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# PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS WEEKLY REPORT

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## Key issues

- ❖ This week, Israeli settlers injured five Palestinians, of whom two were children injured in the Old City of Hebron. Palestinian residents of this area continue to be exposed to systematic settler violence.
- ❖ Three uninhabited homes were demolished in the Jordan Valley community of Ad Duyuk at Tahta, increasing concerns over the vulnerability of Bedouin communities in the area.

## WEST BANK

### Majority of injuries occur during weekly demonstrations

This week, 16 Palestinians were injured by Israeli forces during weekly demonstrations against the expansion of Hallamish settlement and the construction of the Barrier on Bil'in village land in the Ramallah area, and against access restrictions to agricultural land belonging to Palestinians next to the settlements of Karmeit Tzur (Hebron) and Qedumim (Qaqiliya).

Two other Palestinians sustained injuries when they clashed with Israeli forces near Al Arrub refugee camp (Hebron) and at At Tayba checkpoint (Tulkarm). Also this week, a Palestinian child (17-year-old) was injured when he was hit by an Israeli military Jeep in the Silwan area (East Jerusalem).

Five Palestinians were injured by settlers this week, including two children (aged 11 and 12), and a man injured in incidents in Tel Rumeida area (in the Israeli-controlled area of Hebron City (H2)), and two Palestinians injured during clashes with Israeli settlers inside the village of Burin (Nablus). Settlers also cut down eight olive trees in Burin village and uprooted another 60 olive trees belonging to Jinsafut village (Qalqiliya). In two incidents, settlers set two vehicles on fire in the Jerusalem and Hebron areas.

### Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces:

Killed this week: 0

Killed in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 0 vs. 4

Injured this week: 18; 16 in demonstrations

Of whom were children: 0

Injured in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 18 vs. 14

Search-and-arrest operations this week: 62

On 10 January, Israeli forces blocked the main entrance of Jericho City, preventing a motorcade of approximately 50 cars from departing from Jericho to Ramallah. The motorcade was organized to protest the system of movement restrictions imposed by Israel in the West Bank. Five Palestinians were detained. No injuries were reported.

### Three houses demolished in a Jordan Valley community

This week, 11 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished by the Israeli authorities in Area C of the West Bank due to the lack of building permit.

Three uninhabited houses, along with a network of nine electric poles, were demolished in the Jordan Valley community of Ad Duyuk at Tahta. In the same community, the Israeli authorities distributed demolition orders against four houses and 40 electric poles. Another seven shops, including four stone-cutting shops and a car workshop, were demolished in Al Ezariya town (Jerusalem). A 24-



hour eviction order was also handed to another stone-cutting shop. Additional stop work orders were issued against six houses and two water cisterns in Khallet ad Dar (Hebron).

The majority of the Palestinian population in the Area C sections of the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea area faces significant restrictions on the ability to obtain construction permits from the Israeli authorities; virtually all of these areas have been allocated for the use of Israeli settlements or the Israeli military.

Also this week, the Israeli authorities renewed requisition orders issued in the past against hundreds of dunums of land belonging to Jerusalem's northwestern villages of Beit Duqqu, Beit Surik, Qatanna, Alqubeiba, Beit Ijza, Biddu, An Nabi Samwil and Beit Iksa to construct the Barrier in the area. While in theory these orders are temporary and do not affect ownership rights, in practice they can be extended indefinitely.

In addition, the Israeli authorities bulldozed around 80 dunums of land belonging to Al Isawiya village in East Jerusalem. The Israeli authorities plan to build a national park in the area.

## Access to Khan al Ahmar blocked

This week, the Israeli authorities closed the main entrance of the herding community of Khan al Ahmar in the Jerusalem area, by installing roadblocks and side rails along Road #1. This closure not only blocks the access of Khan al Ahmar residents to the

### Settler-related incidents:

Incidents resulting in Palestinian injuries or property damage:

in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 7 vs. 8

Palestinians injured this week: 5

Palestinians injured in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 5 vs. 3

Settlers injured in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 0 vs. 3

main road, it impedes the movement of students and teachers attending the only school in the area, which serves 48 children from Khan al Ahmar and other nearby communities. The only entrance to the community is now through an unpaved, dirt road. Khan al Ahmar is among 20 Bedouin communities in the Jerusalem periphery at risk of displacement due to outstanding demolition orders and other difficult conditions stemming from policies and practices of the Israeli authorities in Area C (e.g. movement and access restrictions, settlement and settler activity). It is one of the communities at risk of being forcibly transferred from the area by the Israeli authorities in the context of plans to "re-locate" Area C communities without master plans. Much of the affected area is planned for the expansion of the Ma'ale Adummim settlement (the so-called E-1 plan).

### Palestinian-owned structures demolished in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Demolished this week: 11

Of which residences: 3

Demolished in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 11 vs. 9.

People displaced in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 0 vs. 15.

## GAZA STRIP

### Calm week in Gaza

This week saw calm inside the Gaza Strip, with no reports of casualties. This follows three weeks, during which Israeli air strikes intensified, resulting in the death of seven Palestinians and the injury of 26 others. Palestinian armed factions fired two

rockets in Israel's direction, one of which exploded prematurely and the other fell short inside Gaza, resulting in no casualties. On four occasions, Israeli forces entered up to 150 meters inside the Gaza Strip, withdrawing after conducting land leveling.

## One killed and another injured in a tunnel-related incident

On 5 January, a Palestinian worker was killed and another injured when a tunnel under the Gaza-Egypt border collapsed while they were inside. These are the first such casualties that have occurred in three weeks. Overall in 2011, 36 Palestinians were killed and 54 others were injured in tunnel-related incidents, including air strikes, tunnel collapses and electrocution. Tunnels remain the main source of transfer for goods, including construction materials, that are restricted through the official crossings with Israel, as well as fuel that is significantly cheaper to buy from Egypt than from Israel.

## MoH in Gaza receives enough supplies to cover critical patients for more than a month

The Ministry of Health (MoH) in the Gaza Strip received from its counterpart in Ramallah 49 pallets of medicine, urgently needed for the treatment of patients on kidney dialysis. The supplies, the last shipments of which were received two weeks ago, should cover needs for five weeks. According to the MoH in Gaza, the general shortages of medical supplies are mainly due to the lack of coordination between the two ministries of health in Gaza and Ramallah, which places critical patients, including 450 patients on kidney dialysis, at risk. Approximately 25 percent of items on the essential drugs list, and approximately 20 percent of items on the essential disposables list, are out of stock in Gaza.

### Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip:

Killed this week: 0

Of whom children: 0

Killed in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 0 vs. 1

Injured this week: 0

Of whom children: 0

Injured in 2012 vs. same period in 2011: 0 vs. 4

## Limited agricultural produce leaves Gaza

This week, 30 truckloads of agricultural produce, the majority of which (27) carried strawberries (109 tonnes), plus one truckload of cut flowers (260,050 stems), one of sweet peppers (4 tonnes) and one of cherry tomatoes (7 tonnes), were exported to international markets. Since the beginning of the export season in late November 2011, over 120 truckloads have left Gaza, compared to over 5,700 truckloads of exports, ranging from agricultural produce to furniture and textiles, which exited to the West Bank, Israel and international markets between January and May 2007, before the blockade.

### Movement of goods (Kerem Shalom Crossing):

Imports:

Weekly average of truckloads (TL) entered this week: 1,080

TL carrying food: 41%

Weekly average of TL in 2011: 948

Weekly average of TL before the blockade: 2,807

Exports:

Truckloads that left this week: 30

Weekly average in 2011: 5

Weekly average before the blockade: 240

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