

*Israeli forces continue systematic crimes in the occupied Palestinian territory
(oPt)*

(02 -08 February 2016)

- **5 Palestinian civilians, including 4 children, were wounded in the West Bank and Gaza Strip**
- **Israeli warplanes carried out 4 airstrikes against civilian objects and sites related to the Palestinian armed groups.**
 - *A poultry farm was destroyed, resulting in the death of 5,000 birds and partial damages to another farm.*
 - *Three training sites were destroyed.*
- **Israeli forces continued to target Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Sea.**
- **Israeli forces continued to target the Gaza Strip border areas, but no casualties were reported.**
 - *A watchtower belonging to Palestinian armed groups sustained damages, east of al-Maghazi.*
- **Israeli forces conducted 79 incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank, and one limited incursion in the northern Gaza Strip.**
 - *59 civilians, including 2 women, were arrested in the West Bank.*
 - *22 of them were arrested in occupied Jerusalem.*
- **Israeli forces continued their efforts to create Jewish majority in occupied East Jerusalem.**
 - *Two houses were destroyed in Beit Haninah neighbourhood, north of Jerusalem.*
- **Settlement activities continued in the West Bank.**
 - *Two residential tents, 3 livestock barns in addition to 3 attached structures were destroyed in the Northern Jordan Valley.*
 - *Settlers uprooted 700 olive almond trees from the lands of Barqah village, northwest of Nablus.*
- **Israeli forces turned the West Bank into cantons and continued to impose the illegal closure on the Gaza Strip for the 10th year.**
 - *Dozens of temporary checkpoints were established in the West Bank and others were re-established to obstruct the movement of Palestinian civilians.*
 - *8 Palestinian civilians were arrested at military checkpoints.*

Summary

Israeli violations of international law and international humanitarian law in the oPt continued during the reporting period (02 - 08 February 2017).

Shooting:

During the reporting period, Israeli forces wounded 5 Palestinian civilians, including 4 children, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces carried out airstrikes against civilian objects, training sites and watcher towers belonging to the PAletinian armed groups. Israeli forces also continued to chase Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Sea and open fire at farmers in the border areas.

In the West Bank, on 02 February 2017, 3 children were wounded when Israeli forces moved into al-Masaken al-Sha'biyah neighbourhood, northeast of Nablus, to carry out an arret campaign. A number of Palestinian youngsters and children's gathered to throw stones and empty bottles at the Israeli vehicles. In response, the Israeli soldiers fired live and metal bullets at them, wounding the three children.

On 03 February 2017, an 18-year-old youngster was wounded when the Israeli forces opened fire at a number of children and youngsters protesting against Israeli forces' establishing a checkpoint, east of Beit Foriq village, east of Nablus.

In the Gaza Strip, in the context of opening fire at peaceful protests, on 03 February 2017, Israeli forces wounded a Palestinian child with a bullet to the abdomen when they opened fire at dozens of youngsters and children gathered to throw stones at the Israeli soldiers near the border fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip, east of al-Bureij in the central Gaza Strip.

In the context of targeting Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Sea, on 02 February 2017, Israeli gunboats stationed off the north-western Gaza Strip Shore heavily opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats and chased them. The shooting recurred at the Palestinian fishing boats in the aforementioned area on 03,04,05,06 and 07 February 2017.

On 03 February 2017, Israeli gunboats stationed off the sea, west of al-Soudaniyah, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip heavily opened fire at Palestinian boats and chased them. The shooting recurred in the same area on 04 and 08 February 2017.

On the same day, the Israeli gunboats opened fire at the Palestinian fishing boats stationed off Rafah shore in the southern Gaza Strip. The shooting recurred in the abovementioned area on 04 February 2017.

On 05 February 2017, the Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Younis shore in the southern Gaza Strip heavily opened fire in the vicinity of Palestinian fishing boats within the limited fishing area.

In the context of targeting border areas, on 05 February 2017, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel opened fire at the agricultural lands in al-Shokah village, east of Rafah City.

On 06 February 2017, Israeli forces fired two artillery shells at a training site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. No casualties were reported, but the site sustained severe damages. The Israeli force also heavily opened fire at the border area, east of al-Bura area in the northern Gaza Strip as well. On the same day, Israeli forces opened fire at the agricultural lands, east of Kuza'ah, al-Fukhari and al-Qararah in the southern Gaza Strip. Israeli forces later fired flare bombs, east of Khan Younis, amidst sporadic shooting, which recurred in the same area on 07 and 08 February 2017.

On the same day, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired artillery shells at vacant lands, east of al-Shuja'iyah, and a military site belonging to al-Qassam brigades in Jabal al-Rayess area, east of al-Tufah neighbourhood, east of Gaza City.

On the same day, the Israeli forces fired artillery shells at a site belonging to the Palestinian armed groups, east of al-Maghazi in the central Gaza Strip. As a result, the site sustained material damages. On the same day, the Israeli forces fired an artillery shell at a land in the vicinity of the Landfill, east of Deir al-Balah. They then opened fire at the lands and houses in the area, causing severe damages to a house. The shooting recurred in the area on 08 February 2017.

In the context of airstrikes, on 06 February 2017, Israeli warplanes carried out 2 airstrikes targeting with 4 missiles a training site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades on Salah al-Deen Street, east of Jabalia, and another one opposite to the Equestrian Club, southwest of Beit Lahia.

