

REPORT

Human Rights Violations and Popular Struggle in South Hebron Hills

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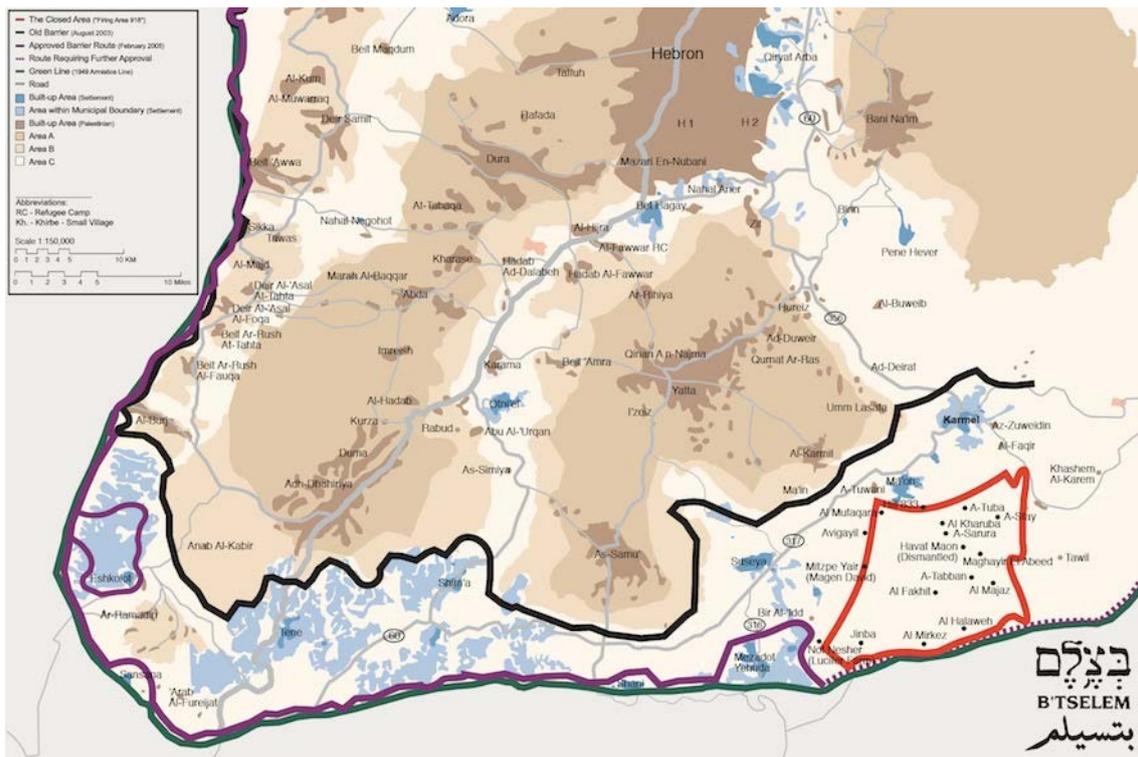
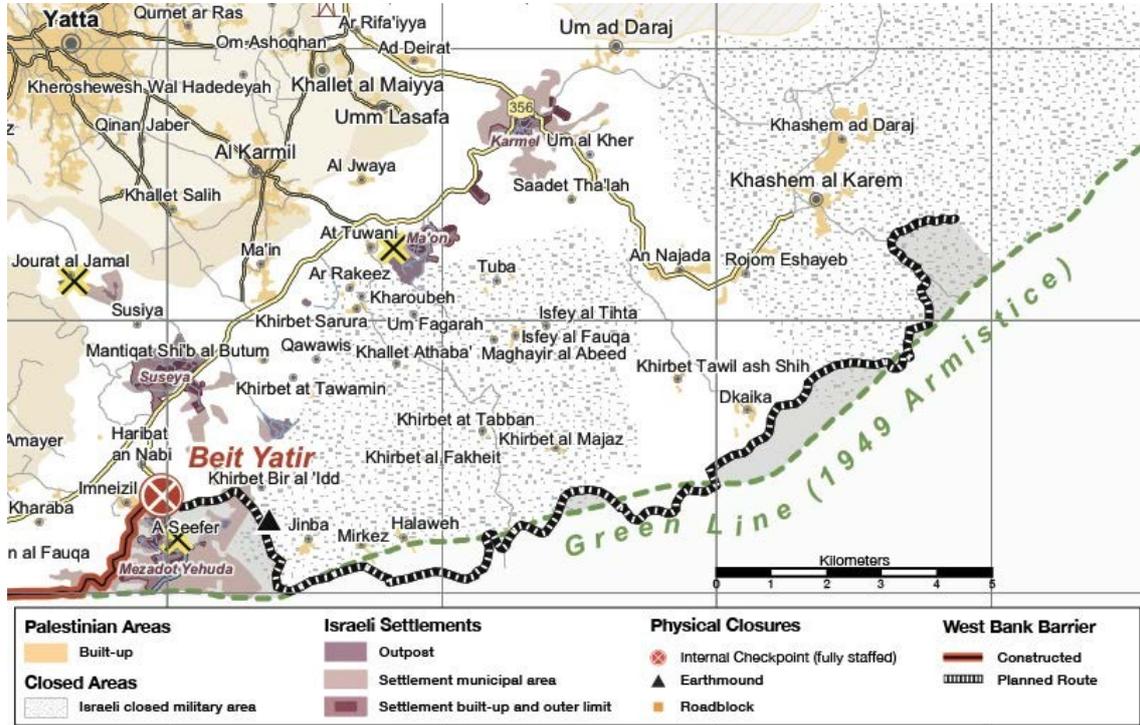
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OVERVIEW

During the months of January, February and March 2019, Operation Dove volunteers recorded around 50 incidents of harassment and 7 cases of aggression, with the use of physical violence, by the Israeli armed forces (Army, Border Police and Police) against the Palestinian inhabitants of the south Hebron hills.

In the majority of the cases the Israeli soldiers tried to prevent Palestinian shepherds and farmers from accessing their own land located close the Israeli settlement or illegal outpost. The Israeli armed forces are often pushed or led by Israeli settlers, the same settlers that are involved in the attempt of takeover and annexation of the Palestinian land to the settlements. In the most of the cases the Palestinian owners of the land are kicked out without a previous check of the legal status of the land or consultation with the Israeli Civil Administration.

Israeli army raided Palestinian villages different times (Sarura, January 7; Sadat Al Tha'lah, February 19; Tuba, March 6) scaring the Palestinian inhabitants and limiting the freedom of movement of the resident families. Six Palestinians have been arrested, most of them shepherds, and several have been kept under temporary detention during the shepherding activities. For 7 times OD volunteers have been kept under temporary detention on the field by the Israeli forces during the activity of monitoring.

OD volunteers monitored 12 flying checkpoints, set up by the Israeli army on the road that connects the city of Yatta / Al Birkeh village to the village of At Tuwani, the main gateway to the "Massafer Yatta area". On March 11, Israeli forces closed two entrances to the Palestinian city of Yatta from the Israeli Bypass Road 317 and two entrances to the Palestinian city of As Samu'.

Israeli Civil Administration (DCO) officers delivered 15 demolition / stop working orders to Palestinian structures in the villages of the South Hebron Hills area, included the primary school of Khallet Atthaba village. Israeli armed forces demolished five housing structures, four animal shelters and one water well. During the demolitions several solar panels system have been seized and water tanks destroyed. In Massafer Yatta Israeli bulldozers razed two times the road near Shabel Butum village (January 31, February 11) and destroyed the water pipeline that supplies several Palestinian villages of the area (February 13).

OD volunteers recorded more than forty harassment and about ten attacks by Israeli settlers against the Palestinian population in the area. In one case (Bir Al Idd, January 10) Israeli settlers coming from Nof Neshar outpost injured a Palestinian farmer. On January 8, settlers from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on wrote threats and anti-Arab slogans on the rocks in a Palestinian orchard. 61 Palestinian olive trees have been destroyed

during the nights by unknown people in the land around Ma'on Israeli settlement and Havat Ma'on outpost (January 8 and 20, February 5 and 12). In the same area one cultivated Palestinian field have been poisoned (March 16). Israeli settlers plowed a portion of Palestinian land in two cases (Bir Al Idd, January 10; Wadi Sued, January 27), Israeli forces didn't prevent the damaging. On March 27 an Israeli young settler fired a home-made rocket toward a Palestinian shepherd with his flock.

