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Monthly Report on Israeli Incitement *January 2017 Issue*

In order to facilitate an environment that is conducive for peace and security, it is important to mitigate factors that contribute to keeping both Palestinians and Israelis from achieving progress. Incitement is one of those factors.

In this respect, the Palestinian Authority has undertaken initiatives that curb and diminish incitement against Israel; By 2006, the Palestinian Ministry of Education revised textbooks to ensure the removal of incitement. Additionally, President Abbas has repeatedly called for the activation of the trilateral incitement monitoring committee that was stipulated in the Wye River Memorandum of 1998.

In an effort to urge the Israeli government to condemn and redress incitement against Palestinians¹, this report highlights major incidents of Israeli incitement in public, media, and governmental spheres that occurred in **January 2017**.

In addition, this report traces Israeli actions and policies, even if not verbal, that amount to incitement. In fact, Israeli incitement, whether from official bodies or the public, happens mostly through wrong-doing rather than bad-mouthing. Finally, incitement is a symptom and a consequence of Israel's prolonged military occupation and therefore, to eradicate incitement, it is vital to address its root cause: the occupation.

Incitements of such incidents include, but are not limited to: Razing homes and farmlands, attacks on fishermen, settler violations against neighboring towns and resources, water, land, and air, and anything that violates or undermines international law, etc.

¹ Note: This report relies on Western, Israeli, and Arabic news sources reporting directly from Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Preference is given to news stories in English, but in the event that a story is only available in Arabic, the headline of the original story is translated and posted in this report. In the event that a link becomes inactive or dysfunctional, please contact the PLO Delegation in Washington, DC, and an alternative link will be provided.

Monthly Report:

January 1st, 2017

Israeli settlers start new year with new illegal outpost in Nablus village

Israeli settlers started to establish a new illegal outpost on private Palestinian land in the northern occupied West Bank district of Nablus Sunday morning.

Abd al-Karim Hussein, the mayor of the village of Azmut, northeast of Nablus city, told Ma'an via telephone that Israeli settlers brought mobile homes to the Ras al-Ein area in the eastern suburbs of Azmut. He highlighted that the new outpost is located just a few hundred meters away from the illegal Elon Moreh settlement.

[Read Article](#), **Ma'an**

January 1st, 2017

Settlers take over Palestinian building in East Jerusalem

Israeli settlers raided the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem after midnight this morning and took over a Palestinian-owned residential building.

According to eyewitness accounts documented by local organisation the Wadi Hilweh Information Centre, approximately 20 Israeli settlers escorted by masked Israeli special forces raided the building while its residents were not inside.

[Read Article](#), **MEMO**

January 2nd, 2017

Israeli forces demolish 11 Bedouin residential structures, 87 left homeless

Israeli bulldozers Monday morning demolished 11 residential structures in the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar in the central occupied West Bank district of Jerusalem.

Dawood Jahalin, secretary of the Fatah movement in Jerusalem's Bedouin communities, told Ma'an that Israeli bulldozers escorted by Israeli forces demolished 11 residential structures without allowing the owners to evacuate personal belongings and furniture.

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January 2nd, 2017

Extremist settlers enter Al-Aqsa mosque yards

Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Tuesday morning al-Aqsa Mosque amid heavy presence of Israeli police forces.

According to Quds Press, heavily-armed Israeli forces were deployed in large numbers in the holy Islamic compound in order to pave the way for the settlers' break-in via al-Maghariba gate.

[Read Article](#), **PNN**

January 3rd, 2017

Israeli navy fires warning shots at Gaza fishermen

Israeli navy ships opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip on Tuesday morning, local sources told Ma'an.

Fishermen said that that Israeli forces fired warning shots at them while they were fishing off the coast of al-Waha, northwest of Gaza City.

No injuries were reported.

[Read Article](#), **Ma'an**

January 4th, 2017

Israeli forces demolish homes, school in Bedouin village in the Jordan Valley

Israeli forces demolished some 15 structures in Khirbet Tana on Tuesday morning, including homes and the only school in the small hamlet, which is located on the outskirts of the village of Beit Furik in the Jordan Valley in the northeastern occupied West Bank.

The village was demolished at least four times over the course of 2016, leaving scores of Bedouin Palestinians homeless, sparking condemnation from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), who warned that the village was at risk of "forcible transfer" by Israeli authorities.

