Weekly Report On Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (16 – 22 June 2016)

Israeli forces continue systematic crimes in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)
(16 – 22 June 2016)

- Israeli forces continued to use excessive force in the oPt
  - A Palestinian child was killed while another civilian succumbed to his wounds in the West Bank.
  - 6 civilians were wounded, including 3 children, in the West Bank.
  - A civilian was wounded when he played with a suspicious object from the Israeli forces’ remnants, east of al-Zaytoun neighbourhood.

- Israeli forces conducted 56 incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and 5 in Jerusalem.
  - 54 civilians, including 8 children and 3 young women.
  - 11 of them, including 8 children and 3 young women, were arrested in occupied Jerusalem.

- Israeli forces continued to target Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Strip Sea.
  - Israeli forces opened fire at 6 Palestinian fishing boats, south of Yata, but neither casualties nor arrests were reported.

- Israeli forces demolished houses on grounds of collective punishment
  - A house was demolished in Hajjahillage, northeast of Qalqilya.

- Israeli forces continued settlement activities in the West Bank.
  - Two houses were levelled in the southern side of Yata, and 19 civilians were displaced, including 12 children and 4 women.

- Israeli forces turned the West Bank into cantons and continued to impose the illegal closure on the Gaza Strip for the 9th
Dozens of temporary checkpoints were established in the West Bank and others were re-established to obstruct the movement of Palestinian civilians.

13 Palestinian civilians, including 2 women, were arrested at military checkpoints in the West Bank.

Director of “World Vision” –Gaza Zonal office was arrested at Beit Hanoun Crossing in the northern Gaza Strip.

Summary

Israeli violations of international law and international humanitarian law in the oPt continued during the reporting period (16 – 22 June 2016).

Shooting:

Israeli forces have continued to commit crimes, inflicting civilian casualties. They have also continued to use excessive force against Palestinian civilians participating in peaceful protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the majority of whom were youngsters. During the reporting period, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian child while another civilian succumbed to his wounds in the West Bank. Moreover, Israeli forces wounded 6 other civilians, including 3 children, in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, a civilian sustained moderate wounds due to the explosion of a suspicious object he was playing with from the Israeli forces’ remnants. Moreover, Israeli forces continued targeting the Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Strip Sea and the farmers in the border area.

In the West Bank, in the context of Israeli forces using force against peaceful protests, on 21 June 2016, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian child and wounded four other civilians, including 3 children; wounds of two of whom were classified as dangerous. Moreover, Israeli forces arrested two other children near Beit Sira village bridge and Beit ‘Or al-Tahta, southwest of Ramallah when Israeli forces opened fire at a car carrying 6 children and driven by ‘Ahd ‘Othman (21) on their way back home in Beit ‘Or al-Tahta village. Israeli forces claimed in the beginning that the Palestinian children threw stones at settlers’ cars on Road 443. Only hours later, Israeli forces admitted that they mistakenly killed the child.

On 19 June 2016, Medical sources in al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron, declared that ‘Arif Shareef Jaradat (22), from Sa’ir village, east of Hebron, succumbed to his wounds. According to PCHR’s investigations, the aforementioned civilian was hit with a live bullet by Israeli forces on 04 May 2016 when the later moved into the village. He was transferred to al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron and underwent then a surgery to remove part of the liver and Large intestine. He was later discharged from the hospital. On 17 June 2016, Jaradat was taken to al-Ahli Hospital in the City after his health status deteriorated. The doctors said that they found the large intestine closed, causing adhesions. As a result, his health status deteriorated and died. It should be mentioned that the aforementioned civilians suffered from “Down Syndrome”.

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On 21 June, two Palestinian civilians were wounded when Israeli forces moved into Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarm. A number of Palestinian civilians and children gathered to throw stones at the Israeli soldiers, who in response fired live ammunition, gas canisters and sound bombs at the stone-throwers to disperse them. As a result, two civilians were wounded.

In the Gaza Strip, on 18 June 2016, Mohammed Qreiq’a (23) from al-Shuja’iyah neighbourhood, east of Gaza City, was wounded after a suspicious object he played with exploded from the Israeli remnants. His left hand and hand-right finger were amputated and sustained shrapnel wounds throughout his body. He was transferred to al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where his wounds were classified as moderate.

In the context of targeting Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Strip Sea, on 19 June 2016, Israeli forces stationed off al-Wahah shore, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, heavily opened fire in the vicinity of Palestinian fishing boats and chased them.

On 20 June 2016, Israeli gunboats stationed off al-Soudaniyah shore, west of Jabalia, north of the Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats and chased them as well.

On the same day, Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Younis shore in the southern Gaza Strip heavily opened fire in the vicinity of Palestinian fishing boats. The shooting recurred in the area at approximately 19:00 and at approximately 07:30 on Tuesday, 21 June 2016.

**Incursions:**

During the reporting period, Israeli forces conducted at least 56 military incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and 5 limited ones in occupied East Jerusalem and its suburbs. During these incursions, Israeli forces arrested at least 54 Palestinian civilians, including 8 children and 3 women. Eleven of them, including 4 children and 3 women, were arrested in occupied Jerusalem.

**Restrictions on movement:**

Israel continued to impose a tight closure of the oPt, imposing severe restrictions on the movement of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including occupied East Jerusalem.

