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Is there any issue more fundamental to the responsible politician than the rights of human beings? What are those rights? What are the related circumstances of the Palestinian people? Have American physicians and lawyers said anything about this? And what do our religious leaders say?

This bulletin answers those questions with excerpts from authoritative sources. And it asks another - what is a moral response by the United States Government?

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1988 without a dissenting vote. Excerpts:

Article 1. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act toward one another in a sprit of brotherhood.

Article 5. No one shall be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 9. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 12. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1988, U.S. Department of State, February 1989. Excerpts from section on Israel and the Occupied Territories:

"The Landau Report of 1987 held that the general security service, Shin Bet, had routinely used physical and psychological mistreatment to obtain confessions...Administrative detention, without charge or trial, may be imposed under emergency regulations...detainees are not presented with formal statements of charges, and evidence may be presented by the Government in the review process which is withheld from the detainee and his counsel...Soldiers frequently used gunfire in situations that did not present mortal danger to troops, causing many avoidable deaths and injuries...Israeli authorities in some cases prosecuted or took disciplinary action against security personnel and settlers who killed Palestinians in violation of regulations. However, regulations were not rigorously enforced; punishments were usually lenient; and there were many cases of unjustified killing which did not result in disciplinary actions or prosecutions...Thirty six Palestinians were deported in 1988...These deportations contravene the Fourth Geneva Convention