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Monthly Report on Israeli Incitement *February 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 **February 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:

February 1st, 2017

Israel Approves Another Wave of West Bank Settlement Construction

AMONA, West Bank — Israel approved 3,000 more housing units in the occupied West Bank late Tuesday, the largest number in a wave of new construction plans that defy the international community and that open a forceful phase in the country's expansion into land the Palestinians claim for a future state. Emboldened by the new Trump administration and internal battles at home, Israel announced plans for the new units in about a dozen settlements a week after approving 2,500 homes in the West Bank and 566 in East Jerusalem. "We are in a new era, where life in Judea and Samaria goes back to its normal and proper course," the defense minister, Avigdor Lieberman, said in a statement, using the biblical name for the West Bank.

[Read Article](#), NY Times

February 1st, 2017

New Israeli government plan to connect illegal settlements with cities

The Israeli transportation ministry is preparing a plan to develop the network of settler-only roads in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, Quds Press reported on Tuesday. "It is a large project and it will cost the Israeli government about 850 million shekels (\$225m)," Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz told local television. Katz noted that the new project would give a big push for the development of the Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, similar to what is happening with the road network for the settlements in Galilee in the north of Israel and the Negev in the south.

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February 1st, 2017

Israel approves thousands of homes in West Bank settlements

RAMALLAH, February 1, 2017 (Wafa) – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved on Tuesday the construction of thousands of new homes in illegal West Bank settlements, Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman's office said in a statement. This comes while the Israeli army is preparing to evacuate the illegal settlement outpost Amona as ordered by the Israeli High Court because it was built on private Palestinian land.

[Read Article](#), Wafa

February 1st, 2017

Israeli bulldozers raze agricultural land near Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, February 1, 2017 (Wafa) – Israeli bulldozers Wednesday razed agricultural lands in the village of al-Jab'a, southwest Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank, said local sources. Hasan Breija, coordinator of a local committee against the wall and settlements told Wafa Israeli bulldozers razed lands used for planting crops near a military check point on the eastern entrance of the village.

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

February 1st, 2017

Israel issues 35 administrative detention orders against Palestinians

Israeli authorities issued 35 administrative detention orders against Palestinian prisoners between 18-31 January, according to the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS). PPS lawyer Mahmoud Al-Halabi said in a statement today that Israel sentenced Palestinian MP Ahmad Mubarak, who was detained on 16 January, to six months of administrative detention.

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

February 1st, 2017

Israeli committee approves outpost 'Legalisation bill'

The widely condemned outpost "Legalisation Bill" passed its final committee vote today, according to Israeli media, only necessitating one more round of votes for it to be adopted into Israeli law. The bill is expected to retroactively legalise dozens of Israeli outposts – considered illegal under Israeli domestic law – built on private Palestinian land and confiscate thousands of dunams of Palestinian land.

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

February 2nd, 2017

Committee: Palestinian prisoners forced to stand outdoors naked

Tensions escalated this afternoon at Israel's Nafha prison in the southern Negev desert, as reports surfaced of a Palestinian prisoner allegedly stabbing an Israeli officer inside the prison. Israeli news sites reported that a Palestinian prisoner "attacked an Israeli prison warden with a sharp tool", causing the warden to suffer a light injury.

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February 2nd, 2017

Knesset to vote on bill that green lights settler homes

Israel's parliament is to vote on a controversial bill that seeks to retroactively legalise 4,000 settler homes built on privately owned Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank, a measure the attorney general has said is unconstitutional. The bill has already passed the first reading in the Knesset, and will be heard two more times on Monday. Al Jazeera's Imran Khan, reporting from West Jerusalem, said the bill is "incredibly controversial".

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February 2nd, 2017

Israel to build first new West Bank settlement since 1990s

Israel said on Wednesday it would establish a new settlement in the occupied West Bank, the first since the late 1990s, to rehouse settlers evicted on the same day from an outpost built on private Palestinian land. A statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he was making good on a commitment to the settlers of Amona and had ordered the formation of a committee to locate a site where they could rebuild their homes.

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February 2nd, 2017

Israeli forces open fire at Palestinian fishermen, farmers in Gaza

GAZA (Ma'an) -- Israeli forces opened live fire at Palestinian lands east of Gaza city, while Israeli naval forces also opened fire on fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern part of the besieged enclave on Thursday morning. Witnesses told Ma'an that Israeli forces stationed behind the border fence between Gaza and Israel opened live fire at Palestinian farmers. No injuries were reported.

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February 3rd, 2017

Israeli Settler Group Brushes Off Trump Settlement Warning

Israeli settlers on Friday shrugged off White House criticism of settlement construction, convinced they have the sympathies of President Donald Trump. The Palestinians, still wary of Trump, warned that the settlers' hard-line stance could spell the end to a two-state solution to the conflict.

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February 3rd, 2017

Israel set to pass law banning BDS activists from entry

Occupied West Bank - Spouses hoping to reunite with their families in Israel, as well as Jewish and non-Jewish visitors, that have endorsed a boycott of Israel and Israeli settlements could be banned from entering the country if a new bill becomes law. The anti-boycott bill passed a first reading in the Israeli parliament in mid-January and is set for a final vote in early February.

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February 3rd, 2017

Israel opens fire on Gaza fishermen twice in one day

Israeli forces shot live rounds at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of northern Gaza twice today. Head of the fishermen's union Zakariya Bakr told Ma'an that Israeli naval ships opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of northern Gaza City. No injuries were reported. Israeli naval boats had also opened fire at fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya this morning, while Israeli forces opened fire at Palestinian farmers in the eastern Gaza Strip.

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February 3rd, 2017

Israel steps up actions against Palestinian prisoners

The Israeli Prison Service (IPS) stepped up punitive measures against Palestinian prisoners in the Ketziot detention centre today, after a Palestinian prisoner attacked an Israeli warden with a razor blade the night before, the head of the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs said. Issa Qaraqe told Ma'an that IPS forces raided Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Ketziot looking for the perpetrator.

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February 3rd, 2017

Shot Six Times, Then Dragged Away: A Palestinian Teen's Death at the Hand of Israeli Troops

The outer wall of his house is now covered by a colossal photo enlargement, two stories high. That is how he looked in his final moments: Israel Defense Forces soldiers grabbing him by the hands and feet, hauling him as if he were a sack of potatoes, his head bumping hard against the rocks. Standing around are about 10 soldiers, looking on impassively at the outcome of their comrades' actions.