The illegal closure of the Gaza Strip, which has been steadily tightened since June 2007 has had a disastrous impact on the humanitarian and economic situation in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli
authorities impose measures to undermine the freedom of trade, including the basic needs for the Gaza Strip population and the agricultural and industrial products to be exported. For 9 consecutive years, Israel has tightened the land and naval closure to isolate the Gaza Strip from the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, and other countries around the world. This resulted in grave violations of the economic, social and cultural rights and a deterioration of living conditions for 1.8 million people. The Israeli authorities have established Karm Abu Salem (KeremShaloum) as the sole crossing for imports and exports in order to exercise its control over the Gaza Strip's economy. They also aim at imposing a complete ban on the Gaza Strip's exports. The Israeli closure raised the rate of poverty to 38.8%, 21.1% of which suffer from extreme poverty. Moreover, the rate of unemployment increased up to 44%, which reflects the unprecedented economic deterioration in the Gaza Strip.

Collective Punishment Policy:

On 21 June 2016, Israeli forces accompanied with two military bulldoers moved into Hajjaah village, east of Qalqilya. They surrounded a house belonging to the family of Mohammed ‘Abdel Qader Masalahah, father of Bashar Masalhah who was killed on 08 March 2016 under the pretext of carrying out a stabbing attack in Yafa. They started demolishing the inside walls with a hand digger while they demolished the outside walls with a bulldozer.

Settlement activities:

On 19 June 2016, Israeli forces demolished with heavy vehicles two houses in Abu Jheishesh Valley area, south of Sousia village, south of Yata, south of Hebron.

Details

1. Incursions into Palestinian Areas, and Attacks on Palestinian Civilians and Property in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Thursday, 16 June 2016

- At approximately 01:30, Israeli forces accompanied with military vehicles moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron, and stationed in Roq’a area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Hatem Mahmoud Hoshiya (67), whose son, Amjad (21), was killed by Israeli officers on 07 October 2015 in “Karyiy Jad” in Israel. Israeli forces claimed that Amjad tried to carry out a stabbing attack and steal a firearm from an Israeli soldier. A number of Israeli
soldiers raided and searched houses belonging to Abdul Kareem Hoshaieh; Fou’ad al-Shamisty; Mohamed Ibrahim Hoshaieh; Mohamed Mahmoud Ed’ais; Bahaa Nasir Makhamrah; and Waleed Waheed Hoshaieh “al-Jundi” (22). Israeli forces arrested Waleed al-Jundi and later withdrew. In the meantime, Israeli forces moved into al-Karmel area, south of the city. They raided and searched a house belonging to Ibrahim Waleed Shratieh (21) and arrested him.

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces accompanied with military vehicles moved into Jericho. Israeli vehicles patrolled the streets. They then headed to the west and moved into ‘Ain al-Sultan refugee camp. They raided and searched three houses from which they arrested three civilians and took them to an unknown destination. The arrested persons were identified as Yousef Omar Ali Wishah (20), Sultan Hamed Ibrahim (21), and Ahmed Mohamed Ali Wishah (20).

- At approximately 02:15, Israeli forces moved into Kafur ‘Aboush village, east of Qalqiliya. They raided and searched a house belonging to Hamza Adib Abdullah Khalaf (24) and arrested him.

- At approximately 20:45, Israeli forces moved into al-Zawiya village, west of Salfit. They raided and searched a house belonging to Nour al-Deen ‘Ezat Shoqair (60) and arrested him.

- At approximately 02:55, Israeli forces moved into Kafur al-Deek village, west of Salfit. They raided and searched houses from which they arrested 2 civilians, including a child. The arrested persons were identified as Mashhour Mohamed Naief al-Deek (30) and ‘Anan Ibrahim Ahmed al-Deek (17).

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (5) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Dura, Beit Oula, Samou’a and ‘Abda villages and al-Fawar refugee camp in Hebron.

Friday, 17 June 2016

- At approximately 00:30, Israeli forces moved into Hejjah village, east of Qalqiliya. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohamed Abdul Qadir Masalha, father of Bashar, who was killed on 08 March 2016, claiming that he carried out a stabbing attack in Jaffa. Israeli forces handed the family an administrative demolition notice and gave them until 20 June 2016 to submit an appeal to the Israeli Courts.
At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces accompanied with dozens of military vehicles moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron from Zaif entrance, in addition to 8 other vehicles moved into the south of Yatta from al-Fahs area, 5 of them stationed in al-Helah area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohamed “Aid Mousa” Makhamrah, whose son, Khalid (21) was accused of carrying out a shooting attack, along with his cousin, that resulted in the killing of 4 Israelis in Tel Aviv on 08 June 2016. Khalid and his cousin were then arrested. Israeli soldiers deployed in the vicinity of the house and over the roof and locked all the family members in one room, during which, an explosive engineering team arrived to take new measurements of the house for the third consecutive time. Moreover, Israeli authorities handed the family an administrative demolition notice and gave them until 20 June 2016 to submit an appeal to the Israeli Courts. An hour later, Israeli forces withdrew from the area and then raided and searched a house belonging to Ahmed “Mousa ‘Aid” Makhamrah, father of Mohamed, who was arrested along with his cousin in Tel Aviv.

Around the same time, Israeli forces accompanied with 4 military vehicles moved into Tarqumiya village, west of Hebron, and stationed in the north of the village. They raided and searched a house belonging to Samer Mohamed al-Masri (29) and arrested him.

