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Bethlehem

- Israeli settlers destroyed a water well belonging to a Palestinian resident in the village of al-Khader to the south of the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. A group of settlers destroyed the well under the protection of Israeli occupation Army (IOA). The owner was identified as Ahmad Ghnaim. The 100-square-meter well was built almost 250 years ago and is located near the settlement outpost of 'Sidi Boaz', built illegally on Palestinian-owned land. (WAFSA, [Maannews](#) 2 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained in Beit Fajjar three teenage boys between 15 and 17 years old, identified as Ahmad Ziyad Deiriyeh, Yasser Zaid Deiriyeh, and Ahmad Sami Deiriyeh. The IOA raided and searched Palestinian homes in Beit Fajjar for more than two hours before detaining them. (Maannews 3 May 2017)
- Dozens of Palestinians including two journalists were injured as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a march in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners in the southern occupied West Bank city

of Bethlehem Protesters, demonstrated in solidarity with some 1,600 Palestinian prisoners who have been consuming only a mixture of salt and water for 18 days. Clashes erupted as protesters reached Israel's illegal separation wall. Journalist Safiyyeh Omar was injured with a stun grenade in her leg, while photojournalist Abed Hashlamoun was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the leg. Dozens of protesters suffered from severe tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 4 May 2017)

- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians. One detention was identified in the village of Doha near Bethlehem city, and one from the village of Umm Asla. The location of the third detention remained unclear. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished four buildings in the southern occupied West Bank village of al-Walajah days before a court hearing in which the homeowners hoped to appeal the decision. The IOA raided al-Walajah and demolished a 400-square-meter two-story house belonging to Ibrahim Neiroukh. The IOA also demolished two 150-square-meter houses which were under construction. The two buildings belonged to Hamed and Raed Abu Sneineh. Israeli authorities had previously notified the three owners that their houses would be demolished for lacking hard-to-obtain Israeli construction permits, but had given them an opportunity to appeal the decision in front of an Israeli court on May 7. However, the demolitions came three days before the hearing. The IO bulldozers also demolished the two storey house of Wael Hamida in the village. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- The 17-year-old Palestinian minor Mustafa Jamal al-Badn and Ziad Taleb Khalaf, 21, were kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from their homes in Bethlehem's eastern town of Tekou'.
- Dozens of Israeli settlers gathered on the main road of the village of Tuqu in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. Crowds of Israeli settlers closed the main road connecting the Hebron Governorate to the rest of the southern West Bank and chanted "anti-Arab slogans. Israeli settlers waved Israeli flags, while the Israeli army and police raided the village and provided the settlers with security. The IOA had also stationed themselves on rooftops of nearby buildings. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian citizen and his two sons during their participation in a procession of vehicles held in Masara village, south of Bethlehem, in solidarity with the hunger-

striking prisoners in Israeli jails. Participants moved from Masara to Jourt ash-Sham'ah village, where Israeli soldiers at its main entrance intercepted the vehicles and forced everyone aboard them to step out before they rounded up Ahmed Zawahreh and his young sons, Mohamed and Ibrahim. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated the vehicle of Palestinian prisoner in Israeli jails Hussein al-Sheikh from the village of al-Ma'sara near Bethlehem during a raid in the village. The IOA confiscated the content of the sit-in tent which was set up in the village in support of the 1800 hunger striking Palestinian prisoners and detainees in Israeli jails. (Wafa 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) have detained a Palestinian in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem identified as Muhammad Ahmad al-Hadiyeh,30. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 16-year-old Muhammad Riyadh Sabah from the village of Tuqu and searched his house. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained the 26-year-old Jihad Muhammad Zawahra from the village of al-Masara and searched his house. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians in al-Masara who participated in a march held in solidarity with hundreds of Palestinians on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. The IOA prevented the march from continuing and detained Ahmad Zawahra and his two sons Muhammad, 21, and Ibrahim, 18. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Aida refugee camp in northern Bethlehem and delivered orders to Mahmoud Riyadh Abu Srour, 29, and 19-year-old Mutaz Mahmoud al-Dibs to appear for interrogation at Israel's Etzion detention center. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, the Israeli army detained three Palestinians in the village of Tuqu. Residents identified one of them as Muhammad Arif al-Umour. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a high school in Tequ village, east of Bethlehem, and arrested the school headmaster. IO soldiers claimed that they were looking for Palestinian youths who allegedly threw stones at settlers' cars on the road adjacent to the school. The IOA arrested the headmaster, Majed al-Shaer, when he tried to prevent IO soldiers from raiding classrooms. Israeli troops were intensively

deployed at the entrance of the town while makeshift barriers were erected in the area. (PALINFO 9 May 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Tequ village, east of Bethlehem and arrested Musa Muhammad Al Amour, 18 and Riad Aref Al mour, 14 after raiding their families' houses. The IOA also summoned Jum'a Muhammad Abdel Jaleel, 24, for interrogation at the Gush Etzion detention center after raiding his family house and searching it. (Wafa 9 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem and detained Moussa Muhammad al-Umour and Hassan Khalid al-Badan from the village of Tequ, as well as Mahmoud Ahmad Abu Sway from al-Khader. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Bethlehem when Israeli soldiers broke into commercial shops for the confiscation of security cameras. The IO troops stormed a number of shops close to the northern entrance of Bethlehem city and adjacent to al-Ezzah refugee camp and searched shops and confiscated surveillance cameras' records in order to identify Palestinians who threw stones at the Israeli military watchtower in the area. Palestinian young men confronted the incursion by throwing stones at IO soldiers who fired tear gas grenades in order to disperse the protesters. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a peaceful march towards the northern entrance of Bethlehem city in the southern occupied West Bank and held by Residents of Bethlehem in support of some 1,500 Palestinians on a mass hunger strike across Israeli prisons. The IOA fired tear Gas bombs at Participants in an attempt to disperse them. (Wafa 12 May 2017)
- The Palestinian youth Nadim al-Asa, 25, from al-Ubeidiya town to the east of Bethlehem was handed an order to appear before the Israeli Intelligence in Gush Etzion settlement after his family's house was raided and searched. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrance to the Bethlehem-area village of al-Khader, in the southern occupied West Bank, due to a marathon for Israeli settlers that set off from occupied East Jerusalem towards the entrance of al-Khader. Israel closed the area as well as a main road in the town of Beit Jala that leads to the village of al-Walaja and several illegal Israeli settlements, from 6 a.m to 9:30 a.m. The IOA deployed heavily in the area around al-Khader and the nearby Route

60 road, which connects Jerusalem to the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. (Maannews 12 Mya 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians in the village of Nahhalin in the southern Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) quelled a peaceful march that kicked in Bethlehem city in order to mark the anniversary of Palestinian Nakba. The IO soldiers quelled the march at the northern entrance of the city and showered participants with tear gas grenades. Dozens of Palestinians suffered suffocation due to Israeli intensive shooting of tear gas canisters. (WAFa 15 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian from the Aida refugee camp, located in Bethlehem city. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, three Palestinians were detained in the village of Tuqu, one in Husan, and one in Bethlehem city. One of the three detained in Tuqu was a 16-year-old minor. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian young man from al-Khader village, south of Bethlehem city in the West Bank. The 18-year-old Qusai Subaih was rounded up by Israeli soldiers during clashes between them and local young men in Umm Rukba area, south of the village. The skirmishes started after the IOA stormed the area and intended to raid homes. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) disguised as Palestinian protesters “kidnapped” six Palestinian “youths” at gunpoint after infiltrating a crowd of protesters during clashes that erupted at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired tear-gas canisters and sound bombs at Palestinian protesters, causing many to suffer from severe tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth from the Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem during pre-dawn hours. Citizen Yaqoub Hammad Hammad, 22, was detained after the IOA raided and searched his family’s home in the camp. (Maannews 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Kamal Fawaghrah, 19, from Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city after raiding his family house in Al Balu’ area and searching it. (WAFa 23 May 2017)
- Confrontations erupted between Palestinian youths and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in al-Khader village to the south of Bethlehem

- city. A 7-year-old child, identified as Hassan Ahmed Issa, was transferred to a local hospital for immediate treatment after he was hit with a tear gas canister in the head. (PALINFO 21 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Israeli settlers sprayed 300 Grape seedlings with pesticides in Ein Al Qassis area west of Al Khader city and destroyed them . The seedlings are owned by Muhammad Abdel Salam Salah. (Wafa 21 May 2017)
 - Tuqu' village east of Bethlehem city, arrested Malek al-Amour, 17, and confiscated his father's vehicle after raiding and searching his family's house. (PALINFO 22 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) handed Hazem al-Badin, 18, from Tuqu', an order to appear before the Israeli Intelligence in Gush Etzion settlement, south of Bethlehem, after raiding and searching his family's house. (PALINFO 22 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the southern entrance of Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city, known as “An Nashash entrance” with iron gate and obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles into and out of the village. (Wafa 22 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a car of an ex-detainee, Hisham Radayda, in al-Ubaidiyah town south of Bethlehem city, after storming his house and wreaked havoc inside it. (PALINFO 24 May 2017)
 - At least two Palestinian children were beaten and detained by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) inside the Aida refugee camp, located in the northern part of Bethlehem city in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA raided the camp in military jeeps at around 9:30 a.m. while students from the camp’s United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) school were returning home from their final exams. The soldiers then got out of their jeeps near the camp’s cemetery and assaulted two students, whose identities remained unknown. After beating the two, the soldiers threw them into the jeep and took them into a military base located adjacent to the camp. The IOA also raided Aida’s Lajee Center, a community organization for refugee youth, and confiscated the center’s computers and security camera footage. The IOA prevented the center’s employees from entering the building while the soldiers were inside. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
 - In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Tariq Moussa Ibaiyat, 33, from the town of Beit Sahour, east of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) along with a group of Israeli settlers besieged Al-Minya Secondary mixed School in the village of

Tequ, southeast of Bethlehem city, and prevented students and teachers from leaving the school. One of the settlers expelled the school's students while they were on their way to school allegedly for throwing stones at him. The IOA a fifth-grade student identified as Mahdi al-Kawazba after he was handed over to the IOA by an Israeli settler who claimed that the student threw stones at him. Two other teachers were also arrested and were identified as Muhammad al-Qurna and Khaled Al 'Araysi. (Maannews 25 May 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained for some hours a female Palestinian youth along with her brother in Al Balou' area in Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city after raiding their family house and ransacking contents. The two were identified as Arwa Ibrahim Al Fawaghra,28 and her brother Ra'fat, 25. (Maannews 25 May 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and shut down the Jumbo supermarket in the town of Beit Jala, adjacent to Bethlehem city, claiming that the store was selling fireworks to local youth that were being used in clashes against Israeli soldiers. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- In the southern Bethlehem Governorate, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the village of Tuqu east of Bethlehem city and detained two 15-year-old boys, Mumin Ibrahim al-Umour and Salim Samih Misbah. The IOA also ransacked several homes in the village before detaining the two children, and that clashes broke out between soldiers and locals after the detention raids. (Maannews 30 May 2017)

Jenin

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a Palestinian vehicle belonging to Mustafa Jameel Khatib, a resident of the village of Daher al-Maleh, southwest of Jenin, while he was in the nearby village of Umm al-Rayhan. (Wafa 4 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammada Taher Yousif Abu Ali from Qabatyia town near Jenin Governorate at a sudden checkpoint that was erected between Jenin and Ramallah Governorates. (Wafa 5 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian citizen, from Qabatiya town in Jenin, at a makeshift checkpoint on a road leading to Ramallah city. The detainee was identified as 20-year-old Adham Qarqish and was kidnapped after intercepting a public car he was aboard. (PALINFO 6 May 2017)

- A ten-year-old Palestinian girl was hospitalized after a wild boar attacked her in the village of al-Yamun northwest of Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank, as a result of Israeli settlers deliberately releasing wild boars in the area. The child, Alaa Kamil Hoshiya, was bit on her hand and was also suffering from shock. The girl was attacked in al-Khirbeh area of al-Yamun. (Maannews 6 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Adham Ahmad Qarqesh from Qabatyia town south of Jenin city while on his way to Ramallah at a sudden checkpoint that was suddenly erected by the IOA. (WAFA 6 May 2017)
- Israeli soldiers kidnapped a Palestinian citizen, from Qabatiya town in Jenin, at a makeshift checkpoint on a road leading to Ramallah city. The detainee was identified as 20-year-old Adham Qarqish and was kidnapped after intercepting a public car he was aboard. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers razed the lands of a former Israeli military camp in Arraba town to the south of Jenin city. Several Israeli patrols stormed the former camp, Dotan, and IO soldiers were deployed in the site as an Israeli bulldozer started razing it. The bulldozing of the site was carried out for no known reasons, and was conducted several times in the recent months in the same area accompanied by searching and combing operations. Despite withdrawing from the camp 12 years ago, the Israeli occupation authorities still refuse to return the lands to their owners and ban entry to the area even after its evacuation. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Tens of Israeli settlers raided the evacuated Tersallah site near Sanur village south of Jenin city whereas the Israeli occupation Army intensified its presence in the area. The settlers performed religious rituals and chanted anti-arab slogans. (WAFA 8 May 2017)
- A large Israeli force broke into the eastern area of Nablus city late at night and confiscated equipment used for the construction of a new road in Rujeib village. The IOA claimed that the construction works are conducted in Area C which is supposed to be under Israeli control according to the Oslo Agreement. (PALINFO 8 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated several Palestinian cars in Barta'a ash-Sharqiya village, which is isolated by Israel's separation wall and located south of Jenin Governorate in the West Bank. Dozens of Israeli troops spread throughout the industrial zone of the village and prevented anyone from leaving or entering it. The troops seized about 12 Palestinian vehicles, took them to an undeclared place and interrogated the workers of auto repair workshops. (PALINFO 9 May 2017)

- A group of Jewish settlers rioted at the site of an evicted settlement south of Jenin city in the northern West Bank under protection of Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Settlers, escorted by IOA, came to the site by bus. The soldiers were earlier deployed in the area of the settlement, which was evicted in 2005, to provide protection for the settlers. Settlers chanted racist anti-Arab slogans calling for killing and expelling Palestinians. They also performed Talmudic rituals before exiting the place. (PALINFO 9 May 2017)
- In Jenin, violent clashes broke out between local young men and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the main entrance to Qabatiya town in the south. The IOA soldiers intercepted Palestinian cars and citizens on a road near the petrol station between Burqin and Qabatiya towns, without making arrests. (PALINFO, 10 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Salem military barrier west of Jenin city at the pretext of arresting a young man in possession of an explosive device. Israeli soldiers arrested a Palestinian young man at the road barrier, closed it and prevented relatives and lawyers of prisoners from going to the military Salem court. An Israeli officer told citizens at the barrier to leave the area, claiming there was an explosive device to be dealt with later by special teams. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- The residents of the village of Yabad to south of Jenin to the north of the West Bank were surprised on the 6th of May, 2017 by the Israeli occupation authorities' military order to confiscate the village's lands as part of an ongoing plan to target the village. The (IOA) handed over a decision to the Yabad inhabitants, which states confiscating land from the village at a total of 9,858 dunums of land, along the adjacent bypass road to the south of the village, in a clear violation of private property of citizens. The IOA informed the citizens in an arbitrary manner that their land was confiscated, noting that vast fields of these lands are planted with olives. The IOA published a list of names of citizens whose lands were confiscated. The decision issued by the Israeli occupation army states that it aims at "seizing the land for security purposes" based on "special security conditions in the region and the need to take action (vis-à-vis such conditions)." The Israeli occupation authorities issued a list, which includes 59 of the affected people as a result of this order, in the town of Yabad. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched two Palestinian houses in al-Yamun town to the west of Jenin city and interrogated their owners. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with live ammunition after an Israeli military detention raid into Jenin refugee camp sparked clashes between locals and Israeli soldiers. The IOA raided the camp before dawn and proceeded to search houses while firing live bullets and tear gas at Palestinians, sparking clashes with local youth. Citizens Yazan Muhammad Jaaisa, 20, and Majdi Abu Jelda, 15, sustained gunshot wounds. The IOA also raided several houses in the camp, and detained Muhammad Mahmoud Ar'arawi, 17, and Yaseen Ali Amouri, 18, and Mustafa Abu Jelda, 18. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians in Jenin in the northernmost Governorate of the West Bank. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- A raid into Jenin refugee camp sparked clashes between Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and local youth. The IOA shot one resident in the leg with a live bullet. Locals identified one of those detained as Yassin al-Amuri. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained citizen Yazeed Nidal As Sa'di, 20, from Jenin city after raiding his house in Bour Saed street in Jenin city. (Maannews 15 May 2017)
- A violent military raid into Jenin refugee camp sparked clashes with Palestinians. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians, and 20-year-old camp resident Wahid Yousif al-Ghoul was shot and injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his lower extremities. The IOA indiscriminately fired stun grenades and tear gas inside the densely populated refugee camp, leading several locals to suffer from tear gas suffocation. A second Palestinian was also shot in the raid. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- In the town of Qabatiya south Jenin city, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) said one Palestinian was detained, identified by locals as Sabri Assaf. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Five Palestinians were detained in the village of al-Zababida, four of whom identified by locals as Tariq Mahmoud Nabhan, brothers Ahmad and Nadim Bassam Sharqawi, and Bashar Ibrahim Abbas. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation army (IOA) destroyed eight coal production facilities and two sheds outside the town of Ya'bad, west of Jenin in northern West Bank. The IOA broke into the area and demolished and burnt eight coal-production facilities and two sheds owned by Mahmoud Jaber Abu Baker and Majdi Amarneh. (Wafa 18 May 2017)

- Clashes erupted between local Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Silat Ad Daher village south of Jenin city where the latter fired tear gas bombs at protestors causing tens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 22 May 2017).
- Israeli machinery and bulldozers escorted by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) razed land near Arraba military camp in Jenin, and prevented Palestinian land owners and herders from coming near the area. (Wafa 22 May, 2017)
- In Jenin city, clashes broke out at dawn after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Ya'bad village and assaulted local residents. The IOA fired tear gas canisters and bullets. (PALINFO 23 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a 16-year-old Palestinian minor after storming his family home in Yaabad town, southwest of Jenin, in the northern West Bank. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned citizen Islam Bilal Jarban, 27, from Rummana village, for interrogation at Salem military camp west of Jenin city after raiding the village and storming his family house. (Wafa 26 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) brutalized Palestinian citizens in areas west of Jenin city in the West Bank, especially the villages of Zububa, Rummanah and at-Tayba. Israeli soldiers bullied and maltreated citizens, including teenagers, in the villages at the pretext of looking for young men accused of sabotaging the separation wall in the area. (PALINFO 27 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained for long hours four teenagers from Zububa village after arresting them in an area near the Salem military base. The detainees were identified a Mohamed Abu Labda, Mohamed Jaradat and Nidal Hasan and Rami Jaradat. (PALINFO 27 May 2017)
- Clashes burst out after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) rolled into Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank, and kidnapped the Palestinian young man Salam Sa'abna as he passed through a makeshift checkpoint pitched near the main entrance to Arraba town, south of Jenin. (PALINFO 28 May 2017)
- In Jenin area, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from the village of Fahma, south of Jenin, at a flying checkpoint near the village. (Wafa 28 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a 22-year-old Palestinian man from Jenin on his return from Saudi Arabia where he performed Umrah. The Israeli intelligence apparatus questioned Ibrahim Abu

Baker at the crossing for hours. He was then arrested and taken to an unknown destination. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kherbit Abdouallah Al Younis near Barta'a village in Jenin Governorate in the northern West Bank, stormed the house of Abdel Raheem Hasan Qabha, 17 years, searched his house and detained him. (SAFA 30 May 2017)