On the same day, an Israeli warplane fired a missile at a poultry farm on al-Karamah Street, east of al-Shujaiyah. As a result, it was completely destroyed and all the poultry died in addition to damages in an adjacent poultry farm.

On 07 February 2017, Israeli warplanes fired a missile at a military site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades, northwest of al-Sifa area, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. No casualties were reported, but the site sustained severe damages.

Incursions:

During the reporting period, Israeli forces conducted at least 79 military incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank while 10 others were carried out in East Jerusalem and its suburbs. During these incursions, Israeli forces arrested at least 59 Palestinian civilians, including 2 women. Twenty-two of them, including a woman, were arrested in occupied Jerusalem.

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces carried out a limited incursion into the northern side of the Agricultural School, north of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip, and levelled lands.

Efforts to create Jewish majority

In the context of house demolitions and notices, On 07 February 2017, the Israeli Municipality destroyed a residential building in Beit Hanina neighbourhood, north of the city, under the pretext of building without a license. The 4-storey building belongs to 'Adel Abu Sneinah and Zakaria 'Anati.

On 08 February 2017, the Israeli municipality destroyed an under-construction building in Beit Hanina neighbourhood as well belonging to Ayman Abu Rmeilah upon an order by the Israeli municipality to stop the construction works.

Settlement activities and Israeli settlers' attacks against Palestinian civilians and their property:

On 06 February 2017, Israeli forces moved into Berdala village, east of Tubas in the Northern Valley and confiscated 3 diggers and a civilian car. Those vehicles were reclaiming agricultural lands in the area to serve dozens of farmers and land owners.

On 07 February 2017, Israeli forces uprooted 4 tents; two of which were residential and sheltered 7 persons, including 5 children, while the other 2 were used for grazing sheep. They also destroyed a Tabun oven "clay oven", kitchen and bathroom in Kherbet al-Ras al-Ahmar in the Northern Jordan Valley belonging to 'Ezzat Bani 'Odah. On the same day, Israeli forces levelled a livestock barn belonging to Bassam 'Ali Redwan Foqaha in Kardalah village in the Northern Jordan Valley.

in the same context, on 06 February 2017, Khaled Hussein Mohammed Salah from Barqah village, northwest of Nablus, was surprised that Israeli settlers uprooted 150 olive trees and 550 almond trees from his land and a nearby land belonging to Mahmoud 'Abdel 'Aziz Daghlas and Basem Mohammed Baker Daghlas in al-Qbeyat area, northeast of the aforementioned village, which is 300 meters away from the fence of evacuated "Homash" settlement.

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 2 million people. The Israeli authorities have established Karm Abu Salem (Kerem Shaloum) 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 65%. Moreover, the rate of unemployment increased up to 47% and youth constitutes 65% of the unemployed persons. Moreover, 80% of the Gaza Strip population depends on international aid to secure their minimum daily needs. These rates indicate the unprecedented economic deterioration in the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, Israeli forces continued to suffocate the Palestinian cities and village by imposing military checkpoints around and/or between them. This created "cantons" isolated from each other that hinders the movement of civilians. Moreover, the Palestinian civilians suffering aggravated because of the annexation wall and checkpoints erected on daily basis to catch Palestinians.

Details

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

Thursday, 02 February 2017

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Tubas. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Saher Anis Abu Mohsen (18), a high school student, and Samer Samih Yusuf al-Taj Sawaftah (34). They also confiscated 2 laptops.
- At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces moved into Baraqa village, northwest of Nablus. They raided and searched several houses after which they arrested Karam 'Adnan Ahmed Salah (23), a student in the Palestine Technical University "Khadouri" in Tulkarm.
- At approximately 07:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.
- At approximately 14:00, Israeli forces accompanied with several military jeeps moved into al-Masaken al-Sha'biya neighborhood, northeast of Nablus. They patrolled in the neighborhood's streets and then stopped a car travelled by Ra'ed al-Baghdudi from Balata refugee camp, east of the city. They searched the car and then arrested Ra'ed. A number of children gathered and threw stones and empty bottles at the soldiers, who immediately fired live and rubber-coated metal bullets and sound bombs at them in response. As a result, 3 children sustained wounds and were transferred to Rafidiya Hospital in Nablus to receive medical treatment. Their wounds were classified as moderate (PCHR keeps the names of the injured children).
- Around the same time, an Israeli undercover unit dressed like Palestinian civilians in a civilian car with an Israeli registration plate sneaked into Birzeit village, north of Ramallah. They stopped at the western entrance to Birzeit University. While Basel Hasan 'Othman Falian (21), from Barham village, and Tawfiq Abu 'Arqoup (22) from Birzeit village, were leaving the university, the undercover unit arrested them, fired few live bullets in the air and then withdrew taking them to an unknown destination. It should be noted that Basil is a secretary at the Students Council in the university and Tawfiq is a coordinator at the Islamic Bloc (the students wing of Hamas Movement in the university).

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (7) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: 'Ourta village, southeast of Nablus; Salfit, Beit Ummer, Beit Oula villages and Kherbet Shoukh al-'Aroub in Hebron; Kafer Malek village, northeast of Ramallah.