At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces accompanied with 5 military vehicles moved into the west of Sureef village, northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched two houses belonging to Mohamed Abu Farah (23) and Ref’at Jabreen Abu Farah (25) and arrested both of them.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (8) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Marj Na’jah village, north of Jerich; Beit ‘Ur al-Tahtah and Kafur Ne’mah villages, southwest of Ramallah; Halhoul, Ethna, Sa’ir and Beit Ummer villages in Hebron; and Kafur al-Deek village, west of Salfit.

Saturday, 18 June 2016

- At approximately 01:30, Israeli forces accompanied with dozens of military vehicles moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Hamza Aiysh Zain (44), from al-Roq’a area in the vicinity of Ibn Taimiah School. Israeli forces then withdrew, and no arrests were reported.

- At approximately 03:00, Israeli forces moved into Beit ‘Omrah village, west of Yatta village. They raided and searched a rent house belonging to Bader Abdullah Mahmoud Ed’ais (48), after demolishing his house on 11 June 2016. Israeli forces claimed that Bader’s son, Murad (16), who was arrested by Israeli authorities on 19 January 2016, killed an Israeli female soldier in “Otniel” settlement. Furthermore, Israeli soldiers raided 3 houses belonging to Kamel, Kamal, and Rashad Abdullah Ed’ais and no arrests were reported.
During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (4) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Bitounia, Senjil and Kafur ‘Ain villages in Ramallah villages; and Kafur al-Deek village, west of Salfit.

Sunday, 19 June 2016

In the dawn, Israeli forces moved into Nazlit ‘Isaa village, north of Tulkarm. They raided and searched a house belonging to ‘Obaida Suhail Mahmoud Abdullah (22) and arrested him.

At approximately 01:00, Israeli forces accompanied with dozens of military vehicles moved into Dura village, southwest of Hebron, and stationed in Kraisah area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mos’ab Jamal al-Rojoub (27). Moreover, Israeli soldiers raided a house belonging to the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf, Mos’ab al-Rojoub (27), and arrested him. No arrests were reported.

At approximately 01:30, Israeli forces accompanied with military vehicles moved into Sa’ir village, east of Hebron, and stationed in al-‘Aroud area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Ramzi Mohamed Jabbareen (18) and arrested him.

At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron, and stationed in al-Helah area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohamed “Mousa ‘Aid” Makhamrah, whose son, Khalid, was accused of carrying out a shooting attack, along with his cousin, on 08 June 2016, in Tel Aviv. Furthermore, an explosive engineering team arrived to take new measurements of the house for the 4th consecutive time. Israeli forces handed the family an administrative demolition notice and gave them until 20 June 2016 to summit an appeal to the Israeli Courts. After that, they withdrew from the village and no arrests were reported.

Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into al-Zawiya village, west of Salfit. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohamed Falah Abu Ruz and handed him a summons to refer to the Israeli Intelligence Service. They later withdrew and no arrests were reported.

At approximately 04:30, Israeli forces moved into Deir Nizam village, northwest of Ramallah. They raided and searched a house belonging to Kafour Mostafa Mizher and arrested his sons, Waleed (19) and Baker (21).

At approximately 17:45, Israeli gunboats stationed in northwest of Beit Lahia, north of the Gaza Strip, heavily opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within a nautical mile and chased them. As a result, fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or
wounded.

- At approximately 20:30, Medical sources in al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron, declared the death of ‘Arif Shareef Abdul Ghafer Jaradat (22), from Sa’ir village, east of Hebron, succumbed to his injuries. According to PCHR’s investigations, the aforementioned civilian was hit with a live bullet by Israeli forces on 04 May 2016, when Israeli forces moved into Sha‘b Abu Tabikh area, southwest of the village. Israeli forces opened fire at him from a distance less than 10 meters, while he was shouting at them without posing any danger. It should be noted that there were no clashes in the abovementioned area. Jaradat was then taken to al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron, where medical sources stated that the live bullet penetrated his abdomen and exited from the lower back. After that, Jaradat underwent a surgical operation for 4 hours to remove part of his liver and large intestine. He was then discharged from the hospital. On Friday, 17 June 2016, Jaradat was taken to al-Ahli Hospital after his health deteriorated, where doctors found that he suffered from adhesions that led to his death. It should be noted that the aforementioned person suffers from Down syndrome.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (3) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: al-Fawar refugee camp and Beit Olaa village in Hebron, and Hawarah village, south of Nablus.

Monday, 20 June 2016

- At approximately 01:00, Israeli forces moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron, and stationed in al-Karmel area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Sami ‘Isaa Jebreel al-‘Adrah (51) and his sons Hamoda (24), Nidal (26), and Jebreen (28). In the meantime, other Israeli soldiers raided a cattle barn belonging to the abovementioned person that is 100 meters away from his house. No arrests were reported. Sami al-‘Adrah (51) said to a PCHR fieldworker, “At approximately 02:00, on 20 June 2016, Israeli forces raided my house and my three sons’ houses. They locked all of us in one room for 2 hours. I heard the soldiers saying in Hebrew, the language that I know, that they want to demolish my house. They later left the house after damaging its contents. Furthermore, Israeli soldiers raided my cattle barn and damaged its contents as well. They also confiscated surveillance cameras’ DVR and hit and kicked Ahmed Mansy, one of the barn workers, with gun butts. They searched the barn until 04:00, and prevented workers from milking cows.”