[Read Article](#), Haaretz

February 3rd, 2017

Israeli Bill Would Cut Funds to Universities With Lecturers Backing Boycott

The Ministerial Committee for Legislation will decide Sunday whether to support a bill that would let the Council for Higher Education reduce state funding to an academic institution if a lecturer calls for a boycott of Israel. MK Oded Forer (Yisrael Beiteinu) initiated the bill but did not coordinate it with Education Minister Naftali Bennett. Moreover, the governing coalition has not yet crafted a position on the legislation, so it is not clear if it will pass.

[Read Article](#), Haaretz

February 5th, 2017

Israeli forces assault elderly Palestinian woman in Old City of Hebron

Israeli forces late Friday reportedly assaulted an elderly woman and her son and grandson in the Old City of the southern occupied West Bank district of Hebron, according to Palestinian news agency Wafa. Wafa sourced Palestinian security sources as saying that Israeli soldiers had broken into the home of Fatima Natsheh, 70, in the Old City, and proceeded to assault her and her son Hasan, 35, and grandson Falah, 23. The soldiers reportedly used the butt of their guns to hit them, causing injuries that necessitated treatment at the hospital.

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February 5th, 2017

Israeli forces detain 9 Palestinians in West Bank raids

Israeli forces detained nine Palestinians in predawn military raids Sunday across the occupied West Bank districts of Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, and Bethlehem. State-run Palestinian news agency Wafa identified those detained in the southern Bethlehem district as Muhammad Rashad Issa, his brother Ahmad, and Qusay Issa from the town of al-Khader. Ahmad Ibrahim al-Umour, 19, was detained in the village of Tuqu, while 16-year-old Muhammad Raed Hamamra was detained in Husan.

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February 5th, 2017

More than 80 Israeli violations against holy sites in January 2017

Minster of Waqf and Religious Affairs Yousef Idies said on Sunday that the ministry reported more than 80 Israeli violations against holy sites in Jerusalem and the West Bank in January 2017 alone. In a special report issued by the Ministry of Waqf, Idies said these violations mainly included provocative visits by Israeli right-wing fanatics to Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

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

February 6th, 2017

More than 80 Israeli violations against holy sites in January 2017

Israel this morning shelled Palestinian farmland in Beit Lahia in northern Gaza, while four armoured vehicles penetrated the south-eastern border of Deir Al-Balah in the central area, the Palestinian Safa news agency reported. Palestinian news sources said fisherman Mohamed Sa'adallah, 70, was mildly injured in the attack.

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February 6th, 2017

Israel's settlement bill 'big step towards annexation'

Occupied West Bank - The Israeli Knesset has advanced controversial legislation that, if approved, would lead to a host of illegal settlements built on privately owned Palestinian land being legalised retroactively. The so-called "Regulation Bill", scheduled for a vote on Monday, would apply to around 4,000 settlement homes in the West Bank for which settlers could prove ignorance that they had built on privately owned land and had received encouragement from the Israeli state to do so.

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February 6th, 2017

'War of the shrines' stirs tension between Palestinians, Israelis

Israeli settlers raided the village of Kifl Hares in Salfit province in the northern West Bank on Jan. 8. It was not the first time, and it will not be the last. Every Jewish holiday, hundreds of Israeli settlers, under the protection of Israeli soldiers, enter Kifl Hares to pray in the village on the grounds that it is linked to the Jewish prophet Joshua.

[Read Article](#), **Al Monitor**

February 6th, 2017

Israeli raid into village sparks clashes

Israeli forces raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, northwest of Salfit in the northern occupied West Bank yesterday night, causing clashes to erupt between Israeli soldiers and local youths. Local sources told Ma'an that a number of Israeli forces raided the town claiming that Palestinian youths from the village had thrown stones and Molotov cocktails at the illegal Israeli settlement of Kiryat Netafim, located just a few hundred metres east of Qarawat Bani Hassan.

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February 6th, 2017

B'Tselem: Palestinian 'did not pose any danger' when killed by sniper during clashes

A Palestinian youth killed by Israeli forces in December did not represent a threat when he was shot dead by an Israeli army sniper, Israeli human rights group B'Tselem said in a report published on Sunday. Ahmad al-Kharroubi, 19, was shot by Israeli forces with live ammunition during clashes in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Kafr Aqab on Dec. 22, as Israeli forces were carrying out a raid to partially demolish the house of Palestinian Misbah Abu Sbeih, who was shot dead by Israeli forces in October after carrying out a deadly shooting attack.

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February 6th, 2017

Israeli settlers seize Palestinian land near Nablus

Israeli settlers Monday seized Palestinian land in the village of Madama, south of Nablus, local sources said on Monday, and planted it with grapes seedlings.. Ghassan Daghlas, who monitors settlements activity in the northern West Bank, told Wafa that Israeli settlers planted grapes seedlings after they seized a water well in the area.

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February 6th, 2017

Israel passes law legalizing thousands of settlement homes

Israel's parliament on Monday passed a contentious law meant to retroactively legalize thousands of West Bank settlement homes built unlawfully on private Palestinian land, a step that is expected to trigger international outrage and a flurry of lawsuits against the measure.

[Read Article](#), Miami Herald

February 6th, 2017

Israel legalises settler homes on private Palestinian land

Israel passed a law on Monday retroactively legalising about 4,000 settler homes built on privately owned Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank, a measure that has drawn international concern. The legislation has been condemned by Palestinians as a blow to their hopes of statehood. But its passage may only be largely symbolic as it contravenes Israeli Supreme Court rulings on property rights.

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February 6th, 2017

Israel Passes Provocative Law to Retroactively Legalize Settlements

Israel's Parliament passed a provocative law late Monday that would retroactively legalize Jewish settlements on privately owned Palestinian land, pressing ahead with a statement of right-wing assertiveness despite the likelihood that the country's high court will nullify the legislation.

[Read Article](#), NY Times

February 7th, 2017

Explained: Israel's New Palestinian Land-grab Law and Why It Matters

Israel's parliament voted on a bill that expropriates private Palestinian land in the West Bank. What does the new law change, who is affected and why is it such a big deal?