[Read Article](#), **Ma'an**

January 5th, 2017

Israeli forces demolish 2 homes in Jerusalem, displacing 18 Palestinians

Israeli bulldozers demolished Palestinian homes in the neighborhood of Shufat in occupied East Jerusalem, and delivered demolition orders in the village of Jinsafut in the Qalqiliya district of the occupied West Bank between Tuesday and Wednesday.

At 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Israeli bulldozers entered the Shufat neighborhood in northern Jerusalem and demolished two houses belong to Adnan Shweiki after evacuating the residents and some material contents inside the home, locals told Ma'an.

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January 5th, 2017

IOF demolish 10 water wells near Bethlehem

Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) on Wednesday morning knocked down water wells in Teqou' village east of Bethlehem.

Mayor of the town, Tayseer Abu Mufreh, said Israeli occupation vehicles demolished ten water walls used by Palestinian farmers under the pretext of unlicensed construction.

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January 5th, 2017

Israel sentences Palestinian minor to 8 years in prison

Israel's central court in Jerusalem this morning sentenced a Palestinian teenage girl to eight-and-a-half years in prison, convicting her of attempting to carry out a stabbing attack in occupied East Jerusalem in October 2015.

According to Amjad Abu Asab, head of the Jerusalem Committee for Families of Prisoners, the court sentenced Marah Jawdat Moussa Bakir, 17, from the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina to eight-and-a-half years in prison and imposed a fine of 10,000 shekels (\$2,595) on her.

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January 5th, 2017

Palestine PM: Israel displaced 150 Palestinians in 72 hours in West Bank

The Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah on Thursday strongly condemned the ongoing demolition of Palestinian homes by Israeli occupation forces across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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January 5th, 2017

Israeli settler stabs Palestinian man north of Gaza

Israeli sources on Thursday morning said that an Israeli settler has stabbed a Palestinian man in Ashdod, north of Gaza.

The man, 40, still unidentified, was wounded and is reportedly in a moderate condition.

Israeli media said that the police are searching for the stabber.

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January 6th, 2017

Soldiers use force on non-violent protest against illegal West Bank outposts

Dozens of Palestinian and Israeli activists gathered in the Jordan Valley, West Bank, on Thursday morning in order to protest the establishment of new illegal outposts in the area. The demonstrators, from joint Arab Jewish activist group Ta'ayush, were forcefully dispersed by Israeli soldiers, who fired tear gas at them. The outposts remained where they were.

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January 6th, 2017

Israeli settler runs over, seriously injures Palestinian man south of Nablus

A 40 year-old Palestinian man was seriously injured after he was run over by an Israeli settler car south of Nablus city in the northern occupied West Bank on Friday, according to Israeli police and Hebrew-language media.

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January 6th, 2017

"Do You Want to Die Here?" How Azaria Exposed the Reality of Israel's Colonial Project

It is no coincidence that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—who was then followed by a slew of Ministers and Knesset Members—has called for presidential pardon for Elor Azaria. Azaria was found guilty of manslaughter after he shot and killed Yusri al-Sharif as he lay wounded on the ground.

[Read Article](#), Counter Punch

January 7th, 2017

Facebook closes accounts of Palestine activists

Facebook has closed the accounts of a number of Palestinian activists after using a hashtag lamenting a Palestinian assassinated by Israel 20 years ago, Quds Press reported yesterday. Former female prisoner Ghofran Zamel, fiancée of Hassan Salameh who is spending several life sentences in Israeli jails, said that she was surprised to find her Facebook account was shut down yesterday.

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January 8th, 2017

Israel orders halt on construction of 11 homes in Bethlehem

Israeli authorities on Sunday ordered a halt on the construction of about 11 Palestinian-owned homes in Wadi Abul-Hummus area, east of Bethlehem, according to local sources.

Hassan Burajjiya, of the Anti-Settlement Committee in Bethlehem, told WAFA that Israeli forces notified Palestinians to stop the construction of the 11 homes, despite the fact they are being constructed in Area A of the West Bank, under complete Palestinian civil and security control.

[Read Article](#), WAFA

January 8th, 2017

Israeli forces escort Israeli settlers to visit shrine in Palestinian village

Israeli forces raided the Palestinian town of Kifl Haris in the Salfit district of the central occupied West Bank overnight Saturday to provide protection for Israeli settlers visiting a site believed to be a Jewish shrine.