- At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces moved into ‘Arourah village, northwest of Ramallah. They raided and searched a house belonging to a journalist, Nasir Jamal Khamis Khusaib (25) and arrested him. It should be noted that the arrested person works at the Media Department in Birzeit University.
- At approximately 18:00, Israeli gunboats stationed off al-Sudaniya shore, west of Jabalia refugee camp, north of the Gaza Strip, heavily opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 2 nautical miles and fired many shells around the fishing boats. As a result, fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded. No arrests were reported.
- At approximately 07:00, Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Yunis shore, south of the Gaza Strip, sporadically opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats for two hours. At approximately 19:00, Israeli forces opened fire again at the fishing boats. As a result, fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded.

**Tuesday, 21 June 2016**

- In a new crime of using lethal forces, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian child and wounded 4 others, including 3 children, the wounds of two of them were classified as serious. Moreover, two other children were arrested near Beit Sira Bridge and Beit ‘Ur al-Tahta village, southwest of Ramallah. This happened When Israeli forces opened fire at a car carrying 6 children and driven by ‘Ahd ‘Othman (21) coming back home in Beit ‘Or al-Tahta. Israeli forces claimed in the beginning that Palestinian children threw stones at settlers’ cars on Road 443 between East Jerusalem and Israel. As a result, two settlers were wounded and the Israeli soldiers opened fire at the stone-throwers. Hours later, the Israeli forces admitted that the child was mistakenly killed. Yediot Aharonot’s website said, “According to Israeli forces’ investigations that the child in a car travelling near an oil spot and stones, so the Israeli soldiers thought that the oil was intentionally spilled from the car where the child was, causing cars to slide and get out of the track. The Israeli forces attacked the car and killed the child inside.” Despite Israel forces’ admission, the child’s corpse is so far detained, and no date was set to hand it over to his family.

According to PCHR’s investigations and testimony of Dawoud ‘Issam Dawoud Abu Hasan (13), at approximately 01:45 on Tuesday, 21 June 2016, the aforementioned was with his brother, Amir (15) and two cousins, Hadi ‘Ali Mahmoud Badran (16); Mahmoud Ra’fat Mahmoud Badran and two relatives, Majed Mohammed Majed Badran (14) and Majd ‘Abdel Ra’ouf (15). All of them are from Beit ‘Or al-Tahta village and were on their way back home in a rented car driven by ‘Ahd Akran Helal ‘Othman (21) after a night out in the Lin Land water park in adjacent Sira village. When they arrived at an underpass used by Palestinian vehicles to get across Road 443, soldiers standing on the road, on top of the underpass, opened massive fire at the car from a short distance. As a result, Mahmoud Badran was killed and the car driver and 3 other children were wounded. The Israeli soldiers denied at gunpoint Palestinian ambulances access to the scene to approach and offer first aid for the wounded. The child’s corpse was later taken by an Israeli ambulance to an unknown destination while Amir ‘Issam Dawoud Abu Hasan (15) was taken to Hadasa-‘Ein Karem Hospital as he was hit with a bullet to his abdomen and his health condition is critical. The three other wounded were taken to Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah:

1. Dawoud Abu Hasan was wounded with two bullets in the right thigh and left hand;
2. Hadi Badran was hit with a bullet in the right leg.
3. ‘Ahd ‘Othman sustained bullet shrapnel wounds in the head and chest. His condition is critical but stable and is in the intensive care unit.

Israeli forces arrested Majed Badran and Majd Badran (15) and were released in the afternoon.

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces accompanied with 3 military vehicles moved into Tulkarm from al-‘Aleimy intersection. The vehicles headed to the east and then moved into
Nour Shams refugee camp, east of the city, and stationed in al-Mahjar neighbourhood. They raided and searched a house belonging to former prisoner, Mahdi Mohamed Fayyid” Shikh Yousef” (24), and arrested him. In the meantime, a number of Palestinian young men gathered and threw stones at Israeli soldiers, who fired tear gas canisters and sound bombs in response. As a result, a 19-year-old male was hit with a live bullet to the leg, while another 24-year-old male was hit with a live bullet to the waist.

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem. They raided and searched houses from which they arrested Ali Hussain Deriyia (22), Esam Hussain Deriyia (20), Emad Mohamed Deriyia (19), and ‘Adel Mohamed Deriyia (18).

- At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces accompanied with military vehicles moved into Bitaa village, southeast of Nablus. They raided and searched 3 houses from which they arrested Walled Abdullah ‘Adali (25), Mahdi ‘Atif Dowikat (24) and Abdul Raouf Abdul Kareem Dowikat (22).

- At approximately 07:30, Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Yunis shore, south of the Gaza Strip, Sporadically opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats for over an hour. As a result, fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded.

**Wednesday, 22 June 2016**

- At approximately 01:30, Israeli forces accompanied with 5 military vehicles moved into Sureef village, northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Yousef Sameer al-Qadi (23) and arrested him.

- At approximately 01:50, Israeli forces moved into Betoniya village, west of Ramallah. They raided and searched 2 houses from which they arrested Mo’ien Hussain Rabah Hirayish (22) and Talib Isma’il Tarayrah (20).

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Badras village, west of Ramallah and al-Bireh. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mo’ien Lotfi Khalaf (26) and arrested him.

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into al-Jam’a neighborhood, south of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Adham Zuhair al-Bakri (22) and arrested him.