[Read Article](#), Haaretz

February 7th, 2017

Israeli Supermarket Chain Glorifies Army Killer On Grocery Bag

"What distinguishes us from our neighbors is that we denounce and condemn murderers in our midst and pursue them until the end, while they name public squares after child murderers", said Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in August 2015, two days after the Dawabshe family in the West Bank town of Duma was torched by Jewish terrorists. He made the same claim a year earlier, after Muhammed Abu Khdeir, another young Palestinian, was burned to death in Jerusalem.

[Read Article](#), Mondoweiss

February 7th, 2017

Israel seals Bethlehem villages to prevent 'stone throwing'

For the eighth day in a row, the western villages and towns surrounding Bethlehem city have been sealed by Israel in order to prevent Palestinian "stone throwers". Head of Hosan village council, Hasan Hamamreh, told QudsPress that barriers have been set up by the Israeli forces at the entrances to the villages claiming this would stop settlers' cars being hit by stones.

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February 7th, 2017

Israel confiscates personal belongings alleged to be 'assistance' from Hamas

Israeli police confiscated cash and property on Monday belonging to seven Palestinian families whose sons were either arrested or killed by the security forces, Al-Araby Al-Jadeed news has reported. According to the London-based website, the Israeli occupation authorities claimed that these families received the money and property, including vehicles, as "assistance" from the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas.

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February 8th, 2017

Israel bans delivery of anaesthesia gas to Gaza hospitals

Israel has banned anaesthetic gas from entering the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian Ministry of Health revealed yesterday. This is the third time that the occupation has prevented Nitrous Oxide (nitrox) gas, which is used for patients during surgery, from entering the besieged enclave, the ministry's spokesman, Ashraf Al-Qidra, said. The ban means a number of urgent medical procedures have now been halted, he explained.

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February 8th, 2017

Israel demolishes Palestinian property in Jerusalem

Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian-owned building that was under construction in Beit Hanina in occupied East Jerusalem today, under the pretext that the building lacked the building licenses required. Witnesses told Ma'an that Israeli bulldozers raided the Tal Al-Foul area of Beit Hanina, surrounded the building, and began razing it.

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February 8th, 2017

Israeli minister warns of next clash with Hamas

Following a tense day of IDF air and tank strikes in response to a rocket attack from the Strip last Monday, Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett said on Tuesday that the next round of fighting with Hamas is only a matter of time, Haaretz reported. Speaking at a ceremony in Sderot city in southern Israel commemorating the death of an Israeli student killed by Hamas rocket fire in 2005, Bennett said, "Today we are still being threatened by Gaza; they are still trying to hurt us".

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February 8th, 2017

Hundreds of chickens killed in Israeli airstrike on Gaza

Poultry farmer Khalid Al-Haya expressed his anger after the occupation forces targeted his farm during the military attack on the Gaza Strip yesterday. Khalid told MEMO that he was surprised that his farm was targeted, as it has never been targeted, not even during the last war on Gaza.

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February 8th, 2017

Israeli bulldozers return to Beit Hanina to demolish Palestinian building

For the second day in a row on Wednesday morning, Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian-owned building that was under construction in Beit Hanina in occupied East Jerusalem, under the pretext that the building lacked the nearly impossible to obtain building licenses required by Israeli authorities. Witnesses told Ma'an via telephone that Israeli bulldozers raided the Tal al-Foul area of Beit Hanina, surrounded the building, and began razing it to the ground.

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February 8th, 2017

Israeli forces seal house on Hebron's Shuhada Street

The home, located on Shuhada street, belongs to Izzat Yassin Abu Munshar. Israeli forces put up a sign on the entrance of the house reading "house under security," and barred entry to the residents. A resident of the street, Mufid al-Sharabati, said that residents were afraid that sealing the house could mark the beginning of a process to hand over the house to Israeli settlers living among Hebron's Palestinian community in contravention of international law.

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February 8th, 2017

Palestinian family 'violently assaulted' by masked Israeli police in Jerusalem raid

In the wake of a large-scale raid Sunday night in occupied East Jerusalem that targeted the families of Palestinians who were either slain or incarcerated after carrying out or allegedly carrying out attacks, one of the families reported to a local monitoring group that masked Israeli police violently assaulted them while breaking into their homes during the predawn raid.

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February 8th, 2017

Israeli settlers assault Palestinian photojournalist near Ramallah

At least five Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian photojournalist with rocks and batons while he was driving on a road near the illegal Israeli settlement of Ofra in the occupied West Bank district of Ramallah on Tuesday afternoon. According to locals, after fleeing the scene Zaher Abu Hussein was taken to the Ramallah Governmental Hospital for treatment, where his injuries were reported as moderate.

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February 9th, 2017

Rights group: Israeli online incitement towards Arabs doubled in 2016

An Arab rights group has found ten of thousands of Israelis are publishing "widespread hatred and incitement against Arabs and Palestinians" on social media, and are often motivated to harass following charged statements by Israeli politicians. The hate speech is going unnoticed by Israeli officials who are advancing a law to scrub similar content from Facebook, but only when it is made by Palestinians against Israelis, said the Haifa-based group 7amleh, the Arab Center for Social Media Advancement, in a report published Tuesday.

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

February 9th, 2017

Scores of settlers storm Islamic religious sites near Nablus

For the second time in less than a week, scores of Israeli settlers stormed early Thursday Islamic religious sites in Awarta village, southeast of Nablus, said local security sources. A number of buses packed with settlers stormed the village under Israeli forces' protection and performed Jewish rituals at Islamic holy sites at the western side of the village.

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

February 9th, 2017

Israeli settlers uproot olive seedlings near Bethlehem and steal them

Israeli settlers uprooted on Thursday hundreds of olive seedlings from land in the Bethlehem area village of al-Khader and stole them, according to Ahmad Salah, a local activist. He told Wafa that settlers uprooted 400 seedlings from an area west of the village bordering the settlement of Sedi Boaz and took them away.

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February 9th, 2017

Israeli authorities approve over 1,000 settler units in West Bank

The Tel Aviv regime has green-lighted the construction of over 1,000 new settler units in the occupied West Bank, a few days after the Israeli parliament passed legislation legalizing settler outposts built on private Palestinian land. On Wednesday, the Anadolu Agency cited the Israeli Walla news site as reporting that the Israeli Civil Administration's Supreme Planning Committee had approved a total of 1,162 new settler units to be built on various locations throughout the West Bank.