Eyewitness Yousif Yaqoub told Ma'an that he counted about 30 Israeli military vehicles storming the center of the town to escort the settlers, with Israeli soldiers firing stun grenades.

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January 8th, 2017

Israeli authorities uproot olive trees to build settler-only road

Civil Administration contractors accompanied by Israeli soldiers uprooted around 250 Palestinian-owned olive trees Sunday near the West Bank city of Qalqilya, as part of a larger plan to build a settler bypass road in the area.

The Nabi Elias bypass road will include the expropriation of 25 acres of Palestinian land — including a total 700 olive trees — belonging to the Palestinian villages of Izbat Tabib, Azzun, and Nabi Elias, just east of Ramallah.

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January 8th, 2017

Israeli settler group takes over Palestinian building in East Jerusalem neighborhood

Israeli settlement group Elad reportedly took over a Palestinian-owned property in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan on Sunday, the Wadi Hilweh Information Center said.

According to the local NGO, nearly a dozen Elad guards raided a two-story residential building on al-Ein Street in Silwan belonging to Hani Sarhan on Sunday morning while its owners were away in Jordan.

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Settlers storm Palestinian town under Israel army protection

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January 10th, 2017

Soldiers assault 80-year-old woman in Qalqilya-area village

Israeli soldiers assaulted on Tuesday an 80-year-old elderly Palestinian woman during a raid of the village of Kufr Qaddoum, east of Qalqilya in the occupied West Bank, according to local sources.

The woman was identified as Shafiq Joumaa, who was later hospitalized.

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January 11th, 2017

Israel razes road in Masafer Yatta built with donors' aid

An Israeli bulldozer razed a road near the village of al-Boweib in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, Rateb Jbour, coordinator of the local anti-settlement committee, said on Wednesday.

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January 12th, 2017

Israeli navy opens fire towards Gaza fishermen

Israeli naval ships opened fire towards fishermen's boats off the coasts of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on Thursday morning, witnesses said.

Eyewitnesses told Ma'an that Israeli boats opened fire heavily at the fishing boats, without causing injuries.

An Israeli army spokesperson told Ma'an that they were looking into the reports.

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January 12th, 2017

Israel increases demolition orders in Jabal al-Mukabbir in wake of truck attack

Israeli authorities demolished eight structures in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabal al-Mukabbir on Wednesday for being built without hard-to-obtain construction permits.

According to Hebrew news sites, the eight structures included shops selling construction equipment, and were built on five dunams (1.2 acres) of land.

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January 13th, 2017

Israel confiscates 1,000 acres of Palestinian land in Nablus

Israel has confiscated just under 1,000 acres (4,000 dunams) of Palestinian-owned land in Nablus, it has been reported. The reason given by the military court order authorising the confiscation is to prevent attacks on illegal settlers and soldiers in and around the occupied West Bank city.

The order was issued following the killing of a Palestinian by Israeli soldiers on Tuesday. It is alleged that he tried to attack the soldiers during an army raid on a Palestinian refugee camp. The soldiers were looking for what they called "extremists" at the time.

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January 17th, 2017

Israeli forces demolish Palestinian property in Nablus-area village

Israeli forces demolished a Palestinian home and an agricultural structure made of metal sheets on Tuesday morning in Khirbet al-Tawil, located in the Jordan Valley on the outskirts of the northern occupied West Bank village of Aqraba.

Palestinian official Ghassan Daghlas, who monitors settlement-related activities in the northern West Bank, told Ma'an that the properties belonged to Ahmad Muhammad Hamdan Bani Fadel.

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January 17th, 2017

Hundreds of Israeli police raid refugee camp to detain Palestinian youth

Hundreds of Israeli police forces raided the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem before dawn on Tuesday to detain nine young Palestinian men, searching and ransacking more than 20 homes at gunpoint.

Spokesman of the Fatah movement in Shufat Thaer al-Fasfous said more than 500 Israeli police officers, border police soldiers, and special force officers were involved in the raid of the camp, which is home to some 9,850 Palestinian refugees living on just a 0.2-square-kilometer space.