- At approximately 02:05, Israeli forces moved into ‘Azoun village, east of Qalqiliya. They raided and searched a house belonging to Sameer Abdul ‘Aziz Shubitah, an officer in the
National Security Service, and confiscated a cell phone and ID card belonging to his brother Ahmed (24), a policeman in the Civil Defense. Moreover, Israeli forces raided and searched a house belonging to Nasir Ahmed Mansour Sowidan, and arrested his daughter’s husband, Mo’ien Mohamed Mahmoud Redwan (26). It should be noted that Redwan is a member in the Palestinian Preventive Security Service.

- At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces moved into al-Bireh. They raided and searched 2 houses from which they arrested Majed Sa’ied Qararah (16) and Mohamed Badee’ Abu Musalam (18).

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Deir al-Hatab village, northeast of Nablus. They raided and searched a house belonging to Husam Zaid Qasem Hussain (32) and arrested him.

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Tubas. They raided and searched a house belonging to Bahaa Nidal al-Kharaz (22) and arrested him.

- At approximately 03:00, Israeli forces moved into Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem. They raided and searched houses from which they arrested Malik Akram Taqtqah (18) and Baraa Nabil Thawabtah (18).

- At approximately 04:00, Israeli forces moved into Tulkarm, and stationed in Thanabah suburb, east of the city. They raided and searched a house belonging to Ayman Ahmed Hussain Abdullah “Ramilat” (23) and arrested him.

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into ‘Entabah village, east of Tulkarm, and stationed in the southern Mount of the village. They raided and searched a house belonging to Fathi Waleed Abdul Fatah Isma’il (21) and arrested him. After that, Israeli soldiers raided 2 houses belonging to Baraa Maher Ibrahim ‘Adas (21) and Ahmed Mahmoud Shehada “al-Shalw” (19), and arrested both of them. They also searched a house belonging to Shahir Ibrahim Hasan ‘Adas (64) after destroying the house main door. Israeli forces then withdrew and took the three arrested persons to an unknown destination.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (3) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Jabi’ village, south of Jenin; Halhoul village, north of Hebron, al-Karmel village, south of the city, and Deir Abu Da’ief village, southeast of Jenin.

Palestinian Civilian wounded after playing with suspicious object from the Israeli remnants, east of al-Zaytoun neighborhood
At approximately 17:00 on Saturday, 18 June 2016, Mohammed Bassem Hamdan Qreiq’a (23) from al-Shuja’iyah neighborhood, east of Gaza City was wounded when he played with a suspicious object from the Israeli remnants. As a result, his left hand and right-hand finger was amputated and he sustained shrapnel throughout his body. He was taken to al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza city and medical sources described the wounds as moderate. According to his testimony to a PCHR fieldworker, when he was on his way back from al-‘Asr Prayer heading to his field near Tunis School, east of al-Zaytoun neighborhood, east of Gaza City, he saw children playing with a suspicious object, which is a rectangular metal piece with shaped edges. He knew that it was from the Israeli remnants as it is a border area that is subject to frequent shelling and where many Israeli remnants were previously found. He took it from the children’s’ hands to put it in far place. He carried it until he reached the field but was then surprised that it exploded. He fell to the ground and fainted until he arrived at the hospital. The Palestinian police said to the fieldworker that the explosion occurred in al-Zayoun neighborhood, where Qreiq’a was wounded due to playing with Israeli forces’ remnant. The police added the area is always subject to shelling and is only 2 kilo meters away from the eastern borders between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

Use of excessive force against peaceful demonstrations protesting settlement activities and the construction of the annexation wall

Demonstrations against the annexation wall and settlement activities

- Following the Friday prayer, 17 June 2016, dozens of Palestinians and Israeli and international human rights defenders organised protests against the annexation wall and settlement activities in Bil’in and Nil’in villages, west of Ramallah, al-Nabi Saleh village, northwest of city, and Kafur Qaddoum village, northeast of Qalqilya. Israeli forces used force to disperse the protesters by firing live bullets, metal bullets, tear gas canisters and sound bombs and chased the protesters into the olive fields and between houses. As a result, many civilians suffered tear gas inhalation and others sustained bruises as Israeli soldiers beat them up.

Collective Punishment

- At approximately 00:30 on Tuesday, 21 June 2016, Israeli forces accompanied with military jeeps and two bulldozers moved into Heja village, east of Qalqiliyah. They surrounded a house belonging to Mohammed Abdul Qader Maslahah, father of Bashar Masalhah who was killed on 08 March 2016 after the Israeli forces claimed he carried out a stab attack in Jaffa. They handed Mohammed a demolition notice and that he should vacate the house until 20 June 2016 to demolish it. The Israeli soldiers began demolishing the internal walls of the house with a hand digger while they demolished the external ones with the bulldozer. The house is in the second floor of a three-story house which is built on an area of 200 square meters. It should be noted that Mohammed hired lawyer Leah Tsemel regarding the
threatening of demolition case. However, she informed him that the Israeli Supreme Court has issued a decision on 15 June 2016 to demolish the second floor of the house by hand and not by bulldozers. However, the Israeli forces did not commit to the abovementioned decision and used a bulldozer.

2. Continued closure of the oPt

Israel continued to impose a tight closure on the oPt, imposing severe restrictions on the movement of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including occupied East Jerusalem.

Gaza Strip

Israeli forces continuously tighten the closure of the Gaza Strip and close all commercial crossings, making the Karm Abu Salem crossing the sole commercial crossing of the Gaza Strip, although it is not suitable for commercial purposes in terms of its operational capacity and distance from markets.

Israeli forces have continued to apply the policy, which is aimed to tighten the closure on all commercial crossings, by imposing total control over the flow of imports and exports.