[Read Article](#), Press TV

February 10th, 2017

Israel's efforts to erase Palestinian history reflect 'incremental genocide,' Ehrenreich says

Ben Ehrenreich, author of The Way to the Spring, the chronicle of heroic resistance to occupation in a Palestinian village, spoke at Columbia's Center for Palestine Studies a week ago, and described Israel's treatment of Palestinians as an "incremental genocide." A questioner asked about the Movement for Black Lives statement saying Palestinians are experiencing "genocide," and asked Ehrenreich, would you agree? The author said he did.

[Read Article](#), Mondoweiss

February 10th, 2017

100-year-old Bedouin woman homeless after Israel's demolitions

Israeli forces demolished homes in two Bedouin villages in the Negev yesterday leaving a 100-year-old Arab woman homeless. Israeli bulldozers, escorted by Israeli police, demolished the house of 100-year-old Ghaytha Zanoun and her 60-year-old daughter Hilala in the village of Wadi Al-Naam in the western part of the Negev in southern Israel.

[Read Article](#), MEMO

February 10th, 2017

Israel approves 181 settlement units in Jerusalem

Permission was granted for the construction of 181 new settlement units in occupied East Jerusalem yesterday. The Local Planning and Building Committee of the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem approved the new units to be built in the settlements of Gilo and Ramat Shlomo, Quds Net reported.

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February 10th, 2017

Israel detains Palestinian for attempting to bring in Roman statue

Israeli forces detained a Palestinian youth on Tuesday while he attempted to return to the occupied West Bank from Jordan carrying tourist memorabilia through the Allenby Bridge. According to Hebrew language news sites, the unidentified youth from the Nablus district village of Beita was detained for allegedly attempting to bring a small Roman statue from Jordan into the Palestinian territory.

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February 10th, 2017

Israeli court sentences Palestinian mother to year in prison

An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentenced a Palestinian mother of six on Thursday to a year in prison and a fine of 12,000 shekels (\$3,203) for depositing funds into a prison commissary belonging to a Hamas-affiliated Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody. Lawyer Muhammad Mahmoud from prisoners' rights group Addameer told Ma'an that Dalal Abu al-Hawa from Jerusalem's Old City was sentenced for depositing the funds. Israel Prison Service (IPS) allows families of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli custody to deposit a fixed amount of money each month into a prisoner's commissary, which they can then use to purchase items from the prison's canteen.

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February 10th, 2017

Sick Gazan boy dies after being denied entry into Israel

"I woke up to the voice of my son Ali telling me that Ahmed couldn't breathe. I took him immediately to al-Shifa hospital. The doctors tried to help him with oxygen and electric shocks to the heart but his weak heart couldn't bear it any more," Hassan Shubeir, Ahmed's father, told Middle East Eye with tear-filled eyes.

[Read Article](#), **Middle East Eye**

February 11th, 2017

Jewish settlers take over Palestinian home in occupied Jerusalem

Israeli Jewish settlers took over a Palestinian home in Wadi Al-Hilwa neighbourhood in the Jerusalem town of Silwan on Friday, Felesteen.ps has reported. The area is adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem. "A group of settlers, escorted by Israeli security forces, entered the neighbourhood, completely encircled it, took over the house and changed its door locks," said a spokesperson for Wadi Al-Hilwa Information Centre.

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

February 11th, 2017

Israeli settlers, soldiers reportedly assault Palestinian shepherds in Jordan Valley

Three Israeli settlers and two Israeli soldiers reportedly attacked three Palestinian shepherds who were grazing their herds Friday morning, near an illegal Israeli settler outpost in the northern

Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank, Israeli media reported on Saturday. Israeli newspaper Haaretz said that the Palestinian shepherds were attacked near a newly created illegal settler outpost near the border of the Umm Zuka Nature Reserve, and also within eyesight of the Israeli military's Netzah Yehuda base, where a special ultra-Orthodox Jewish unit is stationed.

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February 11th, 2017

Israeli forces deliver land confiscation notices in Ramallah-area village

Israeli forces delivered confiscation notices on Friday for 275 dunams (69 acres) of private Palestinian land on the outskirts of the village of Beituniya in the western part of the occupied West Bank district of Ramallah. Official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that farmers from the villages of Beit Ur al-Tahta and Beit Ur al-Fuqa found notices in the fields where Israeli forces had seemingly scattered them around. The notices reportedly read that the lands would be confiscated for "urgent military purposes."

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February 11th, 2017

Jerusalem teen suffers medical negligence in Israeli prison

A 17-year-old Palestinian boy who was held in an Israeli jail was "on the verge of death" because of the negligence he was subjected to in prison. Majd Nadir Saida, he was released from jail earlier this week after being detained for over a year, told Ma'an that he was captured on 30 September 2015 when "six undercover Israeli officers attacked me near my house, beating me violently and firing gunshots into the air to prevent anyone from helping me."

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February 12th, 2017

Israel delivers stop-work orders to Palestinians in northern Jordan Valley

Israeli authorities issued stop-work orders for 16 Palestinian-owned structures in the northern Jordan Valley village of Khirbet Humsa al-Fuqa in the occupied West Bank on Sunday morning, according to a local official. Muataz Bisharat, who monitors settlement-related activities in the Jordan Valley, told Ma'an that inspectors from the Israeli Civil Administration's planning and construction department stormed Khirbet Humsa al-Fuqa and delivered stop-work orders to 16 structures that belong to seven Palestinian families.

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

February 12th, 2017

Israeli settlers break into al-Aqsa Mosque under police protection

A group of Israeli settlers Sunday broke into al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem under heavy Israeli protection, local sources said. The settlers, who entered al-Aqsa Mosque via al-Magharba gate, went on provocative tours around the yard of the mosque, where worshippers chanted Islamic slogans in protest to the settlers' continuous activities.

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

February 12th, 2017

Palestinian Shepherds Reportedly Assaulted by Israeli Civilians, Soldiers Near West Bank Outpost

Three Palestinian shepherds said they were attacked by a group of Israeli civilians and soldiers on Friday morning near a new Israeli outpost in the northern Jordan Valley. According to the three, the incident involved three civilians and two soldiers and occurred within eyesight of the Israeli military's Netzah Yehuda base, where a special ultra-Orthodox Jewish unit is stationed. The base is near the border of the Umm Zuka nature reserve.