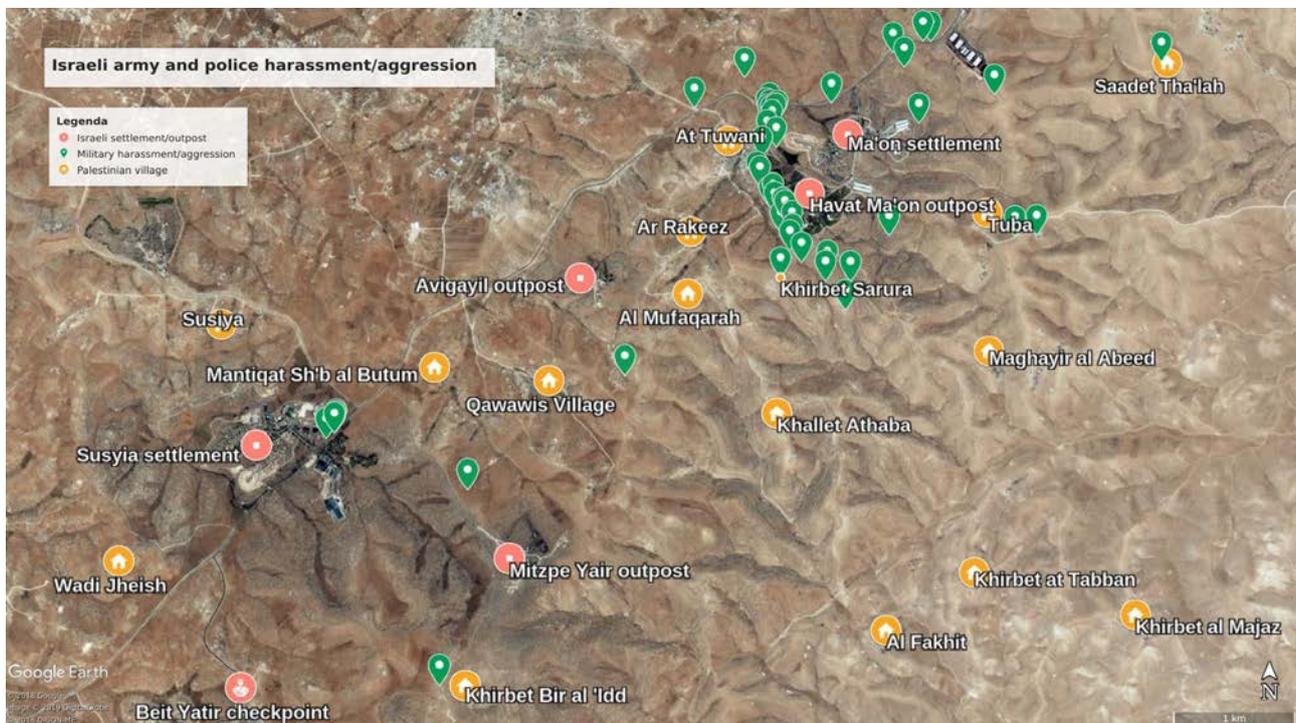
In this three-month period OD volunteers recorded the building of new houses in the illegal Israeli outpost of Mitzpe Yair (January 11, February 4) and Havat Ma'on (March).

In the three months surveyed the schoolchildren from the Palestinian villages of Tuba and Maghayir Al Abeed have been harassed 4 times (January 31, February 10, March 4 and 7) by Israeli settlers. For at least 3 times the Israeli military escort failed to arrive, putting in danger the Palestinian children who have been forced to walk alone in the dangerous road between Ma'on settlement and Havat Ma'on outpost, only accompanied by OD volunteers and other young Palestinians.

In the South Hebron hills there have been 6 nonviolent demonstrations: mainly actions of planting olive trees in the lands where Palestinian farmers or shepherds had been harassed by Israeli settlers or soldiers. In three cases the Israeli armed forces declared the Palestinian land "closed area", cashing the participants out of the scene of the action.

ISRAELI ARMY AND POLICE

Military harassment and aggression



On January 5, at around 9:18 AM, in the road that connects At Tuwani to Al Birkeh village, the Israeli police (#42120) tried to confiscate a Palestinian tractor insinuating that was a stolen one. After having discussed with the Palestinian owner they let him to go away with the tractor. Then, the Israeli police left the spot at 11:20 AM.

On January 7, at around 2:15 PM an Israeli army jeep (#790486) burst into the Palestinian village of Sarura. Six Israeli soldiers went out from the jeep and removed the Palestinian flag at the entrance of the village. Seven Palestinian guys reached the soldiers trying to lift again the Palestinian flag. The soldiers attempted to arrest two Palestinian guys, beating up one of them and forcing him to sit. Once other Palestinians from the villages of Al Mufaqqara and At-Tuwani came up, the soldiers checked the identity cards of all the Palestinian present and renounce to arrest. At around 2:30 PM the Israeli Army went away.

On January 8, at around 12:00 AM an Israeli army jeep (#281686) stopped on the road close to the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on where two Palestinians were walking. The soldiers asked them to leave and to show their identity cards. Meanwhile the Civilian Security Coordinator of Ma'on Israeli settlement arrived on the spot. One of soldiers talked

with the settler while holding one of the Palestinian ID. At around 12:15 AM the soldiers gave the ID back to the Palestinian and went away as well as the settler.

On January 11, at around 6:36 PM, two Palestinian cars were stopped by Israeli soldiers (#661445) on the road near Bir Al Idd, Palestinian village, located between the Israeli outposts Mitzpe Yair and Nof Nesher. After a while, four Palestinians reached the spot trying to understand the situation. When they arrived on the road the Israeli soldiers frisked them and asked their identity cards, while they continued to detain the two Palestinian families in the cars. Once the Army let the Palestinian families go, the Israeli soldiers detained the four Palestinians ordering them to sit down and not use their telephones. At around 7:15 PM, one of the Palestinian was arrested by the Israeli soldiers because he had not the identity card, even if he showed the number of the ID and the picture of it. At that time the Army went away with the Palestinian arrested, who was released at around 7:45 PM.

On January 18 at around 12.55 PM, an Israeli army car (#661445), called by a soldier patrolling inside of Ma'on settlement arrived in Khelly Valley, At Tuwani Palestinian village, where three Palestinian shepherds were grazing a flock while a Ma'on security patrol watched them. Soon after, another army car arrived (#281686), and the soldiers talked with the soldiers who were already there, and then left immediately. Two soldiers from the first car talked with one of the Palestinian shepherds and told him he was not allowed to graze the flock near the settlement fence where he had been grazing the earlier. The Israeli soldier took a photo of him and told him to graze closer to the bypass road 317. Before leaving, the soldiers talked with a settler who showed them some maps. The soldiers left at around 1.45 PM.

On January 24, at around 4 PM an Israeli army jeep (#661445) arrived in Khelly valley in At Tuwani Palestinian village, where a shepherd from the Palestinian village of Jawwaya was grazing his flock. The Israeli soldiers spoke to Palestinians who were present in the valley and then followed the shepherd to the village of Jawwaya. The soldiers demanded the ID card of the shepherd and kept it while they checked his identity. The Civilian Security Coordinator of Ma'on settlement arrived and showed the soldiers a map of the area around Ma'on settlement where he claimed that the Palestinian shepherds were forbidden to graze their flocks. After talking with the soldiers the settler security coordinator left. At about 5:15 PM the soldiers returned the shepherd's ID and left the area.

On January 25, at around 1:30 PM Israeli soldiers stopped a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock near the Palestinian village of Qawawis and the illegal Israeli outpost of Mitzpe Yair. The soldiers forced the shepherd to move his flock to the valley, far away from the road towards Mitzpe Yair. After the shepherd moved the flock the soldiers left.

On January 25, at around 2:20 PM a jeep of Israeli Border Police (#734083) followed a Palestinian car, which they believed was stolen, to the Palestinian village of Qawawis where they stopped the car. Shortly thereafter, the Israeli Border Police allowed the car to leave and then left the area.

On January 27, at about 11:20 AM two settlers on Old Havat Ma'on hill saw smoke coming from bushes that were burning on Meshaha hill and came by car on Meshaha Hill, Palestinian land belonging to At Tuwani inhabitants. The settlers called Israeli military authorities and five soldiers arrived in an Israeli army jeep (#274023). Shortly thereafter a Palestinian man arrived on foot and asked the soldiers why they were there. The soldiers ordered him to empty his pockets and pull up his shirt, and demanded his ID. A second Palestinian man arrived and the soldiers demanded his ID, and kept the ID's of both men. At 12:14 PM, a Israeli DCO car (#8179986) and an Israeli Army jeep (#281686) arrived on Meshaha Hill. Several officers and soldiers got out of the vehicles and approached the two Palestinians. An Israeli Police car (#42125) arrived, followed shortly after by another Israeli Army jeep (#790369). Israeli soldiers stated that Meshaha hill is Israeli land and Palestinians are not allowed on it. At about 12:29, two more Palestinian men arrived and began talking animatedly with one of the DCO personnel. The soldiers returned the IDs of the first two men. Meanwhile, a civilian car (#2314871) driven by several Israeli Army soldiers arrived on Meshaha Hill. At this point, there were approximately twenty Israeli police, DCO and soldiers present. At 12:35 PM the Israeli Army jeep (#274023) left, followed by the DCO car (#8179986), the settlers' car and the most recently arrived Palestinians. At about 12:40 PM, the first two Palestinians to arrive attempted to reach Meshaha Valley from the top of Meshaha Hill, but two Israeli soldiers prevented them, pushing them violently back down towards Khorrouba Valley. The soldiers threatened to arrest the Palestinians and refused to allow them to return to Meshaha Hill. At about 1:00 all of the Israeli forces left the area.

On January 31 at around 2:50 PM five Israeli soldiers and two settlers from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on arrived on private Palestinian land in Humra valley, in At Tuwani village. They walked toward a shepherd and his son, who were grazing their sheep in the valley. Other Palestinians saw this and quickly arrived in the valley, and began talking with the soldiers and the settlers, who claimed ownership of the area. While the group was talking the shepherds left the area with their flock. At around 3 PM the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on arrived near the wooded area of the outpost and observed the soldiers and Palestinians talking. After a little while two settlers and two soldiers went to talk with him. At around 3:15 PM the CSC of Ma'on left, and after another five minutes the two settlers and five soldiers also left Humra Valley and returned to the wooded area of the outpost. The army and the settlers stayed at the edge of the woods talking. At 3:30 PM three more soldiers arrived in an army jeep (#790486). At around 3:40 PM the DCO (#8179986) arrived, and at around 3:50 PM the eight soldiers and the two DCO personnel approached a group of Palestinians who were on the road between the outpost and Humra valley. One of the DCO personnel began to speak with the Palestinians in an aggressive way and threatened to close the area and arrest them if they did not move away. The DCO did not close the area, but they forced the Palestinians to leave the area.

On February 2 at about 2 PM three Israeli military vehicles (#790369, #279387, #281698) arrived on the Bypass road 317 at the bottom of Khelly valley near the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. Palestinians were grazing a flock and planting olive trees on Palestinian land in Khelly Valley with internationals and Israeli activists. The soldiers spoke with the

Palestinians, who explained that they were the owners of the land and continued to work. At about 3:35 PM an Israeli settler arrived in Khelly valley below the orchard of the Israeli settlement of Havat Ma'on. The settler talked with the soldiers and harassed the Israeli activists and Palestinians. At 3:09 PM an Israeli army van (#274023) arrived on the spot. At 3:50 the DCO (#8286752) arrived and spoke with the Palestinians about the ownership of the land. The Palestinians, internationals and Israeli activists remained in the area until the Israeli military vehicles left at about 4:25 PM.