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January 17th, 2017

Gaza siege prevents disability campaigner from receiving award

The chairman of an NGO that provides vital assistance to people with disabilities in the besieged Gaza Strip has been prevented from travelling to Austria to receive an international award for the work he and his charity do.

Zeyad Al-Abed, chief of the Al-Amal Association for Rehabilitation of Disabled, based in Rafah, is unable to travel to the Austrian capital of Vienna to receive the international award for his NGO's achievements, and largely due to the Israeli siege on Gaza.

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January 17th, 2017

Israeli soldiers shoot and kill Palestinian teen during protests in Bethlehem

Israeli soldiers yesterday shot and killed a Palestinian teen during clashes between the troops and Palestinian protesters in Taqou village of Bethlehem, West Bank.

At least four people were reportedly injured in the clashes.

Sources from the village where the incident took place named the victim as Qusai Al-Amour, 17, and said that he had been shot in the chest.

The Israeli military described the protest as a "violent riot" in which "rioters hurled rocks" at Israeli soldiers.

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January 17th, 2017

Israel sentences Palestinian child to 3 months in prison

An Israeli military court at the Ofer detention centre sentenced 14-year-old Ayham Mohammad Adawi from the Al-Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron to three months in prison and fined him 3,000 shekels (\$784) on charges of throwing stones.

The Israeli army arrested Adawi and his friend, Jabr Badawi, 13, last week while they were returning from school.

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January 17th, 2017

Education Ministry still blaming Arab citizens for 'arson intifada'

This past November, Israel's Education Ministry published a booklet on the fires that erupted in Israel late last year. The booklet, issue 143 of the Al Seder Hayom (Hebrew for "The Daily Agenda") magazine, claimed that the fires "began as a result of negligence, and spread to many areas as a result of nationalistically-motivated arson [] the deliberate arsons once again raise issues surrounding the maintaining the delicate relations between Jews and Arabs in the country." The argument that the arson was nationalistically-motivated, however, are not backed up by facts.

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January 18th, 2017

Palestinian MKs say new law passed by the Knesset aims to annex West Bank

The Israeli parliament, the Knesset, passed a controversial bill on Tuesday which would allow verdicts from military court proceedings in the occupied West Bank to be submitted as evidence in

Israeli civilian courts, a move which critics claim is another step aiming to illegally annex the West Bank by applying Israeli domestic laws in the territory.

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January 18th, 2017

Israeli forces open fire at Gazan farmers, fishermen

Israeli forces opened fire at several areas along the Israeli borderline with the Gaza Strip, while Israeli naval forces targeted fishermen off the coast of central Gaza early Wednesday morning. Locals told Ma'an that Israeli soldiers opened fire at Palestinian farmers in the town of Abasan al-Kabira, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported.

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January 18th, 2017

Israeli police accused of cover-up over killing during Negev demolition raid

The Joint List, which represents parties led by Palestinian citizens of Israel in Israel's parliament, the Knesset, accused Israeli police of spreading misinformation to Israeli media regarding an alleged vehicle attack Wednesday morning in the Negev, as new video footage emerged further contradicting the Israel police's version of events.

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January 18th, 2017

Israeli forces raid Negev village slated for demolition, kill resident

Israeli security forces killed a Bedouin Palestinian citizen early Wednesday morning, as authorities moved ahead with plans to demolish the entire village of Umm al-Hiran.

Israeli police claim that local resident Yaqub al-Qiyan, a 47-year-old father and maths teacher, was shot while conducting a car-ramming attack that also left a police officer dead.

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January 19th, 2017

Israeli navy opens fire towards Gazan fishermen

Israeli naval forces opened fire towards Palestinian fishermen off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip on Thursday morning.

Fishermen told Ma'an that Israeli navy ships opened fire at and chased fishing boats three nautical miles off the northern coast of Gaza City, forcing them to flee back to shore.

An Israeli army spokesperson told Ma'an that Israeli naval forces fired warning shots into the air when a "fishing vessel deviated from the designated fishing zone," adding that the fishing boat then returned to shore.

[Read Article](#), **Ma'an**

January 19th, 2017

Israel Is Demolishing Palestinian Homes, Inside and Outside Israel Proper

The High Follow-Up Committee for Arab Citizens in Israel, which is an extra-parliamentary body representing Palestinian citizens, called for a nation-wide strike on January 11, 2016. Half a million

Palestinians answered the call, as businesses, schools, and government offices in Palestinian municipalities in Israel closed their doors. Since then, protests have taken place throughout Israel and further action is being considered by Palestinian activists, Knesset members, mayors, and council heads.