Jerusalem

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed an event in occupied East Jerusalem, organized in solidarity with 1,600 hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners, who entered the 15th day of hunger strike. A group of Palestinians gathered at the Damascus Gate area outside the Old City and attempted to draw mural depicting images of solidarity with the hunger strikers. The IOA raided the area, confiscated the banner and detained Palestinian activist Sumoud Abu Khdeir. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers stormed the plazas of holy al-Aqsa Mosque, in Occupied Jerusalem. 55 Israeli settlers, escorted by police troops, stormed the al-Aqsa place of worship as part of the morning break-in shift, lasting from 07:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 12 settlers further broke into the site during the afternoon shift and performed sacrilegious rituals. Over recent days, the so-called Temple Mount organizations launched calls via social media networks for mass break-ins at al-Aqsa to mark Israel's establishment on the land of Palestine. (PALINFO 1 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main road in the Mount of Olives area overlooking the Old city of Jerusalem, under the pretext that some Palestinian youth of the neighborhood targeted an Israeli settler vehicle with stones. (WAFSA 1 May 2017)
- Israeli policemen took hats off to Israeli settlers who defiled holy al-Aqsa Mosque, in Occupied Jerusalem. Israeli police boosted settler break-ins at al-Aqsa Mosque. Two Israeli officers performed a military salute near the Dome of the Rock at al-Aqsa in the presence of Israeli settlers. The Israeli settlers performed a round of sacrilegious rituals, stirring up further tension at the site. (PALINFO 2 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation police detained six Palestinians from the Jabal al-Zaytun neighborhood and six others from Silwan, and took them to interrogation centers in Jerusalem. (Maannews 3 May 2017)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem, the Israeli occupation army detained one Palestinian from the town of Abu Dis. (Maannews 4 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation authorities and bulldozers and escorted by large numbers of Israeli border police raided At Tur neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem and demolished a two-story building under construction, which the owners said they had started working on eight months earlier to create four apartments. The building's owners, Khalil Abu Sneineh and Rami al-Sayyad hadn't received any notice informing them that the demolition would take place. The owners said that the Israeli Jerusalem municipality had issued a demolition order against the building for being built without a permit, and that the municipality had postponed the demolition until May in order to give them time to file an appeal. However, Abu Sneineh and al-Sayyad had not been able to file an appeal earlier in the week due to two consecutive Israeli holidays, and said that they were taken by surprise by the fact that the demolition occurred within such short notice. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality demolished two commercial structures in the town of Issawiya in occupied East Jerusalem for reportedly being built without licenses. The 120-square-meter structures were owned by the Palestinian citizens Muti' and Mahmoud Abu Reyala. The construction had only recently finished and the family had been finalizing preparations to use the buildings just before the demolitions. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian youths: Alaa Nabata in Shufat refugee camp and Amir Alqam at Shufat barrier east of Occupied Jerusalem. Clashes erupted in the afternoon hours between Palestinian youths and the IOA at the Qalandiya refugee camp in northern Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 5 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a former Palestinian prisoner, Isam Mansour, from the village of Deir Istya on a sudden checkpoint that was erected at the entrance of Jinsafut village east of Qalqiyia city. (Wafa 5 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities demolished a home in the town of Sur Bahir, leaving six Palestinians homeless. Israeli bulldozers, escorted by crew from Israel's Jerusalem municipality and armed Israeli occupation army (IOA), demolished a house Sur Bahir belonging to Ashraf Fawaqa. Fawaqa. The IOA raided his house without prior notice, and began emptying and evacuating the house in preparation for demolition. The Israeli Authorities told Fawaqa that his home would be destroyed for lacking nearly impossible to obtain construction permits. Mr. Fawaqa had been trying to obtain licenses for his house since he built it six years, but no avail, pointing out that had paid more than 200,000 shekels (\$55,403) in lawyers' fees over the

years. He added that while the Jerusalem municipal court, magistrate court and central court approved the demolition, the Israeli Supreme Court had frozen the demolition. Despite the supreme court's freeze on the demolition, Israeli forces destroyed Fawaqa's 100 square meter house, leaving him, his wife, and their four children -- the eldest of which is eight years old -- homeless. (Maannews 5 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation police intensified their presence at the military barrier near the main entrance to Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem as well as in the area around it as a prelude to holding an opening ceremony for a border police station. Internal security minister Gilad Erdan and senior officials would participate in the opening ceremony. The intensive deployment of soldiers at the Shuafat checkpoint and its vicinity affected the movement of citizens living in the area from and to Jerusalem. The Shuafat barrier or checkpoint is one of the West Bank's hottest flashpoints, where confrontations happen almost on a daily basis between Israeli soldiers and local young men. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) banned dozens of families of Jerusalemite prisoners from organizing a solidarity sit-in with the hunger striking detainees in the courtyard of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA prevented the event at the pretext that the land over which the ICRC headquarters is built is owned by the Israeli municipality. The families had to protest in front of the ICRC headquarters entrance amid intensive presence of Israeli occupation Army (IOA). (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Two Palestinians from Anata town near occupied East Jerusalem. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained citizen Nour Saleem Ash Shalabi after violently raiding his house in occupied Jerusalem. (Wafa 7 May 2017)
- Clashes broke out between Palestinian youths and the Israeli police after the latter stormed al-Isawiya town to the east of occupied east Jerusalem and remained there until late at dawn on Monday. The Israeli police chased the youths and attacked them with rubber bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters. Israeli Settler Violence. (PALINFO 8 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the town of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem and detained 65-year-old Said Ayyash, whose son Milad Ayyash was **shot dead** by the IOA in 2011. Israeli intelligence officers had stormed their house one day prior to detain

Ayyash. Ayyash, however, was in the hospital at the time. Israeli forces then returned the next day and detained him. The IOA gave no explanation for Ayyash's detention. (Maannews 8 May 2017)

- In the central West Bank, Four Palestinians were detained in the village of al-Sheikh Saad in the Jerusalem Governorate. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers sprayed graffiti and vandalized several vehicles in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Shu'fat. Private surveillance cameras captured footage of two Israeli settlers entering the al-Sahl area of Shufat and spraying racist graffiti on walls and vehicles at around 3 a.m. The graffiti, written in Hebrew, read "(Prophet) Muhammad is a pig" and "administrative price tag" -- in reference to the term "price tag" used by settlers to refer to the attacks they carry out on Palestinians and their property. 17 vehicles were vandalized, some of which were spray painted, while others had their tires punctured. The "incident" took place between the settlement of Ramat Shlomo and Shufat town, to cars that were parked alongside the Israeli bypass Road No. 21. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- 72 Jewish settlers stormed on Monday the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem amid tightened security measures. The settlers broke into the holy shrine from al-Magharebah gate. They provocatively toured its courtyards and performed Talmudic rituals under the protection of Israeli police. (PALINFO 9 May 2017)
- For the second day in a row, the Israeli occupation authorities continued to install more surveillance cameras in the main street, from the direction of Al-Mutala'a Hospital to Al Makassed Charitable Hospital in the Mount of Olives, all the way to the Old City of Jerusalem. The Israeli occupation authorities attributed the incident to the continued stone-throwing incidents targeting settlers' vehicles as they were passing through the area. (WAFA 10 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in the town of Abu Dis in the central Jerusalem Governorate and were identified as Radi Rabee, 18, and Muhamamd Rabee, 16. The two were detained after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided their homes in the town. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Hamza Zahran after raiding his home in Qalandyia refugee camp and took him to one of the interrogation centers in the city. (SAFA 10 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Shu'fat refugee camp in the center of occupied Jerusalem, near the military checkpoint which is

- located at the entrance to the camp. The IOF stopped Palestinian vehicles and check ID cards. (Wafa 11 May 2017)
- 67 Jewish settlers stormed on morning the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem amid Israeli police tightened security measures. 44 settlers broke into the holy shrine in the morning shift from the Israeli-controlled al-Magharebah gate and roamed its courtyards while receiving explanations on the alleged Temple of Solomon. Three members of Israeli intelligence apparatus along with twenty Jewish students and guides stormed al-Aqsa Mosque's plazas in the afternoon shift. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a commercial grocery store near Qalandia checkpoint, at the entrance of Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of unlicensed building. Clashes broke out between the IOA and Palestinians in the camp where the IOA fired live, rubber and poisonous bullets at Palestinians to disperse them. The IOA also closed the checkpoint in both directions, causing heavy traffic to and from occupied east Jerusalem. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
 - Four Palestinians were injured, 14 other sustained burns and 14 others suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Abu Dis Town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Wafa 12 May 2017)
 - The Ministry of Construction and Housing is working alongside the city of Jerusalem to consolidate a construction plan to build over 28,000 apartments in the capital over the next decade. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to present US President Donald Trump with the plan at the latter's visit to the city later this month. The agreement grants government indemnification to construct infrastructures such as roads, education facilities and parks even before any of the apartments are populated. About 15,000 apartments will be built beyond the Green Line in Givat HaMatos, East Talpiot, Ramot, Pisgat Ze'ev, Neve Yaakov, Ramat Shlomo, Gilo and Atarot. Aside from the apartments, the plan includes the construction of dozens of public facilities, community centers, schools and kindergartens. 10,000 apartments are set to be built within the Green Line in Lifta, Pat, Ora, Masua, Romema, Herzog, Arnona, Malha and Reches Lavan. The plan, which was promoted by Minister of Construction Yoav Galant, is estimated to cost around NIS 5 billion. "We are nearing a new age, the rise of which was felt since Donald Trump's rise to presidency. The days of stuttering are over," said Deputy Mayor Meir Turgeman, who helms the local planning and construction committee. "The pressure of the Obama era is no more, when every week every plan had to face

'yes and no, subtract here and add here.' In recent weeks, we authorize plans with no limitations." The Jerusalem City Hall released a statement commenting that it "sees with great importance the continued construction and development of Jerusalem, especially in celebration of 50 years since its reunification, adding more than 7 million square meters of potential employment alongside an increase of the residential building, as a way to create jobs and lower apartment costs in the city." ([YNETNEWS](#) 12 May 2017)

- An Israeli policeman ran over a Palestinian child near Bab el-Amoud in occupied Jerusalem then fled the scene. The Israeli policeman was driving his car at high speed and hit the child before fleeing the area, leaving the child injured on the street. (PALINFO 13 May 2017)
- Dozens of members of the Israeli Knesset have signed a petition to the Israeli construction company United Jerusalem Fund which calls for supporting a marketing project for the lands owned by the company near Ma'ale Adumim settlement. The company is planning to establish a new settlement on the site based on a government decision issued in the 1980s. The United Jerusalem Fund is a private company headed by Gad Gabriel that seeks to build a new settlement named Mitzpe Yehuda or Giv'at Adumim on a hill adjacent to Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Practically, there are no specific plans for the construction of the settlement so far. For more information, click to read full report. ([PALINFO](#) 13 May 2017)
- 72 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem via Al Mughrabi Gate escorted by the Israeli occupation Police. The settlers toured in the backyard of the Mosque and carried out provocative actions. (Wafa 14 May 2017)
- An Israeli settler ran over a Palestinian near Atarot industrial area in occupied East Jerusalem, identified as Raed Ghaith from Beit Hanina town. (Wafa 14 May 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians in al-Matar neighborhood to the north of occupied Jerusalem and Israeli soldiers, after the latter stormed the area and handed notices to demolish four buildings there. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the neighborhood and shut down a building, before handing demolition orders against four under-construction buildings in the area, provoking clashes with residents. No injuries were reported. The demolition orders came under the pretext of being constructed too close to the apartheid wall, which separates the neighborhood from Qalandia airport. Forces also seized two vehicles belonging to residents in the neighborhood. (Wafa 14 May 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA)detained two brothers from Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town. The two were identified as Jamal and Muhamamd Al Ghoul.
- 33 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque IN OCUCPIED East Jerusalem via Al Mughrabi Gate escorted by the Israeli occupation Police. The settlers toured in the backyard of the Mosque and carried out provocative actions. (Wafa 15 May 2017)
- Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem ordered a halt on the construction of the Issawiya town council, in occupied East Jerusalem. Staff from the Israeli municipality accompanied by a police escort broke into the area and handed a notification ordering those behind the construction to stop work. (Wafa 15 May 2017)
- A regional council in the West Bank has begun soliciting bids to build over 200 apartments in a Jewish settlement under its authority. The news comes a week ahead of U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to Israel and the Palestinian Authority. The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council is looking to build 209 apartments in Tel Zion, the ultra-Orthodox section of the settlement of Kochav Yaakov in the center of the West Bank. The settlement is east of the separation barrier and not part of the generally accepted settlement blocs. The plan for homes was approved long ago, during the 1980s, and now the regional council wants to bring it to fruition. Regional Council chairman Avi Roeh, who is also chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria, confirmed that this is an old plan now being taken out of the mothballs. He said that at issue "is a project with an approved urban plan of 1,200 units, of which 750 have been built." The others weren't erected, he said, because the developer went bankrupt. Hagit Ofran, who follows settlement development for the anti-occupation group Peace Now, also confirmed that this construction is permitted under an old plan, but stressed: "Even if this was approved in the past – it's construction. "There are tens of thousands of units that could be built under old plans. In practice, there was no [construction] freeze and there is no freeze in the settlements. This is a large project beyond the separation barrier that will continue to undermine the two-state solution." Last week, Haaretz reported that the Prime Minister's Office had the Civil Administration's High Planning Committee postponed a meeting that was supposed to convene to approve building projects in West Bank settlements. A senior official told Haaretz that Netanyahu's office asked that the meeting only take place after U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to the country on May 22 ends. The senior official, who asked to remain anonymous, stated that the

postponement was intended to avoid friction between Israel and the U.S. over the issue of settlement construction a short while before the presidential visit. This kind of friction could mar the entire visit, turn the settlements issue into a major issue in the negotiations and give the Palestinians arguments to strengthen their position during Trump's visit to Bethlehem and his meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. ([Haaretz](#) 15 May 2017)

- 73 Jewish settlers stormed the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem from the Magharebah gate under the protection of Israeli police. Israeli police allowed settlers to break into the courtyards of the Muslims' holy shrine. The Jewish settlers roamed the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque amid explanations on the alleged Temple of Solomon. (PALINFO 16 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Tell village in Nablus and detained two young men, after raiding the village with more than 15 military vehicles. The two were identified as Hamza Ahmad Said Ramadan, 26, and Samir Taleb Silwadi, 21. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- Israeli police raided the village of al-Tur in occupied East Jerusalem and detained one Palestinian, identified as Wafaa Abu Jumaa, from her home transferred to an interrogation center. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli police detained two unidentified Palestinians from the Old City, who were suspected of throwing rocks and fireworks at Israeli police forces and border guards near the Old City. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- In the town of Al Issawiya north of the Old City, clashes erupted between Israeli Police and Palestinian youth, with Israeli police firing stun grenades at Palestinians. Two Palestinians from Issawiya were detained. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli settlement societies called for intensifying settler incursions into al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City of Occupied Jerusalem in order to mark the 50th anniversary of occupying Jerusalem and to celebrate the so-called reunification of Jerusalem. The calls coincide with the US President Donald Trump's visit to Bethlehem next week in order to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
- At the Qalandiya military checkpoint north of Jerusalem-- two Palestinians were injured, one of them in his mouth, with rubber-coated steel bullets in clashes that erupted following a solidarity march that set off from the Qalandiya refugee camp. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed behind large cement by cement blocks, fired rubber-coated steel bullets, tear gas canisters and sound bombs at Palestinians. (Maannews 19 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Awad from Aqbat As Saraya in the old city of Jerusalem and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained A Palestinian female child, 14, at Qalandyia checkpoint north of Jerusalem city and took her inside Qalandyia's detention center. (Wafa 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Awad from Aqbat As Saraya in the old city of Jerusalem and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained A Palestinian female child, 14, at Qalandyia checkpoint north of Jerusalem city and took her inside Qalandyia's detention center. (Wafa 20 May 2017)
- In the village of Abu Dis in the West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Amjad Rabee and Ali Rabee after raiding their homes. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several homes in Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem and detained five Palestinians in the town. The detainees were identified as Wassim Nayef, Ahmad Kayed Mahmoud, Adam Fadi Mustafa, Yousif Issa Mustafa, and Anas Abu Assab. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- In the town of Shufat in occupied East Jerusalem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided three homes and detained Nasser Abu Khdeir, a former prisoner, Abed Saed Abu Khdeir, and Ameer Abu Khdeir. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- In Shufat refugee camp in Jerusalem Governorate, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the home of former prisoner Arafat Fafous and delivered an order to his family summoning them for interrogations when Fafous was not found at home. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- In the Old City of Jerusalem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad al-Shlabi and Thaer Abu Sbeih after raiding their homes.
- In the town of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem, clashes had erupted until late hours when the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas and rubber-coated steel bullets into the community and detained 20-year-old Muhammad al-Abasi. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities issued a decision to deport Kifah Da'na, a resident of the Old City of Jerusalem, for 30 days, A house arrest for 10 days, and a payment of NIS 2000 bail as conditions for his release from the Israeli jails. (Wafa 21 May 2017)
- Right-wing Israeli activists from the Betar Movement laid a "cornerstone" for the American Embassy in Jerusalem in an effort to

“strengthen” US President Donald Trump ahead of his visit to Israel’s capital. The activists held the ceremony at the site of the former British Allenby Compound in Jerusalem’s Arnona neighborhood on a plot of land leased to the US by the Israel Lands Authority for the embassy in 1999... The activists came to the barren tract of land and hoisted American flags and a banner that said, “Cornerstone-Laying Ceremony for the US Embassy.” (JPOST 21 May 2017)

- In occupied East Jerusalem, three young men were shot by rubber bullets and about ten others suffered suffocation during clashes that erupted near Qalandiya crossing to the north of the city. (PALINFO 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Special Forces assaulted a Palestinian man along with his son near Damascus gate in Occupied Jerusalem before arresting the son. (PALINFO 22 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian teenage girl at the entrance to the village of Silwad, east of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank. The 17-year-old girl was identified as Tuqua Hammad and was hit in the lower extremities. The IOA prevented a Palestinian ambulance from accessing the victim to treat her. (Maannews 23 May 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army kidnapped a Palestinian girl in Silwan town in occupied Jerusalem and was identified as Samah Sarhan. Other Palestinian young men, including a teenager, were also taken prisoners by the Israeli police in Silwan. (PALINFO 23 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians after storming their family homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabal al-Mukabbir. (Wafa 23 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians after ransacking their family homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. One Palestinian was detained by Israeli forces at the entrance to al-Ram town, north of Jerusalem. (Wafa 23 May 2017).
- Three Palestinian security guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem were assaulted and detained by Israeli police, as hundreds of right-wing Israelis and ultra-religious settlers took to the holy site in celebration of “Jerusalem Day.” The Israeli police forces assaulted a group of four of the mosque’s guards at Lion’s Gate, after the guards “objected to the provocative behaviors of Israeli settlers during their raid of Al-Aqsa.” The injured were identified the four injured as Arafat Najib, Khalil al-Tarhuni, Nour Abu Hadwan and Nidal al-Waari. Settlers toured the Old City and

performed religious rituals at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque, while dozens entered the compound in separate groups through the Moroccan Gate. (Maannews 24 May 2017)

- A group of Israeli and Palestinian activists denouncing the Jerusalem Day parade held by Israeli settlers in Jerusalem was assaulted by Israeli police forces outside of Damascus gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. Palestinian activists were waving Palestinian flags at the scene, while international and Israeli peace activists formed a human chain, when Israeli police forces violently dispersed them, beating them and pushing them away. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
- Israeli police forces detained a family of Palestinian street vendors after assaulting them in occupied East Jerusalem. Israeli police forces raided The al-Razim family bread kiosk, attempted to seize the bread, and issued a 475,000-shekel (\$132,342) fine against the family for allegedly expanding the area of their kiosk beyond the permitted area. A verbal dispute broke out before Israeli police forces assaulted and detained four members of the family, identified as Kayid, Uday, Yazan, and Luay al-Razim. Israeli police forces violently assaulted and beat the four, and took them to the police station, where three of them were released into house arrest for one night, while the detention of the fourth -- whose identity remained unclear -- was extended pending a court session. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
- The Israeli police extended the arrest of three guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque who were earlier detained from al-Aqsa compound. The three security guards of the compound were assaulted and detained by Israeli police as hundreds of right-wing Israeli settlers broke into the holy site and performed Talmudic rituals. (PALINFO 24 May 2017)
- More than 500 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque's courtyards under tight police protection. Some settlers behaved provocatively during their presence at the Mosque and as they were leaving through al-Silsila (Dung) Gate. (PALINFO 24 May 2017)
- Israel's News Channel 10 has learned that according to the secret plan being examined, Kafr Aqab and the Shuafat refugee camp, which are now part of Greater Jerusalem, but beyond the separation fence for a decade, they will be cut off from the city and become a separate regional council. At a meeting of the National Security Council, a body under the prime minister's responsibility, discussed the separation of the neighborhoods in East Jerusalem from the city .The main proposal at the center of the discussions was to cut Kafr Aqab and Shu'afat from Jerusalem and turn them into a regional council within Israel with a separate independent authority that would receive a budget directly

from the government. 140,000 people live in the two neighborhoods that have deteriorated over the past decade and have been neglected by the municipality .For more information, click to read full article: ([NANA10](#) 24 May 2017)

- The finance and Jerusalem affairs ministries are to present a joint plan to the cabinet Sunday to improve conditions for Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, Channel 10 News reported Thursday. The first two clauses — costing NIS 180 million (\$50 million) — will deal with the need for better education and for improved sewage infrastructure as well as for more efficient removal of trash. On Wednesday, President Reuven Rivlin used the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem’s reunification to call for immediate action to improve the quality of life in the predominantly Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, which are among the nation’s poorest. “We must take urgent care of East Jerusalem,” the president said. “We cannot sing songs of praise for a united Jerusalem while East Jerusalem, the area where 40 percent of its residents live, is the poorest urban area in Israel.” In a separate development, Channel 10 reported Wednesday that Israel’s National Security Council is considering a plan to transfer control of two East Jerusalem neighborhoods from the Jerusalem Municipality to a yet-to-be established local council. Despite being part of the city, Kafr Aqab and the Shuafat refugee camp are located on the other side of the security barrier and suffer from a dearth of municipal services. Under the plan, the two northern neighborhoods — which together comprise around one eighth of Jerusalem’s population — would be moved to a newly established local council that would remain under Israeli control and receive funding for municipal services directly from the state rather than through the municipality, according to Channel 10. While the report of the plan was welcomed by a number of left-leaning lawmakers, with opposition leader Isaac Herzog saying it would help “ensure a united Jerusalem with a Jewish majority,” the Jerusalem Municipality threw cold water on the idea, telling Channel 10 the establishment of a new local council would not “provide an answer” to the neighborhoods’ problems. ([TIMES OF ISRAEL](#) 25 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) banned three of al-Aqsa Mosque guards from entering the holy site for 15 days. The three guards were identified as Nuwar Abu Hadwan, Nidal Wari and Khalil Tarhouni. An Israeli court released them, after being previously

arrested, on bail estimated at 1000 shekels in addition to the ban of entry order. (PALINFO 26 May 2017)