On February 04, at around 3 PM, three Israeli soldiers reached a Palestinian shepherd and his son, which were grazing in the Palestinian land of Khelly, At-Tuwani village. The Israeli Army forced the Palestinians to leave the area in the presence of the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. Once the shepherds went away, at about 3:15 PM, the Army and the CSC of the settlement left the spot.

On February 5 at about 3:10 PM the truck of the Civilian Security Coordinator for the Israeli settlement of Ma'on (#4360713) and an Israeli army jeep (#281698) arrived at the bottom of Khelly valley on the bypass road, near the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. Palestinian shepherds were grazing flocks in the valley below the orchard at the edge of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. The soldiers walked to where the shepherds on the hill were grazing their flock and told them that they were not allowed on the hill. The shepherds talked with the soldiers for a few minutes but the soldiers refused to show them a map or document showing that they were not allowed on the hill. The soldiers told them that the DCO would come the following day at 2 PM to discuss the boundaries of the land. The shepherds slowly moved their flock down into the valley and the soldiers left the area at about 3.35 PM.

On February 7 at about 11:30 AM an Israeli military truck (#281698) drove out on the road from the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on towards Old Havat Ma'on hill while a Palestinian shepherd was grazing a flock in Meshaha valley, and then returned to the illegal outpost. At about 12:14 PM a settler car drove out to Old Havat Ma'on hill and then returned to the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on.

On February 8, at about 1:20 PM, Israeli settlers attacked with stones some Palestinian shepherds who were grazing in Khelly valley near the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. At about 1:35 PM an Israeli army truck (#281698) arrived on the road near the edge of the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on on the other side of Khelly valley, where another Palestinian shepherd was grazing a flock. Three soldiers got out and began to question the shepherd. At 2:07 PM the Civilian Security Coordinator for Ma'on settlement (#43607) arrived at the bottom of Khelly valley on the Bypass road 317. The soldiers walked up the hill to where the shepherds were grazing the flock. The shepherds told the soldiers that settlers had thrown stones at them and at the sheep but the soldiers told them to call the police to file a complaint and then told them they could not graze up on the hill. At about 3 PM the shepherds moved down the hill and the soldiers left the area. While the soldiers were talking with the shepherds on Khelly hill the CSC of Ma'on and one jeep of soldiers drove to where another two shepherds were grazing a different flock in the part of Khelly valley near the school gate and stayed for a few minutes an then left.

On February 9, at about 9 AM, three Israeli army jeeps (#534203, #9800798, #252171) arrived on the road below the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on while a Palestinian shepherd was grazing a flock nearby in Humra valley. When two OD volunteers approached at 9:06 AM on their way to join the shepherd the soldiers stopped them, checked and photographed their passports, and told them they were not allowed on the road or above or below the road, or in the valley. The volunteers asked to see a map and the soldiers got a map from the jeep but they refused to allow the volunteers to photograph the map and told them to return to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. By that time the shepherd was close to Kharrouba hill and the volunteers went back towards At-Tuwani, then crossed the valley and continued to Kharrouba hill. When they arrived near Kharrouba hill the three jeeps were on the road near the outpost of Havat Ma'on. At 9:50 AM another army jeep (#790369) and an army van (#274023) arrived. At 10:13 AM settlers came out from the woods of the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and walked along the road.

On February 9, at 11:03 AM, three Israeli settlers walked out along the road below the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on towards Old Havat Ma'on hill above Meshaha valley, where Palestinian shepherds were grazing a flock. At 11:08 AM two Palestinians walked to the valley to support the shepherds. In a few minutes about 5 Israeli activists and four more Palestinians also joined them in the valley. At 11:19 AM a settler car drove out on the road to Meshaha valley and 3 settlers walked in the area at the top of the valley and took photographs. At 11:34 AM an army jeep (#790369) and an army van (#274023) drove out the road and parked above Meshaha valley. The soldiers talked with the settlers in the white settler car and then walked into the valley where the shepherds were grazing the flock. At 11:45 AM an Israeli army jeep (#790369) drove off the road into the valley and one of the shepherds moved his flock down the valley. At 11:48 AM after talking some more with the settlers near the car the soldiers in the white army van (#274023) left the spot. At 12:01 PM the Israeli DCO (#6406086) arrived and talked with the settlers in the white car, and a group of about 6 soldiers walked into the Palestinian valley. At about 12:30 another army truck (#275064) arrived and more soldiers went into the valley. At 12:42 PM another settler walked out from the illegal outpost and talked with the soldiers near the jeeps that were still parked above Meshaha valley, then the settler and two soldiers walked down into the valley. At about 1 PM some the soldiers and settlers walked back up from Meshaha valley to the jeeps on the road. At about 1:30 PM the Israeli activists, the Palestinian shepherds, and about 6 soldiers walked up from the valley and started walking back towards the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. As they passed the trees of the Illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on at about 2 PM two settlers began to harass the Israelis and the Palestinian shepherds. The settlers and soldiers followed the Israelis, the shepherds, and Internationals all the way back to At Tuwani and the settlers remained near the trees and continued to insult Palestinians who were standing at the edge of At-Tuwani until about 4 PM. At a little after 4 PM the settlers returned to the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and the military vehicles left the area.

On February 10 at about 10:30 AM, an Israeli settler came out of the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on by car and stopped on the side of Humra valley to get a better view of a Palestinian shepherd grazing on the lower part of the same valley. The settler called the Israeli army which arrived at 10:58 with a van (#281698). Three Israeli soldiers walked

steadily towards the shepherd scaring him to the opposite side of the valley. At 11:05 another army jeep (#790486) arrived and went past the Israeli army van towards Kharrouba hill where they found an OD volunteer and asked for his documents. The two vehicles left at about 11:30.

On February 10 at 1:34 PM, an Israeli soldier patrolling the Israeli settlement of Ma'on called the Israeli Army when he saw that there were Palestinian shepherds grazing on the lower side of Khelly, a Palestinian valley near the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. At 1:43 PM, an Israeli Army van (#281698) arrived and 3 soldiers approached the Palestinian shepherds and forced them to leave the area. The shepherds and soldiers left at about 2:10 PM. As soon as the Army left, the shepherds went back to the upper area of the valley and continued to graze their flock. An Israeli Army jeep (#790369) arrived at around 3 PM. The soldiers chased the Palestinian sheep towards the Bypass road 317 and told the shepherds that grazing on the hill was forbidden. The soldiers forced the shepherds to cross the road and leave the area. The soldiers left at about 4 PM.

On February 11 at about 1:30 PM the Civilian Security Coordinator (#4360713) for the Israeli settlement of Ma'on walked out through gate of the settlement to where Palestinian shepherds were grazing a flock in Khelly valley. He threw stones and chased the sheep and the shepherd down into the valley, and then called Israeli soldiers. When the Israeli soldiers arrived (#790369) they told the shepherd that they were not allowed to graze near the settlement, but refused to show them a map or a legal order that required them to move. The soldiers demanded to see the IDs of the shepherds, and when one of the shepherds showed them a photo of his ID on his phone the soldiers refused to accept it, forcing the shepherd to send one of his children to his home to get the ID. While the child was getting the ID the shepherds continued to graze the flock lower in the valley, but the soldiers began to push the sheep down towards Israeli Bypass road 317. When the shepherds attempted to control their flock the soldiers grabbed one of the shepherds by the arms and took him by force down to Bypass road 317 where their jeeps were parked. When they reached the jeeps the soldiers handcuffed the shepherd. They continued to refuse to show the shepherds or OD volunteers who were present a map showing the area which they claimed was off limits to the shepherds. When the shepherd's child arrived with the ID the soldiers checked the ID and then released the shepherd. The shepherds and their family returned to grazing their sheep lower in the valley but after about one hour at around 3 PM the Israeli soldiers returned (#790386, #655131) with the Border police (#661435) and detained the same shepherd again. They forced all of the shepherds, sheep and OD volunteers to move to the other side of the bypass road and they checked the IDs of the two shepherds again. At about 4 PM army and Border police left the area and the shepherds all returned home.

On February 12, at around 11:15 AM, two Palestinian shepherds, who were grazing their flocks in Umm Zeitouna area, have been harassed by two Israeli settlers. An Israeli Army jeep (#790369) reached the spot at around 11:30 AM. The soldiers talked with the Israeli settlers but did not speak with the Palestinians. At around 11:45 AM, two Israeli Border Police vans (#42120, #42125) arrived. Soldiers approached one of the shepherds on foot and ordered the OD volunteers to leave. The Border Police demanded the Palestinian man's ID and photographed it, and also photographed the passports and faces of the OD

volunteers. One Border Police van (#42120) left at 12:31 PM. At 1:30 PM a DCO van (#6406086) arrived in Umm Zeitouna and parked in the valley. After talking to the settlers, the DCO called to the Palestinian shepherd and asked for his ID which they kept until the end of the conversation, when they told the Palestinian that the valley was state land and he was not allowed on it. The DCO and soldiers forced the shepherd to move his flock and then left the area at about 1:41 PM.

On February 19 at about 4 AM, the Israeli Army arrived in the Palestinian village of Sadat Al Tha'lah. The soldiers shot light bombs over the village to illuminate the area while they searched the Palestinian homes in the village until 6 AM. The alleged reason behind the raid was the theft of Israeli cows belonging to a shepherd in Carmel settlement.

On February 19, at about 11:12 AM, an Israeli Army truck (#281698) drove towards Khorrouba valley on the road which runs along the edge of the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on. Three soldiers got out of the truck and approached a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock on Palestinian land in Kharrouba valley. The soldiers told the shepherd that he could not graze the flock there, and the shepherd explained that it is Palestinian land and he has a right to be there. Another two Palestinian shepherds who were grazing nearby lower in the valley came and joined him. The soldiers continued to argue with the shepherds and moved close to the sheep, however the shepherds continued to graze the two flocks. At about 12:10 PM the soldiers left the area and the shepherds continued to graze their flocks.