Friday, 03 February 2017

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Shuwaikah village, north of Tulkarm. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested Abdullah Mustafa Abdullah al-Badawi (47).
- At approximately 08:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.
- At approximately 16:30, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the industrial area, east of Beit Furiq village, east of Nablus. The soldiers checked civilians' ID cards and searched their cars. After that, a group of young men gathered and threw stones and empty bottles at the Israeli soldiers, who fired live bullets at them. As a result, an 18-year-old child sustained a live bullet wound to the right thigh. The child was transferred to Rafidiya Hospital in Nablus. Medical sources classified his condition as stable (PCHR keeps the names of the wounded child).
- At approximately 18:30, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, west of al-Sudaniyah area, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 4 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor damages were reported.
- At approximately 20:20, Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing off Rafah shore in the southern Gaza Strip. They fired flare bombs at the boats, but no casualties were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (6) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: 'Azzoun village, east of Qalqiliyah; 'Asalah village, south of the city; al-Tabaqah and Beit Ummer villages in Hebron; Shaqbah village, west of Ramallah and Kafer Malek village, east of the city .

Saturday, 04 February 2017

- At approximately 07:30, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boat sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor damages were reported.
- At approximately 15:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, west of al-Sudaniyah area, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 4 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.

- At approximately 15:45, Israeli forces moved into Qalqiliyah. They raided and searched a car spare parts shop belonging to Kamal Bayan al-Habbash. They later withdrew, but neither raids nor arrest were reported.
- At approximately 19:30, Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing off Rafah shore in the southern Gaza Strip. They also fired flare bombs at the boats, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 22:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, west of al-Sudaniyah area, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boat sailing within 5 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (13) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Rommanah village, west of Jenin; Sebastiyah village, northwest of Nablus; al-Mazra'ah al-Sharqiyah villages, Shaqbah, Deir Nethaam and Badras in Ramallah and al-Birah; Hares village, north of Salfit; Qarawet Bani Hassan village, northwest of the city; al-Thaheriyah, Ethna al-Mawreq and Karmah villages and al-'Aroub refugee camp in Hebron.

Sunday, 05 February 2017

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Anas Abdul Fattah (20), a student in Najah National University, from his house in al-Hesbah Street.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Balatah refugee camp, east of Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Ahmed Yusuf 'Ali Nemer Khalil (37).
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into 'Asker' refugee camp, northeast of Nablus. They raided and searched several houses after which they arrested Mohammed Jamal Marshoud (23).
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Hebron and stationed in Abu Katila neighbourhood and Abu al-Da'ajan Valley. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Naji Hamdi Abu Khalaf (34) and Jabril shaher al-Atrash (24) and then arrested them.
- At approximately 07:30, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.

- At approximately 08:30, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel opened fire at Palestinian agricultural lands adjacent to Sofa military site in al-Shawkah village, east of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 10:30, Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Yunis shore in the southern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within the fishing limits. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but no casualties were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (9) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Shaqbah and Kharbatha al-Mesbah villages, west of Ramallah; Dura, Halhoul, al-Berkah area and Tarqumiya village in Hebron; 'Azzoun, Kafer Thuluth and al-Nabi Elyas villages, east of Qalqilyah .

Monday, 06 February 2017

- At approximately 01:00, Israeli forces moved into Surif village, northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested 3 civilians namely Omer Mahmoud Ghunaimat (25), Mohammed Ahmed Ghunaimat (30) and Mohammed Anwar Faroukh (24)
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Ethna village, west of Hebron, and stationed in 'Aziz Valley area. They raided and searched several houses after which they arrested 3 civilians namely Mo'ayad, Hamad Ibrahim Abu As'ad and Khader Mohammed Tamizah (29)
- Around the same time, Israeli forces accompanied with 4 military jeeps moved into Hebron and stationed in al-Salam Street in the central city. They raided and searched the Infinity Advertising Company after they broke the main door. When Mo'taz al-Jo'bah, the owner of the company, arrived, the soldiers handed him a summons to refer to the Israeli Intelligence Service in "Gush Etzion" settlement complex, south of Bethlehem.
- At approximately 01:30, Israeli forces moved into al-Qamrah Valley area, east of Dura, southwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Bassam Hamad al-Zeer (55). They locked the family members in one room and used a police dog to search the house after destroying the house contents. The soldiers then questioned Bassam about getting money and weapon from illegal bodies. The search continued for an hour and a half, but the soldiers did not find any weapons. The Israeli forces later withdrew, but no arrests were reported.

- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into the Old and New 'Asker old refugee camps, northeast of Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Basem Mohammed al-Afghani (34) from the old 'Asker refugee camp and Mohammed 'Alaa' Bashkar (22) from New 'Askar refugee camp.
- At approximately 03:00, Israeli forces moved into Traqumiya village, northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohammed Ahmed Khalil Ja'afrah (25) and then arrested him.
- At approximately 03:30, Israeli forces moved into al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of Ramallah. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to 'Othman 'Orabi Nakhlah (35) and Jihad Mohammed 'Ali Faqih (24) and then arrested him.
- At approximately 06:30, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian agricultural lands, east of Khuza'ah, al-Fukhari and al-Qararah villages, east of the city. The shooting continued for 2 hours, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 09:50, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired two artillery shells at a site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas Movement). The site is located to the north of al-Ghoul land, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, and about 250 meters away from the abovementioned border fence. As a result, the site sustained material damages, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 13:00, Israeli warplanes fired 2 missiles at a Palestinian training site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades (the military wing of Hamas Movement) adjacent to the Equestrian Club, southwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. Fisherman Mohammed Mohammed Mousa Sa'adallah (67), from Jabalia, was at that time inside his fishing room adjacent to the targeted site from the southern side, so he sustained bruises throughout his body due to the scattering sand and mud. The explosion also rocked large areas of the northern Gaza Strip, causing fear among children and women.
- At approximately 13:55, Israeli warplanes fired 2 missiles at a training site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades (the military wing of Hamas Movement) on Salah Eden Street, east of Jablia in the northern Gaza Strip. As a result, the site sustained damages, and the explosion rocked large areas of the northern Gaza Strip, causing fear among women and children, but no casualties were reported.

- At approximately 14:00, Israeli forces stationed in the military watchtowers along the eastern borders of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at the border area, east of al-Burah area. As a result, farmers, bird hunters and shepherds were terrified and so left the area for fear of their lives, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 14:20, Israeli warplanes fired a missile at a training site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades (the military wing of Hamas Movement), northwest of al-Sifa area, northwest of Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip. The site is about 250 meters away from the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel. As a result, the site sustained severe damages, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 15:45, Israeli forces fired an artillery shell at a watchtower belonging to the Palestinian armed groups, east of al-Maghazi in the central Gaza Strip. As a result, the site sustained material damages, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 16:00, Israeli forces fired an artillery shell at a land in the vicinity of the Landfill, east of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, causing severe damages in the land. After that, the Israeli soldiers stationed along the border fence between the Gaza strip and Israel opened fire at Palestinian lands and houses in the area. As a result, a house belonging to Ahmed Mohammed Abu Moghsib (33) was partially damaged, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 18:45, Israeli forces fired a missile at a poultry farm belonging to Khalid Ismael Ibrahim al-Hayyah (51) from al-Shuja'iyah neighbourhood, east of Gaza. The 400-square-meter farm of 4000 chicken is located on al-Karamah Street, east of the abovementioned neighbourhood. As a result, the farm was totally destroyed and the chicken died in addition to material damages in another adjacent 250-square-meter poultry farm belonging to the abovementioned civilian. As a result, 1000 chicken died, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 19:20, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired 8 artillery shells towards an empty land, east of al-Shuja'iyah neighbourhood, east of Gaza, but no casualties were reported.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired 4 artillery shells towards an empty land, east of al-Zaytoun neighbourhood, east of Gaza, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 19:30, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired 2 artillery shells towards a military site belonging to al-Qassam Brigades (the military wing of Hamas Movement) in al-Rayes Mount area, east of al-Tuffah neighbourhood, east of al-Gaza. The shelling caused material damages in the site, but no casualties were reported.

- At approximately 21:00, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired flare bombs in the east of al-Buraij and al-Maghazi in the central Gaza Strip while Israeli military jeeps redeployed along the abovementioned border fence.
- At approximately 21:50, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, fired several flare bombs in the sky of al-Farahin area, east of 'Abasan al-Kabirah, east of al-Qararah, amidst sporadic shooting, but no casualties were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (10) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: al-Burj, al-Thaheriyah and Beit Ummer villages in Hebron; Deir Istiya, Mashah, Eskaka and Marada villages in Salfit; Kafer Thuluth village, east of Qalqiliyah; Shaqbah and Deir Bzai'i villages, west of Ramallah.

Tuesday, 07 February 2017

- At approximately 01:00, Israeli forces moved into al-'Aroub refugee camp, north of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohammed Habib Rushdi (19) and then arrested him.
- At approximately 02:00, Israeli forces moved into Qabatiyah village, southeast of Jenin. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested 3 civilians namely Loai 'Aref Zakarnah (19) Amin Mohammed Tawfiq Zakarnah (24) and Ezz Eden Mohammed 'Alawnah (23).
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Tulkarm and its camp. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Ahmed Abdullah Abu Salam (41) and his wife 'Abeer Khalid Ahmed (37).
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Sa'ir village, east of Hebron, and stationed in al-'Aroud area. They raided and searched a house belonging to Eslam Mohammed Shalaldah (23) and then arrested him.
- At approximately 02:30, Israeli forces moved into Kuber village, northwest of Ramallah. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Asil Walid al-Barghuthi (22) and Mohammed Ahmed Thiyab Rayan (21) and then arrested them.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Kafer Ne'mah village, west of Ramallah. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohammed Nabil Abdu (19) and then arrested him.
- At approximately 03:00, Israeli forces moved into Jabaa' village, south of Jenin. They raided and searched several houses and then arrested former prisoner Nazih Sa'ed Abu 'Aoun (56).

- At approximately 06:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Selwad village, northeast of Ramallah. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Bilal Abdul Rahim Mahmoud Hamed (19) and Jaber Mohammed Mahmoud Hamed (18) and then arrested them.
- At approximately 08:00, Israeli gunboats stationed in the military watchtowers along the eastern borders of Beit Hanoun village in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at the border area east of al-Bourah area. As a result, farmers, bird hunters and shepherds were forced to leave the area for fear of their lives, but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 21:00, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel opened fire towards Palestinian agricultural lands, east of Gaza Valley (Joher al-Deek), east of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, but no casualties were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (4) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Hablah village, south of Qalqiliyah; Sebastiyah village, northwest of Nablus; Birzeit village, north of Ramallah and Traqumiya village, west of Hebron.