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February 13th, 2017

Netanyahu non-committal on Palestinian statehood as he heads to U.S.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sidestepped a question on whether he still supports the creation of a Palestinian state as he left for the United States on Monday on his first visit since President Donald Trump took office. Netanyahu has never publicly abandoned his conditional backing for Palestinian statehood, which he first stated in 2009, but Palestinians say that commitment has been rendered worthless by Israeli settlement building on occupied land.

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

February 13th, 2017

Israeli police assault Palestinians during raid into Jerusalem's Old City

The head of the Jerusalem chapter of the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS), Nasser Qaws, said he was assaulted by Israeli police during a raid into occupied East Jerusalem's Old City on Sunday night, when three other Palestinian youths were also detained. Qaws said that Israeli police forces raided al-Wad Street in the Old City, targeting the home of the Najib family where officers detained three unidentified youths.

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

February 13th, 2017

Israeli forces raid Palestinian section of Ramon prison

Israel Prison Services (IPS) forces Monday raided and searched cells holding Palestinian prisoners in Israel's Ramon prison early Monday morning. According to the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs, Israeli forces raided and imposed a lock down on section one of the prison, and thoroughly searched one of its cells.

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February 13th, 2017

Israeli naval forces open fire at Palestinian fishermen in Gaza

Israeli naval boats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip on two separate occasions on Sunday night and Monday morning, with no injuries reported in either case.

Fishermen told Ma'an that Israeli forces opened live fire at fishermen off the coast of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Monday evening, forcing fishermen to sail to shore who said they feared for their safety.

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February 13th, 2017

Lebanon's Aoun: Israel wants to abolish Palestinian identity, territory

President of the Republic of Lebanon Michel Aoun Monday said Israel seeks to obliterate the Palestinian identity and territory. Aoun said during an interview with the Egyptian Al Ahram newspaper that Israel views Palestinians who remained in Palestine as residents and not as lawful owners of a land and an identity.

[Read Article](#), WAFA

February 13th, 2017

Israel Loaned Settlement Group Over \$1 Million to Build Illegal Outposts on Palestinian-owned Land

A settlement-building organization obtained millions of shekels in government loans to carry out construction in illegal outposts by allegedly falsely declaring that it had rights to privately owned Palestinian lands, Haaretz has learned.

[Read Article](#), Haaretz

February 14th, 2017

Israeli forces shut down waste landfill in Nablus area

Israeli forces Tuesday closed a waste landfill in the village of Rujeib, Nablus in the occupied West Bank, and prevented Palestinians from accessing the site to get rid of garbage.

Ghassan Daghlas, a local official who monitors settlement activity, told WAFA that Israeli forces prevented Palestinians living in the village from getting rid of waste in the landfill, claiming the site is an Area C, under Israeli control.

[Read Article](#), WAFA

February 14th, 2017

Residents: Israel's railway project will occupy villages in Salfit

Palestinian farmers and villagers living around the occupied West Bank city of Salfit fear their land is being bulldozed by Israel as part of a project to construct a railway between Tel Aviv and the illegal settlement of Ariel.

The locals of Kafr Ad-Dik, Bruqin, Haris, Kufil Haris, Sarta and Qarawat Bani Hassan said that infrastructure works have been eating away at their agricultural land for over ten days.

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February 14th, 2017

Israeli forces open fire towards Gaza fishermen

Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip on Tuesday morning.

Fishermen told Ma'an that Israeli military ships fired at them off the coast of Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported.

An Israeli army spokesperson told Ma'an they would look into reports of the incidents.

[Read Article](#), Ma'an

February 15th, 2017

Israeli forces tighten closure on rural villages in Bethlehem

Israeli forces tightened closure on the western rural villages near Bethlehem in the south of the occupied West Bank, a local official said on Wednesday.

Hasan Hamamra, head of Housan village council, told Wafa that Israel kept the closure for the fourth day in a row on these villages, particularly Housan.

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February 15th, 2017

Israel tells Gaza heart patient: Spy for us or die

A heart patient from Gaza has died after he refused an Israeli offer to spy on Palestinian in order to access treatment.

Seventeen-year-old Ahmed was born with a congenital heart defect and had undergone a number of operations. He regularly made the trip from the Gaza Strip to the occupied West Bank for treatment and underwent 18 operations in Israeli hospitals.

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February 16th, 2017

Israeli forces install checkpoint at main entrance of Salfit-area village

Israeli forces installed a military checkpoint at the main entrance of a village in the central occupied West Bank on Wednesday evening, locals said. Ahmad Shqeir, a resident of the village of al-Zawiya in the Salfit district, told Ma'an that Israeli forces were questioning residents, inspecting their IDs, and searching their cars at the checkpoint, causing traffic congestion.

[Read Article](#), Ma'an

February 16th, 2017

Israeli forces demolish house in Bedouin village, leave disabled woman homeless

Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli police's Yoav unit, the section created to implement demolitions of Bedouin homes in the Negev, demolished a house in the unrecognized Bedouin village of al-Zarora in the Negev of southern Israel on Wednesday morning, leaving a wheelchair-bound woman in her forties homeless. Head of the regional council for unrecognized Bedouin villages Attiya al-Asam told Ma'an that the Israeli demolition campaign in the Negev had "crossed all lines" by targeting the homes of disabled residents, adding that the recent wave of demolitions were "inhumane" and were motivated by "hatred for the Arabs."

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February 17th, 2017

Israeli municipality expropriates Palestinian land in East Jerusalem neighborhood

The Israeli Municipality of West Jerusalem Friday expropriated a plot of Palestinian land in al-Ein Street in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, claiming it would be used for public benefit, said a local settlement watchdog. According to Wadi Hilweh Information Center, Israeli municipal crews raided Silwan and placed a sign with maps on the site of the plot reading in Arabic and Hebrew: "This is an order to use an empty plot of land for gardening purposes."

