mil ID 5240897 <i>pacifist CO</i>	Military Prison No 4	<b>31/12/01</b>	<b>17/02/02</b>	49 days