Israeli forces have continued to impose a total ban on the delivery of raw materials to the Gaza Strip, except for very limited items and quantities. The limited quantities of raw materials allowed into Gaza do not meet the minimal needs of the civilian population of the Gaza Strip.

Israeli forces also continued to impose an almost total ban on the Gaza Strip exports, including agricultural and industrial products, except for light-weighted products such as flowers, strawberries, and spices. However, they lately allowed the exportation of some vegetables such as cucumber and tomatoes, furniture and fish.

Israel has continued to close the Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing for the majority of Palestinian citizens from the Gaza Strip. Israel only allows the movement of a limited number of groups, with many hours of waiting in the majority of cases. Israel has continued to adopt a policy aimed at reducing the number of Palestinian patients allowed to move via the Beit Hanoun crossing to receive medical treatment in hospitals in Israel or in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Israel also continued applying the policy of making certain civilian traveling via the crossing interviewed by the Israeli intelligence service to be questioned, blackmailed or arrested.

Movement at Karm Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing, southeast of Rafah, is designated
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- On Monday, 13 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation of a truckload of clothes, 2 truckloads of tomatoes.
- On Tuesday, 14 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation 2 truckloads of livestock skin, 4 truckloads of tomatoes and a truckload of fish.
- On Wednesday, 08 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation of 4 truckloads of scrap, 0.40 tons of garlics, 0, 10 tons of tarragons.
- On Thursday, 16 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation of 3 truckloads of tomatoes, 0.4 tons of eggplants, a truckload of dates and 0.63 tons of squash.
- On Sunday, 19 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation of 5 truckloads of tomatoes, a truckload of cucumbers and 2 truckloads of potatoes.
- On Monday, 20 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed the exportation of a truckload of clothes and 2 truckloads of scrap.
Beit Hanoun (“Erez”) crossing, in the north of the Gaza Strip, is designated for the movement of individuals, and links the Gaza Strip with the West Bank.

Movement at Beit Hanoun (“Erez”) crossing

14 – 20 June 2016

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Notes:
On Friday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces allowed 244 persons from the Gaza Strip to perform prayers in al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

On Tuesday, 14 June 2016, Israeli authorities allowed one person to renew his permit.

**Arrest of Director of World Vision Gaza Zonal Office at Beit Hanoun “Erez” Crossing, north of the Gaza Strip**

At approximately 14:30 on Wednesday, 15 June 2016, Israeli forces stationed at Beit Hanoun “Erez” crossing, north of the Gaza Strip, arrested engineer Mohammed Khalil Mohammed al-Halabi (38) from Tal al-Za’tar area in Jabalia while he was returning to the Strip via Beit Hanoun crossing. Mohammed is the Director of the World Vision Gaza Zonal office in Palestine. On Monday morning, 13 June 2016, Mohammed left the Gaza Strip via the same crossing. He was in a work mission in the organization’s head office in Jerusalem. Mohammed’s family lost contact with him once he arrived to the crossing and learnt later that he was arrested in al-Majdal prison and no visits were allowed. His father confirmed that Mohammed called his wife once he arrived to the Strip and told her that the Israeli forces confiscated his ID. Mohammed also told her that the Israeli forces informed him that he has a security interview after which the family lost contact with him.

**West Bank**

Israel has imposed a tightened closure on the West Bank. During the reporting period, Israeli forces imposed additional restrictions on the movement of Palestinian civilians:

- **Hebron**: Israeli forces established (8) checkpoints all over the city.

  On Thursday, 16 June 2016, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints at the southern entrance to Hebron connecting between Yatta (al-Fahes) and the entrance to Bani Na’im village.

  On Friday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the southern entrance to Halhoul, Bani Na’im and Beit Awa villages.

  On Sunday, 19 June 2016, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the northern entrances to al-Shayoukh village, al-Aroub refugee camp and Hebron.

- **Ramallah and al-Bireh**: Israeli forces established (7) checkpoints all over the city.

  On Thursday, 16 June 2016, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints under the bridge of Yabrud village, northeast of Ramallah and under the bridge to Kharbatha al-Mesbah village, southwest of the city.

  On Friday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces established 4 checkpoints as follows: under the bridge of
Yabrud village, northeast of Ramallah, the entrance to Na’lin village, west of the city, the northern entrance to Birzeit village, north of Ramallah and the entrance to Turmus’ayya village, north of the city.

On Saturday, 18 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the eastern entrance to al-Taibah village, northeast of Ramallah.

- **Jericho**: Israeli forces established (5) checkpoints all over the city.

On Friday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the entrance to al-Nu’ayma village, north of Jericho, the southern entrance to the city and the crossroad of the (Dead Sea) the main street between Jericho and Jerusalem.

On Saturday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints near the entrance to Ein al-Duke, and the entrance to al-Ouja village, north of Jericho.

- **Qalqiliyah**:

At approximately 20:50 on Saturday, 18 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint between Kafer Qadoum and Hejah villages, northeast of Qalqiliyah.

At approximately 01:30 on Thursday, 21 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the entrance to Kafer Qadoum village, northeast of Qalqiliyah. They checked the civilian’s ID cards and their vehicles and detained Mohammed Saleh Shtaiwi (26) and released him before removing the abovementioned checkpoint.