On February 22 at about 11:30 AM two Israeli settlers on motorbikes drove along the Bypass road 317 near the Israeli settlement of Susiya, moving west. They passed a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock in Wadi Sued on Palestinian land near the Israeli bypass road, and stopped a short ways up the road. At 11:43 AM three settlers walked up the road that leads off the bypass road near the Israeli settlement of Susiya at the other end of Wadi Sued, and then walked into the trees behind where the shepherd was grazing the flock. At 11:44 AM an Israeli army truck (#281698) arrived at the intersection of the Bypass road near the settlement of Susiya. It stayed for some minutes and then left. At 11:55 AM the army truck and an army jeep (#790368) arrived on the Bypass road at the intersection near the settlement of Susiya. At 12:09 PM three soldiers got out and approached the shepherd. At 12:11 PM a settler car (#5491012) slowed on the road and a settler filmed the shepherd. At 12:15 PM the soldiers entered in Wadi Sued and began to tell the shepherd that he could not graze there. The shepherd replied that he could and that he was calling his lawyer. The soldiers continued to harass the shepherd and the sheep, slowly pushing them down the valley along side the bypass road in the direction of Qawawis. At 12:34 a settler car (#9903650) stopped on the bypass road and a settler got out and talked with the soldiers, and then began harassing the shepherd and the sheep, forcing the sheep to move down the valley more quickly. The soldiers did nothing to prevent the settler from interfering with the shepherd's flock and instead became more aggressive in forcing the sheep to move by clapping and walking into the flock. At 12:40 PM a settler car (#2128830) stopped on the bypass road and the settler who was chasing the sheep talked with the driver of the car. At about 12:50 PM soldiers drove the army jeep (#790386) along the bypass road behind the flock, helping the soldiers to force the flock to move. At 1:20 PM a white army van (# 274023) arrived on the

bypass road and parked near the intersection with the road that leads to the Israeli outpost of Mitzpe Yair. When the shepherd and the flock reached the intersection a settler car (#6909171) arrived from the direction of the Israeli outpost of Mitzpe Yair and the driver yelled at the shepherd and sounded the horn. At about 1:35 PM the shepherd turned the flock towards the Palestinian village of Qawawis and the soldiers left the area.

On February 24 at about 3 PM, three Palestinian shepherds and two children were grazing a flock in Khelly Valley, below the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. An army truck (#281698) arrived on the Bypass road 317 at the bottom of the valley, near the Palestinian Village of Tuwani, and drove part way up the road towards the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on. Three soldiers got out and walked into Khelly Valley where Palestinian shepherds were grazing a flock. At the same time a settler came out of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on at the top of the and began to harass the shepherds. Two OD volunteers arrived at about 3:05 PM and after some minutes more Palestinians inhabitants of At Tuwani reached the spot. The soldiers told the shepherds that they could not graze on the hill and at about 3:20 PM the shepherds moved the flock down to the Bypass road, crossed the road, and left in the direction of the Palestinian village of Jawwaya. At 3:25 PM the soldiers left on the bypass road in the army truck (#281698) and at 3:28 PM the same army truck appeared inside the fence of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on above Khelly Valley. All of the Palestinians and OD volunteers left the area at about 3:30 PM.

On February 25 at about 11:45 AM, 3 OD volunteers were accompanying one Palestinian shepherd that was grazing his sheep with his son close to the Bypass road 317, on the Umm Zeitouna side, when an Israeli settler from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on arrived by car (#6760928) from the Bypass road 317. The Israeli settler reached the Palestinian shepherd and claimed that was illegal for the shepherd to graze his sheep on that land. At 11:55 am the Israeli settler stopped one Israeli Army jeep (#281684) that was passing on the Bypass road 317. Three Israeli soldiers went out of the jeep and they gave 5 minutes to the shepherd to leave the area, claiming that it was illegal for him to graze on that land. At 12:24 pm the Israeli soldiers handcuffed the Palestinian shepherd and brought him close to their jeep on the Bypass road 317. In the meanwhile other two Israeli settlers reached the spot by car (#9916166) and they started to give orders to the soldiers and to harass the Palestinian shepherd and his son. Two settlers also pushed away the sheep of the Palestinian shepherd. At about 12:50 pm arrived on the spot the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on (#4360713), another Israeli Army jeep (#790386), a DCO car (Israeli Civil Administration) (#6406086) and an Israeli Police car (#42120). One officer of DCO spoke for about 10 minutes with the Palestinian shepherd under detention. At about 1 PM one of the Israeli Army jeep (#281684) went away with the arrested Palestinian shepherd and also all the other Israeli forces and the Israeli settlers left the spot.

On March 3, at about 11:26 AM, in the area of Khelly Valley, two Palestinian shepherds were grazing their sheep when a Israeli army jeep (#790386) arrived on the spot. Three Israeli soldier got out the car and told the shepherd they could not stay there and to move further. Two Israeli settlers car stopped in the following hour. One settler talked with the soldiers and told to the shepherd to go away (12:43 AM). Another Israeli military car

arrived (#281684) and forced the shepherd to move away from the area. At about 13:30 the Palestinian shepherds left.

On March 3, at about 4 PM, an Israeli Army jeep (#281684) reached four Palestinian shepherds that were grazing in Humra Valley, At Tuwani village. Three soldiers went out from the car, verbally attacked the Palestinians and physically pushed the sheep down the hill where they were. A few minutes later, another Palestinian man arrived on the spot. The soldiers loudly spoke with all the Palestinians and then left. The shepherds with their flock moved away too. Around 4:30 PM, the same army jeep appeared another time close to the second position of the Palestinians. The soldiers went out from the car but they did not approach the shepherds. When the Palestinians arrived home, the army jeep definitely left.

On March 5, at around 10 AM, an Israeli Army Jeep arrived closed to Humra Valley, At Tuwani village, and stopped outside of the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on, forcing the shepherd that was grazing there, to change his way. After a while the soldiers left the spot.

On March 6 at around 2:25 PM an Israeli Army Jeep (#281684) arrived in the Palestinian village of Tuba, reaching an Israeli settler from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on that was on the spot. After few minutes arrived also another Israeli Army Jeep (#790386). The soldiers shut down the road that links the Palestinian village of Tuba with the Palestinian village of Maghayir Al Abeed, preventing a Palestinian child from going back to his house. After half an hour the soldiers let the child go back to his house. And after a while the two Israeli Army Jeep left the place. The settler went away escorted on one of the Israeli Army Jeep.

On March 6 at about 2:52 PM, the Civilian Security Coordinator for the settlement of Ma'on arrived on his truck on the side of Humra Valley adjacent to the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on. He took pictures and videos of two Palestinian shepherds grazing their flocks in the valley and drove away at about 2:55 PM. At 3 PM he drove back to the same place with two Israeli soldiers, he was followed shortly after by an Israeli Army van (#281684) carrying two other Israeli soldiers and a settler. The settler went directly towards one of the flocks who was grazing on the side of Humra valley and scared the sheep down to the lower part of the valley. Subsequently, all of the soldiers, the same settler and another settler who had just arrived on the scene gathered near the CSC's truck, they greeted each others and talked. The truck, the Army van and the settlers left at about 3:15 PM. At 3:31 PM the same soldiers came out of Havat Ma'on outpost to scare one of the Palestinian flocks who had previously moved a little further up from where they were grazing. Five Palestinians arrived on the scene and were asked their IDs and frisked by the soldiers without any explanation. The Palestinians were told that the upper part of the valley was forbidden and that they were not allowed to be nearby. The Israeli soldiers went back to the forest of Havat Ma'on as soon as the shepherd started leaving with his flock of sheep. At 3:40 PM without any apparent reason nor giving an explanation, the soldiers ran out of the outpost's woods and scared the sheep of the Palestinian shepherd who was leaving the area as they asked him too, they then ran back into the woods and got into their van. The soldiers escorted the shepherd all the way from the woods to the Palestinian valley of Khelly.

On March 7, at around 1 PM, two Israeli settlers from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on appeared on a private car (#8324720) on Meshaha Hill. They took pictures of the Palestinian shepherds that were grazing in the area. One of the settlers went out from the car and went closer to the shepherds. The one on the car followed the movements from the top of the hill. After a few minutes, they left and went back into the outpost. About 1:20 PM, an Israeli army jeep (#274023) arrived on the spot. Seven soldiers went out from the car and immediately started to chase and violently push away the four shepherds grazing in Meshaha Valley. Other two Palestinian guys reached the spot. The soldiers refused to call the Israeli Civil Administration to check the legal status of the land where the shepherds were. They mocked and continuously took pictures of all the persons present in the area. After checking the Palestinians' IDs and the internationals' passports, they decided to arrest one of the shepherds without giving legal reasons. The shepherd got seriously sick but the Israeli army did not let him wait for the ambulance. At 2:15 PM, a second army jeep (#790386) arrived and other two soldiers got closer to the scene. The two Palestinian guys who have arrived later on the spot helped the sick shepherd to reach the army jeep but then they were arrested with the shepherd without reason other than supporting the detained man. During the arrest of the three Palestinians, the two OD volunteers were temporary detained in order to stop them from documenting and intervening during the wanton arrest.

On March 7, at about 4:15 PM, several Israeli soldiers approached four Palestinian youngsters who were talking on the lower side of Humra Valley, At Tuwani village. They were asked to show their IDs and were threatened to be imprisoned if they hadn't left the area. No explanation nor evidence was given when asked. The soldiers and the Palestinians left shortly after.