Wednesday, 08 February 2017

- At approximately 03:00, Israeli forces moved into Thanabah Suburb, east of Tulkarm. They raided and searched several houses and then arrested Mohammed Sofian Zaki Mater (32).
- At approximately 08:45, Israeli forces stationed along the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel opened fire towards Palestinian agricultural lands near sofa military site in al-Shawkah village, east of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip but no casualties were reported.
- At approximately 10:00, Israeli forces accompanied with 4 military jeeps moved about 100 meters into the north of al-Zera'ah School, north of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. They leveled lands that were previously leveled before.
- At approximately 16:30, Israeli forces moved into Shuwaikah suburb, north of Tulkarm. They raided and searched a car workshop on the Western Street and then arrested Abdul Salam Mustafa Badawi (40) while he was in the workshop.
- At approximately 22:00, Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, west of al-Sudaniyah area, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. They also fired flare bombs in the area. As a

result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of their lives, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.

- At approximately 22:15, Israeli forces stationed in the military watchtowers along the eastern borders of Beit Hanoun village, in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at the border area, east of al-Bourah area, but neither casualties nor material damages were reported.

Note: During the aforementioned day, Israeli forces conducted (3) incursions in the following areas and no arrests were reported: Nablus, Beit Ummer and Sa'ir villages in Hebron.

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

West Bank:

- Following the Friday prayer on Friday, 03 February 2017, dozens of Palestinian civilians and Israeli and international human rights defenders organized demonstrations in Bil'in and Nil'in villages, west of Ramallah and al-Nabi Saleh, northwest of the city, and Kafer Qadoum village, northeast of Qalqilyah, protesting against the annexation wall and settlement activities. Israeli forces forcibly dispersed the protests, firing live and metal bullets, tear gas canisters and sound bombs. They also chased the protesters into olive fields and between houses. As a result, many of the protesters suffered tear gas inhalation while others sustained bruises as Israeli soldiers beat them up.

Gaza Strip:

- At approximately 15:00 on Friday, 03 February 2017, around 30 Palestinian young men made their way to the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel and gathered on Um Hasaniyah Hill, east of al-Buraij in the central Gaza Strip. They threw stones at the Israeli soldiers stationed along the abovementioned border fence behind sand barriers. The soldiers fired live bullets at them in response. As a result, 'Ali Nabil 'Ali Weshah (17) from al-Maghazi sustained a live bullet wound to the abdomen. An ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) transferred him to Shuhadaa' al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah as his injury was classified as moderate.

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 for the movement of goods

(31 January- 05 February 2017)

Date	Imports			
	Category	Amount		
		Tons	Number	Liters
31 January	Various goods	5880		
	Humanitarian aid	17751		
	Cooking gas	249,520		
	Benzene			76,031
	Diesel			75,996
	Diesel for UNRWA			76,000
	Industrial fuel			977,266
	Construction aggregates	12905		
	Cement	3945		
Construction steel	320			

01 February	Various goods	5669		
	Humanitarian aid	4919		
	Cooking gas	205,570		
	Benzene Benzene for UNRWA			221,996 38,000
	Diesel Diesel for UNRWA			589,975 38,000
	Industrial fuel			376,900
	Construction aggregates	120		
	Cement	3840		
	Construction steel	513		
02 February	Various goods	5507		
	Humanitarian aid	4632		
	Cooking gas	264,150		
	Benzene			302,913
	Diesel Diesel for UNRWA			627,003 75,978
	Industrial fuel			563,626
	Cement	3772		
	Construction steel	445		
	Cooking gas Industrial fuel	128,760		531,275
05 February	Various goods	4628		
	Humanitarian aid	4584		
	Cooking gas	247,310		
	Benzene			222,039
	Diesel Diesel for UNRWA			625,935 38,000
	Industrial fuel			599,377
	Cement	3640		
	Construction steel	664		

Note:

- On Wednesday, 01 February 2017, Israeli authorities allowed the exportation of 90 tons of tomatoes; 40 tons of cucumbers; 15 tons of eggplants; 8.3 tons of sweet peppers; 10.3 tons of squash; 5 tons of cabbages; 6.5 tons of cherry tomatoes; and 0.4 tons of fish.
- On Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli authorities allowed the exportation of 100 tons of tomatoes; 40 tons of cucumbers; 30 tons of eggplants; 20 tons of sweet peppers; 12 tons of squash; 10.9 tons of strawberries; and 5 tons of cabbages.
- On Sunday, 05 February 2017, Israeli authorities allowed the exportation of 150 tons of tomatoes; 60 tons of cucumbers; 20 tons of eggplants; 20 tons of sweet peppers; 24 tons of strawberries; and 9 tons furniture.