- In the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a mosque in the town of Hizma following evening prayers and arrested five Palestinians. The IOA surrounded and raided the mosque, detaining Amjad and Ghassan Omar Kanaan, Ghazi Badr al-Khatib, Ishaq Muhammad and Mustafa Jaber. Clashes erupted in the town following the raid, with the IOA firing live ammunition and tear gas at locals, causing many to suffer from severe tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- Israeli police arrested five Palestinians after breaking into Hazma town to the east of occupied Jerusalem. The five detainees were identified as Amjad Omar Kanaan, Ghassan Omar Kanaan, Ghazi Bader al-Khatib, Ishaq Mohammed, and Mustafa Jabr. (PALINFO 26 May 2017)
- 127 Israeli settlers stormed Al Aqsa Mosque from Al Magharbeh Gate escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and carried out provocative tours in the courtyard. (SAFA 28 May 2017)
- Israeli companies recently started to market and build hundreds of housing units in illegal settlements in Occupied Jerusalem, while the Israeli municipal authority approved a plan to build underground roads northeast of the holy city. According to Kol Ha'ir newspaper, 113 housing units have been marketed in Gilo settlement, southeast of Jerusalem. Another 41 housing units of the Habark project in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement have also been marketed and sold by an Israeli company, which embarked on carrying out the second phase of the project (about 56 housing units). Meanwhile, another company called Euro-Israel recently marketed 122 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev. The same company already built and sold 24 apartments in Pisgat Ze'ev and is now carrying out two projects to construct a total of 200 housing units in Har Homa and Neve Yaakov settlements, east of Jerusalem. In another development, Kol Ha'ir said that the Jerusalem district planning and building committee chaired by Meir Turgeman, who also serves as deputy head of the Israeli municipality in the holy city, approved a major project to build traffic tunnels at the junction of the French Hill settlement, northeast of Jerusalem. (PALINFO 28 May 2017)
- Israel's Cabinet held its weekly meeting in the Western Wall tunnels to mark the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. "In this place King Solomon built the First Temple. In this place, the Babylonian exile built the Second Temple and after the destruction of

the Second Temple, this place was the focal point of the longing of our people for generations,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday at the start of the meeting. “Thousands of years passed, the people of Israel returned to their land, established their state and built their united capital.” During the meeting, the Cabinet approved a plan to build an elevator from Jerusalem’s Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall that would allow more accessibility for handicapped people to the holy site. The Cabinet also approved the construction of a cable car to the Dung Gate near the Western Wall in the Old City from the center of the city. The elevator and a pedestrian tunnel at its foot is estimated to cost \$14 million. The Cabinet also approved a five-year budget to develop the area around the Old City and to improve health, culture, welfare and education services in the city of Jerusalem, including eastern Jerusalem. The Ruderman Family Foundation praised the Cabinet decision to build the elevator and make the Western Wall more accessible to people with disabilities. “The Government of Israel made the right decision today to make Judaism’s holiest site, the Western Wall, accessible to people with disabilities by voting to build an elevator and passageway,” said Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation, in a statement. “For far too long, these ever-important sites were not completely accessible for people with disabilities, who account for twenty percent of the population. This decision will now ensure freedom to worship for all.” Tourism Minister Yariv Levin praised the approval of the cable car, which he said would make the Western Wall more accessible to the 130,000 visitors to the site each week. The cable car, which will be operational by 2021, will be able to serve up to 3,000 people per hour. “The future cable car will change the face of Jerusalem, allow easy and convenient access for tourists and visitors to the Western Wall and will serve as an exceptional tourist attraction. There is no more appropriate and exciting time than this – 50 years since the reunification of Jerusalem – to launch this revolutionary project,” he said in a statement. ([JTA](#), [IPOST](#) 28 May 2017)

- The Israeli government approved the “Western Wall Elevator” project. The decision comes after 13 years of declarations which did not lead to an actual decision on the matter. The approved project calls for immediate action, and all required permits have already been granted. Within the framework of [the program](#), estimated to cost around 50 million shekels, a special elevator and underground passageways are to be built which will give people with physical disabilities easier access to the Western Wall plaza from the Jewish Quarter of

Jerusalem's Old City. According to the program, the elevator will start in the Jewish Quarter and descend 85 feet to the Western Wall plaza. In addition, a pedestrian tunnel over 200 feet long will stretch from the exit of the elevator to the security checkpoint at the Western Wall plaza. According to Housing Minister Yoav Galant, "Jewish ethics begins at the Western Wall, the heart of the Jewish people. For every year that Jerusalem has been liberated, Israel is investing one million shekels. 50 years - 50 million. Last week, President Trump made clear the unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and the Western Wall. The government of Israel said today clearly: The eyes of the Jewish people looked to Jerusalem and the Western Wall for 2,000 years of exile. Now, the state of Israel is not only declaring the connection between the Western Wall and the Jewish people, but is also investing resources in this [connection]." ([INN](#), [BS](#), [TimesofIsrael](#) 28 May 2017)

- The Israeli government approved Sunday a plan to reduce environmental hazards in Jerusalem and make greater efforts in garbage disposal and infrastructure rehabilitation in east Jerusalem neighborhoods. The Ministry of Environmental Protection stated that NIS 177 million will be allocated to treating garbage and sewage hazards in the eastern part of the city, as well as for education on environmental responsibility. NIS 24 million will also be allocated towards reducing air pollution caused by cars in the city. ([Ynetnews](#) 28 May 2017)
- It's been 30 years since the Tower of David Museum opened its doors as an ancient portal to Jerusalem's Old City. Now the historic citadel is in the final throes of planning a \$30 million renovation, intended to be completed in five years. The goal of the renovation is to create a more seamless transition from east to west, leading from the new city of Jerusalem into the Old City, directly into the museum that is situated just inside Jaffa Gate, one of the major entries into the historic site. "We've been thinking about what is the task of the museum," said Eilat Lieber, the museum director. "It will always be a monumental site of the Old City, a symbol. But as an institution, we have to think about what we want for future generations. We're a pathway from west to east, and we want it to be a smoother transition." The upgrade will change the flow into the museum, with a new entrance complex from the western side of the citadel, now used as the exit from the museum, and connected to the outdoor Mamilla mall through the ancient Byzantine bathhouses under Jaffa Gate. The excavations were carried out 20 years ago, and show the timeline of Jerusalem from a wall from the period of King Hezekiah during the First Temple period (800 BCE),

the foundations of King Herod's palace and water system from 2,000 years ago, Crusader-era pools and the Ottoman city walls of Jerusalem through modern times. The entire excavation has been neglected until now, said Lieber, who has been the director at the Tower of David for nearly five years. When the Tower of David Museum opened 30 years ago, the Western Wall Tunnels and the City of David archaeological site weren't open yet, pointed out Lieber. The task of the museum has changed, she said, as well as its role as a "monumental site" of the Old City. "Jerusalem has changed," said Lieber. "What's the right message when considering the history of Jerusalem?" The renewal project is expected to double the area of the museum from 7,895 square meters to 15,000 square meters with the permanent exhibition area doubling to almost 4,000 square meters. With the renovation, the museum will also gain a glassed-in entrance with a ticket office and coatroom, a cafe and public bathrooms. "It's been disorienting until now," said Lieber. "You go from Mamilla to Jaffa Gate, and there's the shuk and juice vendors and hummus. It's hard to know where to go. We wanted better bathrooms and a better welcome for tourists." The \$30 million project is being financed primarily by the Clore Foundation, which will be giving 60% of the funding, said Lieber, with the rest from the government, Tourism Ministry and Jerusalem Foundation. The renovated museum is slated to open in 2022, but will remain open throughout the process. ([Times of Israel](#) 28 May 2017)

- Israeli Cabinet ministers approved a plan to construct a cable car from the new city of Jerusalem to the Western Wall, which will allow more accessibility to the holy site, as part of a series of measures aimed at strengthening facilities in capital. The cable car, to run from the city's First Station complex to the Old City's Dung Gate — the main entrance to the Western Wall — aims to ease traffic in and around the maze of narrow streets in the ancient part of Jerusalem by whizzing visitors across the 1.4 km route (just under a mile) as the crow flies, in just 3.5 minutes. The cabinet approved the first phase of the joint project between the Tourism Ministry and Jerusalem Development Authority. The Tourism Ministry will cover the initial budget of NIS 15 million (\$4.2 million) with the total cost of the project estimated at about NIS 200 million (\$56 million). The project, the brainchild of the Jerusalem City Council and its mayor, Nir Barkat, has stoked controversy because the route passes over parts of East Jerusalem. Two years ago, the France-based utility giant Suez Environment said that, because of political sensitivities, it had decided not to take part in the project. Much of the international community does not recognize Israel's claim to East Jerusalem, which it captured in the 1967 Six Day War, before

annexing it. Also, anything to do with the Judaism's holiest site, the Temple Mount, which today houses the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque, risks fueling tensions in the region. The future cable car will change the face of Jerusalem, allow easy and convenient access for tourists and visitors to the Western Wall, and serve as an exceptional tourist attraction," Tourism Minister Yariv Levin said. "There is no more appropriate and exciting time than this – 50 years since the reunification of Jerusalem – to launch this revolutionary project." The cable car will be designed to serve about 3,000 visitors an hour in each direction and will travel at speeds of up to 21 kilometers an hour (13 miles per hour). The plan is for the cable car to begin operating in 2021. Access to the Western Wall is currently via narrow, winding and very crowded routes. The cable car is intended to provide easy, quick and convenient access for approximately 130,000 visitors who come to the site each week. ([Times of Israel](#) 28 May 2017)

- After repeated delays, the state finally responded Sunday to the request for an interim injunction filed by Regavim against the illegal construction carried out by the UN at the Government House in the Armon Hanatziv neighborhood. The state admitted for the first time that the extensive construction activity there, including works to preserve the historic buildings in the compound, as well as the construction of additional illegal structures in the compound, were carried out without permits. "The planning and building laws of the State of Israel apply to the compound and to the works that are the object of the petition, and the UN is expected to act in accordance with the principles of the relevant planning and building laws." In a petition submitted by the Regavim movement to the Jerusalem District Court two months ago, it was revealed that the United Nations had committed a large number of building offenses during the past year, in a site registered in the Land Registry in the name of the State of Israel. The state expressed its opposition to issuing an interim injunction prohibiting continued construction of the compound, since the UN enjoys immunity from prosecution and legal action against it. The State noted that "if there are differences between the State of Israel and the United Nations on this issue, they should be brought to a solution through diplomatic channels" and detailed the contacts held by the Foreign Ministry over the past few weeks with relevant UN officials in Israel and New York. The government's intention was to establish a ministerial team to examine the government's policy on the issue, and at the same time examine the possibility of using appropriate tools in addition to the construction being carried out in the area, including measures against Israeli entities involved in the construction work. In

this context, the State announced that it did not object to Regavim's request to include the Israeli construction companies involved in the illegal construction activity as respondents to the petition. "In addition to all this, the State is working through the diplomatic channels with the aim of resolving the issue of construction in all its aspects, including setting an outline with the UN regarding existing construction and future construction, as far as the UN will do. This dialogue is in favor of regulating the issue." Regavim responded to the state's position by stating that violations of the law must be dealt with without delay. "Illegal work must be stopped immediately, even by means of an order against the Israeli companies that are actually carrying out the building violations while the law is in place," said attorney Avi Segal of the Regavim movement. "The claim that the UN has absolute immunity that allows it to build as much as it likes in the assets of the State of Israel and in violation of the building laws is unacceptable. Its immunity is only for the fulfillment of his diplomatic duties, not for offenses and the theft of land from the country that hosts him free of charge in its land and properties." ([INN](#) 28 May 2017)

- The Israeli government approved on Jerusalem Day a NIS177 million plan to connect the Arab neighborhood of east Jerusalem to orderly infrastructures, including sewage and garbage collection. Within the plan, which was formulated by the Minister of Environmental Protection and Jerusalem Affairs Ze'ev Elkin (Likud), more east Jerusalem residents will be connected to the municipal sewage system, 33 kilometers of sewage infrastructure will be built, the existing sewage system will be upgraded, garbage cans and garbage trucks will be purchased and set up to collect waste. The plan was discussed at a special cabinet meeting held Sunday at the Western Wall tunnels. Large parts of the neighborhoods of east Jerusalem lack infrastructure, and houses are often built without a plan or a building permit, making it difficult to deal with and regulate environmental issues such as waste and sewage. The difficulties are accompanied by the topographical conditions of the area, and the fact that the neighborhoods were built on top of villages with poor infrastructure, which remained essentially the same as when they were annexed to the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem in 1967. The Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem have a population of 321,113. The Arab population below the poverty line reaches 75%, with the child population below this threshold reaching 84%. More than 37% of all households in the eastern part of the city are handled by the Social Services Ministry, with the average monthly income per capita estimated at NIS 1,900. Residents of Jerusalem's Arab neighborhoods suffer from severe housing shortages

and, with it, overcrowding. The plan references the needs of all Arab neighborhoods, inside and outside the security fence, but at this stage, it will be only be implemented in the Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem inside the security fence. The Arab neighborhoods outside the fence, which belong to the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem, will be dealt with in a separate program. According to the plan, the Ministry of Finance will allocate funds to the Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage for the evacuation of the waste transit station, which is located in the Sheep Market area adjacent to the walls of the Old City, and is a source of environmental hazards. "It is inconceivable for our capital to have a medieval sewage system," Elkin told Yedioth Ahronoth. "Those who truly believe in a united Jerusalem—it is high time they take the entire issue of east Jerusalem as a national project. I am happy that I managed to lead this natural and worthy step, which will lead to a dramatic change in sewage and waste." ([YNETNEWS](#) 28 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) ravaged civilian homes in Jerusalem's eastern town of al-Issawiya and kidnapped 12 Palestinians. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque compound from Mughrabi Gate, under heavy guard from Israeli special police, in a clear deliberate violation of its sanctity on the third day of the holy month of Ramadan. At least 91 Israeli settlers and 40 students broke into the holy shrine amid heavy presence of Israeli police and carried out provocative tours in various parts of its yards. (PALINFO 29 May
- The Israeli cabinet approved a plan to financially induce Arab East Jerusalem schools to switch from the Palestinian curriculum to the Israeli one, as proposed by Education Minister Naftali Bennett and Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage Minister Zeev Elkin. "The purpose of this five-year plan is to improve the quality of education in East Jerusalem, with an emphasis on encouraging the study of the Israeli curriculum in the schools," the Education Ministry statement said ... The East Jerusalem education plan's goals include a gradual increase in the number of first grades that will begin studying the Israeli curriculum, with an emphasis on English and math, over the next five years. Fifteen new classes are to be added during the first year, 18 in the second, 21 in the third, 24 in the fourth year, and 27 in the fifth. Another goal is to increase the ratio of East Jerusalem students who earn an Israeli matriculation (bagrut) certificate from 12 percent to 26 percent of those studying the Israeli curriculum in 12th grade, and to increase the percentage of those earning a technological certificate from 11 percent to 33 percent. The plan also seeks to reduce the dropout rate

among 9th to 12th graders from 28 percent to 25.5 percent over the five years. ([Haaretz](#) 29 May 2017)

- In the occupied East Jerusalem town of Al Issawiya, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 13 young Palestinian men and teenagers, identified as Ihab Muhammad Ubeid, Wassim Nayif Ubeid, Salih Ghassan Ubeid, Daoud Moussa Dirbas, Wahib Shawkat Ubeid, Muhammad Ibrahim Darwish, Muhammad Jamal Awwad, Mansour Mahmoud, Ihab Shawkat Ubeid, Ghanim Mustafa, Yasser Darwish, Wael Mahmoud, and Ayoub Ubeid. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- An Israeli man attempted to enter the al-Qibli mosque -- the main mosque where Muslim worshipers perform prayers -- located inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- 161 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem and carried out provocative visits in the courtyard of the Mosque. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- Israel's plan to improve conditions in East Jerusalem will not include neighborhoods beyond the separation barrier, Jerusalem Affairs and Environmental Protection Minister Zeev Elkin said on Monday – even though sanitation levels in those areas are extremely poor. It is estimated that more than a third of East Jerusalem residents, some 140,000 people, live in these neighborhoods. Addressing the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee, Elkin said there is no point investing money in places without a regular garbage collection. “An investment of this type requires a platform of regular maintenance,” he said. The plan “to reduce hazards and upgrade infrastructures” at a cost of 177 million shekels (\$49.5 million) was approved at a special cabinet session held in honor of Jerusalem Day. The plan is to address household waste disposal, construction debris and sewerage infrastructures. According to Elkin, the cabinet discussed how to deal with neighborhoods beyond the separation barrier. “We certainly think there has to be a solution for this,” he said, adding that when a solution is found, the cabinet will then make a decision on dealing with waste and sewage outside the barrier. There are two very large East Jerusalem neighborhoods left outside the barrier – Shoafat refugee camp and its environs, and Kafr Aqab. Ever since the barrier was erected a decade ago, the authorities – principally the Jerusalem Municipality – stopped providing regular services to those areas. Many people moved to the neighborhoods because of the low housing prices, which made them even more crowded and increased sanitation problems: the garbage piles up, sewage flows in the streets and the water supply is problematic. In Kafr Aqab, where some 60,000 people

live, there has been inconsistent water supply for two months, residents say. ([Haaretz](#) 30 May 2017)

- The population in Jerusalem has been steadily increasing since 1967 while the increase in the city's Arab population is on a steady decline, according to new research. The Jewish populace is, of course, the majority, and although that majority is diminishing, the rate in which it is doing so is slowing down," said Yair Assaf-Shapira, a researcher in the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. "Now, we are at a state where the changes are becoming very small." Assaf-Shapira also spoke about the possibility of an Arab majority in Jerusalem, saying that "this subject was very popular about 5-10 years ago. I think that as long that this trend is becoming more certain, you can see that it's not data errors—the number of children per mother in the Arab community is dramatically decreasing due to modernization, education and other factors. "I think that the subject on when Jerusalem will lose its Jewish majority, and what is needed to be done in order to prevent it—questions that have led in the past to the establishment of big neighborhoods and annexation—is slowly losing ground," he added. "We usually think of Jerusalem as a city that has a lot of ultra-orthodox Jews and Arabs, and so must have a high fertility rate, but when we actually compare it to the rest of the country we see that Jerusalem's population per capita in contrast to the rest of the country has remained steady since 1967." ([YNETNEWS](#) 30 May 2017)
- The Israeli police detained four Palestinian citizens, who work as musaharatis (Ramadan predawn drummers or wakers) in the Old City of Occupied Jerusalem. The four Musaharatis were held for several hours in al-Qishla police station before they were released. An Israeli police officer claimed they disturbed Jewish settlers living in a Muslim neighborhood of the Old City and threatened to arrest them again if they continued to wake up the Muslim residents living near the settlers' house. (PALINFO 31 May 2017)
- Tens of Israeli settlers stormed the Wadi Hilweh neighborhood of Silwan south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem early morning, shouting insults at local Palestinians and vandalizing vehicles. Israeli police officers and vehicles standing by as the crowd marched through the streets in the early predawn hours, to commemorate the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, which began on Tuesday and ends on Thursday. Dozens of Israeli settlers were shouting insults at Palestinian residents, throwing rocks at houses, and smashing the windows of cars parked on the streets. Israeli police raided the nearby

al-Sawana neighborhood, east of the Old City, and detained three Palestinian youths. (Maannews 31 May 2017)

- More than 150 Israeli settlers forced their way into the holy site through al-Magharibah Gate under tight protection of several groups of Israeli soldiers and special police forces. The settlers carried out provocative tours in various parts of the Mosque's yards in total provocation to Palestinian worshippers. The settlers' provocative tours came as Jewish groups called yesterday for mass break-ins into the holy shrine during Jewish holidays. Israeli police forces intensified since the morning hours their presence throughout the occupied city to provide protection for the settlers' break-ins. (PALINFO 31 May 2017)