On March 8, at about 11:20 AM, 2 OD volunteers were accompanying a Palestinian shepherd that was grazing his sheep on the Palestinian land of Wadi Sued, when an Israeli Army jeep (#790386) arrived on the spot. Four Israeli soldiers went out of the jeep, they reached the Palestinian shepherd in the valley and they claimed that it was illegal for the shepherd to graze his sheep on that valley. At 11:28 AM an Israeli police car (#42149) arrived on the spot. At about 11:50 AM a Palestinian human rights activist arrived on the spot. On the first time the Israeli forces decided to arrest the Palestinian shepherd, but then at about 12:10 PM they decided to give to him five minutes to leave the area, under threat of arresting him. The area was declared closed until the day after by the Israeli forces. In meanwhile some settlers arrived on the spot and spoke for few minutes with the soldiers. At about 12:15 pm the Palestinian shepherd left the area.

On March 9, at about 9:50 AM, an Israeli army jeep (#281684) arrived and stopped near the chicken barns in Umm Zeitouna where three Palestinian shepherds were grazing. Three soldiers went out from the jeep, started walking down the hill and took pictures of the people on the spot. The Palestinian shepherds quickly changed their way and run away. At about 11:16 AM, the same Israeli army jeep reached and stopped in a different place, closer to the three shepherds that already moved away the first time when the jeep appeared. On the spot, there were also other three Palestinian shepherds with their flocks. The soldiers went out from the car and started walking towards the shepherds who were

obliged to quickly move away with their sheep. After a while, the soldiers went back to the jeep and left the area. Around 11:30 AM, the same army jeep stopped on the first spot near the chicken barns and then definitely left entering the Israeli settlement of Ma'on.

On March 9, at about 12:15 AM, an Israeli army jeep stopped on the Bypass Road 317 near the entrance of Israeli settlement of Ma'on, close to four Palestinian shepherds who were grazing their flock near the road. The soldiers went out from the car and spoke with two of the Palestinians while the other two shepherds were forced to change their way and moved their sheep further from the road. A Border Police jeep (#42125) arrived on the spot a few minutes later but the policemen did not get out from the car. Around 12:30 AM, all the Israeli armed forces left the area.

On March 16, at about 1:35 PM, one Israeli Army jeep stopped on the Bypass road 317 intimidating with its presence 2 Palestinian shepherds that were grazing in Umm Zeitouna, close to the Bypass road. The Palestinian shepherds decided to move far from the road because of the military presence. When the shepherds were far, at about 1:40 PM, the Israeli Army jeep left the spot.

On March 17, at about 1:10 PM, some Israeli settlers went out of the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on moving inside the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. When 2 OD volunteers reached the spot at about 1:15 PM two Israeli settlers were returning inside the wood of Havat Ma'on. At 1:30 PM two Israeli settlers and the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on walked through the cherry field of Ma'on, they arrived on the At-Tuwani side and they stopped in a point in which the fence was broken. One settler went out of the cherry field, inside the village of At-Tuwani, and started to make videos and picture of the about 10 Palestinians present and of the 2 OD volunteers. At about 1:35 PM one Israeli Army jeep (#790386) reached the spot and 4 soldiers went out of the car and started to talk with the Palestinian present on the spot. In the meanwhile an Israeli policeman went out of the cherry field of Ma'on and he checked the passports of the 2 OD volunteers. The Israeli soldiers ordered to the 2 OD volunteers to leave the spot, without giving any reason. At 1:37 PM other 3 OD volunteers that were walking around the area were stopped by the Israeli forces and the policeman checked also their passports. The Israeli soldiers ordered to the 2 OD volunteers that were leaving the spot to come back and they detained on the spot all the 5 OD volunteers, without giving them any reason for the detention. They also checked again and took pictures of the volunteer' passports, preventing them to go close to the Palestinians and to witness and to document what the soldiers were saying to the Palestinians. At about 2 PM the Israeli soldiers ordered to the OD volunteers and to the Palestinians to leave the area, under the threat of arrest them, so the OD volunteers and the about 15 Palestinians present left the area, whereas the Israeli forces remained on the spot.

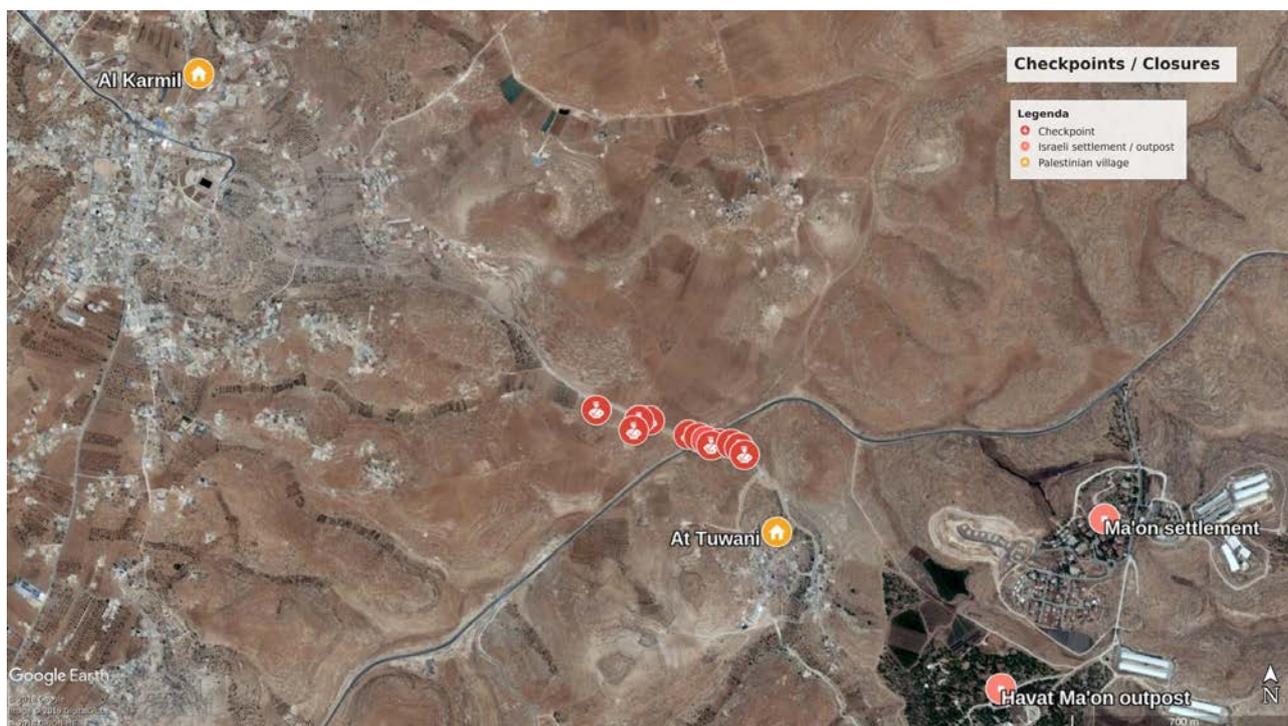
On March 23 at about 8:15 AM 2 OD volunteers and a Palestinian human rights activist were walking on the road that from the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani leads to the Palestinian valley of Humra, along the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on. Close to the wood of Havat Ma'on there were 2 Israeli soldiers that told to the Palestinian to don't walk close to the wood. After about 10 minutes an Israeli Army car (#275062) went out of Havat Ma'on and reached the 2 soldiers. Another Israeli Army jeep (#790369) arrived from At-

Tuwani and stopped on the spot. 4 soldiers went out of the cars. When the Palestinian activist approached the Israeli soldiers to tell them that there were some Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on inside the village of At-Tuwani, the soldiers told to him to don't stay so close to them and to the wood of the outpost. One Army jeep (#790369) left the spot and went in the direction of At-Tuwani, whereas the other jeep remained on the spot. At about 8:45 AM another Israeli Army jeep and one DCO car reached the soldiers on the spot. A DCO officer showed one map to the soldiers and then the DCO car and one Israeli Army jeep left the spot. At 12:45 PM the Israeli forces left the spot.

On March 26, at about 12.50 AM, three Palestinian children were grazing their flock in Khelly Valley below the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, near the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. An Israeli army jeep (#790369) came from the Bypass road 317 and three Israeli soldiers climbed the hill towards the Palestinian children. One soldier grabbed one child first by his neck and then by his arm, all the way down the hill. The soldier harassed the Palestinian child, intimidating to arrest him, claiming that was illegal for him to graze in that land. After a while two Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on arrived with a car (#6760928) from the Bypass road 317 and one of them started to talk with the Palestinian child, also intimidating and threatening him. After few minutes the settlers went away and two Palestinian boys came from the village of At-Tuwani and started talking with the soldiers. One Israeli soldiers checked the ID of one of the boys and told them to tell the Palestinian children shepherds that if he found them on the hill again he would arrest them and also the two Palestinian boys. The Israeli army left at around 1 PM.

On March 30, at about 9:30 AM, a group of Palestinians, Israeli activists and Internationals gathered in the Palestinian valley of Khelly, nearby the village of At-Tuwani, for planting olive trees. After about ten minutes several Israeli forces vehicles (Army: #790386) arrived on the spot and the soldiers declared the area "close military zone". When OD volunteers reached the spot at about 10:30 AM there were about 15 Israeli soldiers and Border policemen. They started to chase out from the valley in a violent way all the Palestinians, in order to push them back in At-Tuwani village. They also push out the sheep of the Palestinians. The Israeli forces also took pictures of all the people present on the spot. At about 11 AM all the Palestinians, Israeli and international activists left the spot, whereas the Israeli forces remained there.

Checkpoints and closures



On January 12, at around 10 AM an Israeli army jeep (#275064) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects At Tuwani to Al Birkeh Palestinian village. The Israeli soldiers checked six cars, in one case controlling the car engine. At around 10:10 AM the Army left.

On January 12, at around 3:30 PM an Israeli army jeep (#275064) set up a checkpoint at the entrance of At-Tuwani, Palestinian village. After checking six cars, the soldiers went away at around 3:40 PM.

On January 15, at around 6:30 PM, an Israeli army jeep (#274023) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects At Tuwani to Al Birkeh Palestinian village. One Palestinian vehicle was stopped and inspected, the two passengers stood out of the car waiting. Meanwhile another car had to wait before passing. About ten Palestinians from the nearby village of Tuwani reached the site. Two of them asked for an explanation to the Israeli soldiers but they dismissed the request and urged them to keep the distance and stay on the side of the road. At around 7 PM the soldiers let the car go and went away.