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
(01 - 07 February 2017)**

Category	01 February	02 February	03 February	04 February	05 February	06 February	07February
Patients	48	16	1	-	87	66	82
Companions	42	16	1	-	79	60	77
Personal needs	29	59	11	-	35	28	28
Families of prisoners	-	-	-	-	-	49	-
Arabs from Israel	13	5	3	-	18	11	3
Diplomats	5	4	1	-	-	6	1
International journalists	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International workers	37	67	7	-	11	16	30
Travelers Abroad	-	1	-	-	-	-	53
Business people	118	158	2	-	275	188	163
Business meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Security interviews	6	5	-	-	4	6	9
VIPs	-	1	-	-	1	1	2
Ambulances to Israel	2	1	2	-	4	5	2
Patients' Companions	2	1	-	-	2	4	2

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 (18) checkpoints all over the city.

On Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints at the entrances to al-Fawar refugee camp and Beit 'Aynoun village.

On Friday, 03 February 2017, Israeli forces established similar checkpoints at the entrances to Tarama and Beit Ummer villages and at al-'Aroub refugee camp.

On Saturday, 04 February 2017, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the entrances to Sa'ir, al-Shayyoukh and Bani Na'iem villages.

On Sunday, 05 February 2017, Israeli forces established 5 checkpoints at the entrance to al-Fawar refugee camp, on Wad al-Shajinah road, at the southern entrance to Hebron, at the northern entrance to Yatta village.

On Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints at the entrance to Tarama village and at the eastern entrance to Dura village.

On Tuesday, 07 June 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the northern entrance to Halhoul village.

On Wednesday, 08 February 2017, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints at the entrance to Abu 'Asja villages and at the southern entrance to Hebron.

- **Ramallah and al-Bireh:** Israeli forces established (9) checkpoints all over the city.

At approximately 16:30 on Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the entrance to Ras Karkar village, west of Ramallah.

On Sunday, 05 February 2017, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the intersection of al-Taiba village (on al-Mo'arajat road between Ramallah and Jericho), at the entrance to Ni'lin and Betouniya villages, west of Ramallah.

At approximately 11:00 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint between Deir Buziegh and Kafur Nie'mah villages, west of Ramallah.

At approximately 18:00, they established a similar checkpoint at the intersection of al-Taiba village (on al-Mo'arajat road between Ramallah and Jericho).

On Tuesday, 07 February 2017, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the intersection of 'Ain Sina village, north of Ramallah; at the entrance to Deir Buziegh village, west of the city; at the intersection of "Hallamish " settlement", northwest of the city.

Qalqiliya: Israeli forces established (13) checkpoints all over the city.

At approximately 10:20 on Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint between 'Azoun and 'Ezbit al-Tabeeb villages, east of Qalqiliya.

At approximately 13:50, Israeli forces established 2 checkpoints at the entrance to 'Azoun and Kafur Thulth villages, east of the city.

At approximately 13:40 on Friday, 03 February 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint between 'Azoun and 'Ezbit al-Tabeeb villages, east of Qalqiliya.

At approximately 12:25 on Saturday, 04 February 2017, Israeli forces established a similar checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azoun village, east of the city.

On Saturday, 04 February 2017, Israeli forces established 4 checkpoints at the entrances to 'Azoun and 'Ezbit al-Tabeeb villages, east of Qalqiliya; at the intersection of Jeet village, northeast of the city; and between 'Azoun and Kafur Thulth villages, east of the city.

On Sunday, 05 February 2017, Israeli forces established 3 checkpoints at the entrance to 'Ezbit al-Tabeeb village; between 'Azoun and Kafur Thulth villages,; and at the entrance to Kafur al-Thulth village, east of the city.

At approximately 18:00 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces established a similar checkpoint at the entrance to 'Ezbit al-Tabeeb village, east of the city.

Nablus:

At approximately 21:30 on Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli forces closed Hawara checkpoint, south of Nablus due to riots carried out by Israeli settlers in the vicinity of the checkpoint, which continued until the midnight.

At approximately 21:00 on Tuesday, 07 February 2017, Israeli forces stationed at Beit Foreek checkpoint, east of Nablus, and at " Shavei Shomron" settlement, northwest of the city, closed the checkpoints for over 2 hours and prevented Palestinian civilians from passing.

Jericho:

At approximately 11:00 on Tuesday, 07 February 2017, Israeli forces established a checkpoint at the northern entrance to Arihan village, while at approximately 21:30, they established a similar checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city.

Israeli Forces Detain Palestine T.V Crew in Madama Village, South of Nablus.

At approximately 09:30 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces stationed in "Yitzhar" settlement, which is established in the southern side of Madama villages, south of Nablus, detained a Palestine T.V crew comprised of a reporter, Baker Mohamed Musbah Mamdouh Abed al-Haq (27); a photographer, Sameh Darouza (25); a diver, Marwan al-Shaf'i; and the head of the village council, Tal'at Ziyadah. All of them were detained for 2 hours in al-Qa'dat land, south of the abovementioned village. The crew members along with the head of the village council were on a hill in the area to cover the changes by Israeli settlers on a 20-dunum land of. When the Israeli forces saw the T.V crew taking photos of the land, they immediately headed to them and confiscated the camera. They also confiscated their IDs and their press cards detained them until an Israeli officer came and told them that APelstinian are not allowed to be present in this area classified as Areas C. He added that he will release them after they undergo a security check. He then threatened them in case they come to this area again, they will be arrested.