Hebron

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 20 year-old Marwan Ashour after raiding his house in the Abu Sneineh neighborhood in the center of Hebron city in the southern West Bank. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Malik Taysir Ghneimat in the village of Surif in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and thoroughly searched a home belonging to the al-Ghaith family in the southern Hebron district, breaking the front door, and confiscating a car belonging to Adel Barakat Ghaith. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) Detained four Palestinians, including two aged 17, from the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA stormed the town of Surif to the northwest and detained a 20-year-old youth after raiding his family home. The IOA detained three more Palestinians, including two minors aged 17, after raiding their family homes. The IOA further stormed several neighbourhoods in the city, placing military checkpoints at their entrances and stopping Palestinian-registered vehicles and checking passengers identity cards, causing a traffic jam. (wafa 1 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers installed dozens of Israeli flags on the Ibrahimi mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, in celebration of Israeli Independence Day, which coincides with the Palestinian Nakba, or "catastrophe," which on 1948 saw some 750,000 Palestinians expelled from their lands. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- At least two Palestinians were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in al-'Aroub refugee camp, north of the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA raided the camp using rubber baton rounds and tear

gas canisters against residents and their homes, shooting and injuring two youths in the face and foot. Several suffocation cases were also reported among the camp's residents. (Wafa 3 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped two Palestinian citizens from al-Fawwar refugee camp, southwest of Hebron city. The 19-year-old Wisam Maghalsa and 25-year-old Mohamed Khudairat were kidnapped from their homes in the camp. (PALINFO 3 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into Palestinians homes and occupied their rooftops in al-Rahma neighborhood of Hebron city, with no reported arrests. (PALINFO 3 May 2017)
- A Palestinian child was hospitalized for a head injury after being deliberately hit by an Israeli settler driving in the town of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank. The 8-year-old Laith Yousif Shatat was run over by an Israeli settler while the child was standing outside of his school, which is located on the main road in eastern Yatta. (Mannnews 3 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities closed all entrances of Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank in search of three Israeli settlers who had went missing and were later found in Jerusalem. The IOA raided several buildings, stores, and houses on Bir al-Sabe street and the surrounding area, where they confiscated surveillance camera recordings. The IOA also confiscated surveillance camera recordings from areas surrounding the nearby Bab al-Zawiya area in central Hebron city. (Maannews 3 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) continued to close the entrance of Beit 'Einoun village in the direction of Hebron and Sa'ir after closing it with iron gates. The IOA closed last night the area of Beit Einoun and the road leading to Hebron from Sair village and vice versa. The IOA have recently closed the entrance without any significant reasons. (Maannews 3 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided an industrial workshop near the Hebron-area village of Yatta and seized a lathe that was allegedly being used to manufacture weapons. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate of the southern West Bank, at least three Palestinians were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the al-Arrub refugee camp. One of the injured young men suffered from leg fracture, another was hit in the thigh, and the third was hit in the foot. Clashes broke out after the IOA raided the camp for unknown reasons. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas at residents and their homes, resulting in the injury of the three youths, whose

identities remained unknown, and the suffocation of several others as a result of the tear gas. (Maannews 4 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from the southern West Bank's Hebron Governorate. Two Palestinians were detained in the village of Beit Ummar, and one was detained in the village of Surif. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Samou 'village in the south of Hebron, raided and searched a house belonging to Mohammed' Abdul Qader al-Daghameen. . (Wafa 4 May 2017)
- In the town of Beit Ummar in the Hebron Governorate, two Palestinians were injured with live bullets in their feet after the IOA Opened live bullets at protesters during a march launched in the town in solidarity with the hunger strikers. The march was set off from the mosque in the central part of the town after Friday prayers and headed to the "seam zone" -- unilaterally declared areas around Israel's separation wall where Palestinians are not allowed to be, where Israeli soldiers suppressed the march and "attacked protesters. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- A number of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes in the village of Bab al-Zawiya area in the center of Hebron which broke out following a march that set off after Friday prayers. Israeli occupation army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters at the demonstrators. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian youth in the vicinity of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city and was identified as Mahmoud al-Rajabi. Al Rajabi was arrested for no apparent reasons. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern West Bank city of Hebron and detained three Palestinians, identified as Munjid Nadir Qawasmeh, Seif al-Islam Qafisha, and Malik al-Natsha. Qawasmeh, was released from Israeli custody only a week ago after a nine-month imprisonment. (Maannews 8 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) searched the home of Palestinian journalist Musab Qafisha and upended his belongings during the overnight raid in Hebron, but did not detain him. (Maannews 8 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed several areas at dawn in Beit Ummar town to the north of Hebron city and searched a number of houses and a workshop and stationed on the roofs of some houses. Before withdrawing from the town, the IOF handed orders to two

- citizens to appear before the Israeli Intelligence at Etzion detention center and confiscated the ID card of a third citizen. The IOA also arrested a number of ex-prisoners in the raids. (PALINFO 8 May 2017)
- In the southernmost West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Amjad Asim al-Jaabari and Bilal al-Muhtasib in Hebron city. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians in the village of Dura in Hebron Governorate -- identified as Imad Jadallah, Munir Abu Sharar, Jaafar Abu Arqoub, Usama Abu Arqoub, Jamal Talahma, and Hussam Yousif al-Amayra. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
 - In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, a number of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes with the IOA in the village of Beit Ummar. The IOA fired tear gas canisters at protesters after suppressing a march organized in the village in solidarity with the hunger strike. The IOA had also stationed themselves on the roof of a house belonging to Mahmoud Saleh Abu Ayyash and began firing tear gas at youths. (Maannews 12 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Usama Fahmi Abu Turki, 28, from Hebron city, after raiding a wedding ceremony in Um Ad Dalia area south of Hebron city. (Wafa 12 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ra'fat Nabeel Abdel Qader Shateet, 12, AT Kharsa Junction SOUTH OF Dura city in the southern Hebron Governorate. Clashes erupted between the IOA and Palestinians following the arrest of citizen Shahateet, where the IOA fired tear gas bombs to disperse Palestinians. (SAFA 12 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young woman near the Ibrahim Mosque. The IO soldiers stationed near the Mosque detained the young woman, in her twenties, after claiming she had a knife in her bag. (PALINFO 13 May 2017)
 - An Israeli settler in a speeding car ran over a Palestinian man in eastern Hebron identified as Ghassan Al Muhtaseb. The 35-year-old man was crossing the street "60" to the east of Hebron when he was hit by the settler who then sped away. His injuries were described as moderate. (PALINFO 15 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) began leveling lands in a Palestinian village in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, in preparation for the construction of a new military watchtower in the area. The IOA escorted bulldozers onto lands owned by the Abu Arqoub and Abu Sheikha families of the village, who had previously had their lands confiscated by Israeli Army. The bulldozers leveled approximately 1,200 square meters of land, are to be used for a new

- military watchtower in order to “protect Israeli settlers passing by” on a nearby route. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from the town of Beit Ummar. The detainees were identified as Aziz Mahmoud Muhammad Ikhlayyil, 26, and Muhammad Numan Muhammad Zaaqiq, 23, after raiding their homes. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - Former prisoner Muhammad Zuheir Mahmoud al-Allami, 22, who was released one month ago, was delivered a summons notice to go “meet” with Israeli intelligence at the Etzion detention center, north of Beit Ummar. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - In the town of Yatta, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several house in after midnight and detained a Palestinian woman and a “youth.” (Maannews 16 May 2017) (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Suzanne Abu Qubeita after raiding and searching her house. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - Citizen Mustafa al-Jundi was detained when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) came looking for his brother, but detained him instead after being unable to find his brother. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - In the town of al-Samu in Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched the house of Abd al-Fattah Abu Tabikh, where they confiscated 10,000 shekels (\$2,780) and delivered a summons to Abu Tabikh’s son Muhammad to meet with the Israeli intelligence. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested at dawn Issa al-Jabari, former minister of local government, after storming his home in Hebron city in the southern West Bank. His car was confiscated as well. The IO soldiers detained family members in one room, violently searched the house and wreaked havoc inside it before arresting al-Jabari. (PALINFO 16 May 2017)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Karisa village to the west of Dura town near Hebron and besieged the home of ex-detainee, Rezek al-Rajoub. The IOA then started digging the house walls and floors for unreleased reasons. The IO troops along with Special Forces have besieged the home since the early morning hours. They detained all of the family members in one room and searched the house thoroughly. Citizen Rezek al-Rajoub served over twenty years of imprisonment in Israeli jails. (PALINFO 17 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) distributed a leaflet threatening to withdraw workers' permits in the northern West Bank town of Beit Ummar in Hebron Governorate. The IOA stationed at the entrance to

Beit Ummar distributed leaflets on vehicles, buses and to pedestrians threatening citizens and workers to withdraw their permits, under the pretext of stone throwing on Israeli settlers and military vehicles driving on the Jerusalem-Hebron road. The leaflet demanded that workers prevent their children from throwing stones to preserve their work permits. (Wafa 18 May 2017)

- Groups of Jewish settlers pitched six tents at the entrance of al-Fuwar refugee camp south of in the southern West Bank. A number of Israeli settlers set up six tents near the Israeli military watchtower at the entrance of the refugee camp. (PALINFO 17 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) erected a military barrier at the northern entrance of Hebron and blocked traffic for search purposes. (PALINFO 17 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) surrounded the home of former Palestinian prisoner Rizq al-Rujoub in the southern occupied West Bank town of Dura west of Hebron, before searching the house and tearing down some of its interior walls. The IOA raided the Karisseh area of Dura and prevented people from approaching al-Rujoub's house, as Israeli soldiers ransacked the home, upending his belongings, and demolished the walls. Israeli soldiers also prevented an ambulance from reaching the area to evacuate a woman to the hospital after she went into labor. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- In the southernmost Governorate of Hebron, two Palestinians were detained in al-Arrub refugee camp, one in the village of Bani Naim, and one in Hebron city. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained a wounded 19-year-old Palestinian after an Israeli settler got out of his car and shot the young man for allegedly throwing rocks at passing vehicles on Route 60 in the central occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers opened fire on 19-year-old Ibrahim Rasem Hamed and a group of other Palestinian activists who had closed off the section of the highway east of Ramallah to voice support for the ongoing mass hunger strike launched by more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- In the village of Beit Ummar in Hebron, tens of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during a march held in solidarity with the hunger strikers. The march was set off from the village's hunger strike solidarity tent following Friday prayers. The IOA suppressed the march by firing tear gas canisters and sound bombs at the protesters, causing several cases of tear gas inhalation. The IOA also stationed on the roof of a home belonging to local resident Muhammad Saleh Abu Ayyash. The IOA

detained the 17-year-old Hasan Muhammad Sabarna after raiding his home and transporting him to Israel's Etzion detention center. (Maannews 19 May 2017)

- In the Bab al-Zawiya area of the Old City in Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets at Palestinians after clashes erupted following a march organized in solidarity with hunger strikers following Friday prayers. Four Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated bullets, while three Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation. Four Palestinians were also detained by the IOA. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- In the village of Bani Naim, in Hebron Governorate, clashes erupted, with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) firing tear gas canisters at Palestinians, causing an elderly man in the village to suffer from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Israeli soldiers stormed areas in Hebron city at dawn and kidnapped three Palestinians from their homes, adding that a car belonging to one of the detainees was confiscated during the IOA campaign. The detainees were identified as Suhaib Abu Hussein, Yousef Amr, and Issa al-Ja'bari, the owner of the seized car.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Citzien Usama Bassam Munir Ikhleil, 21, after raiding his home in Safa area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 19 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and took him to unknown destination. The arrestee was identified as Hasan Muhamamd Hasan Sabuna, 17. (Wafa 19 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up several checkpoints throughout the village of Dura in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA erected the checkpoints near the Khursa and Tarama areas of southern Dura, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked the passengers' IDs, while obstructing movement in and out of these areas. (Maannews 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a protest camp near the village of Yatta in the Southern Hebron Hills of the occupied West Bank, confiscating tents used by locals and activists attempting to restore the depopulated Palestinian community of Sarura, whose residents were expelled by Israeli forces between 1980 and 1998. The IOA raided the area without showing any military orders or providing justification for the raid and dismantlement of the "Sumud: Freedom Camp," established only a day earlier. They started pushing the activists,

shouting, and intimidating everyone. They switched off the electricity generator, and left Palestinians unable to see what was happening around them. The IOA then began to rip down tents and confiscate equipment, including the generator, sound system, and data projectors used by the locals to hold educational events at the site. (Maannews 21 May 2017)

- A number of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Hebron-area town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank, causing clashes to erupt between locals and the IOA. The IOA fired tear gas and sound bombs at locals, adding that the IOA closed the northern entrance of the town and prevented Palestinians from passing through the entrance. The clashes came after the IOA raided Beit Ummar and detained a young Palestinian man. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Clashes broke out in the Zif community between Yatta and Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank, after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a peaceful march from a sit-in tent established in solidarity with the prison hunger strike. The IOA shot live fire into the air and fired tear gas canisters at protesters, causing at least two Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Clashes erupted between Palestinian youth and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the Bab al-Zawiya area of Hebron city. The IOA fired tear gas and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinians, causing no injuries. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians near the Hebron -area town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank, while the five were attempting to extinguish a fire close to the nearby illegal Israeli Gush Etzion settlement when they were detained by the IOA. The detainees were identified as Ghazi Ahmad Adi, 35, Omar Muhammad Abed al-Hamid Ekhlail, 28, and Jamal Nayef Badir Adi, 25. The two others, whose identities remained unknown, were from the nearby town of Surif. The five were taken to the Etzion detention center. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian minors in Wad Qubboun neighborhood west of Hebron after chasing and shooting at them. Both Palestinians were captured during clashes that erupted in al-Ramah Suburb in the city between Palestinian youths and IO soldiers. (PALINFO 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas grenades at the home of al-Himouni family in down Hebron city. The owner of the house

suffered breathing problems due to the intensive firing of teargas canisters. IOF troops also erected a military barrier at the entrance of Beit Ummar town, north of the city, and stopped the passing by cars for search purposes. (PALINFO 22 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammed Za'ariq, 22, after storming Beit Ummar town to the north of the city and searching his house and tampering with its contents. Za'ariq was taken to Gush Etzion interrogation center, south of Bethlehem. (PALINFO 22 May 2017)
- In Hebron city, a 17-year-old teenager called Ra'ed Da'na was also kidnapped by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from the Old City and was taken to an interrogation center near the illegal settlement of Kiryat Arba. (PALINFO 23 May 2017).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) patrolling the streets of Hebron's Old City detained a 17-year-old Palestinian. (Wafa 23 May 2017).
- In the Hebron-district village of Beit Ummar, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the area and detained brothers Ghazi and Jamal Muhammad Aadi. (Wafa 23 May 2017).
- In the nearby village of Kharras, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muataz Qdeimat during a home raid, during which his house was ransacked. (Wafa 23 May 2017).
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli soldiers had put up a checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Sair, after initially sealing it with an iron gate, inspecting the IDs of all passengers in vehicles seeking to use the road. (Maannews 23 May 2017)
- In the southern West Bank city of Hebron, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians who were identified as Mustafa Kamil Shower, 59, Salah Zgheir, 23, Yusri Hashim Yunis al-Hashlamoun, 28, Omar Abd al-Hai al-Qmeiri, 37, and Raed Abd al-Afo Muhammad al-Imla, 28. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a new military checkpoint in the heart of Tel Ar Rumeida area in Hebron city south of the West Bank. The checkpoint will be equipped with high-tech technologies and electric doors in an attempt to separate a number of Palestinian homes from the area. (Wafa 24 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated 7 Palestinian cars in Yatta, south of Hebron city, allegedly for transporting Palestinians without permits to enter Israel. (Maannews 25 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a protest tent that was set up by local residents and international activists in Sarura village east of Yatta town to prevent the annexation of the area. As a result,

- clashes erupted between protestors and the IOA , where the latter assaulted the protestors and injured a number of them. (Wafa 25 May 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the al-Asida area of the Beit Ummar village during a demonstration to support the hunger strikers, with a number of Palestinians suffering from tear gas inhalation and the IOA hosing Palestinian houses in the area with wastewater. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
 - in the Bab al-Zawiya area of Hebron city, clashes erupted at the entrance of Shuhada street, which has been closed off to Palestinian residents for nearly two decades. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets at the Palestinian protesters and detained an unidentified young Palestinian during the clashes. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Sarura protest camp near the village of Yatta in the Southern Hebron Hills of the occupied West Bank around 11 a.m. and ripped down a tent that had been re-erected after IOA conducted a similar raid two days ago. The IOA destroyed the tent, confiscated equipment and building materials, and attacked Canadian Jewish activists, as well as a 55-year-old Palestinian man from Sarura. The IOA intimidated Palestinian children in the area, and threatened activists, telling them not to continue their work at the camp. The protest camp has been established and populated with local Palestinians and international Jewish activists in recent days in an attempt to restore the depopulated Palestinian community of Sarura, whose residents were expelled by the IOA between 1980 and 1998. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
 - Several Palestinians suffocated during clashes that erupted with Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, in the southern West Bank. The IOA attempted to break the locks of a local studio. They also stormed two homes and occupied their rooftops before firing concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at Palestinian residents. (Wafa 26 May 2017)
 - A group of Israeli settlers attacked a number of commercial shops owned by Palestinians in central Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank near Israel's illegal Kiryat Arba settlement. Israeli settlers threw rocks and garbage at commercial shops under the protection of Israeli occupation army (IOA). (Maannews 26 May 2017)
 - A four-year-old Palestinian child was injured after being hit by an Israeli settler's vehicle near in Hebron city, near the illegal Israeli

Kiryat Arba settlement in the southern occupied West Bank. The 4 year-old Ahmad Mithqal al-Jabari was hit by an Israeli settler's vehicle while playing in the al-Ras area of the city and sustained injuries and bruises on his head. (Maannews 26 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank of Hebron and detained 25-year-old Alaa Issa Safi al-Salibi and 24-year-old Muhammad Ali Ayyad Awwad in their homes. The IOA also searched the homes of Omar Izriq Abu Ayyash, Hussein Mustafa Abu Maria, and Nasser Abd al-Hamis Abu Maria during the raid. (Maannews 28 May 2017)
- A young Palestinian man was detained at the Israeli military checkpoint near the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron's Old City. The detainee was identified as Izz al-Din Abu Rabiaa from al-Fawwar refugee camp in the Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained an "injured" young Palestinian man, Abdullah Muheisin, from al-Arrub refugee camp. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Fahd Abu Sbeih from Hebron city. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- Less than two weeks after Palestinian, Israeli, and international activists set up the Sumud Freedom Camp in the historic Palestinian village of Sarura in the Hebron Hills in the southern occupied West Bank, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the camp, confiscated equipment, vandalized banners and destroyed it for the third time since its establishment, and arrested three Palestinians, identified as Muhammad Amar, who along with his family, returned to Sarura -- from where they were forcibly expelled in 1997 -- alongside hundreds of solidarity activists, on May 19, to establish the camp. Amar, Sami Huraini, and another Palestinian who remained unidentified. The contents of the tents, which included mattresses, blankets, food, water, generator cables, and other supplies "used to sustain life in the hot desert village," were also confiscated and destroyed. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- Israeli border police detained a 17-year-old Palestinian girl at a checkpoint near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The Girl is from the Hebron-area village of Taffuh. (Maannews 31 May 2017)

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Murouj area north of Qalqilyia city, raided a number of homes, searched them and confiscated records of Surveillance cameras. (WAFA 2 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) carried out a military raid in al-Murooj area to the north of Qalqilia for the second day to search for Palestinians who allegedly opened fire at Israeli soldiers. The IOA stormed al-Mrooj area in the early morning hours, provoking residents and leading to clashes. At least four Palestinians suffocated after inhaling tear gas fired by the IOA. (WAFA 3 May 2017)
- In Qalqilyia city, located in the northern West Bank, clashes erupted as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Murouj area for the second day in a row, allegedly in search of Palestinians from the area who had previously opened fire at Israeli soldiers. At least four Palestinians suffocated after inhaling tear gas fired by the forces. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) escorted by heavy machinery raided Azzun village east of Qalqilyia city, and raided a lethal workshop owned by Muhammad Sofian Adwan and confiscated equipment. The IOA also raided a barbershop owned by Ayoub AUdwan located next to the lethal shop. The operation also included a shop for selling used car parts belonging to Bakr Abu Haniya. The IOA handed Mr. Haniya two notices: the first to review the Israeli occupation, and the second to close the shop and hand over his assets. (WAFA 4 May 2017)
- Clashes broke out in the Governorate of Qalqiliya during a weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum. A 16-year-old Palestinian, identified as Subhi Obeid, was injured after being struck with a tear gas canister in his head, while an unidentified youth was injured with a steel bullet in his foot. A Palestinian journalist and cameraman Nidal Eshtiya were also wounded when a tear gas canister struck him in the back. Meanwhile, six Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- Clashes flared up in Azzun village east of Qalqilyia city, where the IOA attacked Palestinian anti-occupation youth with randomly-unleashed spates of teargas canisters and sound bombs. Several Palestinian protesters sustained breathing disorders in the clashes. (PALINFO 5 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qalqilya city and arrested a Palestinian youth. The youth was taken to an unknown destination. The IOA also erected two military checkpoints and were deployed in a

number of neighborhoods in the city for several hours. (PALINFO 8 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Mus'ab Ma'zouz Dalal, 22 during raid to Qalqilyia city. (WAFA 8 May 2017)
- In the Governorate of Qalqiliya, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Omar Jihad Salim, Jihad Subhi Khreisha, and Ahmad Adel in the village of Jayyus. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jayyus village east of Qalqilyia city and arrested three Palestinians, identified as Jihad Subhi Khreisha, Omar Jihad Saleem and Ahmad Adel Shamasnah. (WAFA 9 May 2017)
- In Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyia city, Israeli border police suppressed the village's weekly march by firing tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets at demonstrators, causing tens of Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 12 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in the city of Qalqiliya in the northwest of the West Bank. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- In the Qalqiliya Governorate, the Israeli occupation army detained two Palestinians: one from the village of Azzun, and one from the Kafr Hareth village. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation police have released scores of traffic fines, up to NIS 1,000 against Palestinian vehicles driving along the Nablus-Qalqiliya road. The Police stopped the vehicles without any justification, and passengers were asked to get off their cars. Drivers of public vehicles were forced to stop their cars and not move to avoid the issuance of traffic fines against their cars which led to obstruction of Traffic. (WAFA 17 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained one Palestinian in the village of Azzun in the Qalqiliya Governorate. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) distributed leaflets threatening the Palestinian inhabitants of Azzun village, east of Qalqilyah city, north of the occupied West Bank. Israeli soldiers scattered around in the village's streets papers describing the town as an area for the launch of attacks that threaten Israel's security. The army's statement also warned the residents of Azzun that it would continue to take measures against them as long as such attacks continued. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, a Palestinian was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet and two others suffered from tear gas inhalation after a march, launched in solidarity with a [mass hunger strike in Israeli prisons](#), erupted into clashes with the Israeli

occupation Army (IOA) at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city. (MAANNEWS 18 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Qais Abdel Rahman Ali, 15, FROM Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyia city, after raiding his parents' house and searching it. (WAFa 18 May 2017)
- In the Governorate of Qalqiliya, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a march in the village of Kafr Qaddum held in solidarity with the hunger strikers, injuring several Palestinians with rubber-coated bullets, including two children. The march was expected to be launched following Friday prayers. However, the IOA raided the village and deployed themselves around Omar al-Khatab mosque while residents were performing prayers in an attempt to block the march from starting. Following prayers, clashes erupted with the IOA, who fired tear gas, sound bombs, and rubber bullets at Palestinians, causing injuries to nine Palestinians, and two "children," and damaging five cars owned by residents of the village. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen from Qalqilyia city while he was in Jerusalem city near the Damascus gate and took him to unknown destination. The arrestee was identified as Abdullah Adwan. (WAFa 19 May 2017)
- Two Palestinian youths were injured by rubber bullets and many others choked on tear gas in Azzun village, east of Qalqilya city, after Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed its main entrance. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- A number of Palestinians were injured during clashes that erupted with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at a checkpoint in southern Qalqiliya city in the northern West Bank. Two Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated bullets, two suffered from tear gas inhalation, while another Palestinian suffered from injuries after falling on the ground and hitting his head during clashes. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- In the village of Kafr Qaddum east of Qalqilyia city, several Palestinians were injured when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's weekly march. The IOA attacked a march that was launched in solidarity with the hunger strikers and with the participation of hundreds of local Palestinians, and fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets at the demonstrators, causing an injury of a Palestinian during the clashes, while tens of others suffered from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- Three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated steel bullets, one sustained burns after being hit by a tear gas canister, and others

suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes that erupted near an Israeli military checkpoint at the southern entrance of Qalqilyah city in the northern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 29 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Azzun village, east of Qalqilya, at the crack of dawn and kidnapped two more Palestinian youngsters, identified as Mohamed Emad and Udai Salim. The IOA also sealed off the northern entrance to Azzun and wreaked havoc on civilian homes. The campaign culminated in the abduction of the Palestinian ex-prisoner Fahd Sbeih from his family home in the southern occupied West Bank province of Hebron. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- In Azzun village east of Qalqilya in the northern West Bank, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Uday Saqir Salim and Muhammad Imad Salim. (Maannews 30 May 2017)