On January 22, at around 1:30 PM, Israeli police set up a checkpoint on the entrance of At-Tuwani. The police left at around 2 PM.

On January 25, at about 11:17 AM, OD volunteers received a call about a border police checkpoint at the entrance to Tuwani. A border police van (#275017) with 5 border police stopped 3 Palestinian vehicles and checked the IDs of the drivers. They checked the

vehicle number inside the hood of one of the vehicles. They also checked the passports of the OD volunteers. At about 11:35 AM the soldiers drove a short way up the road towards the Palestinian village of Al Birkeh and picked up three soldiers on the road. They drove back to the Bypass road 317 and left in the direction of Ma'on settlement.

On January 25, at about 2 PM a car of Israeli border police (#794083) arrived at the entrance to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. They stopped one car and checked the registration of the vehicle and looked under the hood. At 2:08 PM the border police left the area.

On February 2, at around 09:30 AM, an Israeli Army Jeep (#275017) set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The soldiers stopped one Palestinian car, then left the area at about 10 AM.

On February 2, at around 10 AM, an Israeli Army Jeep (#534031) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The soldiers stopped seven Palestinian cars, then left the area at about 10:20 AM.

On February 11, at around 4 PM, an Israeli Army Jeep (#655131) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The soldiers stopped one Palestinian car, then left the area at about 4:30 PM.

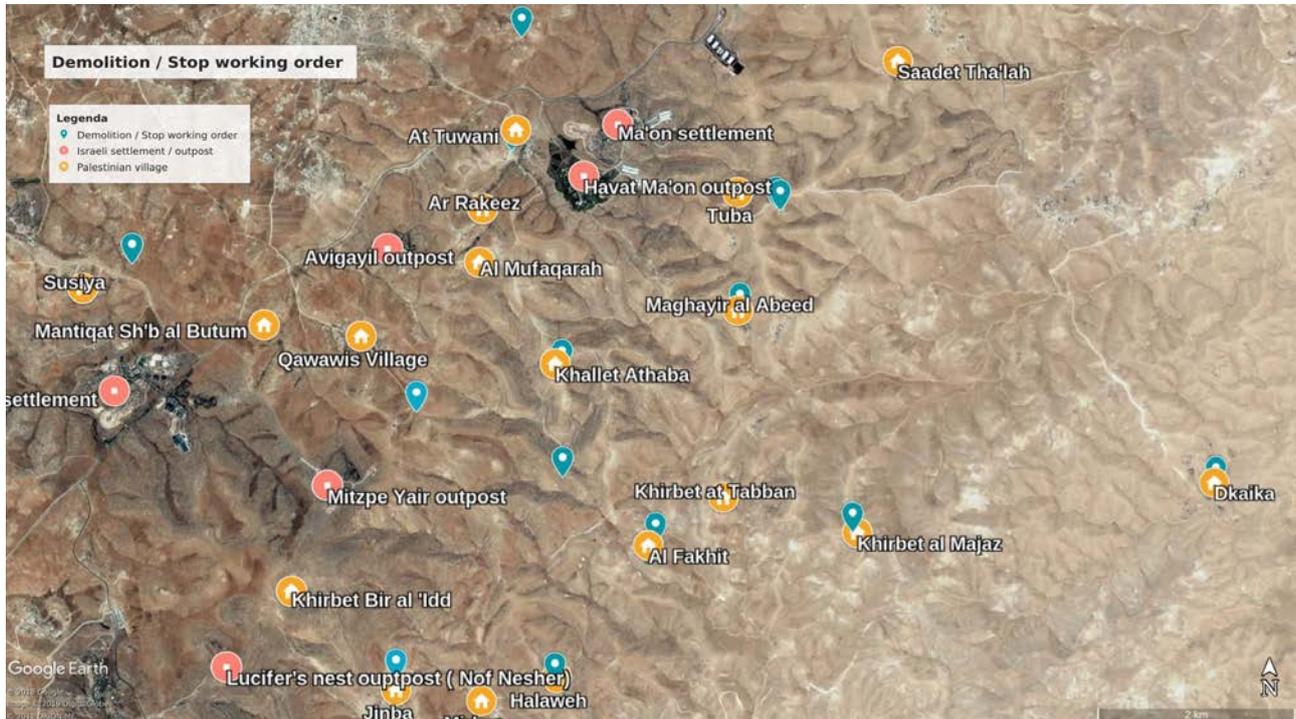
On February 19, at about 4:44 PM Israeli soldiers arrived in an army truck (#281698) and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The soldiers stopped 5 cars and one person who was walking. They checked the IDs of the drivers and the person who was walking but did not check the vehicles. At about 5:35 PM the soldiers left the area.

On March 9, at 4 PM, Israeli police car (#42140) arrived and set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At-Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The police stopped 2 cars. At 4:18 PM they left.

On March 11, at about 10:20 AM, 2 Israeli Police cars (#263274) and 2 Israeli Army jeeps (#281684, 184789) started to monitor the closure of the road that from the Bypass road 317 leads to the Palestinian village of Al Birkeh through the Palestinian village of Ma'in. When 2 OD volunteers arrived on the spot at about 10:30 AM an Israeli Army bulldozer (#910570) was closing the road. During the closure the Israeli soldiers frisked 2 Palestinian activists that were monitoring the closure. After the first closure the convoy closed another nearby road that leads to the Palestinian village of Al Birkeh. After about 30 minutes the Israeli convoy moved and closed 2 roads that from the Bypass road 317 lead to the Palestinian town of As Samu'. At about 12 PM the Israeli forces left the area.

On March 30, at 10:54 AM, an Army jeep (#790386) stopped on the Bypass road 317 and set up a checkpoint in the crossroad with the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At-Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The soldiers stopped one Palestinian car and checked the ID of the driver, then they left the area at about 11:02 AM.

Demolitions and stop working orders



On January 14, at around 12:00 AM, the Israeli Army (#534073) and DCO delivered two stop working orders and two demolition orders in Jawwaya Palestinian village. The stop working orders concern two new houses under construction and the demolition orders hit a well and an animal shelter. Israeli forces left the village at around 12:50 AM.

On January 30, at around 10:40 AM, Israeli DCO (#9957334) and an Israeli Army Jeep (#281698) arrived in the Palestinian village of Khamlet Athaba. They delivered three demolition orders for two houses and a school. The Israeli forces left the area at around 2 PM.

On January 30, at around 1 PM, a stop working order for one house was delivered in the Palestinian village of Tuba.

On January 31, at around 10:30 AM, Israeli forces (DCO: #6286752, #9957734, #9957334; Army: #275017; Border Police: #561435, #661435) used two bulldozers to demolish the Palestinian road that connects the Palestinian villages of Massafer Yatta with the Palestinian city of Yatta, near the village of Shabel Butum. They demolished two separate sections of the road. The Israeli forces left the area at around 1 PM.

On February 11, at around 9:55 AM, two DCO cars (#6406086, #9957334) and two bulldozers (#117287) demolished the Palestinian road that connects the Palestinian

villages of Massafer Yatta with the Palestinian city of Yatta, near the village of Shabel Butum. At around 1 PM, the Israeli forces (Army: #790386, #655131, #102057; Police: #661435, #794083) moved to another portion of the road and demolished another section. The Israeli forces left the area at around 2:30 PM after destroying the road in two places.

On February 13, at around 9 AM, a convoy of five cars of the DCO (#3304937, #9957334, #6406086, #9958034, #2869834), three jeeps of the Israeli police (#561435, #661435, #665562), three jeeps of the Israeli army (#534203, #534136, #700651) and two excavators drove into Massafer Yatta. At around 9:30 AM it stopped in the Palestinian village of Jinba. The workers who were with the convoy started digging and removing underground water pipes while the DCO, Israeli army and police prevented anyone from getting close to the confiscation. The Israeli police stopped a Palestinian car and did not allow the man to continue on the road until the confiscation in the area near Jinba was finished. At around 10 AM a Palestinian asked the Israeli authorities to explain what they were doing and asked to get closer in order to see what was happening. The police and soldiers prevented him and harassed him both physically and verbally. At around 11 AM the Palestinian who was previously harassed was taken by the police (#665562) and detained for more than three hours until the end of the demolition. At around 11:10 AM the convoy left the Palestinian village of Jinba in the direction of the Palestinian village of KHALLET ATTHABA. It arrived there at around 11:30 AM and the workers started demolishing the underground water pipes of the village. The Israeli army and police prevented people from getting close to the demolition. At around 1 PM the convoy left in the direction of the Palestinian village of Al Mufaqara. When the convoy reached Al Mufaqara it stopped and workers began to demolish the underground water pipes there. Two Israeli soldiers physically harassed a Palestinian man and pushed him down off of his bike. The Israeli police checked the passport of an international. Israeli police then declared the area closed to Internationals and Palestinians. At around 1:20 PM the convoy left in the direction of the Palestinian village of Ar Rakeez. It stopped on the road that links the Palestinian village of Ar Rakeez to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The workers demolished the underground water pipes there. At around 2 PM the convoy moved further on the road and stopped on the road close to the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The workers started to demolish the underground water pipes there. Israeli forces prevented Palestinians from getting close to the demolition. The Israeli police and army frisked a Palestinian man who requested information about the demolition and asked to get closer, and then detained him in a police jeep until 2:30 PM when they finished the demolition, released both men, and left the area.

On February 21 at about 2:34 PM a DCO car (#9957334) drove through the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani with a confiscated Palestinian truck (#3579835) carrying building supplies and another other vehicle (#16260401).