Arrests at military checkpoints:

- At approximately 14:00 on Friday, 03 February 2017, Israeli forces stationed in 'Oyoun al-Haramiyia area (on Ramallah- Nablus raod), arrested Mos'ab Omar Balasmah (22), from Slafit.
- At approximately 16:30 on Tuesday, 07 February 2017, Israeli forces stationed at 'Inab checkpoint, east of Tulkarm, arrested 4 civilians. The arrested persons were identified as Mohamed Husam Khadir (24), Mohamed Mohamed Yousef (20), Asid Jameel Saqer (25) and 'Izz al-Deen Yousef Mohamed (23). All of them were arrested while passing through the checkpoint via a private car.

- At approximately 22:00, Israeli forces established a checkpoint near "Eilih" settlement on the Ramallah-Nablus main street. They searched civilians' car and checked their IDs. At approximately 23:30, they arrested Ahmed Mohamed Mahmoud Abu 'Abed (35), Hussni Hasan Ahmed Abu Zughaib (42), and Haeil Sa'ied al-Khouli (34), while they on their way back to Tulkarm.
- **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 Thursday, 02 February 2017, Israeli forces moved into al-'Izzariyah village, east of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched houses and then arrested Shawkat Qur'an.
- At approximately 02:00 on Friday, 03 February 2017, Israeli forces moved into Silwan village, south of occupied Jerusalem's Old City. They then stationed in Hosh Abu Tayah area. They also raided and searched houses from which they arrested 'Odai Abu Tayah and Mohamed Abu al-Hamam.
- Following Friday prayer, Jerusalemite civilians were beaten and maltreated by Israeli forces stationed in al-Aqsa Mosque's gates in the Old City. 'Abed al-Jaleel al-Razem said to PCHR's fieldworker that Israeli soldiers stationed at al-Aqsa Mosque's entrances savagely beat up his brother and his wife after they finished the Friday's prayer. Journalist Ahmed al-Budairy said that an Israeli female soldier assaulted a woman from al-'Aram family and pepper-sprayed her face while the woman was leaving al-Aqsa Mosque. When the women's family members intervened, they were beaten with batons. Al-Budairy also said that the Israeli forces called for a backup from the special forces, who then arrived and surrounded the houses adjacent to al-Aqsa Mosque and topped them. They then beat elderly persons when the latter intervened to stop the attack against the family.
- At approximately 01:00 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces moved into al-Mukaber Mount area, southeast of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohamed Abu Jamal (71) and arrested him. It should be noted that Mohamed is the father of Ghasan Abu Jamal, who was killed while carrying out a shooting attack on 18 November 2016, along with 'Odai Abu Jamal in an Israeli synagogue in West Jerusalem. The Israeli forces also summoned 'Odai's father, Abed Abu Jamal (58), to question him in al-Masqubiya police centre.
- At approximately 02:00 on Monday, Israeli forces moved into Sho'fat refugee camp, north of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched a house belonging to Jamal Faraj al-Mansi (52) and arrested him. It should be noted that Jamal is the father of Wesam Faraj (18), who was killed on 08 October 2015 in an armed clash with Israeli forces.

- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Ras al-'Amoud neighborhood, east of occupied Jerusalem's Old City. They raided and searched houses from which they arrested Muneer Hasan al-'Abasi (40) and Tareq Abed al-Nabi al-Natsha (45).
- At approximately 02:30 on Monday, Israeli forces moved into al-Tour village, east of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched a house belonging to 'Adnan al-Sha'ier (55) and arrested him; his wife, Rabiha al-Sha'ier (51); and their sons Subhi (28) and Mostafa (21). It should be noted that 'Adnan is the father of a prisoner 'Imad al-Sha'er.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces moved into Silwan village, south of occupied Jerusalem's Old City. They raided and searched a house belonging to a former prisoner 'Imad al-'Abasi "'Abisan" (29), and arrested him.
- At approximately 01:00 on Wednesday, 08 February 2017, Israeli forces moved into al-Mukaber Mount, southeast of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched 3 houses belonging to Malek Abu Tair, Mohamed Abu Tair and Mostafa Abu Tair and then arrested all of them.
- At approximately 02:00 on Wednesday, Israeli forces moved into al-Mukaber Mount, southeast of occupied Jerusalem. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Mohamed al-Qunbor and Abdullah Shoqairat, and arrested both of them.
- In afternoon, Israeli forces moved into Wad Helwa neighbourhood in Selwan village, south of occupied Jerusalem's Old City. They raided and searched a house belonging to Jawad Siyam, Director of Wad Helwa Information Centre, and arrested him. Majd Ghaith, one of the Centre's employees, said that while the Israeli forces were in the Siyam family house, they beat and pushed the youngsters there and then arrested them. The arrested youngsters were identified as Omar Siyam, Mohamed Siyam, Diyaa Siyam and Hilal Qara'een. Israeli forces raided the Wad Helwa Information Centre and then wrote down the employees' ID numbers.