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February 17th, 2017

Palestinian Dies After Being Shot by Israeli Troops on His Way to His Last Chemo Session

On his way to what was supposed to his final chemotherapy session, last November, he boarded the wrong shared taxi. Discovering his mistake, he got off and ran across the highway to catch a taxi going in the opposite direction. Israel Defense Forces soldiers who may have thought he was going to attack them, shot him, seriously wounding him. For the next three months, he was bedridden in Beilinson Hospital, in Petah Tikva, most of the time in the intensive care unit. Throughout that entire period, no one in the IDF thought of updating his parents and family about the condition of their loved one. His mother was supposed to be allowed to visit him, but even though she came a few times, on all but one occasion, she was not permitted to enter his room.

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February 18th, 2017

Palestinian family in East Jerusalem forced to demolish their own home

A Palestinian family in the neighborhood of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem was forced to demolish their own home on Saturday following orders from the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem.

The Qarrain family told Ma'an that they had recently received an order from the Jerusalem municipality stating that the house was lacking Israeli-issued building permits and would need to be demolished.

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February 18th, 2017

Funeral held for Palestinian, shot by Israeli forces 3 months ago while crossing the street

Hundreds of Palestinian mourners joined a funeral procession in the city of Tulkarem in the northern occupied West Bank on Saturday for 25-year-old Muhammad Jallad, who died last week in Israeli custody, after being hospitalized for three months for gunshot wounds inflicted by Israeli forces while he was crossing the street on his way to a chemotherapy session. Members of Jallad's family have firmly rejected the Israeli army's claim that the young man was attempting to carry out a stabbing attack on soldiers when they shot him.

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February 19th, 2017

Israel to Seize West Bank Widow's Inheritance, Claiming It Belongs to the State

Israel has declared its intention to take away the compensation given to a Palestinian woman whose Israeli Arab husband was killed in a car accident, claiming that her inheritance belongs to the state by virtue of the Custodian of Absentee Property Law. The law has been used for decades to oversee the assets of Arabs who left or were forced to leave Israel during the 1948 War of Independence.

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February 19th, 2017

A Palestinian Farmer Just Wanted to Work His Land. He Got an Army Raid Instead

In an interesting sequence of events, only three weeks after the state said the settlement of Kiryat Arba had no authority to collect real estate tax (arnona) from two Hebron brothers, the Israel Defense Forces raided the home of one of them. It was the night between January 19 and 20. The arnona bill of 176,000 shekels (\$47,360) levied on Abdul Karim and Zaidan Jabari in January 2015 was part of a larger interesting sequence of events. It was sent a few months after the two had petitioned the High Court of Justice against an illegal structure that Kiryat Arba residents had built on the brothers' land. This is why the state to declare Kiryat Arba's "lack of integrity" in issuing the arnona bill.

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February 19th, 2017

Settlers & Israeli occupation forces carry out incursions areas in West bank

The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) stormed at Saturday dawn Several areas in the West Bank According local sources Israeli Occupation Forces stormed at Saturday morning Beit Rima town north of Ramallah and summoned two locals for investigation. The sources affirmed that Israeli forces summoned the two youngsters Hamam Muqdad and Umar Said for investigation after breaking into their houses.

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February 19th, 2017

43 Palestinians denied travel last week at Allenby crossing

The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) prevented last week 43 Palestinians in the West Bank from traveling abroad through Allenby (King Hussein) border crossing with Jordan According to the Palestinian Authority police on Saturday, 43 Palestinians were denied travel for alleged security reasons at the Israeli-controlled Allenby crossing.

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February 19th, 2017

Palestinian citizen of Israel shot dead in Tel Aviv

A Palestinian citizen of Israel was shot dead on the street in the Israeli city of Tel Aviv under unclear circumstances Saturday afternoon, with Israeli police saying that the motivation behind the shooting appeared to be criminal. Israeli police spokeswoman Luba al-Samri said in a statement that an "Arab man in his thirties was shot and seriously injured on Jar Zedek Street in Tel Aviv." She added that the victim was evacuated to Wolfson Hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after.

[Read Article](#), Ma'an

February 19th, 2017

Israeli forces detain 5 Palestinians in Hebron

Israeli forces detained five Palestinians in the southern occupied West Bank district of Hebron during predawn raids on Saturday. Locals told Ma'an that Israeli forces raided and searched several houses in al-Fawwar refugee camp and detained Muhammad Muath Hleiqawi, Ahmad Hassan Hleiqawi, and Amin Jabr Asfour.

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February 21th, 2017

Right-wing Politicians Call to Pardon Israeli Soldier for Deadly Shooting of Palestinian Attacker

Right-wing politicians reacted Tuesday to the 1.5-year prison sentence handed to Israeli soldier Elor Azaria for killing a wounded and immobilized Palestinian attacker, saying that he should be pardoned. Education Minister Naftali Bennett called for the pardon of Elor Azaria. "Israel's security demands he be pardoned. Elor was sent to protect Israelis at the height of a wave of Palestinian terror attacks. He cannot go to jail or we will all pay the price."

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February 21th, 2017

Israeli soldiers arrest Palestinian for filming them

Israeli soldiers arrested a Palestinian volunteer with an Israeli human rights organization before shooting his brother in the knee with a rubber bullet earlier this month. The incident took place on February 10 in the West Bank village of Adameh near Nablus as Israeli soldiers guarding the settlement of Yitzhar and its illegal satellite outposts fired tear gas at local Palestinian youths who were reportedly taking a walk nearby.

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February 21th, 2017

Elor Azarya sentenced to 1.5 years in prison for killing wounded Palestinian

After being found guilty of manslaughter for the filmed, execution-style shooting of 21-year-old Abd al-Fattah al-Sharif, 20-year-old Israeli soldier Elor Azarya was sentenced to 18 months in prison, a year's probation, and a demotion in his military rank on Tuesday. The prosecution had sought a three- to five-year prison sentence for the killing, with the maximum sentence for manslaughter being 20 years in prison.

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February 21th, 2017

Israel delivers demolition orders to 40 homes, school in Bedouin community

Israeli forces raided the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar in the occupied West Bank northeast of Jerusalem on Sunday morning to deliver demolition orders to classrooms for the village's primary school, locals told Ma'an News Agency, while 40 homes in the community were also reportedly delivered demolition orders. Locals told Ma'an that Israeli forces surrounded the school – which has been threatened with demolition by the Israeli government for years – as faculty and students were prevented from accessing the building.