Tubas

- The Israeli occupation forces closed six water cisterns out of eight used by farmers to irrigate more than 3,000 dunums planted with vegetables and plastic houses in the village of Bardala in Tubas Governorate. The Israeli occupation Army, accompanied by the so-called Israeli "civil administration" and officers in charge of water from the Israeli Water Authority "Makrout" closed six water pumps that serve farmers in the village of Bardala. The water cuts from the village of Bardala and the northern Jordan Valley comes after the Israeli occupation authorities threatened farmers to close the water pumps under the allegations of theft. (SAFA 1 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers continue to graze their sheep in Ein As Sakut area in the northern valleys while continue to prevent Palestinians from grazing their sheep in the same area. (WAFA 2 May 2017)
- Two weeks after the Israeli occupation army (IOA) had destroyed the water system supplying the northern Jordan Valley village of Bardala with drinking and irrigation water, the IOA went back to the village to destroy what was left. During the army operation in the village, residents clashed with the IOA who responded by firing tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets causing at least two injuries. The IOA also arrested 'Aziz Sawafta and Mahmoud Sawafta from the village. (WAFA 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized an agricultural tractor and a water tank owned by citizen Ashraf Abu Dahaila in al-Buqai'a area,

south of Tubas, as he was on his way to bring water for his livestock. The IOA also poured the water on the ground and prevented the citizen from watering his sheep. (WAFA 4 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians in Bardala village, in the northern Jordan Valley. The two were identified as Aziz Sawafta and Mahmoud Sawafta, both of whom were arrested shortly after the IOA stormed Bardala village allegedly in the hunt for unlicensed water networks. (PALINFO 4 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians, Abdel Hamid Salem and Ahmad Daraghmeah while working in their land in Sahel Al Qa'oun (Al Qa'oun Valley) east of Tubas city under the pretext that they were working in an area classified by Israel as "Closed Military Area". (WAFA 4 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) imposed fines amounting to 7876 shekels, each of which, amounts to NIS 1969, on owners of four agricultural tractors in Kherbit Ibziq east Tubas city in exchange for the return of their tractors that were seized by the IOA at earlier time. (WAFA 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities announced the confiscation of thousands of Palestinian agricultural dunums in the northern Jordan Valley east of the West Bank. The IOA raided the Jordan Valley area and handed over administrative orders that stipulated the confiscation of the lands over which random settlement outposts were established and declared them as Israeli military zones. The Israeli civil administration teams also confiscated Palestinian agricultural machinery in al-Bkeia area in the northern Jordan Valley and transferred them to Israeli military camps. (PALINFO 10 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian in al-Fara'a refugee camp in the northeastern Tubas Governorate. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers are in the process of setting up a new settlement outpost in Khirbet al-Sweidah in the northern Jordan Valley after they brought construction material to set up mobile homes, dug a pool and put up solar panels on the site. Khirbet al-Sweidah is one of the Jordan Valley villages where Palestinians used to reside. However; Israel forced them out of the area to make place for Israeli settlers, who have begun to seize lands and build settlement outposts. (PALINFO 16 May 2017)
- The Israeli "planning and Building" department at the Israeli Civil Administration, accompanied by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into Khirbat al-Deir in the northern Jordan Valley and seized two water pumps. The IOA dismantled a fence on a land belonging to a citizen east of Tayasir, even though his case is pending in the Israeli

Supreme Court. The IOA also destroyed a water hole in the village of Bardala, under the pretext of unlicensed building. (Wafa 16 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Tayasir east of the city of Tubas in the Jordan Valley, searched several houses and photographed the identities of some citizens, of whom, citizen Mohammed Subeih was known. The Israeli practice caused a state of fear among citizens. (Wafa 17 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Palestinian village of Khirbet al-Dir, located in the Tubas Governorate of the northern occupied West Bank and seized two water pumps. The IOA stormed the village and seized two water pumps used for drinking water and for irrigation, under the claim that the pipes were built without a permit. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Tayasir village IN Tubas Governorate and dismantled a fence surrounding a piece of land that belongs to a local resident, noting that the landowner had appealed the impending demolition of the fence to the Israeli Supreme Court, who had yet to rule on the case at the time of the demolition. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) destroyed a well in the Tubas-area Bardala village, in the northern Jordan Valley, under the pretext that it was built without a nearly impossible to obtain Israeli-issued construction permit. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Kherbit Ad Dir in the Jordan Valley and confiscated two water pumps in the area. (Al Quds 17 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) uprooted dozens of Palestinian-owned olive saplings in Khirbet Ibziq hamlet, east of Tubas in the northern Jordan Valley. Employees from the Israeli nature authority escorted by Israeli soldiers stormed Khirbet Ibziq and uprooted more than 60 four-year-old small trees belonging to a local citizen named Ahmed Khalil. The soldiers helped the nature employees remove and seize poles and barriers that were placed around the trees to protect them. (PALINFO 17 May 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and Israeli soldiers in Tubas city, north of the occupied West Bank, after the latter stormed the city. Clashes continued for several hours, where soldiers intensively fired tear gas at the young men, many of whom were treated for suffocation as a result of the tear gas attack.

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Al Far'a refugee camp and Tamun town, both south of Tubas, and patrolled some of their streets. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
- One Palestinian was injured during clashes between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Atouf village in Tubas Governorate. The IOA fired teargas bombs at Palestinians who marched in support of Palestinian prisoners striking in the Israeli Jails. (Wafa 19 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) carried out, without pre-notification, military drillings near Palestinian dwellings in several areas in the Jordan Valley. (Wafa 21 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out military drillings in Atuf village south of Tubas city. The IOA also set up a military checkpoint near the village council's building and occupied rooftops. (Wafa 26 May 2017)

Ramallah

- A 13 years old Palestinian child was shot in the foot by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) during clashes that erupted in the village of Deir Nidham northwest of Ramallah city. (Wafa 1 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a 13-year-old Palestinian boy during clashes in the village of Deir Nidham in the central occupied West. The 13-year-old, identified as Jihad Muhammad Tamimi, was shot in the foot with live ammunition. (Maannews 2 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired bullets, stun grenades, and tear gas at a Palestinian hospital in the central occupied West Bank city of Ramallah at dawn. The IOA fired live bullets and tear gas inside the Palestinian Medical Complex grounds for more than an hour early in the morning, causing many patients, including children, to suffer from tear gas inhalation. The assault caused panic and fear among children, women, and elderly patients at sections of the center. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation army (IOA) suppressed a peaceful march organized by Palestinian journalists on World Press Freedom Day in front of Ofer prison in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. The IOA used tear gas to suppress protesters, and detained journalists Ashraf al-Nibali and Amin Alariya during the march, which also stood

- in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- In the village of Nabi Saleh in the central Governorate of Ramallah, eight Palestinians were injured during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during a solidarity march for the hunger strikers. Five of the injured were struck with live bullets and three were wounded by rubber-coated bullets fired by the IOA. The IOA also closed the main entrance of the village several days ago, which prevented ambulances from reaching the area to transfer the injured Palestinians to the hospital. They eventually had to be transferred to Salfit hospital with private cars on alternative road routes, which has increased the time of travel for the residents. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
 - In the village of Nilin, west of Ramallah city, the weekly march was held in solidarity with imprisoned hunger strikers. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the demonstration with tear gas, causing several protesters to suffer tear gas inhalation. The IOA attempted to detain Palestinian demonstrators, and succeeded in detaining an Israeli peace activist. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
 - In Bilin village west of Ramallah city, The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained the head of the village's council Basil Mansour and his deputy Ahmad Abu Rahma, both of whom are activists in Bilin's popular resistance, during a weekly march in the village dedicated to supporting the prisoners. Palestinians in Bilin held their march while holding pictures of hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners and shouting slogans demanding the immediate release of all imprisoned Palestinians. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented group of Palestinians and solidarity activists from protesting the establishment of a new illegal settlement east of Ramallah. The IOA banned protesters from accessing the new settlement site which is located between al-Oja town in Jordan Valley and Kochav Hashahar settlement near Ramallah. The Israeli ban of entry order is effective for 24 hours. (PALINFO 5 May 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Mughayyer village east of Ramallah and closed the village's entrance with earthmounds and cement blocks. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA where the latter fired tear gas bombs to disperse Palestinians. (Wafa 5 May 2017)
 - Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinian farmers in the village of Turmusayya in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, after the farmers arrived to protest the illegal construction of an Israeli settler road on privately owned Palestinian land despite an

order from the Israeli Civil Administration to stop building the road. The road is being built on privately owned Palestinian land, some of which is cultivated, and thus the work will likely harm the agriculture of the Palestinian residents. (Maannews 7 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation authorities imposed an estimated 36,000 shekels (\$10,000) worth of fines upon Palestinian minors imprisoned in the Ofer prison, located in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, during “late April.,” 62 Palestinian minors were detained and taken to Ofer prison during April. Of the 62 detained, 23 were detained from their homes, 34 from the streets, two at checkpoints, two after being summoned for interrogation, and one in Israel for not having an entry permit. More than half of the detainees were assaulted during their detention, and that sentences have been issued against 16 of the minors, varying between a month and seven months in prison, while the remaining 46 are still awaiting trial. Maannews 8 May 2017)
- A Palestinian was injured during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in An Nabi Saleh village northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA also raided the houses of NAJI AND Bassam At Tamimi in the villages and messed with the contents. (Wafa 8 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three students of Birzeit University in the Ramallah Governorate -- hours before student council elections were scheduled to take place at 8 a.m. The three were identified as Ahmad al-Ayish, former head of student council Amr al-Rimawi, and Ahmad Faraj. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- In the Ramallah Governorate, an unidentified Palestinian was detained in the village of Kafr Nima. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured at least 11 Palestinians during a solidarity march in Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, as clashes erupted with the IOA near the illegal settlement of Beit El. The march set off from a solidarity tent erected at Yasser Arafat Square in central Ramallah city for the estimated 1,600 Palestinians currently on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. When protesters began to march toward the Beit El settlement, the IOA began shooting live bullets, rubber-coated steel bullets, and tear gas at demonstrators to prevent them from approaching the military checkpoint located near the settlement. Five Palestinians were injured by live bullets, five by rubber-coated steel bullets, and one was wounded with “tutu” ammunition. The IOA had released skunk spray on the protesters -- a putrid-smelling liquid Israel periodically uses against Palestinian protesters whose smell can linger for weeks at a time. (Maannews 11 May 2017)

- The Israeli government has renewed its intent to build a new settlement in the West Bank for the Jewish settlers who were evacuated earlier this year from an illegal outpost called Amona. The public Hebrew radio quoted an official source from the office of Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu as saying that the settlement would be established within four months after receiving approvals from the competent authorities. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) killed a 23-year-old Palestinian in the village of Nabi Saleh in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah after clashes broke out during a march in the village in support of some 1,300 Palestinians on a mass hunger strike across Israeli prisons. In the Ramallah-area village of Nabi Saleh, Saba Abu Ubeid, a resident of the West Bank Governorate of Salfit, was killed after being hit in the chest with a live bullet shot by the IOA, after clashes erupted during the village's weekly march. (Maannews 12 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestinian writer and political scientist [Ahmad Qatamish](#), who has spent several years in Israeli prisons, most recently a two-and-a-half-year stint under administrative detention. Qatamish, 66, was detained from his home in the city of al-Bireh near Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, after Israeli soldiers thoroughly searched the house, damaging some of his possessions. He was then taken to an unknown location. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of al-Tira, west of Ramallah, and detained one Palestinian. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- A Palestinian man was injured by a rubber-coated steel bullet fired by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during clashes in the village of Nabi Saleh, west of Ramallah. soldiers attacked a march commemorating the 69th anniversary of the Palestinian catastrophe. the soldiers fired rubber bullets and tear gas at the protesters and hit a 43-year-old man in the foot. (Wafa 15 May 2017)
- Seven Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at Beit El military checkpoint, on the northern entrance to Ramallah. The soldiers attacked a march commemorating the 69th anniversary of the Palestinian catastrophe. The march started from Ramallah following a rally in the city center marking the Nakba. When it reached the Beit El checkpoint, soldiers fired rubber bullets and tear gas at them, injuring at least seven people. (Wafa 15 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Beit El "DCO" military checkpoint in the northern part of the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah and al-Bireh in both directions. The checkpoint was closed to Palestinian traffic passing through in both directions until further notice. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian from Nilin village, one from Qarawat Bani Zeid, two from al-Mazraa al-Qibliya, one from Birzeit, and two from Deir Abu Mashaal. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- In the Ramallah-area village of Silwad, located in the central occupied West Bank, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured one Palestinian with live ammunition and detained two others, after the IOA raided the village, causing clashes to erupt between locals and the IOA. The IOA raided the village and began firing tear gas canisters, rubber-coated steel bullets, and live ammunition. (MAANNEWS 18 May 2017)
- In the Aboud village west of Ramallah city, several Palestinian youths were injured with live bullets during clashes that erupted at the entrance of the village following a march that was organized in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners. The crowd of protesters, which consisted of residents of Aboud as well as Palestinians from at least 10 other northern-Ramallah villages, marched from the village's mosque and headed to the entrance of the village, where armed Israeli occupation Army (IOA) were deployed. The IOA fired live ammunition, tear gas canisters, sound bombs, and rubber-coated steel bullets at protesters, as five Palestinians were injured with live ammunition to the lower part of the body and one protester was injured with a rubber bullet in the leg. A Palestinian infant is in a "serious health condition" after inhaling tear gas shot by the IOA. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- In the village of Nilin west of Ramallah city, three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated bullets, while others suffered from severe tear gas inhalation during clashes that erupted at the main entrance of the village, following a march in support of hunger strikers. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Clashes broke out between the Israeli occupation Army and Local Palestinians the IOA suppressed demonstrations launched in solidarity with more than 1,300 Palestinian prisoners who entered their 36th day on hunger strike IN Ramallah Governorate. The IOA fired both live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian protesters who marched from Ramallah city to Israel's Qalandyia military checkpoint. A young man who was hit with a live bullet in the

abdomen. Seven others were shot with live fire, and 10 were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets. (Maannews 22 May 2017).

- In the Ramallah-area village of Nabi Saleh, two Palestinian "youth" were injured with live ammunition during clashes that erupted with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the entrance of the village, after the IOA suppressed a solidarity march in solidarity with more than 1,300 Palestinian prisoners who entered their 36th day on hunger strike. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Bil'in, to the west of Ramallah, and seized computers and other documents. The IOA also raided a number of Palestinian homes in the village. Soldiers assaulted residents and ransacked and vandalized their homes, seizing computers, mobile phones and other papers and documents. (Wafa 24 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a printing shop in the center of Ramallah and seized equipment worth \$18,000 owned by Khaled Msafar. The soldiers raided the shop, "Y Print", after blowing up the door, ransacked it and seized most of the printing equipment. This was the second time in four months the Israeli army raid Msafar's printing shop. The IOA had previously confiscated equipment and machines from shop estimated at \$160,000 on claims that his shop prints posters of Palestinians killed by the IOA and other "inciting" material. (Wafa 25 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed a metal workshop in Ni'lin village west of Ramallah city on the pretext that it was manufacturing weapons. (Maannews 25 May 2017)
- In the Ramallah-area village of Nabi Saleh in the central West Bank, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured two Palestinians with live bullets, and one with rubber-coated bullets. Clashes erupted at the entrance of the village between Palestinian and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during a march in the village. The IOA fired live bullets and rubber-coated bullets at Palestinians. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- In the village of Silwad, located in the central West Bank Ramallah Governorate, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Sheikh Bassam Hammad, father of [Anas Hammad](#) who was killed by the IOA last December, and Palestinian prisoners Abd al-Rahim and Taqwa Hammad. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Betunia north of Ramallah city and detained ex-prisoner Ahmed Nouh Hreish from his family home. (PALINFO 28 May 2017)

Jericho

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) demolished Palestinian crude homes and animal shelters in the Bedouin village of Jiftlik in the central Jordan Valley. Israeli bulldozers razed two shanties and displaced their residents as well as two animal shelters at the pretext of unlicensed construction. The structures are owned by Najeh Ka'abneh and his son Odeh. (PALINFO 9 May 2017)
- Disguised Israeli soldiers kidnapped a Palestinian young man during his presence in Jericho (Ariha) city, with no known reason. Plain-clothes soldiers stormed the city, rounded up a young man called Qusai Sawafta, from Tubas city in the northern West Bank, and withdrew from the area. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- 22 Palestinian citizens were injured during confrontations with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the northern entrance of Jericho city. The IOA fired tear gas canisters and rubber bullets at the Palestinian youths and two Palestinians were arrested and taken for interrogation after being beaten by the IOA. (PALINFO 21 May 2017)

Salfit

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) leveled privately-owned Palestinian lands in the village of Bruqin, west of Salfit in the central occupied West Bank. The IO bulldozers leveled approximately 50 dunums (12.5 acres) of land in the Khallat al-Zaafaran and al-Harayiq areas of the village, which is owned by Sabrah and Ikrima Samara who owned 20 dunums of the 50 dunums that were razed in the area. Land confiscations and earthworks were part of Israeli plans to enlarge illegal settlements in the area, specifically the nearby Ariel settlement. (WAFA, [Maannews](#) 2 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinians from performing prayers for the third consecutive week in the village of Deir Istiya in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit near an agricultural road that was closed by the IOA last year, preventing Palestinians from accessing their lands, saying that their lands were the site of Israeli military posts. A verbal dispute erupted between the Israeli soldiers and Palestinians. However, no clashes had erupted. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out after the Israeli occupation Army (IOF) stormed Haris village, northwest of Salfit Governorate. Dozens of Israeli soldiers set up a makeshift checkpoint at the main entrance to

the village, spread across its streets, stopped citizens and interrogated them. The soldiers showered local young men with tear gas, provoking them to respond by throwing stones at the soldiers. (PALINFO 6 May 2017)

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- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a military makeshift barrier at the entrance of Kefl Hares village north of Salfit city in the West Bank. The IOA searched Palestinian vehicles and checked the IDs of the youth and deliberately blocked traffic and offended passengers. Palestinians had to take long bypass roads in order to avoid the traffic jam that resulted from the makeshift barrier. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers from Leshem settlement carried out new digging and razing activities on Palestinian agricultural and grazing lands in Deir Ballut village, west of Salfit Governorate. The bulldozers razed olive trees, agricultural lands and pastures specifically in the areas of ash-Shamiyat and Bab al-Marj, east of the village. Settlers also buried waste material in the area, voicing fear that the buried waste could be hazardous. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- In the Jericho Governorate, one Palestinian was detained from the Aqabat Jaber refugee camp. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- In the village of Deir Istiya in the Salfit Governorate, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed a closure on the village and declared it a “closed military area” in order to prevent Palestinians from performing Friday prayers in the northern side of the village in support of the hunger strikers. The IOA prevented Palestinian locals and foreign supporters from entering the village after distributing fliers saying that the area was a “closed military area,” while installing checkpoints at all entrances to the village. The IOA carried out the procedures to prevent Palestinians from performing Friday prayers at the Wadi Abu Nasser area of the village in solidarity with hunger strikers and to demand the reopening of the agricultural road that has been closed by the IOA. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) issued stop-work orders against a number of local houses in Deir Ballout village west of Salfit to the north