House demolitions and demolition notices:

- On Tuesday, 07 February 2017, the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem, accompanied with Israeli soldiers damaged a residential building in Beit Haninah neighbourhood, under the pretext of non-licensing. Sari al-'Enbitawi, one of those affected by the demolition, said that the abovementioned building belongs to 'Adel Abu Isneinah and Zakaria 'Anati. The building is comprised of 4 apartments from which 4 of them were sold to Ghaith, Abu Nijma, Al-'Enbitawi and Showaki families. Al-'Enbitawi also added that in the morning, the Israeli municipality bulldozers along with special forces surrounded the building to demolish it, but the residents could head to the Israeli court, which ordered them to pay NIS 20,000 to delay the demolition. The Israeli Court then ordered the families to pay 50,000 instead. When the families headed to pay the fine, the Post refused to take it under the pretext that this is a large amount of money and requires special measures. As a result, the Israeli bulldozers demolished the building.

- On Wednesday, 08 February 2017, the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem accompanied with Israeli soldiers damaged a residential building in Beit Haninah neighbourhood, under the pretext of non-licensing. Eyewitnesses said that the Israeli municipality bulldozers demolished a building, which is under construction and belongs to Ayman Abu Rimilah in Tal al Foul area in the aforementioned neighborhood, after surrounding it. It should be noted that the building was built many years ago and upon a decision issued by Israeli Municipality to stop the construction works.

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

Israeli forces attacks:

- At approximately 09:00 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Israeli forces accompanied with military vehicles, the Commander of the Jordan Valley and an officer of the Construction and Organization Department in the Israeli Civil Administration moved into Bardalah village, east of Tubas village in the northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli forces confiscated 3 diggers, 2 of which belong to al-Jara'ie Company, while the third digger belongs to 'Abed al-Ghafar Abed al-Raziq. They also confiscated a private car belonging to Husain Nemer Sawaftah and an ID and license belonging to Majd Faisal Mousa Kamil. Furthermore, the Israeli vehicles were reclaiming an agricultural road in the area to serve dozens of farmers and lands' owners. Israeli forces took the confiscated diggers to "Majula" settlement and arrested Husaim Nemer Sawafta (28).
- At approximately 08:30 on Tuesday, 07 February 2017, Israeli forces accompanied with 2 bulldozers, and a vehicle of the Construction and Organization Department in the Israeli Civil Administration moved into Kardalah village, in the Northern Jordan Valley, southeast of Tubas. The bulldozers demolished a livestock barn belonging to Basam Ali Redwan Faqha.
- Around the same time, Israeli forces accompanied with 2 bulldozers and a vehicle belonging to the Construction and Organization Department in the Israeli Civil Administration moved into Kherbit al-Ras al-Ahmar in the Northern Jordan Valley, east of Tubas. The bulldozers demolished 4 tents, 2 of which were used as residential tents, in which 7 members, including 5 children, lived. Whereas the other 2 were used for breeding sheep. Each tent is built on an area of 50 square meters and donated by Acted institution.

Moreover, the Israeli forces demolished the following facilities:

1. A 100-square-meter iron fence;
2. 10-square-meter Tabun oven;
3. 20-square-meter kitchen; and
4. mobile bathroom.

All of the abovementioned facilities belong to Ali 'Ezaat Bani 'Odah.

Settlers attacks:

- On Saturday, 04 February 2017, a group of Israeli settlers from "Yitzhar" settlement, under the protection of Israeli soldiers and the settlement's guard, attacked Salama Saleem Yousef 'Oda (56) and Mohamed Yousef Jameel 'Odah, whose family is comprised of 4 children, his wife and his son-in-law. All of them are from Hawarah village, south of Nablus. The settlers also broke the windshield of a car driven by Salama 'Odah. Salama Saleem Yousef 'Odah said to PCHR's fieldworker that

"At approximately 16:00 on Saturday, 04 February 2017, while I was in my land known as Kafet al-Faras, in the western side of Hawara village, and near the house of Mohamed Yousef Jameel 'Odah. The abovementioned civilian was breeding his sheep along with his wife and their 4 children. They were about 30 meters away from their house. I saw a group of 15 Israeli settlers from "Yitzhar" settlement, including the settlement's guard, whom I know, and 3 other Israeli soldiers wearing military uniform and carrying their firearms. In the meantime, the Israeli settlers cursed the family, so the wife took her daughters and went to their house. Meanwhile, Mohamed and his son Youssef stayed in the area and then Mohammed's son-in-law, Mohamed Fawaz 'Odah, and I joined them. I approached them, and then the Israeli settlers threw stones at us. When we tried to defend ourselves, the three soldiers pointed their firearms, ordering us to move away. Due to the stone-throwing, I sustained wounds to my hand and right leg. In addition, my farm vehicle's windshield was broken. When the Israeli settlers withdrew from the area, I headed to Ibin Sina Hospital to receive medical treatment."

- At approximately 15:30 on Monday, 06 February 2017, Khalid Hussain Mohamed Salah, from Barqa village, northwest of Nablus, headed to his agricultural land in "al-Qabibat" area, northeast of the abovementioned village. Khalid's land is about 300 meters away from the fence of the evacuated "Homesh" settlement. Khalid was surprised that Israeli settlers uprooted around 150 olive trees and 50 almond trees from his agricultural land. They also uprooted around 300 almond trees from his neighbor's land, Mahmoud Abed al-'Aziz Deghles; and around 100 almond trees from his other neighbor's land, Basem Mohamed Baker Deghles.

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 obligations 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 upon 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 United Nations to confirm that holding war criminals accountable 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;
9. 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;
10. PCHR calls upon the international community, particularly the UN, in light of its failure to the 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;
11. 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;
12. 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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