[Read Article](#), **Muftah**

January 22nd, 2017

'New tactics, same policy of forcible displacement' underway in Umm al-Hiran

In the wake of the demolition of dozens of homes belonging to Palestinian citizens of Israel in Umm al-Hiran and Qalansawe over the past two weeks, a Palestinian rights group has argued that the "oppressive measures" were part of the same Israeli policy of forcible displacement also carried out against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

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January 22nd, 2017

Israel approves hundreds of settlement homes in East Jerusalem

Israel approved building permits on Sunday for hundreds of homes in three East Jerusalem settlements, two days after US President Donald Trump took office, expecting him to row back on the last administration's criticism of such projects.

The housing projects, on land that the Palestinians seek as part of a future state, had been taken off the Jerusalem municipality's agenda in December at the last minute at the request of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in order to avoid further censure from the administration of Barack Obama.

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January 23rd, 2017

Israel orders a Palestinian to evacuate land near Bethlehem

Israeli forces notified a Palestinian from the village of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, to leave his land near the village, Hassan Burajiya, a local activist, said on Monday

He told WAFA that staff from the so-called Israeli "Civil Administration" ordered Mustafa Issa from al-Khader to leave his land, claiming that the land is state property and that no Palestinian should enter it.

[Read Article](#), **WAFA**

January 23rd, 2017

Israel lifts restrictions on building more homes in East Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told senior ministers he is lifting restrictions on settlement building in East Jerusalem, a statement said on Sunday, immediately after the city's municipal government approved permits for the building of hundreds of new homes in the area.

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January 24th, 2017

Israeli army carries out drills in Jordan Valley after expelling Palestinian residents

The Israeli army forced out dozens of Palestinians from their homes in the village of Khirbet al-Kurzaliya in the northern Jordan Valley on Tuesday morning to carry out military training exercises, a day after dozens of structures were demolished in the area.

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January 24th, 2017

Settlers seize shop in Jerusalem's Old City

A group of Israeli settlers protected by police seized on Tuesday a shop in Aqbat al-Khalidiya area in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem, according to residents.

The settlers closed the shop, owned by Nora Sublaban, from inside and prevented the owners from opening it.

[Read Article](#), **Wafa**

January 24th, 2017

Israel Approves Construction and Planning of 2,500 Settler Homes in West Bank

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman approved the construction and planning of some 2,500 new housing units in the West Bank on Tuesday.

Overall, the marketing of lands for the immediate construction of 909 new homes have been approved, as well as the expediting of planning at the relevant committees for an additional 1,642 homes.

[Read Article](#), **Haaretz**

January 25th, 2017

A settler living in an illegal outpost issues orders to demolish Palestinian homes

The racism in Israel is mostly reflected in every aspect of their life, the last of which came within the context of disclosing that Head of the Regional Unit to enforce the laws of planning and building at the Israeli Ministry of Finance, Adv. Avi Cohen, who is in charge of implementing the law of demolishing Palestinian homes, is living in an unlicensed building in the illegal Bilgi Mime outpost, built in 1984, on lands belonging to Qaryout, Saweiya and Al-Luban in Nablus Governorate, under a government resolution.

[Read Article](#), **PNN**

January 25th, 2017

Israeli forces abduct boy from family's tent south of Nablus

Israeli soldiers late Tuesday night abducted a Palestinian boy from his family's tent in an area adjacent to 'Aqraba, a town to the south of Nablus, and physically assaulted him, according to a local activist.

Head of the anti-settlement popular committee in 'Aqraba, Yousef Diriyeh told Wafa Israeli soldiers snuck into a residential tent belonging to Ghalab Mayadmeh and abducted his 17-year-old son Udai.

[Read Article](#), **Wafa**

January 25th, 2017

Israeli forces level lands, fire at fishermen in Gaza

Several Israeli military vehicles on Wednesday morning crossed the border fence with the Gaza Strip into Palestinian lands east of Rafah in the southern Gaza.

Witnesses told Ma'an that four Israeli bulldozers leveled lands near the border fence east of Rafah as military aircrafts hovered overhead during the incident.