- of West Bank. The notified houses are located near Leishm settlement. (PALINFO 23 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrived in military jeeps and set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Deir Istiya and inspected all Palestinian vehicles going through, causing heavy traffic. (Maannews 23 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian youth in the central occupied West Bank during a march in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners [who have been forgoing food for 38 days](#). The IOA fired tear gas at the Palestinian youths when they approached the illegal Israeli separation wall near the illegal settlement of Ariel in the Salfit Governorate. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation army (IOA) declared the area of Wadi Abu Nasser in the village of Deir Istiya in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit a “military post” and banned tens of Palestinians from entering the area to perform Friday prayers in support of some 1,300 Palestinian prisoners on their 40th day of a mass hunger strike. The IOA had distributed fliers to residents claiming that the area was an Israeli military post and evacuated the area by force and prevented Palestinians from drawing Palestinian flags on the walls the army had erected to close off the area. The also IOA surrounded the Palestinians during the prayer and attempted to detain one of the protesters.
 - Hundreds of Israeli housing units have been built to expand Bruchin settlement which is established over lands of the Palestinian village of Bruqin, west of Salfit. The expansion works have been going on in 25 settlements established over 18 locations in Salfit province. Maali pointed out that the Israeli government had previously announced the establishment of hundreds of new settlement units in Brokhin settlement. The construction of the new housing units has taken place on Palestinian agricultural lands in the village. (PALINFO 28 May 2017)
 - Wadi al-Matwi (al-Matwi Valley) and the adjacent park in Salfit Governorate have been terribly tainted by sewage waste spilling from the adjacent Israeli Ariel settlement, built on Palestinian lands. The tragic fallouts of sewage waste, mingled with industrial chemicals, which has been pouring into Palestinian springs and streams. The fauna and flora have also been severely damaged by untreated Israeli sewage disposal. A dramatic surge in the toxicity rate of Wadi al-Matwi’s soil and ground water forced dozens of farmers out of their own and only lands in Wadi Al Matwi which had been one of Salfit’s

natural masterpieces and a spring of prolific agricultural output and now has been turned into a source of epidemics, infectious diseases, insects, rodents, pigs, and stench. (PALINFO 28 May 2017)

- Israeli bulldozers have razed a vast tract of land inside and around the settlement of Revava, which was built illegally on a land annexed from the Palestinian towns of Deir Istiya and Hares in Salfit Governorate. The bulldozing activities were intended to expand the settlement, and took place mainly in the southern part of the settlement near the bypass road used by settlers. (PALINFO 30 May 2017)

Tulkarem

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian citizen, from Tulkarem city, at Allenby (King Hussein) border crossing after he returned from Jordan. The 22-year-old Mustafa Musameh was taken prisoner after detaining and interrogating him by Israeli officers upon his arrival at the crossing. No information about the reason for his detention. (PALINFO 2 May 2017)
- In the Tulkarem Governorate, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians, one of whom from the village of Iktaba. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Several Palestinian citizens suffered from inhaling tear gas at dawn during clashes with Israeli soldiers in Tulkarem city, north of the West Bank. The IOA broke into and ransacked homes in Dunaba suburb and Tulkarem refugee camp during its campaign in the city. The IOA clashed with local young men and showered them and nearby homes with volleys of tear gas and stun grenades, causing suffocation among many citizens. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Faroun in the Tulkarem Governorate. and detained four Palestinians. (Maannews 8 May 2017)
- One Palestinian was detained by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the Nur Shams refugee camp in the Governorate of Tulkarem. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- In Tulkarem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Attil village, where they ransacked homes and a workshop and interrogated citizens. IOA forced residents of an apartment building in the central neighborhood of the village to stay outdoors for several hours before they broke into it and searched its units. The IOA also assaulted families and wreaked havoc on furniture as they were searching homes in the village. The IOA also pillaged a metalworking

workshop belonging to a citizen called Azem Tawfiq before they withdrew from the village. (PALINFO, 10 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) wreaked havoc on a metalworking shop and brutalized its owner and his family in Deir al-Ghusun village, northeast of Tulkarem Governorate in the West Bank. The IOA broke into and ransacked a workshop belonging to Bashir Abu Zeitun and caused widespread destruction to its equipment. The IOA soldiers also searched the house of Abu Zeitun and assaulted him and his family members, pointing out that a large number of troops were deployed on the village's streets during the raid. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Nur Shams refugee camp to the east of Tulkarem city and arrested the activist Taha al-Irani, the head of the popular services committee in the camp. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into a blacksmith workshop in Deir al-Ghosun town near Tulkarem city and confiscated its machinery and equipment before closing the workshop. (PALINFO 16 May 2017)
- A number of Palestinians choked on tear gas during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) that erupted in the vicinity of Khadouri University west of the West Bank city of Tulkarem. A peaceful march kicked off in Tulkarem city which witnessed a general strike in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking detainees in Israeli jails. Clashes broke out when the march met with IO soldiers who were stationed near to the university. The soldiers were deployed at the entrance of the nearby industrial area. (PALINFO 17 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Tulkarem city and its environs and kidnapped a Palestinian citizen from his home. Dozens of Israeli soldiers raided at 02:00 am the house of Mohamed Naifa and ransacked it before taking him handcuffed to an declared place. Scores of Israeli soldiers also spread through and combed streets of Shuweika suburb in the city, erected barriers on its roads and broke into homes for search purposes. The IOA also set up military barriers on roads around the city, intercepted vehicles and checked IDs of Palestinian commuters. (PALINFO 20 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Shuweika village north of Tulkarem after raiding their homes in the village. The detainees were identified as Muhamamd Khaled Shaker Nayfa, 25, Munther Abdel Aziz Ikbariya, 50, and Amjad Jihad Ahmad Abu Zahra, 45. (Wafa 20 May 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed the Palestinian village of Qarawat Bani Hassan west of Salfit accompanied with a number of bulldozers

and carried out razing operations. The bulldozers leveled Palestinian-owned agricultural lands with the aim of building new housing units in the nearby settlements. (PALINFO 25 May 2017)

- One Palestinian was detained from the village of Yassuf in the central west Bank Governorate of Salfit. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of the Palestinian civilian Ziad Hamdan, in Tulkarem's northern village of Balaa, and aggressively attacked his family members after they subjected them to intensive questioning. A number of Israeli army jeeps were further spotted near Tulkarem's Western Mosque at predawn time on claims of hunting for a wanted anti-occupation youth. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- In Tulkarem, an Israeli military force broke into the house of Ziyad Hamdan in Bal'ah village and assaulted his family members in order to pressure them to turn in their wanted son, Mohamed. The IOA raided and searched the house of Hamdan several times since the start of the holy month of Ramadan. (PALINFO 30 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young man after summoning him at a military checkpoint south of Tulkarem city in the West Bank. The Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence, wanted to capture Naser Jaber several times before and handed his family in Tulkarem summonses to turn himself in. (PALINFO 30 May 2017)

Nablus

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Sabastiya in the northern occupied West Bank, firing tear gas at Palestinians holding a sit-in in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners, causing the sit-in tent to catch fire. Clashes erupted following the fire, with Israeli soldiers firing more tear gas canisters in the area and damaging at least one vehicle parked in the area. A number of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers showed up at Hawara checkpoint and on the access road to Bracha settlement, illegally built on Palestinian land in Kafr Kalil and Arak Burin, to mark Israel's settlement in Palestine. (PALINFO 2 May 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and Israeli soldiers in the villages of Qusra and Madama, south of Nablus city. Several Israeli troops stormed Madama village, chased local young men and opened fire at them. The soldiers stormed many homes in the

eastern neighborhoods of the village in search for young men seen rallying in an area near the illegal settlement of Yitzhar.

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) (IOA) closed the junction and checkpoint of Huwara, south of Nablus in the West Bank, following a provocative march staged by settlers in the Palestinian villages of Huwara and Qusra. Dozens of settlers also stormed Palestinian agricultural lands in an area near Yitzhar settlement and caused damage to crops. Meanwhile, skirmishes broke out at the eastern entrance to Qusra town after the IOA set up a roadblock and embarked on intercepting and searching Palestinian vehicles. Chief of the Qusra town municipality Abdul-Adeem Wadi suffered a rubber bullet injury in his leg during the events. (PALINFO 3 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers at predawn preformed sacrilegious rituals and yelled “death to Arabs” at Yitzhar crossroads, south of Nablus. Palestinians driving in the area said over 100 Israeli settlers, escorted by heavily-armed soldiers, flocked to the northern entrance to Hawara town, south of Nablus, and yelled anti-Arab chants. The Israeli settlers further called for revenge against the Palestinians, shouting “death to Arabs and Muslims. (PALINFO 3 May 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained from the Nablus Governorate, with the Israeli occupation army citing one detention from the Huwwara village south of Nablus city, and one from the village of Tell, southwest of Nablus. (Maannews 4 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a former Palestinian prisoner at the Huwwara military checkpoint south of Nablus city in the northern occupied West Bank. The IOA detained Nidal Nader Suleiman, 36, a resident of the Nablus-area Kafr Qalil village, after stopping the vehicle he was riding in and searching the ID cards of passengers. Suleiman was on his way back to Nablus from a solidarity march in Ramallah when he was detained. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained three Palestinians—Sameh Abu Kushk, Aboud al-Asmar, and Khalil Hamzawi—from Askar camp, in Nablus.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Iraq Burin village, south of Nablus, and clashed with local young men. The IOA patrol vehicles entered the eastern neighborhood of the village before a brigade of soldiers stormed on foot the old district and spread near its Mosque. The IOA fired tear gas and rubber bullets at the young men before they withdrew to the main entrance of the village and set up a makeshift checkpoint there. (PALINFO 6 May 2017)

- The main entrance to Beita village, south of Nablus, has been blocked with mounds of dirt and rocks for about three weeks. The Israeli occupation army (IOA) claimed its closure of this entrance aimed to prevent the local residents from organizing protests there on Fridays. (PALINFO 6 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) sealed the main entrance of the village of Beita in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. Israeli bulldozers, escorted by the IOA sealed the main crossroads of the village with large dirt mounds and then prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village until further notice. (Maannews 6 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a march that was staged in support of a mass hunger strike underway in Israeli prisons. One Palestinian was shot and injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet and eight others suffered from tear gas inhalation. Around 200 Palestinians marched from a sit-in tent in the village of Beita towards the main junction, where clashes erupted with the IOA that lasted for about two hours. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters at Palestinian protesters. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) physically assaulted and kidnapped a young man called Ikrima Khatatba from aboard a public bus at Beit Furik checkpoint, east of Nablus. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Eight Palestinian young men suffered from inhaling tear gas and another from a rubber bullet injury during violent clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the junction of Beita village, south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. Dozens of young men marched in the evening hours from a sit-in tent in the village to the junction, where clashes broke out with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Clashes lasted for over two hours, during which the soldiers intensively fired tear gas and stun grenades at the young protestors.
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a makeshift checkpoint at the main entrance to Asira ash-Shamaliya town, north of Nablus, and embarked on stopping passing vehicles and checking the IDs of passengers. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) have been closing the entrance of Beita village, south of Nablus, for the second week. The closure aims at preventing the ongoing events held in solidarity with Palestinian striking detainees in Israeli jails. The IOA previously threatened to pursue security measures against the town if solidarity events continued. (PALINFO 7 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Sabastiya west of Nablus in the northern West Bank , sparking clashes with locals. The IOA showered the area with tear gas and stun grenades, causing a number of Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 8 May 2017)
- A large Israeli force broke into the eastern area of Nablus city late at night and confiscated equipment used for the construction of a new road in Rujeib town. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) claimed that the construction works are conducted in Area C which is supposed to be under Israeli control according to the Oslo Agreement. (PALINFO 8 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided three lathe workshops owned by Shaheen, Al Barza and Jamous families, allegedly used for manufacturing weapons in the Nablus-area Balata refugee camp. The IOA had sealed off the workshops and confiscated equipment. (Wafa 9 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained held and briefly interrogated 20 Palestinian youths from the town of Asira al-Shamaliyeh in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus -- the majority of them former prisoners, including Bilal Kayid, who was released from Israeli prison after undertaking [a 71-day hunger strike](#) last year in protest of his administration detention without charge or trial. The detainees were taken from their homes to a wedding reception hall in the town, where they were interrogated for nearly two hours before they were let go. (PALINFO, Maannews 10 May 2017)
- Several Israeli settlers set fire to hundreds of dunums of agricultural land in the eastern part of Burin village in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. Several Israeli settlers from the illegal Bracha settlement near Burin deliberately lit a fire in Jabal Abu Salem area in the village. The fire then spread rapidly throughout the area. Israeli settlers also attacked a Palestinian house belonging to Hamzi al-Zein. The settlers threw rocks at the home and attempted to enter it but locals prevented them and proceeded to force them from the area. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out after a large number of Israeli troops stormed Joseph's Tomb in the eastern Governorate of Nablus city. About 10 military vehicles carrying soldiers and one bus carrying Israeli construction workers stormed the mausoleum at around 01:00 am in order to renovate the site. Consequently, skirmishes between local young men and Israeli soldiers broke out in the area around the shrine before it escalated and expanded to the nearby town of Balata al-Balad,

- Amman street, and the northern outskirts of Balata refugee camp. At about 03:30 am, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) withdrew to the Beit Furik military barrier, east of Nablus city. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the West Bank village of Sabastia north of Nablus city for the second time in 24 hours. Israeli patrols raided the historic area in the village leading to a state of tension and mobilization among Palestinian families and visitors who were present at the site. Several patrols escorted by some buses carrying Jewish settlers stormed the same village a day before. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed Huwwara checkpoint in Nablus Governorate in both directions and blocked a solidarity march as well as traffic organized by Palestinians in the West Bank city of Nablus which took to the streets in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking detainees in Israeli jails. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian young man, from Nablus city, upon his return from Jordan, where he pursues his higher studies. The 30-year-old Muaad al-Sarkaji was arrested by the Shin Bet at Allenby border crossing with Jordan after he returned from Amman. Sarkaji works as a lecturer at al-Ummah College in Ramallah city and travels every week to Amman to attend a postgraduate study program. The detainee is married with one kid, and was already jailed for six months in 2010. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed a road with dirt mounds and cement blocks near the Palestinian village of Osarin in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. Israeli military bulldozer escorted by several Israeli military vehicles closed the junction leading to Osarin completely and banned residents from passing through until further notice. (Maannews 11 May 2017)
 - Clashes erupted between hundreds of Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) following Friday prayers, when Palestinians marched towards the Beita junction and Beit Furik checkpoint in a demonstration in support of the hunger strikers. 40 Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation at the Beita junction, while 16 were injured with rubber bullets. (Maannews 12 May 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) had directly opened live ammunition on three Red Crescent ambulances during clashes near Beit Furik, causing damage to the ambulances, including shattering windshields. (Maannews 12 May 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested the released prisoner Yousuf al-Tartir, 24, who is from al-Masaken al-Shaabiyya

- neighborhood in Nablus at al-Karama crossing which links between the West Bank and Jordan. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested head of Burqa village council, Sami Daghlas north of Nablus city while participating in a sit in protest to support the 1700 striking Palestinian prisoners inside the Israeli jails. The IOA violently assaulted Daghlas and handcuffed him before taking him to HUwwara detention center. (WAFa 16 May 2017)
 - A Palestinian man was hospitalized after a group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinians with rocks south of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank . Yousif Abu Bakr, from Jenin, sustained injuries after he was struck with a rock thrown by an Israeli at a crossroads near the illegal Israeli settlement of Yitzhar adjacent to the Palestinian village of Huwwara. (Maannews 17 May 2017).
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) temporarily closed off a road in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. The IOA informed the Huwwara municipality on Tuesday that the village's main road would be closed to traffic from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The IOA were opening the nearby Awarta checkpoint to allow people to pass through that road instead. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
 - In the Nablus Governorate, one Palestinians was detained in the village of Asira al-Qibliya. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
 - Six Palestinians were detained in al-Askar refugee camp. The raid into Askar refugee camp also sparked clashes, and one Palestinian youth was injured after Israeli soldiers shot him. (Maannews 17 May 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Nablus city and raided homes in its western neighborhoods and Zawata area. Israeli troops aboard five patrol vehicles entered Nablus city through the road of Deir Sharaf and raided some homes, adding that another military force was seen in a nearby street known as Beit Aiba. The IOA also stormed Yasid town, north of Nablus, and imposed a dawn curfew throughout its streets. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
 - Clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and Israeli soldiers in Sebastia village, northwest of Nablus. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
 - Jewish settlers set fire to cultivated fields in Huwara village, south of Nablus, before some local residents managed to quench the fire and prevent it from spreading to their homes, which are located north of the village. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
 - An Israeli settler shot and killed a Palestinian and injured a journalist during clashes between Palestinians and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) south of Nablus. Mutaz Bani Shamsa, 23, from the town of Beita,

south of Nablus, was shot and killed by an Israeli settler during a demonstration in the nearby village of Huwwara. A journalist, identified as Majdi Ishtayeh, was also injured after he was shot in the hand while covering the demonstration. (Wafa 18 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Khaleel Yousif Muhamamd Yameen in Jit village east of Qalqilyia city, searched the house and messed with its contents. (Wafa 18 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the Palestinian youth, Ismail Duwaikat, at Zaatara military barrier south of Nablus city in the northern West Bank. The IOA soldiers stopped Duwaikat's car while passing through the checkpoint. They checked the IDs of passengers before arresting him and taking him to an unknown destination. (PALINFO 18 May 2017)
- Following a [deadly shooting](#) carried out by an Israeli settler near the Huwwara village in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus, an Israeli settler distributed candy to passing Israeli vehicles south of Nablus in celebration of the settler killing a 23-year-old Palestinian earlier in the day. (Maannews 18 May 2017)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Nablus, clashes erupted during solidarity protests in the villages of Beita -- the hometown of [23-year-old Muataz Bani Shamsa](#), who was shot dead by an Israeli settler. A Palestinian was injured with live fire in his thigh, and three others were injured with rubber-coated steel bullets, while more than 40 suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes in Beita. The IOA banned medical crews of the Red Crescent from passing through the nearby Huwwara military checkpoint south of Nablus. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- In the village of Beit Dajan in Nablus Governorate, six Palestinians suffered from severe tear gas inhalation during clashes, where the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) deliberately targeted Red Crescent crews with their fire. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- In Nablus Governorate, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a paramedic called Yousef Dairiya from his home in Aqraba village and confiscated an ambulance he usually drives. Dairiya was aboard the same confiscated ambulance at the entrance to Huwara town in Nablus when a Jewish settler opened fire at Palestinian protesters killing Mu'taz Bani Shamsa and wounding a journalist and witnessed the killing of citizen Bani Shamsa. (PALINFO 19 May 2017)
- A Palestinian citizen was taken prisoner during an Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raid campaign in Nablus city, north of the West Bank. The detainee was identified as Jamal Shalo, the owner of al-Waleed

Transport Company in the city. The IOA also confiscated one of the company's buses at the pretext that it was used to transport citizens from Nablus city to Huwara town, where Bani Shamsa was shot dead by a settler during a protest rally in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners in Israeli jails. (PALINFO 19 May 2017)

- Israelis settlers threw rocks at Palestinian vehicles passing the Yitzhar settlement road south of Nablus, while Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Beita junction with cement blocks, as well as the Yitzhar road, and the Huwwara and Zaatara checkpoints. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers set fire to an agricultural tractor and sprayed racist, anti-Arab graffiti "demanding to take revenge on Burin village," south of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli settlers raided the village, set fire to an agricultural tractor owned by local resident Abd al-Athem Idris, and sprayed racist slogans "against Arabs" onto cement blocks in the area. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers from the Yitzhar settlement protested, under the protection of armed Israeli forces, in southern Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank following a [deadly shooting](#) carried out by an Israeli settler near the Huwwara village and resulted in the death of the 23-year-old Muataz Bani Shamsa. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Huwwara checkpoint and the Yitzhar road, which leads to the settlement by the same name. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- Clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and a group of Israeli settlers in Burin village, south of Nablus city in the occupied West Bank. The settlers, who were escorted by Israeli soldiers, hurled stones at local young men in al-Daqaqa area, east of the village and the Israeli soldiers fired stun and tear gas grenades at the young men. (WAFA 21 May 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed the eastern side of Burin town, physically assaulted a Palestinian citizen identified as Munir Qadus, and vandalized a car belonging to a human rights activist named Zakariya as-Sadda. (PALINFO 21 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Israeli bypass road No. 5 in Nablus Governorate and prevented traffic in both directions. (Maannews 21 May 2017)
- Two Palestinian youths were injured by Israeli live bullets, while a third was shot by a rubber one. Others choked on tear gas after Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters at the entrance of Deir Sharaf town, west of Nablus city. (PALINFO 22 May 2017).