On March 7 at about 9 AM, a convoy of two Israeli Police jeeps (#665562, #665655), 4 DCO vans (#9957934, #6406086, #9957334, #9958034), an Israeli Army van (#274023), two civilian cars (#25834201, #25034101) and a bulldozer arrived at the village of Al Fakheit in the Massafer Yatta area. They delivered a demolition order for a tent to a Palestinian family. About a dozen of Israeli civilians wearing yellow vests started dismantling the tent and finished at about 9:25 AM when they left. In the meantime, a large

number of Palestinian inhabitants, activists and Internationals reached the site and were asked for IDs.

On March 7, at about 10 AM, the Israeli military convoy arrived at the village of Al Majaz where they gave a Palestinian family a demolition order for another tent, which they dismantled on the spot. Activists and walkers-by were stopped by the Israeli police jeeps at the entrance of the village. The Israeli vehicles left at about 10:30 AM.

On March 7 at about 10:45 AM the Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Dkaika. A demolition order was given to a Palestinian family regarding four tents, two of which used as homes, one as a storage and the other one for the sheep. The same volunteers of the previous demolitions started dismantling the tents at about 11 AM. An Israeli lorry (#7452752) arrived at the village to carry the debris of the demolition which lasted up until 12:00 PM when the convoy left.

On March 18, at 9 AM Israeli forces convoy (DCO: #92962**, #9957334; Army: #534031, #281698, #27501; Border police: #665567) with a bulldozer, reached the Palestinian village of Amnir to demolish a well. Israeli forces prevented Palestinian activists and OD volunteers from get close the demolition area. The Army convoy left at 9:16 AM.

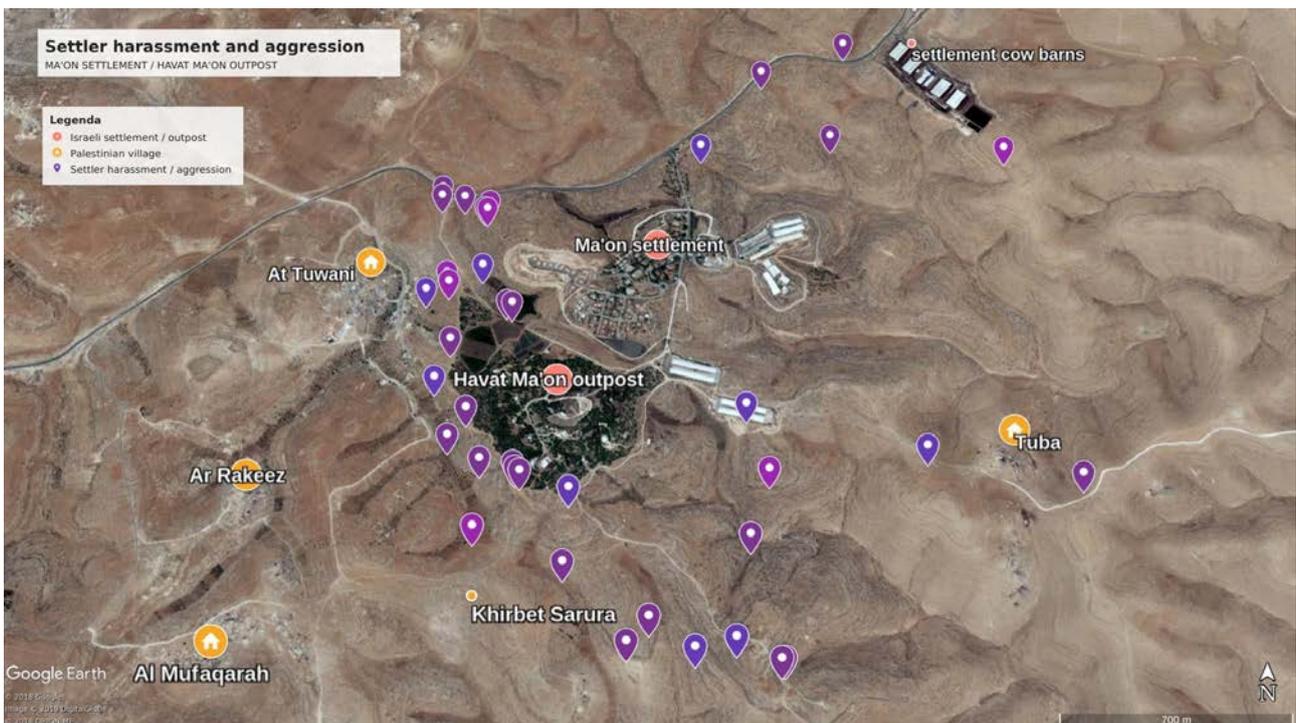
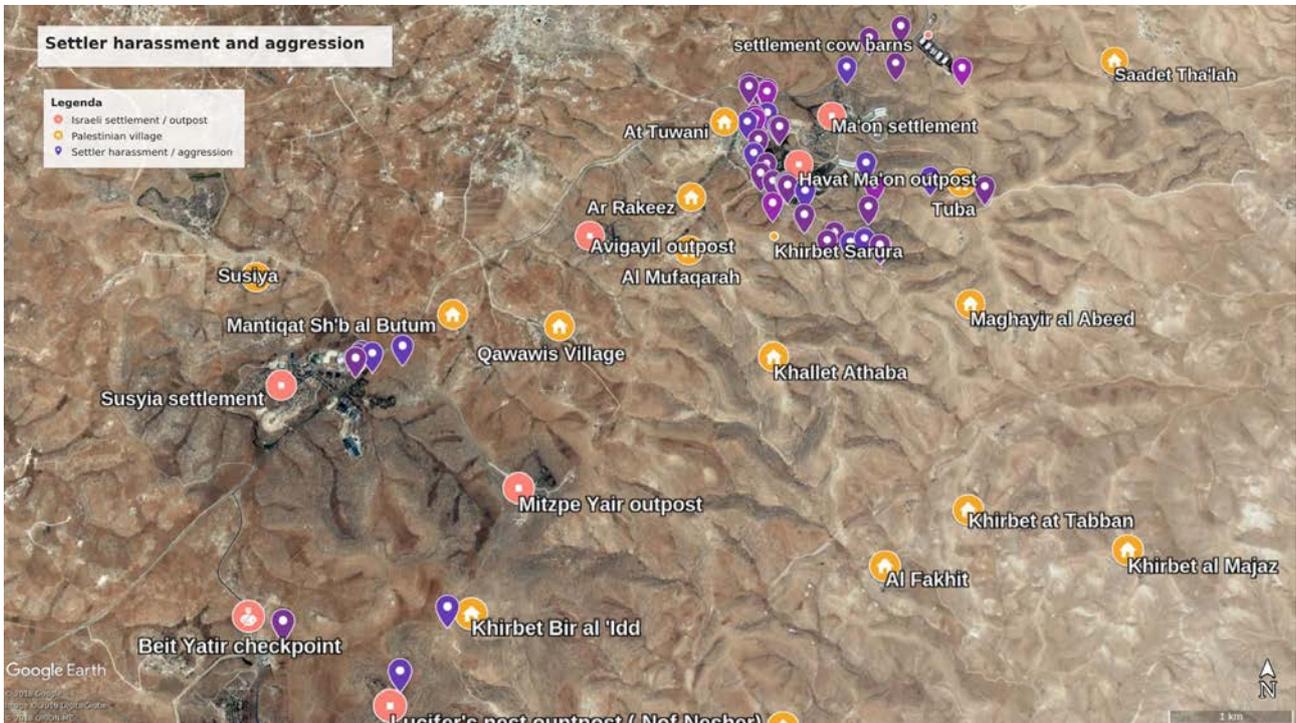
On March 19, at about 7:30 AM, an Israeli military convoy (2 bulldozers; Army: #665564, #790145, #790386, #780396; DCO: #2869834, #9957334, #25834101; Border police: #665564, #661435), drove over the Palestinian village of Tuba to demolish 1 house and a water tank. Solar panels were confiscated. At 8:34 AM Border police forces arrested one 22-years-old Palestinian guy from the village without clearing the reasons. Several Palestinians and 2 OD volunteers at first have been kept away from the area. Israeli soldiers and Border policemen physically harassed several Palestinians in order to keep them away from the demolished area and from the jeep where the Palestinian arrested was brought on (#665564). Israeli soldier shot 3 sound bombs to split up the crowd. The convoy went away around 8:55 AM and stopped close to Tuba Village to assign the arrested person to another car.

On March 19, after a demolition in Tuba Village, the Israeli military convoy drove in the Palestinian village of Maghayir al Abeed (10:15 AM) to demolish one animal shelter. OD volunteers, Internationals and Palestinians have been kept far away from the area by Israeli army. Around 10:38 the convoy left the village.

On March 19, at 11:02 AM, the Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Halaweh to demolish one animal shelter, two water tanks and to confiscate solar panels. Israeli army (#281698) and Israeli Civil administration (#2869834) prevented OD volunteers and Palestinian from reaching the village. The convoy left around 11.20 AM.

ISRAELI SETTLERS

Settler harassment and aggression



On January 6, at around 11:50 AM, a Palestinian shepherd was grazing in Shabel Shadi, Palestinian valley when an Israeli settler coming from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on reached the spot. The settler showed a gun and started to threaten the Palestinian. After few minutes, two Israeli soldiers arrived on the spot requiring the Palestinian to show his identity card. After ordering the shepherd to not move up to the hill, the soldiers and the settler went away.

On January 8, eighteen olives trees have been found damaged by Israeli settlers in Humra Valley, Palestinian land. Moreover, the settlers of the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on sprayed painted racist, anti-Arab slogans on rocks in the Palestinian valley. The Israeli forces (Police: #42120 #80333; Army: #661445 #702857, DCO #8179986) came during the morning to control the damages.

On January 10, at around 9 AM, three Israeli settlers were working on the Palestinian land near Bir Al Idd village, scaring a flock of a Palestinian shepherd, in presence of the Israeli army (#661445), who were talking with a Palestinian man. Another settler from the Israeli illegal outpost of Nof Neshet arrived and started to run through the flock, and made them running away down the hill, hitting the Palestinian man and his son. Then, another Army jeep (#274023) arrived on the spot, and the soldiers started to discuss with settlers and Palestinians about the property of the land, followed by the arrival of other Israeli forces (Police #42120, Border Police #665567, Army #534244, 275064, 239561) and the DCO. The DCO recognized the fields as "State land" and ordered to the Palestinians to go away. The settlers remained on the land, while the Palestinians decided to go to the police station to make a complaint. The Israeli forces remained on the field for a while and went away at around 12:30 AM, when the settlers started to work another time on the land.