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February 21th, 2017

Israeli forces detain 9 Palestinians in predawn military raids

Israeli forces detained at least nine Palestinians in predawn military raids Sunday across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. In the southern occupied West Bank district of Bethlehem, Israeli forces raided the town of Beit Fajjar and detained Uday Muhammad Thawabta, Yousif Mahmoud Taqatqa, Iyad Mahmoud Moussa Taqatqa, and Rashad Samih Derayya.

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February 22th, 2017

Israel Tortures Palestinian Children, Amnesty Report Says

Israel engaged in extensive human rights violations in 2016, including detaining or continuing to imprison thousands of Palestinians without charges or trial, torturing many of those held in custody, promoting illegal settlements in the West Bank and severely hampering the movement of Palestinians, according to the Amnesty International Annual Report, published on Wednesday.

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February 22th, 2017

Bedouin Driver Shot by Israeli Police Was Not Carrying Out Attack, Probe Set to Show

A Bedouin driver who had run over a police officer during clashes in a Negev village did not intend to carry out an attack, a probe into the incident is expected to show in the coming days. The January incident took place during a Bedouin demonstration against the demolition of the unrecognized Negev village of Umm al-Hiran. At the demonstration, Yakub Abu al-Kiyan ran over officer Erez Levi before being killed by police gunfire.

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February 22th, 2017

Report: Israeli gov't and settlers use false documents to seize Palestinian land

Under the Israeli Ministers of Finance and Housing's directions, the Israeli "Tvahot Bank" granted financial loans to the Amana Settlement Company estimated at NIS 5,000,000,000, where these funds were used to build housing units and buildings in the 2 randomly built settlements of Amona and Megron outposts. Documents of the loans showed that the Amana Company has mortgaged a private Palestinian land, which the Israeli High Court recently confirmed that the land is a Palestinian properties, and that the Amana has no rights to deal with it, and it provided false statements to the bank signed by the settler, Ze'ev Hever, Chairman of Amana Company and its General-Manager, Dov Markovic.

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February 22th, 2017

Dozens of residents in Masafer Yatta receive Israeli demolition notices

Israeli forces Wednesday delivered demolition notices to dozens of residents in a number of Palestinian localities that comprise Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, said a local activist. Ratib al-Jabour, who monitors settlement construction in southern Hebron, said Israeli forces informed residents of Khirbet al-Fakheit, Khirbet al-Tabban, Khirbet al-Majaz, al-Halawa, al-Markiz and Janba localities of its intention to uproot them.

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February 22th, 2017

Gazan fisherman in critical condition after being shot in back by Israeli forces

A Palestinian fisherman who was detained earlier on Tuesday off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip was reported to be in critical condition after being shot in the back by Israeli forces during his detention. Zakariya Bakr, head of fishermen committees at the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, told Ma'an that the family of Muhammad Imran Sabri Bakr had informed the union that he was injured with a bullet wound in his back.

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February 22th, 2017

Israeli forces detain Palestinian youth over Facebook post

Israeli forces detained a Palestinian youth on Wednesday at the al-Jib Israeli military checkpoint northwest of Jerusalem in the seam zone of the occupied West Bank, due to a post he published on his personal Facebook page. The youth was identified by locals as Laith Barakat. However, his exact age remained unknown as of Wednesday.

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February 22th, 2017

Israeli forces violently raid Palestinian home before razing it to the ground

Seven Palestinians, including five children, were left homeless Wednesday morning when Israeli bulldozers demolished their house in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of northern occupied East Jerusalem, after Israeli forces assaulted the owner at gunpoint, according to the family. Witnesses told Ma'an that municipality crews and bulldozers escorted by Israeli special forces and police raided Beit Hanina at around 5 a.m. and surrounded Luay Abu Rmouz's house.

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February 23th, 2017

Israeli Authorities 'Knowingly Facilitate' Entry Of Banned Pesticides Into Occupied West Bank

Israel has been facilitating the illegal trade and manufacturing of deadly pesticides within illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian territory, according to a recent investigation. The use of pesticide has not only contaminated the local environment and food sources, but has led to serious human rights abuses, according to the report. A number of highly toxic pesticides banned by the self-governing body, the Palestinian Authority, PA, are illegally traded into Palestinian territories under Israeli occupation, according to a fact-finding investigation by the Arab Group for the Protection of Nature, APN, and the PAN Asia Pacific, PANAP.

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February 23th, 2017

Israeli forces shoot at fishermen, enter Gaza border area

Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen in the northern Gaza Strip on Thursday morning, while army bulldozers crossed the borderline of the besieged coastal enclave. Israeli army ships deployed off the coasts of Beit Lahiya and Gaza City fired in the direction of fishermen, locals told Ma'an. No injuries were reported. Meanwhile, four Israeli bulldozers escorted by drones flying overhead entered the central Gaza Strip east of Deir al-Balah on Thursday morning, witnesses told Ma'an.

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February 23th, 2017

Israeli army evacuates Palestinian families for "training purposes"

Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint outside Jenin in the north of the West Bank Thursday tore up army-issued permits for 110 Palestinians when they were trying to cross Jalama checkpoint, north of Jenin, into Israel, said an official. Chairman of Jenin Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hesham Masad said Israeli troops tore up the permits of Palestinians that would allow them to enter Israel claiming their permits were not valid for workers, but rather for business people.

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February 23th, 2017

Amnesty International says Israeli forces unlawfully killed Palestinian civilians

Israel unlawfully killed Palestinian civilians, including children, in 2016, the rights group, Amnesty International (AI), said in its annual 2016/2017 report on the situation of human rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. "Israeli forces unlawfully killed Palestinian civilians, including children, in both Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), and

detained thousands of Palestinians from the OPT who opposed Israel's continuing military occupation, holding hundreds in administrative detention," it said. "Torture and other ill-treatment of detainees remained rife and were committed with impunity."

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February 24th, 2017

Israeli Soldiers Destroy UNICEF Drinking Water Pipeline

Israeli military bulldozers destroyed, Monday, a drinking water pipeline that was funded by The United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the Central Plains of the occupied West Bank. Mo'taz Bisharat, a Palestinian official in charge of Israeli colonies' file at the Palestinian Authority in central West Bank, said many Israeli army jeeps and bulldozers invaded the area, during early morning hours, and destroyed a drinking water pipeline, providing water to Palestinian communities along the al-Hadeediyya and ar-Ras al-Ahmar areas.