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinian youths from Askar refugee camp to the east of Nablus city during the clashes that erupted at dawn after the IO soldiers broke into the camp. The three were identified as Mu'tasem Ar Refa'i, Bahaa Abu Kushuk and Anees Al Ashqar. (PALINFO 22 May 2017)
- Clashes erupted between local Palestinians and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who escorted some 4,000 right-wing Israelis to Joseph's Tomb east of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank, when at least two Palestinians were detained and several others suffered from tear gas inhalation. Among the group of Israelis who arrived to the site under armed protection was Mike Huckabee, former US governor of the state of Arkansas, who ran against Donald Trump in the Republican presidential race. Fierce clashes broke out between dozens of young Palestinians and the IOA who escorted the group, with Israeli soldiers firing tear gas canisters and stun grenades at the protesters who pelted soldiers stones and empty bottles. The IOA also detained an unspecified number of young Palestinian men when they stormed Nablus city to escort the group to Joseph's Tomb. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli settlers of the illegal West Bank settlement of Yitzhar torched Palestinian agricultural lands west of Burin village, south of Nablus city. Large land areas planted with olive trees were gutted in the fire. (PALINFO 22 May 2017).
- Israeli settlers escorted by soldiers harassed Palestinian citizens on a road in the central of Huwwara village, south of Nablus, and injured one of them. About 10 settlers, mostly armed, rallied on the main road in Huwwara and threatened Palestinians traveling aboard their cars to assault and kill them in the presence of Israeli soldiers. Settlers also pointed their guns at passing cars and threw stones at them, injuring a driver in the process. (Maannews 23 May 2017)
- In the West Bank Governorate of Nablus, two Palestinians, identified as Saint Yves Society official Raed Halabi, and Alqam Issa Hamayil, 24, were detained from the village of Beita south of Nablus. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained near the village of Salim in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. The two Palestinians were both from Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 24 May 2017)
- In the northern West Bank, the 19-year-old Mustafa Salama was injured with a live bullet in his shoulder, while 11 others suffered from tear gas inhalation during clashes that erupted with Israeli occupation

Army (IOA) at the Beita junction in southern Nablus during a sit-in organized in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners. (Maannews 26 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Raed Rashad Hamayel, 37, FROM Beita village in southern Nablus during demonstration organized in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners and “violently assaulted him. (Maannews 26 May 2017)
- A number of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar, which is located just a few hundred meters south of Madama, assaulted Mamoun Amin Nassar from the village of Madam in Nablus Governorate and pelted him with stones. (Maannews 28 May 2017)
- The Civil Administration approved jurisdiction over the designated area that will be settled by [former residents of Amona](#) in the first concrete indication that the government is making good on its promise to resettle them in a new community. The plan was approved by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, following the government's decision. However, before a temporary settlement can be constructed—a necessary precursor to a permanent community—hopeful residents still need a special injunction from the GOC Central Command. The permit in question applies to the jurisdiction over land belonging to the state in the Shilo Valley region of the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council and would represent significant advancement in terms of a timetable for the establishment of the settlement. Amona residents have been asking GOC Central Command Roni Numa for the injunction for several weeks, to no avail. The leader of the Amona settlers, Avichai Buaron, said in light of the development, "Unfortunately, it is still too early to be happy. This decision is but another stage in a long and tedious bureaucratic planning process that could take many years. We repeat: Only a GOC Central Command injunction for the establishment of a temporary residential site can take us out of our desperation. "The new school year will begin in a few months and we and our children don't know what awaits us in the next year. We have been stuck in a youth hostel for four months in difficult conditions and a murky future. "We are calling on the prime minister to honor himself and us and allow us to establish a new community [as he promised](#). According to the agreement, the construction of the new settlement was supposed to begin by the end of March. Two months after that deadline, there is no start in sight. We expect the prime minister to immediately have the attorney general issue the proper injunction so that construction can begin immediately. Only then will we know that the prime minister is

not violating the agreement with us, and that the new settlement will be built immediately." The next stage in the process is devising a construction plan for the community itself, including electrical infrastructure, water and the residential buildings. This will be done in cooperation with the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council. More than 30 families evacuated from Amona are currently living in a youth hostel in Ofra. The families claim they will only leave the hostel for their new community. In recent weeks, Amona activists have been aggressively lobbying politicians such as Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein and Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely to speed the process along. ([YNETNEWS](#) 28 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Burin village, south of Nablus, and kidnapped the Palestinian youth Namer al-Tirawi from his family home. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beita and Qusra villages, south of Nablus, and kidnapped the Palestinian ex-prisoner Baraa Hamayel from his home, in Beita al-Fouka. Youngster Fares Oudeh was also kidnapped in the assault. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- A large number of Israeli troops stormed at dawn Ayn Shibli village northeast of Nablus, and interrogated many families inside their homes, with no known reason. (PALINFO 30 May 2017)
- The head of the Central Command signed a military order defining the jurisdiction to a new Israeli settlement in the West Bank, the first to be established since 1992. The decision to establish the new settlement, which will go by the name "Amichai", was made by the government on March 30th as compensation to the evacuees of the Amona outpost, which was built illegally on private Palestinian land and was evacuated in February this year following a verdict of the Supreme Court. Apart from cases of retroactive legalization of illegal outposts, this is the first settlement that the government of Israel is establishing since 1992. Several publications have indicated that on June 7th the sub-committee for settlements of the Higher Planning Committee in the Civil Administration is expected to meet in order to advance plans for settlements. Due to vast pressure coming from settler lobby groups, it is possible that during this meeting, the plan for the settlement will be discussed for depositing. In addition, it is likely a plan to retroactively legalize the Kerem Reim outpost, and expand it to 255 housing units, will be discussed for validation (final approval) during the committee's meeting. Amichai is the second settlement that is being established as compensation for the Amona evacuation. In February this year a plan for new settlement called Shvut Rachel East, was approved for validation. The plan, number 205/3/1, enables the

construction of the first 98 housing units in Shvut Rachel East, which is planned to eventually become a settlement of 300 housing units. While Shvut Rachel East should be referred to as a new settlement by all means, it is officially referred to as a neighborhood of Shilo settlement, despite being located far from any built up area of Shilo, creating a new and distant expansion to the settlement. Remarkably, the government initially suggested to the Amona settlers to establish Shvut Rachel East as compensation for their lawful evacuation. However, although the settlers of Amona rejected the government offer, it went ahead with the approval of the new site. It is also worth noting that Shvut Rachel East is adjacent to Amichai, located just one hilltop west of it. Hence, under the disguise of “compensation” to the Amona settlers, two new settlements, located one next to the other, are now in the making. This is not the first time that the government utilizes a lawful evacuation of an illegal outpost built on private Palestinian lands in order to approve 2 settlements as “compensation.” As part of the evacuation of the Migron outpost, the government established “New Migron” (located close to Kochav Yaakov settlement) as well as a plan for 184 housing units east of Adam settlement (aka Geva Binyamin). Just as in the case of Amona, the settlers of Migron rejected the offer to move to the site east of Adam, and yet the government approved the plan, which is currently under construction. Amichai, alongside Shvut Rachel East, enhance the expansion of Shilo settlement eastbound towards the Jordan valley and route number 80 (known as the Alon road). The new settlements are located between Shilo and Shvut Rachel (located to their west) and several illegal outposts: Achiya, Esh Kodesh, Kida and Adei Ad. Hence, the two new settlements are located in a region that serves as focal point of settler land takeover and settler violence, preventing Palestinians from reaching their lands. The establishment of Amichai, as well as that of Shvut Rachel East, are a significant blow to the two-state solution. The settlements are located deep in the West Bank and east of route 60, the main highway in the occupied territories. Effectively, it is impossible to reach a two-state solution without the evacuation of these settlements. Hence, the message that is being conveyed by the government of Israel is that it seeks to heighten its control over the West Bank and that it has whatsoever no intentions of ever evacuating the territories and achieving a political agreement with the Palestinians. ([PEACENOW](#) 30 May 2017)

Gaza

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire on Palestinian fishermen and also carried out a limited incursion into Palestinian lands in the besieged Gaza Strip. Four Israeli bulldozers raided dozens of meters into the town of al-Fakhari east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza and proceeded to level lands near the border fence, as drones flew overhead. Meanwhile, Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of al-Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip, according to witnesses who said no one was injured in the incident. (Maannews 3 May 2017)
- In Nablus' Beita village, hundreds of Palestinians performed Friday prayers at the village's junction, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas, rubber-coated bullets, and sound bombs at Palestinian demonstrators, causing clashes to erupt in the area. two Palestinians were injured after being struck by rubber bullets, while 28 Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 5 May 2017)
- Five Israeli military vehicles set off from Israel's Kissufim military base and passed tens of meters beyond the border area, and proceeded to level lands east of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip allegedly for deviating from the designated fishing zone, prompting Israeli Naval forces to fire warning shots into the air. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 7 May 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman, Muhammad Abu Rayala, was injured after Israeli naval forces opened fire on his boat while he was at the sea of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. Israeli forces opened fire on a fishing vessel allegedly after it deviated from the designated zone. (Maannews 8 May 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip in two separate incidents. The events came a day after Israeli forces shot and injured a Palestinian fisherman with live fire off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 9 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation drones sprayed pesticides on Palestinian crops along the border with Israel in central and southern Gaza. The pesticides, damage crops in the area, which is Gaza's main agricultural region.
- Israeli navy gunboats opened their machinegun fire at Palestinian fishermen and their boats off the northern Gaza coast. No casualties have been reported. The heavy shooting forced the fishermen to return ashore. (PALINFO 12 May 2017)

- Israeli naval forces obstructed a fishing boat off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip and detained three fishermen, who were all from al-Shati refugee camp in northern Gaza. They were identified as Muhammad Tariq Bakr, 22, Abdullah Sabri Bakr, 20, and Muhammad Said Bakr, 27. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli military vehicles staged a limited incursion into Palestinian lands east of Deir Balah in the central besieged Gaza Strip. Four Israeli bulldozers set off from Israel's Kissufim military base and crossed some 50 meters past the border area and proceeded to level the lands. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli naval forces detained six Palestinian fishermen overnight off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip and confiscated two fishing boats. Israeli gunboats opened fire at several fishing boats, before obstructing one of the boats, taking the three fishermen on board into custody, and impounding their boat. The three were identified as Muhammad Amin Abu Warda and his brothers Yousif and Hussein. They were reportedly detained while sailing only three nautical miles from the shore and within Israel's unilaterally declared fishing zone. (Maannews 15 May 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman who was shot and injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip earlier succumbed to his wounds. Muhammad Majid Bakr, a 23-year-old resident from the al-Shati refugee camp, was shot by Israeli naval forces at around 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning while fishing off the coast of Gaza with his brother Umran Majid Bakr. He had been shot in the chest, and was still bleeding when Israeli naval ships surrounded their fishing boat and detained Bakr. (Maannews 16 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Al-Sudaniyeh, northwest of Gaza city. The Israeli naval boats opened machine gunfire at a number of Palestinian fishing boats before detaining three fishermen and seizing their boat. The fishermen were reportedly sailing about four nautical miles from the shore. Israel allows only three nautical miles of fishing area in the northern Gaza sea. This came hours after Israeli navy stopped a boat in the same area, detaining three fishermen, causing damage to fishing nets and seizing their boat. (Wafa 16 May 2017)
- Two Palestinian youths were injured with live bullets, fired by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during clashes that erupted near the Nahel Oz Israeli military site along the border of the central Gaza Strip. The IOA fired live fire and tear gas at Palestinians who were protesting in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners and against the near-decade

long Israeli siege imposed on the small coastal enclave. (Maannews 19 May 2017)

- In the Jabaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza, two Palestinians were injured with live fire near al-Shuhada cemetery, as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas at protesters and ambulances. (Maannews 19 May 2017)
- A Palestinian “youth” was injured during clashes in central Gaza, along the border with Israel, when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hit the Palestinian in the leg with live ammunition. The Palestinian, in his twenties, was injured during clashes east of the Bureij refugee camp, that had erupted after Palestinians took to the border to protest in solidarity with some 1,300 Palestinian prisoners, who entered their 36th day of hunger strike on Monday. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the Kissufim military post northeast of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza opened fire at Palestinian farmers tending to their land near the Palestinian side of the border fence. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) operating at the Abu Muteibeiq military post opened fire at Palestinian farmland east of al-Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, forcing fishermen to sail back to shore under the pretext that fishing boat deviated from the designated fishing zone. (Maannews 22 May 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian young men rallying on the eastern border of the Gaza Strip to protest the tight blockade imposed on the enclave. Dozens of young men rallied in different border areas near the security fence, particularly east of Khuza’a town in Khan Younis, east of al-Shuja’iyya neighborhood in Gaza City, and east of al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza. One young man suffered a bullet injury in the leg during his participation in a protest east of al-Bureij camp. (PALINFO 23 May 2017).
- A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in shooting by Israeli soldiers stationed in military sites east of al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza Strip. The wounded boy was shot in his foot during clashes that erupted east of the refugee camp. (PALINFO 23 May 2017)
- A Palestinian teen was shot and injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during clashes that erupted in east of al-Bureij refugee camp in the “buffer zone” of the central Gaza Strip. A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was critically injured in the stomach with live ammunition. (Maannews 24 May 2017)

- In two weeks' time, Israel will cut over a quarter of the electricity it provides the Gaza Strip, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) announced. Every month, Israel provides the Gaza Strip with 125 megawatts of electricity, which costs NIS 40 million on average. Israel takes that sum out of the tax money it collects for the Palestinian Authority. Two months ago, the PA decided to stop paying that sum due to a power struggle with the Hamas government. The PA had demanded control over the Gaza Strip, including control over border crossings, as well as to receive the taxes Hamas collects from Palestinians in Gaza for services the PA provides. Hamas rejected these demands outright, leading Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to gradually cut down on the services the PA provides the strip for as long as it has no control over the enclave. Hamas, meanwhile, formed a committee to govern the Gaza Strip instead of the Palestinian unity government that sits in Ramallah, which Hamas claims does not take care of the strip's needs. At first, the PA informed COGAT it was no longer willing to pay for Gaza's electricity. However it has recently softened its position, telling COGAT that starting next month it will pay NIS 25-30 million every month instead of NIS 40 million. As a result, Israel has decided to reduce the electricity it provides the strip accordingly. "Hamas prefers its own interests and those of its senior members," said COGAT, Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai. "Every tunnel in the Gaza Strip has a generator, and only after that do the people get electricity. This failure is not ours. This is a conflict between Hamas and the PA. If Hamas decides the electricity will go to hospitals and civilians instead of Hamas members and Yahya Sinwar, the public in the Gaza Strip won't have a problem." Because of the electricity crisis in the strip, an average Palestinian home gets about six hours of electricity per day. ([YNETNEWS](#) 25 May 2017)
- In Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, clashes erupted along the eastern border with Israel during demonstrations in support of the hunger strikers. Three Palestinians were injured with live bullets in their feet during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA). (Maanews 26 May 2017)
- In the northern Gaza Strip, a Palestinian was also injured with a live bullet in his foot, while 15 others suffered from tear gas inhalation, including six medics, during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA). A Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance was also damaged by an Israeli tear gas canister. (Maanews 26 May 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian man in the northern besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers stationed across from the northern border between Gaza and Israel opened fire towards a 25-year-old Palestinian man as he was walking near the beach, injuring him in the leg. (Maannews 30 May 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman suffered a bullet injury in his right leg when Israeli border soldiers unjustifiably opened fire from a border watchtower located northwest of Beit Lahia City, north of the Gaza Strip at him as he was aboard his boat off the shore of al-Sudaniya area, northwest of Gaza City. (PALINFO 30 May 2017)

Others

- According to data published by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), the population increased by about 159,000 during the past year, an increase of 1.9%. Since the last Independence Day, 174,000 babies were born in Israel, 44,000 people passed away, and about 30,000 people immigrated. On the eve of the establishment of the State of Israel, the population of Israel stood at 806,000. According to predictions, by 2048—when the state celebrates 100 years of independence—the population of Israel is expected to reach 15.2 million. The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) also conducted a global demographic comparison between the number of Jews in 1948 and today. The data indicate that in 1948, the Jewish population in the world was 11.5 million, and only 6% lived in Israel. Today, 14.411 million Jews live around the world, of which 43% live in Israel. The Jewish population today stands at approximately 6,484,000 residents (74.7% of the total population). The Arab population is approximately 1,808,000 (20.8%) and the population of non-Arab Christians, people of other religions and people with no religious affiliation totaled around 388,000 (4.5%). According to CBS data, 75% of the Jewish population is comprised of native Israelis; 44% define themselves as secular; 24% are traditional or not very religious; 12% are observant; 11% are religious, and 9% are ultra-Orthodox. Among non-Jews, the picture is different: the majority (52%) are religious; 21% define themselves as secular; 23% are not so religious, and 4% are extremely religious. The largest city is still Jerusalem, home to about 865,700 residents. The smallest town is Neve Zohar in the Tamar Regional Council, which has 71 residents. In 1948, there was only one city in Israel with more than 100,000 residents—Tel Aviv. Today, 14 cities number more than 100,000 residents, of which eight have more than 200,000 residents: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Yaffo,

Haifa, Rishon LeZion, Petah Tikva, Ashdod, Netanya and Be'er Sheva. In 1948, there were only two institutions of higher education in Israel (the Hebrew University and the Technion), whereas today, there are 63, including nine universities and 33 colleges. ([YNETNEWS](#) 1 May 2017)

- The Israeli government will spend about 43 million shekels (\$12 million) to build and operate a memorial in the West Bank to assassinated cabinet minister Rehavam Ze'evi, the cabinet decided this week... The cabinet resolution describes the memorial as a "tourist, educational and cultural" enterprise with a focus on knowledge of the Land of Israel and Israeli heritage. The memorial will also "link Samaria and the Jordan Valley to his legacy," the document said, using the Hebrew term for the northern West Bank. Government agencies will settle the final guidelines for the memorial in coordination with the Ze'evi family. The document says the government will earmark 26 million shekels for the site's construction and another 17.5 million shekels to run it for the next five years. This is the third time the cabinet has passed a resolution on memorializing Ze'evi. In 2008, it decided to erect a memorial for him in Neveh Ilan near Jerusalem, but protests led to the cancellation of this decision in 2011. Next it decided to rename a memorial to the pre-state Palmach militia in his honor, but that move was annulled after Palmach veterans objected that Ze'evi, though a Palmach member, never fought at Sha'ar Hagai, where the memorial is located. The original decision to memorialize Ze'evi, a former major general and advocate of the idea of "voluntarily transferring" Palestinians from the West Bank, was made in a special law passed in 2005. To implement the law, a public council was established under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office. Since then, various places have been named after Ze'evi including a highway, an overpass, a park, a square, a military base and several streets. But the decision to memorialize Ze'evi has been controversial for many reasons in addition to his political views. These include a report last year by Channel 2 television's investigative reporting program "Uvda," which claimed that he sexually assaulted women and had ties with criminals. ([Haaretz](#) 2 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation authorities (IOA) prevented the Adhan (call for prayer) for 65 times in the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron city in April. The Awkaf (endowment) department officials in Hebron stated that the Adhan was banned for 65 times over the past month for "annoying" Israeli settlers present in the occupied part of the Mosque. The settlers hoisted the Israeli flags over the Mosque in total provocation to Muslims' religious feelings and in flagrant violation of the

- international norms and laws that preserve freedom of worship for all religions. (PALINFO 3 May 2017)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says he will withhold \$1 million in payments to the United Nations following a resolution adopted by its cultural agency that he says diminishes Jewish ties to Jerusalem. Netanyahu called the UNESCO resolution "absurd" and said the agency's "systematic harassment" of Israel had a price. Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu says Israel will not sit idly by as a UN organization tries to negate its sovereignty in Jerusalem. (YNETNEWS 4 May 2017)
 - Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked and Tourism Minister Yariv Levin are promoting a measure that would apply all Israeli governmental legislation to the West Bank as well as Israel proper. Currently, Israeli law does not apply in the territories. Instead, the GOC Central Command, who is the ex officio sovereign in the conquered territory, applies some laws to the Israeli residents by means of military orders. According to the directive promoted by the ministers, every governmental law would automatically become an order issued by the general officer commanding. Shaked and Levin, who head the Ministerial Committee on Legislation, decided to distribute the directive to all government ministers ahead of the Knesset's summer session and the start of the committee's work. According to the new directive, before the ministerial committee discusses a government bill, it would examine its effect on the Jewish residents of the territories to make sure that their legal position is appropriately during the legislative process. "It is impossible to accept a situation in which Israeli law does not address the 430,000 citizens of the State of Israel living in Judea and Samaria," Shaked, a member of the Bayit Yehudi party, said. "Judea and Samaria are not Israel's backyard, and from now on (the) ministerial committee will ask to clarify, with respect to every government law at its table, how the initiating ministry intends to treat the settlers." Her Likud peer added, "The settlement of Judea and Samaria is a fait accompli; it is not a temporary or transitory thing. The time has come for the State of Israel to treat all its citizens equally and apply all the same laws. "The measure we are leading will put an end to the blatant discrimination and the disregard by the laws of the State of Israel against the regions of the homeland and the Israeli citizens living there." (INN 5 May 2017)
 - An Israeli cabinet committee approved a contested bill seeking to enshrine Israel's status as a Jewish state into the country's central legislation. The Ministerial Committee for Legislation voted unanimously to move the "Jewish State" bill -- which is also being

referred to as the “Nationality” or “Nation State” bill -- to a preliminary vote in the Knesset, Israel’s parliament. The bill declares that Israel is “the national home of the Jewish people,” and that “the right to realize self-determination in Israel is unique to the Jewish people,” It would also revoke Arabic’s status as an official state language, despite 20 percent of Israeli citizens being Palestinians, downgrading it to “special status in the state” while stating that “its speakers have the right to language-accessible state services.” Other sections of the bill addressed Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, illegal Jewish settlements, the status of holy sites, and non-Israeli Jews’ right to obtain Israeli nationality. The bill states that “every resident of Israel, without distinction of religion or national origin, is entitled to work to preserve his culture, heritage, language and identity,” while affirming that “the state may allow a community, including members of the same religion or national origin, to have separate communal settlements.” for more information, click to read full article ([Maannews](#) 8 May 2017)