- **Salfit**:

At approximately 19:50 on Saturday, 18 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the entrance to Kafel Hares village, north of Salfit. They checked the civilians’ ID cards and vehicles and then detained Mahfouth Jameel Shuhada, who is soldier at the Palestinian National Security and released him before removing the checkpoint.

**Arrests at military checkpoints**

- At approximately 18:00 on Thursday, 16 June 2016, Israeli forces arrested Marwan Salim Mousa (24), from al-Khader village, south of Bethlehem, while he was at Jerusalem. They claimed that he does not have a permit to enter the city.

- At approximately 20:00 on the same Thursday, Israeli forces arrested Jameel Sohail Hamamrah (22) from Husan village, west of Bethlehem while he was in al-Wajlah village, northwest of the city.
At approximately 09:40 on Friday, 17 June 2016, Israeli forces arrested Refqah Faisal Nemer Gharabah Hanaysha (21), from Qabatyah village, southeast of Jenin, while she was near al-Amoud Gate in occupied Jerusalem. Israeli forces claimed that Refqah tried to carry out a stabbing attack near al-Amoud Gate and they found a knife with her while arresting her.

At approximately 14:00, on the same Friday, Israeli forces arrested Sohir Ahmed Mahmud Busharat (20), from Tamoun village, south of Tubas, while she was crossing Qalandiya checkpoint, north of East Jerusalem.

At approximately 17:00, on the same Friday, Israeli forces arrested 3 civilians near Mgharet Dab’aa Gate, south of Qalqiliyah, and ran over another civilian while attempting to enter via the aforementioned gate and work in Israel. The arrested civilians were identified as Ayed Husain Oudah (22), Mohammed Abdullah Abdul Azeez Ouaisat (17) and Mahyoub Othman Abdul Qader Ouda (19). After that, the Israeli forces released two of them while kept Mahyoub Ouda under arrest. Moreover, a gatekeeper of the abovementioned gate ran over Hamzah Abdullah Ouaisat (22). As a result, Hamzah was sustained bruises after which he was transported to Yaser-Arafat Hospital in Salfit to receive medical treatment.

At approximately 20:20 on Saturday, 18 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Qalqiliyah and checked the civilians' IDs and vehicles. They then arrested Mohammed Kayed Mohammed Suailem (30) and Kahled Khalil Fawzi Zamari (28) from the city.

At approximately 23:00 on Saturday, 18 June 2016, Israeli forces arrested Khader Yusuf Judah (33), from Aydah refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, while he was near the western entrance to Beit Jala.

At approximately 22:30 on Monday, 20 June 2016, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at Kafer Qadoum village, northeast of Qalqiliyah. They checked the civilians’ IDs vehicles. They also arrested Mohammed Ahmed Burhum (21) and released him on Tuesday morning.

At approximately 17:20 on Tuesday, 21 June 2016 Israeli forces stationed near the annexation wall established on lands of Azoun Etmah village, south of Qalqiliyah, arrested Ezz Eiden Amer al-Shelah (37), from the above mentioned village, and Adnan Abdul Kareem Ali Zaid (35), from Qalqiliyah, claiming that both of them put a ladder on the wall to allow Palestinian civilians sneak to work in Israel.

3. Efforts to Create Jewish majority
Israeli forces escalated their attacks on Palestinian civilians and their property. They have also continued their raids on al-Aqsa Mosque and denied the Palestinians access to it:

**Arrests and Incursions:**

- At approximately 02:00 on Sunday, 19 June 2016, Israeli forces moved into al-Eizariya village, east of Jerusalem. They raided and searched several houses after which they arrested Shereen Mohammed Bassah (33) and Sabah Far’oun (31).

- At approximately 01:00 on Tuesday, 21 June 2016, Israeli forces raided and searched a house belonging to Ayman al-Rasheq in Ras Khamees neighbourhood near Shu’fat refugee camp, north of East Jerusalem. They confiscated a number of PC sets and then arrested Ayman’s son Mousa (23).

- At approximately 23:00 on the same Tuesday, Israeli forces raided and searched a house belonging to Bassam Hamada in Sour Bahar village, southeast of East Jerusalem. They then arrested Bassam’s daughter We’am (23).

- At approximately 02:00 on Wednesday, 22 June 2016, Israeli forces moved into al-Issawiyya village, northeast of Jerusalem. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested six civilians: Mohammed Nader Abu Ouais (16), Tamer Malehat (17), Nader Mazen Muhaisen (15), Abdul Fatah Yusuf Abu Saimah (15), Wadée’ Abu al-Humus (20) and Saeb Darbas (20).

- At approximately 02:30 on the same day, Israeli forces raided and searched a house belonging to Jamal Rabee’ in Abu Dees village, east of East Jerusalem. They then arrested his son Abdul Rahman (22) and took him to an unknown destination.

**Settlement expansion and demolition notices:**

- At approximately 16:00 on Thursday, 16 June 2016, crews from the Israeli municipality, the Antiquities Authority and Special Forces raided a playground of Helwa Valley in Silwan village, south of East Jerusalem, under the pretext of doing repairs in the infrastructure.