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January 26th, 2017

High Court OKs Demolitions of Palestinian Houses in Israeli Army Firing Zone

The High Court of Justice has decided to allow the Civil Administration to demolish structures adjacent to an illegally built structure in villages inside Israel Defense Forces Firing Zone 918 in the West Bank.

[Read Article](#), **Haaretz**

January 26th, 2017

Israeli PM: New settlements just a 'taste' of things to come in Trump era

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that the latest settlement approval is just a "taste" of new measures which will be taken now that Barack Obama is no longer the US president.

[Read Article](#), **PressTV**

January 26th, 2017

Israeli military crosses Gaza Strip border east of Khan Younis

Israeli military vehicles penetrated Thursday morning the Gaza borders east of Khan Younis and razed farming land, according to local sources. Four tanks and four bulldozers crossed the border in the Qarara area and went 150 meters deep into Gaza territory, said the sources, as reconnaissance planes flew over the area.

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January 26th, 2017

Israeli settlers take over storage unit in contested East Jerusalem home

Israeli settlers took over a storage unit formerly belonging to the Sub Laban family on the ground floor of their apartment building in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem on Tuesday.

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January 26th, 2017

Israeli court approves demolition of Palestinian villages in occupied West Bank

Israel's High Court of Justice has decided to allow the Civil Administration in the occupied West Bank to demolish eight Palestinian villages in the South Hebron Hills because the land is "needed" for military training purposes, Haaretz reported on Thursday.

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January 26th, 2017

Israeli parliament rejects demand for inquiry into Umm Al-Hiran killing

The Israeli Knesset rejected two requests on Wednesday calling for an inquiry into the incidents in the Bedouin village of Umm Al-Hiran, including the killing of a 47-year-old teacher, Safa news agency has reported.

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January 27th, 2017

Israel gives final approval to 153 new settler homes in East Jerusalem

Israeli authorities gave final approval on Thursday to 153 new settler homes in Occupied East Jerusalem, according to the city's deputy mayor Meir Turgeman speaking to AFP.

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January 29th, 2017

Israeli forces open fire at Palestinian farmland in Gaza

Israeli forces stationed behind the border fence east of Khan Yunis in the besieged Gaza Strip opened fire at agricultural lands Sunday morning, witnesses told Ma'an, with no injuries reported in the incident.

An Israeli army spokesperson told Ma'an they were looking into reports.

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January 29th, 2017

Israeli settlers hold 2 Palestinian teens returning home from school at gunpoint

Israeli forces and settlers detained two Palestinian teens at gunpoint on Sunday near an illegal Israeli settlement east of Qalqiliya in the northern occupied West Bank, according to reports from Israeli media, which alleged that the two Palestinians approached the settlement intending to carry out an attack.

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January 29th, 2017

Israeli forces prepare to demolish newly donated homes in Umm al-Hiran

Israeli police forces raided the unrecognized Bedouin community of Umm al-Hiran in the Negev region on Sunday, surrounding mobile homes that were donated the previous day to provide

housing for families that were left homeless two weeks ago after Israeli authorities razed their homes to the ground.

Locals in the village said Israeli forces were preparing to dismantle the newly donated homes.

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January 29th, 2017

Israel proposes anti-polygamy plan against Palestinians

In a cabinet's weekly meeting on Sunday, Israeli ministers backed a long-term plan which calls for polygamy elimination among Israeli Arabs, Times of Israel reported. The plan aims to incorporate anti-bigamy education in the Israeli schooling system and create outreach programmes.

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January 30th, 2017

Israeli planes spray herbicides near Gaza farmland

Israeli authorities have resumed spraying herbicides along the border fence with the Gaza Strip, causing damage to Palestinian crops.

According to NGO Gisha, on 23 January last week, "civilian planes hired by the Israeli air force, sprayed herbicides near the fence that separates the Strip from Israel, in proximity to Palestinian farmland in northern and central Gaza."

[Read Article](#), **MEMO**

January 31st, 2017

Israeli forces fire at Gaza farmers, fishermen

Israeli forces opened fire towards Palestinian fishermen and farmers in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday morning, locals told Ma'an.

Witnesses said that Israeli military vehicles stationed near the Sufa military post fired towards Palestinian farmers tending their crops between the cities of Khan Yunis and Rafah.

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