- The new version of the nation-state bill has passed its preliminary round of voting in the Knesset. Forty-eight lawmakers voted for the bill and 41 voted against it after heated discussion. The controversial bill revokes Arabic as an official language, holds that Israel is "the national home of the Jewish people" and that the right to realize self-determination in the state is unique to them. The Ministerial Committee for Legislation voted in favor of the bill on Sunday. Avi Dichter (Likud), the sponsor of the new version of the bill, called the decision "a major step in establishing" the Jewish identity of members of the faith in Israel and around the world. The bill doesn't subordinate democracy to the state’s Jewish character, as did a previous version. It also states that "the national language [of Israel] is Hebrew" and downgrades the status of Arabic to "a special status in the state," adding that "its speakers have the right to language-accessible state services." If the nation-state bill is enacted, it would become a basic law, joining the central body of legislation that equivalent to Israel’s constitution. The bill was blasted by Israel's opposition and Meretz Chairwoman Zehava Galon called the bill "a declaration of war against Israel’s Arab citizens and against Israel as a democratic and properly governed society." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the bill, saying, "there is no contradiction between the law and equal rights for all of Israel's citizens." ([Haaretz](#) 10 May 2017)
- Attorney Harel Arnon, who is representing the state in an appeal against the “Expropriation Law” allowing Israel to retroactively approve illegal construction on private Palestinian land in the West

Bank, is illegally building a home in the settlement of El'azar in Gush Etzion. The home is being built outside of the settlement's development plans, on land claimed for military use. The Israeli Civil Administration that oversees the West Bank and is responsible for allocating land in El'azar, confirmed that the home is being constructed illegally and that development plans have designated the property for the building of a public square. This designation meant that the land was never declared as state-owned land and has remained a military expropriation since the '70s. To read full report, click here, ([Haaretz](#) 10 May 2017)

- The Israeli Knesset approved initially the so-called nationality law or the Jewish state law proposed by right-wing MK Avi Dichter, from Likud party. The law passed its initial reading by a majority of 48 to 41 and will be transferred to the Knesset constitution and law committee to be drafted for vote in its first reading. The law legislates Israel's status as the national home of the Jewish people, emphasizes that Hebrew is the official language of the state and states that (Occupied) Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- [Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics](#) revealed that Jewish settlements flood the West Bank with 40 million cubic meters of wastewater annually. The annual production of wastewater in the West Bank, however, is 34 million cubic meters. In a report issued on the 69th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, the Bureau said that Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) intentionally try to damage the Palestinian environment with wastewater of illegal settlements in the West Bank. Only 10% out of 90% of wastewater in the West Bank settlements are treated. The IOA disposes 80% of untreated sewage in the Palestinian valleys, the report elaborated. The IOA also bans the establishment of wastewater treatment plants in the Palestinian towns, the report pointed out. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- The Knesset ministerial legislation committee is to convene on Sunday to discuss the approval of a new Likud bill calling for preventing Israeli leftist organizations from filing legal complaints or petitions with the high court of justice on behalf of Palestinian citizens. The bill proposes making an amendment to basic legislation in order to ban left-wing organizations in Israel from going to the high court of justice to defend rights taken from Palestinians, especially with regard to lands seized by Israel and Jewish settlers. The bill, which was submitted by right-wing Likud MK Miki Zohar, needs to be approved by the ministerial committee for legislation at the Knesset before it is tabled for vote in the plenum hall. The bill is voted into a law after passing three readings. (PALINFO 13 May 2017)

- Israeli minister of intelligence and transportation Yisrael Katz intends to propose, during his meeting with US president Donald Trump in late May, the establishment of an artificial island off the coast of the Gaza Strip. Such proposal is seen as an Israeli attempt to show its goodwill towards the peace process, according to Israeli media outlets. Israel's 2nd Channel said, for its part, on Friday that the establishment of such an island for the Palestinians in Gaza would be a proposal that Trump might like to hear because of his willingness to restart the peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis. The channel added that the Israeli leadership believes that the construction of such an island would contribute to the resumption of peace negotiations. In a related context, the channel said that a US delegation from the White House arrived in Tel Aviv on Friday to discuss matters related to Katz's visit to Washington, "especially since Israel does not like to receive surprises and diktats from Trump." The channel also said that the Gaza island project would include the establishment of air and sea ports under Israeli and international control, without providing further details. (P A L I N F O 1 3 M a y 2 0 1 7)
- Despite its misleading name, The United Jerusalem Fund is not a charity organization. Nor is it a right-wing group or an offshoot of a political party. The United Jerusalem Fund is a construction company in every way. The so-called fund, an entirely for-profit entity headed by Gad Gabriel, advances projects like the new settlement of Mitzpeh Yehuda, also called Givat Adumin, on a hill adjacent to Ma'aleh Adumim in the West Bank. The company's officials point to a government decision from the 1980s calling for a settlement on the spot, but no concrete government plans for such a settlement exist, and promises to build there are ephemeral. Meanwhile, the company markets the land it owns on the hill, offering buyers building rights in the settlement, should it one day come into existence. Every parcel of land for sale is worth 130,000 shekels (\$36,000) according to the company's prospectus, but its value will soar to 315,000 shekels if it will suddenly become possible to build there. By way of assurance, the company shows the deed of commitment from the previous Gush Etzion council head, Davidi Perl, verifying that the company purchased some 417 dunams in the area and promises that the council "encourages the advancement of planning and development of the parcel." It also "aspires for the parcel to be approved according to every residential and building law." But promises are one thing and reality is another. Meanwhile, designating this hill for a new settlement seems far in the future. Clearly, the company's interest in preparing the ground for building is that doing so will transform it from selling plots

- near Ma'aleh Adumim into building units on 417 dunam. The company has been lobbying politicians in the Knesset to allow construction. Dozens of lawmakers have signed the letter of support passed around by the United Jerusalem Fund. At first glance, the petition seems like a declaration by a right-wing organization or a regional council. "We see it as an obligation, right and mission to provide Israeli citizens with attainable housing solutions, and support every enterprise making this possible," it reads. "We support the Israeli government's 1984 decision to build Mitzpeh Yehuda ... to help thousands of families to find affordable housing in the suburbs of the capital, Jerusalem." Signatories include Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, Science Minister Ofir Akunis and Ayoub Kara, a minister in the Prime Minister's Office; Deputy Interior Minister Yaron Mazuz; and many legislators from Likud, Habayit Hayehudi, Shas, United Torah Judaism and Kulanu. A partial list includes Yoav Kish, Oren Hazan, Avraham Nagosa, Michael Malkieli, Yaakov Asher, Uri Maklev, Yoav Ben-Tzur, Moti Yogev, Menachem Eliezer Moses, Yitzhak Vaknin, Akram Hasoon, Miki Zohar, Sharren Haskel and Shuli Moalem. If the lobbying proves effective, the lawmakers will discover that they didn't support a right-wing organization but instead made Gad Gabriel much richer. ([Haaretz](#) 14 May)
- Lawmakers for United Torah Judaism have told the heads of the Knesset coalition that they will not vote for the so-called Jewish nation-state bill. Sources in the party told Haaretz that their opposition was twofold: The bill is slated to become a Basic Law, and UTJ opposes the passage of new constitutional laws. In addition, the party's Knesset members are concerned that the interpretation of the proposed law by the High Court of Justice would negatively affect UTJ's ultra-Orthodox constituency. The bill states that Israel is the "national home of the Jewish people" and that the right to self-determination in Israel is unique to the Jewish people. "In the matter of the nation-state bill, there are issues that are sensitive for us in terms of values. We shouldn't be taken by surprise. We asked that continued legislation be coordinated with us," said a source in UTJ who asked not to be identified. In light of the ultra-Orthodox opposition, the Ministerial Committee for Legislation decided to postpone voting on the version of the bill that was drawn up by MK Shuli Moalem-Refaeli of Habayit Hayehudi. The bill's formulation would subordinate Israel's democratic character to its Jewish identity. The bill states that Jewish law will be a source of inspiration for the Knesset as it enacts laws, and for judges in their rulings. Sources in the coalition confirmed that the bill's progress had stalled due to the opposition of Haredi legislators.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly instructed coalition chairman David Bitan on Sunday to abandon the version of the bill that was approved last week by the Ministerial Committee for Legislation as a government-sponsored bill. It was to be presented to the Knesset in about two months' time for a first reading, with expedited second and third readings. That version of the draft law was initially introduced by Likud MK Avi Dichter, as a private member's bill. Netanyahu's move sowed confusion on Sunday in the coalition, whose members had different assessments as to which version of the bill was to advance. "We'll move ahead on Dichter's bill. There will be changes in it of course, but that's only on condition that the Haredim remove their opposition," Bitan said. Bitan said he did not know whether the coalition would move to amend a controversial clause in Dichter's version of the bill, which downgrades the status of the Arabic language in Israel. However, according to another source in the coalition, the government-sponsored bill was still on the table and was based on a more extreme formulation proposed by Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked (Habayit Hayehudi) and Tourism Minister Yariv Levin (Likud) a few years ago. "The Justice Ministry will formulate a version of the government bill and only then will we decide whether to move the bill ahead as a private member's bill or a government bill," the source said. ([Haaretz](#) 15 May 2017)

- Only 639 homes built for Jews in east Jerusalem between 2012 and 2016 . Over the last 50 years, Jerusalem's Jewish population has grown by 174% while Arab population has grown by 374%, research finds. Less than a week before U.S. President Donald Trump is set to arrive in Israel for an official visit, the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research revealed new data that shows the substantial scope of the settlement freeze in Jewish communities beyond the Green Line. According to the data, revealed here for the first time, between 2012 and 2016, 6,750 apartments were built in west Jerusalem, while only 639 were built in areas annexed to the city after 1967 (editor's note: not including the Har Homa neighborhood in the east of the city, where between 700 and 1,000 apartments were built). Currently, approximately 205,000 people reside in the Jewish neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem. The findings illustrate the effect of American pressure exerted on Israel under former U.S. President Barack Obama and the drastic decrease in construction in liberated areas of Jerusalem over the past five years. Despite recent reports to the contrary, the construction freeze in the Greater Jerusalem area remains in effect in the Givat Hamatos, Ramat Shlomo, Atarot and Shimon Hatzadik neighborhoods, as well as the West Bank community of Maaleh Adumim. Israel Hayom has learned

that 50,000 Arabs in Jerusalem were previously not counted in municipal statistics -- mainly those residing north Jerusalem Arab neighborhoods beyond the security barrier. This means that the Jewish majority in the city does not in fact comprise 67% of the population -- the percentage noted in official data -- but rather 59%. The Arab population does not comprise 37%, but rather 41% of the city's population. The data pertaining to the 50,000 Arab residents was confirmed by Dr. Maya Choshen and Yair Assaf-Shapira from the Jerusalem Institute. According to a forthcoming statistical abstract from the institute, the Jewish population has grown by 174% in the last 50 years, while the Arab population grew at twice that rate -- 374% -- in the same time span. Secular Jews account for 20% of the city's population. Despite its high birth rate, the haredi Jewish population in Jerusalem has remained stable and comprises a third of the population. Over a third of Jerusalemites who move away from the city each year do so as a result of rising prices in the local real estate market. ([IsraelHayom](#) 16 May 2017)

- The cabinet is expected to approve next week the proposal of Housing and Construction Minister Yoav Galant, Tourism Minister Yariv Levin and Deputy Housing and Construction Minister Jackie Levy to build an elevator and underground passages in order to make the Western Wall and the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem more accessible. The complex engineering project will allow elderly and disabled people to reach the holy site and the Jewish Quarter more easily and safely. According to Ministers Galant and Levin, the project - which will cost NIS 50 million (\$14 million) - is necessary because of the Jewish connection to the Western Wall and the Old City. In addition to Ministers Galant and Levin, the government ministries of Zeev Elkin, Miri Regev, Gila Gamliel and the National Insurance Institute will also participate in financing the project. According to the plan, the elevator shaft will be approximately 33 meters (108 feet) from top to bottom. It will begin at the level of the Jewish quarter on Misgav Ladakh Street, and will descend to the level of the Western Wall. There will also be a 65 meter (213 feet) pedestrian tunnel connecting the exit from the elevator to The Western Wall at the security checkpoint. Galant said that "Jewish values begin at the Western Wall - the heart of the Jewish people. At a time when there are those who try to undermine the Western Wall's connection to the Jewish people as well as Israeli sovereignty, my colleagues and I are proud to lead the

process of strengthening the presence of all Jews in this holy place, including making provisions for the elderly and the disabled." ([INN](#) 19 May 2017)

- The Israeli government is expected to approve next week a plan for the construction of an elevator leading from Misgav Ladakh Street in Jerusalem's Old City's Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall at an estimated cost of NIS 50 million. Included in the plan is the construction of a 65-meter pedestrian tunnel connecting the exit from the elevator to the security checkpoint at the Western Wall Plaza. The ground floor, which has a planned surface area of 158 square meters, will be lined with shops. In the future, with the construction of an underground railway station to the Western Wall, escalators will be installed leading to the railway station. As part of the project, an additional floor with an area of 335 square meters will be built above the entrance level that will include a hall for activities and conferences. The project will be implemented through the Ministry of Construction and Housing's Company for the Reconstruction and Development of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. The company may also be responsible for maintenance of the elevator. The project will be defined as a "national accessibility project" since it will also allow people with disabilities to easily reach the holy site. The project was initiated by Housing and Construction Minister Yoav Galant, his deputy Jackie Levy and Tourism Minister Yariv Levin. Most of the project will be financed from the budgets of their ministries. ([YNETNEWS](#) 20 May 2017)
- Peace Now's annual construction report reveals a 34% increase in construction starts throughout the West Bank during 2016, in comparison to same period in 2015. During 2016 the expansion of settlements occurred through a variety of methods, including the construction of housing units and public structures – legal and illegal – the construction of a new bypass road, the approval of a new settlement, the establishment of two illegal outpost, the declaration of "state lands" and expansion of municipal jurisdictions. The trends of 2016 illustrates that while Netanyahu attempts to illustrate restraint in order to save face among the international community, on the ground construction is not only ongoing but also increasing, mainly in the most problematic areas for a future agreement. If the Israeli government is interested in a two-state solution, it must cease acting unilaterally in a way that makes the solution much more difficult to achieve.

Construction Starts

- 1,814 New housing units began construction, an increase of 34% to a parallel time period in the previous year (1,350 housing units).*
- Nearly 70% (1,263 housing units) of the new construction was in settlements east of the proposed Geneva Initiative border, i.e. settlements that are likely to be evicted in a two states agreement.
- Over 26% (474 housing units) of the new construction was in areas that are east of the route of the separation barrier.
- 6% (114 housing units) of the construction was in illegal outposts.
- At least 10% (183 housing units) of the construction was illegal according to the Israeli laws applied in the occupied territories.
- The vast majority of the new construction, almost 94% (1,700 housing units), was for permanent structures, while that the remainder 6% (114 housing units) were new housing units in the shape of mobile homes both in outposts and in settlements.
- 42 new public buildings (such as schools, synagogues etc.) started to be built, alongside 23 structures for industry or agriculture.

Advancement of Plans (Jan-Dec 2016)

- 2,657 Housing units were advanced through promotions of plans for settlements.
- Almost 60% (1,540 housing units) of the units were east of the proposed Geneva Initiative border.
- Nearly 40% (1,026 housing units) of the units were east of the route of the separation barrier.
- 580 housing units were published for validation (final approval of a plan). Of those, nearly 75% (432 housing units) were east of the border proposed by the Geneva Initiative and over 50% (293 housing units) were east of the route of the separation barrier.
- Tenders were published for 365 housing units, of which 323 in East Jerusalem and 42 in West Bank settlements (in Kiryat Arba settlement).

Further Significant Settlement Developments in 2016:

- Two new outposts were established in the north part of the Jordan Valley.
- Construction of a new road to bypass the Palestinian village of a-Nabi Eliyas (near Qalqiliya) began on lands confiscated from Palestinians.
- 2,342 dunams were declared as “state lands” south of Jericho.
- The Gush Etzion municipality’s jurisdiction was extended in order to include a new settlement site, “Beit Al-Baraka”, located apposite of Al-Aroub Refugee Camp.

- Advancement of a new settlement, Shvut Rachel East, under the pretence of a neighbourhood, deep in the West Bank.
- A new industrial area, west of Ramallah, and close to the Green Line, was approved. TO READ FULL REPORT, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Two Israeli Knesset members have been advancing a new project to annex Maaleh Adumim and Gush Etzion settlements to occupied Jerusalem. According to Maariv Hebrew newspaper, the MKs Yehuda Glick (Likud) and Betzalel Smotrich (the Jewish Home) are scheduled to submit their proposal for Knesset discussion on Monday. The proposal aims to connect the illegal Maaleh Adumim and Gush Etzion settlements to the occupied holy city of Jerusalem. On Dec. 23, 2016, the UN Security Council has voted in favour of a resolution demanding the halt of settlement activity by Israel on occupied Palestinian territory with the United States notably abstaining. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- Human Rights Watch (HRW) has accused Israel of seeking to make the Palestinian natives of Occupied Jerusalem a minority in their own city by stepping up the demolition of their homes. “[Israeli] municipal planning documents have had the stated goal of ensuring that Palestinians are a minority in the city,” HRW said in a recent report. According to the international rights group, the UN has estimated that 90,000 Palestinians in east Jerusalem live in homes without permits. “Many Palestinians in east Jerusalem could not obtain a building permit for their homes. Israel has zoned only about 12 percent of the land there for Palestinian residential construction, and most of the zoned area is already overcrowded. By contrast, Israel has zoned 35 percent of the land in east Jerusalem for Jewish settlement construction.” One of those Jerusalemite homeowners is called Ashraf Fawaqa who was forced to pay 60,000 shekels (US\$17,000) in fines for having built his home without a permit. When he received the demolition order in 2017, he paid another fine of 25,000 shekels (\$7,000) to obtain a delay order from an Israeli court in order for his family to have a home when his wife gave birth. On May 4, his time ran out. At a court hearing that day, a Jerusalem district court judge ruled that the freeze on the demolition of Fawaqa’s home had expired, allowing a municipal wrecking crew to raze the house to the ground on the same day. Under Israeli law, Fawaqa will have to pay more thousands of shekels to cover the cost of demolishing his home. He and his family, including four children, now live in a tent pitched beside the rubble of their house. On May 4, the Israeli occupation authorities demolished nine other Palestinian buildings in east Jerusalem. In 2016, Israeli demolitions left 254 Palestinians homeless, around half of them

- children. In most cases, the pretext of unlicensed construction were used to justify the demolitions. “The international law of occupation, which applies to east Jerusalem, prohibits the destruction of property except for reasons of military necessity. For decades, Israeli officials have violated these prohibitions with impunity. Families like the Fawaqas are paying the price,” HRW stated. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- The Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel must maintain its military control over the West Bank in the event of a peace agreement with the Palestinians. “The idea that we can give up territory and achieve peace is not right,” Netanyahu told Army Radio in a pre-Shavuot holiday interview. “In order to assure our existence we need to have military and security control over all of the territory west of the Jordan [River],” he said, reaffirming his commitment to a policy that is rejected by Palestinians, who seek a full Israeli withdrawal from the territory. In the radio interview, Netanyahu asserted the root of the conflict lies not with Israeli settlements in the West Bank, but rather in Palestinian intransigence regarding recognition of Jewish rights to any part of the land. Netanyahu’s comments came after visiting US President Donald Trump last week impressed on the prime minister and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas that he is determined to work on a peace agreement. “It is not because of the territories and the settlements,” Netanyahu said, noting the history of conflict between Jews and Arabs in the area from 1920, long before the establishment of Israel in 1948 and the capture of the West Bank in 1967. Even before 1967, the Arabs “wanted to get rid of us from Tel Aviv, and after we pulled out of Gaza [in 2005] they [still] want to get rid of us from Tel Aviv,” Netanyahu said. The prime minister said that when Israel proposed to the Palestinians that it relinquish all the territory they want as long as they give up on the so-called right of return for Palestinians who fled in 1948, “they squirm in their seats and are not prepared to give an answer.” “The root of this problem was and still is that continued refusal by the Palestinians to recognize Israel as a the homeland of the Jewish people in any borders,” Netanyahu said. Israeli seek peace, but the Palestinians are stuck in their attitude of “not setting up a state but rather negating the existence of a state, the Jewish state,” the prime minister insisted. As soon as that is changed, “then there is hope for peace, because you can’t build peace on a foundation of lies,” he said. “There is no nation that knows the price of war more than we do — we want a real peace,” Netanyahu added. In the interview, Netanyahu also reiterated that moderate Arab states were coming around on Israel. Peace, he assessed, is more likely to come after ties between Israel and other

parts of the Arab world are improved. There is a change happening. Not necessarily with the Palestinians but in some parts of the Arab world they are understanding that Israel is not the enemy,” he said. Arab states are internalizing that Israel is an ally against the threats of Iran and of the Islamic State terror group, he said. On his May 22-23 visit to Israel, Trump reiterated that he was seeking to broker an Israeli-Palestinian accord. While Netanyahu highlighted his skepticism about Abbas’s readiness for a deal, the prime minister did tell Trump that “for the first time in many years – and, Mr. President, for the first time in my lifetime – I see a real hope for change.” For his part, Trump was adamant in his final speech at the Israel Museum on Tuesday that Abbas and the Palestinians “are ready to reach for peace.” In the days before and since Trump’s visit, some media reports claimed that moderate Arab states – led by Saudi Arabia – are prepared to offer some improvement in ties with Israel, though not recognition, in return for restarting peace talks with the Palestinians. ([TIMESOFISRAEL](http://www.timesofisrael.com) 30 May 2017)

Monthly Violations Statistics – May 2017

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Demolished structures	Houses threatened of Demolition	Israeli settlers violence
Bethlehem	0	0	300	6	1	0	2
Jerusalem	0	0	0	3	3	4	15
Jenin	9.858	0	0	0	10	0	3
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Salfit	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	1.2	0	0	0	1	0	5
Tubas	0	0	60	0	4	0	2
Total	61.058	0	360	11	21	4	42