The Helwa Valley committee stated that the Israeli municipality crews and the Antiquities Authority as well as “Elad Settlement Association” raided the neighbourhood’s playground under the pretext of doing repairs in the infrastructure of the area. They began digging without presenting the work permit while the Israeli Special Forces were present. The committee mentioned that the residents...
confronted them on the same day morning and prevented them from entering the playground. After that, one of the “Elad Settlement Association” staff members insulted and cursed at the residents and threatened them. The committee doubted the main reasons of raiding the playground and the demolishing works particularly that the permit was not shown. The committee also pointed that many tunnels were dug and still present under the abovementioned playground. It emphasized that Helwa Valley playground is a land belonging to Siyam family and was rented by Madaa Creative Centre, after which it was turned into a playground. This reflects the Israeli municipality’s negligence to offer kid’s yards and playgrounds. Moreover, the Israeli authorities attempts to confiscate the playground to build a road that serves settlers in the area, as the Israeli authorities seek to connect the area of Helwa Valley with al-Rababah Valley and then to al-Thawri neighbourhood in Silwan.

4. Settlement activities and attacks by settlers against Palestinian civilians and property

**Israeli Forces Attacks:**

- At approximately 13:00 on Sunday, 19 June 2016, Israeli forces accompanied with several military jeeps and two bulldozers moved into Abu Juhaish Valley area, south of Susiya village, south of Yatta, south of Hebron. The soldiers patrolled between residential tents while the civil administration staff that accompanied the Israeli forces too began to vacate two houses under the pretext of building without a permit. They then demolished them. The demolished houses were:

1. A house built of bricks and tin plates with an area of 50 square meters belonging to Khalil Salama Nawaj’ah (60). Khalil lives with his wife and son Mohammed (26) who is married and has three children. The house cost about NIS 9,000; and

2. A house built of tin plates and shade cloth with an area of 45 square meters in addition to a kitchen built of shade cloth with an area of 10 square meters and a livestock barrack that is built of shade cloth with an area of 30 square meters. All of these belong to Hisham Khalil Salamah Nawaj’ah (35) and his family which consist of two wives and 9 children.

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**Recommendations to the International Community**

PCHR emphasizes the international community’s position that the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, are still under Israeli occupation, in spite of Israeli military redeployment outside the Gaza Strip in 2005. PCHR further confirms that Israeli forces continued to impose collective punishment measures on the Gaza Strip, which have escalated since the 2006 Palestinian parliamentary elections, in which Hamas won the majority of seats of the Palestinian Legislative Council. PCHR stresses that there is international recognition of Israel's obligation to
respect international human rights instruments and the international humanitarian law, especially the Hague Regulations concerning the Laws and Customs of War on Land and the Geneva Conventions. Israel is bound to apply the international human rights law and the law of war sometime reciprocally and other times in parallel in a way that achieves the best protection for civilians and remedy for victims.

In light of continued arbitrary measures, land confiscation and settlement activities in the West Bank, and the latest 51-day offensive against civilians in the Gaza Strip, PCHR calls upon the international community, especially the United Nations, the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Convention and the European Union – in the context of their natural obligation to respect and enforce the international law – to cooperate and act according to the following recommendations:

1. PCHR calls upon the international community and the United Nations to use all available means to allow the Palestinian people to enjoy their right to self-determination, through the establishment of the Palestinian State, which was recognized by the UN General Assembly with a vast majority, using all international legal mechanisms, including sanctions to end the occupation of the State of Palestine;
2. PCHR calls upon the United Nations to provide international protection to Palestinians in the oPt, and to ensure the non-recurrence of aggression against the oPt, especially the Gaza Strip;
3. PCHR calls upon the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions to compel Israel, as a High Contracting Party to the Conventions, to apply the Conventions in the oPt;
4. PCHR calls upon the Parties to international human rights instruments, especially the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to pressurize Israel to comply with their provisions in the oPt, and to compel it to incorporate the human rights situation in the oPt in its reports submitted to the concerned committees;
5. PCHR calls upon the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions to fulfil their obligation to ensure the application of the Conventions, including extending the scope of their jurisdiction in order to prosecute suspected war criminals, regardless of the nationality of the perpetrator and the place of a crime, to pave the way for prosecuting suspected Israeli war criminals and end the longstanding impunity they have enjoyed;
6. PCHR calls on States that apply the principle of universal jurisdiction not to surrender to Israeli pressure to limit universal jurisdiction to perpetuate the impunity enjoyed by suspected Israeli war criminals;
7. PCHR calls upon the international community to act in order to stop all Israeli settlement expansion activities in the oPt through imposing sanctions on Israeli settlements and criminalizing trading with them;
8. PCHR calls upon the UN General Assembly to transfer the Goldstone Report to the UN Security Council in order to refer it to the International Criminal Court in accordance with Article 13(b) of the Rome Statute;
9. PCHR calls upon the United Nations to confirm that holding war criminals in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a precondition to achieve stability and peace in the regions, and that peace cannot be built on the expense of human rights;
10. PCHR calls upon the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council to explicitly declare that the Israeli closure policy in Gaza and the annexation wall in the West Bank are illegal, and accordingly refer the two issues to the UN Security Council to impose sanctions on Israel to compel it to remove them;
11. PCHR calls upon the international community, in light of its failure to stop the aggression on the Palestinian people, to at least fulfil its obligation to reconstruct the Gaza Strip after the series of hostilities launched by Israel which directly targeted the civilian infrastructure;

12. PCHR calls upon the United Nations and the European Union to express a clear position towards the annexation wall following the international recognition of the State of Palestine on the 1967 borders, as the annexation wall seizes large parts of the State of Palestine;

13. PCHR calls upon the European Union to activate Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, which provides that both sides must respect human rights as a precondition for economic cooperation between the EU states and Israel, and the EU must not ignore Israeli violations and crimes against Palestinian civilians;

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