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February 24th, 2017

Israel transfers 2 East Jerusalem Palestinians to administrative detention

Israeli authorities transferred two Palestinians from occupied East Jerusalem to administrative detention -- Israel's widely-condemned policy of internment without charge or trial -- on Thursday.

Head of the Jerusalem Committee for Families of Prisoners Amjad Abu Asab told Ma'an that Israeli authorities transferred Majd Darwish to administrative detention for six months and Muhammad Abd al-Latif for three months.

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February 24th, 2017

Israel closes Jerusalem-area Palestinian boys school for 'incitement'

Israeli authorities closed a Palestinian elementary school for boys in the town of Sur Bahir in occupied East Jerusalem district on Thursday over alleged "incitement." Head of the school Luay Jamal Bkirat told Ma'an that Israeli intelligence officials summoned him and the school's financial manager Nasser Hamid for interrogation at an Israeli police station, where they were then told, to their surprise, that Israeli police would be shutting down the school over "incitement in the schools' materials."

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February 24th, 2017

Israeli troops clash with Palestinians marking Hebron massacre

Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers clashed with Palestinian protesters on Friday in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, on the anniversary of a 1994 massacre of Palestinians carried out by a far-right Jewish settler. Soldiers fired tear gas and sound grenades to disperse the crowd as cannons doused them with stinking water, an AFP correspondent said. Jewish settlers, of whom

500 are entrenched in the centre of the city of around 200,000 Palestinians, hurled stones at the protesters.

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February 26th, 2017

IOF demolish home under construction in Kufr Qasim

Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) on Sunday morning have demolished an under-construction two story house in Kufr Qasim town in the southern triangle, under the pretext of no building permit. Israeli bulldozers broke into the town this morning, backed by a large number of Israeli policemen to carry out the demolition, and prevented the residents from approaching the area.

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February 26th, 2017

Knesset petition to expel Arab MK

More than 70 members of the Knesset, most of them from the ruling coalition, have signed a petition calling for the expulsion of Arab MK Basel Ghattas from parliament, Felesteen has reported. According to Israeli television, this is the second petition that Ze'ev Elkin MK has submitted to the Speaker demanding that he should oust Ghattas. His first petition was rejected due to a lack of evidence of any wrongdoing by the Palestinian Knesset member.

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February 26th, 2017

IOF storm Tekoua' high school, attack students and teachers

Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) on Sunday morning have stormed Tekoua' high school, East of Bethlehem, central West Bank, attacked its students and teachers. Local sources from the village said that IOF broke into the school and assaulted the students and teachers with pepper spray.

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February 27th, 2017

Palestinian girl shot by Israeli soldiers at Qalandia checkpoint

Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) on Monday afternoon have shot a Palestinian girl at Qalandia military checkpoint near Ramallah, northern West Bank, under the pretext of an attack on Israeli soldiers. The Palestinian red cross confirmed the shooting from the spot.

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February 27th, 2017

Palestinian children get longer sentences for throwing stones than Israeli soldier got for killing a Palestinian

An 18-month prison sentence for an Israeli soldier who shot dead a wounded Palestinian assailant is an “unacceptable” punishment for “an apparent extra-judicial killing”, the UN said Friday. United Nations human rights office spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani further charged the Jewish state with having “a chronic culture of impunity” regarding cases involving Israeli troops and Palestinians ... “While the prosecution and conviction are very welcome steps towards accountability, the punishment... is difficult to reconcile with the intentional killing of an unarmed and prone individual,” she added.

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February 27th, 2017

Israel's hateful posts target Palestinian politicians

Ramallah - When Haneen Zoabi learned that she had been incited against more than anyone else on Israeli social media last year, she was unfazed. "I don't pay any attention. I don't even read these messages. I let my assistants handle it," she told Al Jazeera.

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February 27th, 2017

UN suspends Gaza staffer amid allegations of Hamas ties

The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees suspended a Palestinian staffer Sunday, a spokesman for the U.N. agency said as Israel alleged the employee was elected to a leadership position with the Islamist group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Chris Gunness of UNRWA said Suhail al-Hindi, the chairman of the UNRWA Palestinian workers' union in Gaza and the principal of a UNRWA elementary school, was suspended due to "substantial information" received by the agency.

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February 28th, 2017

Settlers building race track inside IDF live-fire training zone

Israeli authorities have been laying the groundwork for a state-of-the-art RallyCross race track, in what they say is a response to the growing demand for motor sport recreational facilities and areas. The only problem? The track being built is partially inside an IDF live firing zone in the occupied West Bank — a designation Israeli military authorities often use to displace local Palestinian populations.

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February 28th, 2017

Israeli forces injure 9-year-old Palestinian girl, teen boy with rubber bullets during raid

Two Palestinians, including a 9-year-old girl, were injured by rubber-coated steel bullets fired by Israeli forces on Monday afternoon during clashes in the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem, according to a Fatah spokesman in the camp. Thaer al-Fasfous told Ma'an that dozens

of Israeli police officers stormed the camp and started to ransack stores, prompting local young men and teenagers to clash with them.

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February 28th, 2017

Palestinian teen shot by Israeli forces remains handcuffed to hospital bed in ICU

Palestinian child Abdullah Haroun al-Anati from the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem was shot by Israeli forces with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the chest during a violent raid in the camp Monday afternoon, and has since remained chained to his hospital bed at Israel's Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem despite being in the intensive care unit.

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February 28th, 2017

Israel will use 'killer robots' to eliminate Palestinians, claims minister

Israel's minister without portfolio Ayoub Kara has revealed that the Israeli army is to use robots to eliminate "terror leaders" from Hamas and Hezbollah, the media reported at the weekend. Kara made his claim at a cultural event in Beer Sheva. "After what happened in Gaza and Lebanon, I don't want Israel Defence Forces soldiers to enter any more," he told the audience.

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February 28th, 2017

Bernie Sanders: Israel needs to end its 50-year occupation

Democratic senator and former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has called for an end to the "50-year occupation" of the Palestinian territory by Israel in a speech on Monday, saying that Washington should pursue policies that would ensure a "prosperous future for Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians alike".

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