On January 12, at around 12:00 AM, an Israeli army jeep (#661445) stopped a Palestinian shepherd that was grazing in Meshaha Valley, Palestinian private land. They controlled his identity card as well as of another Palestinian guy present. Then, another two Palestinian guys arrived on the spot, the Israeli soldiers checked also their identity cards. After a discussion about the property of the land and the arrival of the DCO (#8179986), three Israeli settlers came from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and assaulted the three young Palestinians and the shepherd. Then the Israeli Army separated the Palestinians from the Israeli settlers and started to talk with them distinctly. Other three Army jeeps arrived (#790369, #274023, #655655) shortly afterwards. The DCO continued to discuss with the Palestinians and the settlers about the property recognizing the right of the shepherd to stay on the valley but not on the nearby hills. After the arrival of the Israeli police car (#42125) and other two settlers with dogs, the soldiers asked everyone present to leave the valley. All the Palestinians went away at around 2:00 PM, while the Israeli settlers remained with the Israeli Army on Meshaha hill.

On January 12, at around 10:30 AM in Wadi Sued a Palestinian shepherd was harassed by five settlers of the nearby Israeli settlement of Susiya while he was grazing in Wadi Sued, private Palestinian land. At around 10:45 AM an Army jeep (#275064) arrived on the spot. The soldiers started to discuss about the property of the land with the Palestinian shepherd and his father, who came up. In the meantime the settlers continued to chase

the sheep away. At around 10:50 AM a second jeep of the army arrived (#661445) as well as two cars of DCO (#6406066, #8179986). The DCO and soldiers started discussing with shepherds, they showed maps about borders of the fields and the legal possibility of use of it. At around 11:15 a third jeep of the army arrived (#534203), other two settlers arrived as well and they behaved aggressively taping and chasing the shepherds that were going away. The shepherds continued to walk toward the hill going back home and one of the settlers started again to chase them. The soldiers did not prevent the attack stopping him, consequently the settler went very close to shepherds. Then, the Israeli police arrived (#42120) in Wadi Sued. Policemen and soldiers stayed on the spot until 12:00 AM.

On January 12, at around 1:00 PM an Israeli settler coming from Otniel settlement reached a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing in Umm Al Amad, Palestinian land. The settler intimidated even with his dogs the shepherd and a Palestinian activist who was on the spot. The latter was attacked by the dogs of the settlers. At around 1:30 PM the Israeli forces (DCO: #6406086; Army: #534136, #239561; Police: #42140) reached the spot and started to talk with the Palestinians and the settler. After a while they suggested to the wounded Palestinian to file a complaint in Kiryat Arba Israeli police station, then they left.

On January 15, according to a Palestinian witness, at around 1:15 PM the Civilian Security Coordinator of Ma'on, Israeli settlement, alongside with Israeli soldiers intimidated two Palestinian shepherds that were grazing in Khelly Valley, Palestinian private land. The soldiers threatened to arrest the Palestinians and them forced them to leave the area.

On January 16, at around 10 AM a settler coming from the Israeli illegal outpost of Nof Neshar reached the Palestinians who were working on their land in Umm al Kwas, Palestinian private land. The settler harassed the Palestinian insulting and taking pictures of them even in the presence of three soldiers standing inside the outpost. After a while, three Border policemen (#42120) and five Israeli soldiers (#661445) reached the spot pushing away the settler and checking the identity cards of all the Palestinians present. Then, after preventing the Palestinians to plow on the hill near the outpost but allowing them only in the valley, they went away.

On January 18, at around 12 AM, a settler's car arrived in Umm Zeituna valley, Palestinian land, from the Israeli bypass road 317. The two Palestinian shepherds who were grazing in the valley decided to move towards Umm Al Hattab, Palestinian land. The car stopped on the top of the hill and two settlers got off the car, one of them was at the phone. After few minutes they went away. At around 01:00 PM, while the shepherds were already far away, three Israeli soldiers appeared for few minutes nearby the Israeli cows barns and then went away.

On January 20, at about 2 PM, Palestinians living in At Tuwani discovered the destruction of two 20-year-old olive trees near the Sumud Freedom Garden, in the north-east side of the village, close to Ma'on Israeli settlement. At around 3: PM, three cars of Israeli forces cars (Police: #42140; DCO: #6406086; Army: #281686) arrived to check the damage caused by settlers. After a while two Army Jeeps arrived (#534203, #661445). The police and the army also checked the damages to 15 olive trees which settlers had destroyed three weeks before. At around 4 PM all of the the Israeli forces left the area.

On January 21, at around 11:30 AM, two Israeli settlers on a motorbike appeared outside the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and drove to the top of Old Havat Ma'on Hill, where three Palestinian shepherds were grazing their sheep. The shepherds immediately ran away and moved their flocks away from the settlers. One of them moved behind Old Havat Ma'on Hill towards the Palestinian village of Tuba, while the other two went down into Meshaha Valley. The settlers on the motorbike followed two OD volunteers who were on their way towards the shepherds. At the same time two more settlers arrived on the road above Zelega. At around 12 PM all of the settlers returned to the outpost.

On January 23, at around 9:30 AM, 2 Israeli Border police jeeps (#665567, #655655), and 2 cars of DCO (#6131652, #9957734), with 1 tractor and 2 excavators, arrived in the Palestinian village of Beeran. The Israeli forces accompanied the earth moving equipment to an area of private Palestinian land in Khalaya Al-Moghrabi, where they started working on the land of a Palestinian man whose tractor was recently confiscated by Israeli authorities. At around 10 AM another army jeep (#655597) arrived. The Israeli forces prevented the Palestinians and OD volunteers from reaching the top of the hill where they were demolishing the agricultural land, in order to prevent them from documenting the destruction and appropriation of the land. At around 10:30 AM two Israeli police checked the IDs of 4 Palestinians and 4 internationals. They kept all of the IDs and passports for about 10 minutes and then returned them. In the meantime another policeman photographed all of the people who were present. At about 11:30 AM all of the Israeli forces finished the demolition of the land and left in the direction of the village of Beeran. They left Beeran at about 12:15 PM.

On January 24, at around 9:30 AM, a settler car drove out from the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on and approached two Palestinian shepherds who were grazing a flock on Meshaha Hill. The settler followed the shepherd, took photos and video of the Palestinians and internationals, and made several calls. Because of the presence of the settler the shepherds took their flock down into Meshaha Valley. After about 20 minutes the settler drove away behind Meshaha hill.

On January 27, at around 9 AM, Israeli settlers were working on private Palestinian land in Wadi Sued. At 9.30 AM Israeli forces (DCO: #8179986; Police: #42149) arrived and talked with the settlers. After a while the Palestinian owner of the land approached them. After talking with the owner, the settlers, and the Israeli forces who were present allowed the Israeli settlers to continue working the land. At about 10 AM the owner and the Israeli forces left and the settlers continued to work the land.

On January 31, at around 12:15 AM a settler from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on followed seven Palestinian children who were walking home from school in the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani to the Palestinian village of Tuba on the road between the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. The settler threatened the children, shouting at them and demanding that they get off the road. The children ran from the settlers. The Israeli soldiers tasked with safely escorting the children past the outpost were present (#274023) but did nothing to prevent the settlers from threatening the children and preventing them from using the road.

On February 1, at around 2:30 PM, two settlers from the Israeli settlement of Ma'on stopped on the bypass road 317 and reached two Palestinian shepherds, which were grazing in the Palestinian hill of Khelly, At-Tuwani village. The settlers told to the Palestinian shepherds that they weren't allowed to graze their sheep on that land, trying to move them away. After about 10 minutes one Israeli Army jeep (#790369) arrived on the spot, two soldiers went out of the car and moved the settlers away. Then, the Israeli soldiers checked the identity card of one of two Palestinian guys that in the meantime arrived on the spot. Afterwards, the Army forced all the Palestinians to move down from the hill. At about 3:50 PM Israeli forces left the spot.

On February 2, at about 9:45 AM, 5 young Israeli settlers came out of the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on and stopped halfway to Humra valley in At Tuwani village to watch a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock in the olive trees on Palestinian land. About half an hour later, five adult settlers, one of them carrying a rifle, joined the kids and sat looking at the shepherd. Meanwhile, two Palestinian men coming from the village of At Tuwani reached the area and stood on the lower side of the valley between the settlers and the shepherd. About 6 more Palestinian men arrived and went towards Zelega valley to escort one Palestinian who was heading towards the village of Tuba. Shortly after, 4 Israeli Army soldiers arrived on foot with an Israeli Army jeep (#790369) and an Israeli Army van (#274023. Four settlers, two of whom were masked, chased the 6 Palestinian men from Humra valley to Zelega valley. The soldiers followed them. The settlers approached the Palestinians and verbally harassed them until the soldiers intervened and held them back. The soldiers then forced the Palestinians to leave the area and brought them back to Humra where they waited for the DCO to arrive. At about 11:11 AM the DCO van (#8179986) arrived and told the Palestinians that Palestinians are not allowed on Zelega area or on the upper side of Humra valley which is adjacent to the illegal Israeli outpost of Have Ma'on. Most of the Israeli forces then left the area, leaving some of the soldiers who blocked the road to Old Havat Ma'on hill.

On February 4 at about 1:30 AM two Israeli settlers on a motorbike rode out of the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on on the road above Khorrouba valley while a Palestinian shepherd was grazing a flock in Meshaha. The settlers rode back and forth on the road that goes towards Old Havat Ma'on hill until about 2 PM forcing the Palestinian shepherd to leave the area and return in At Tuwani village.

On February 5, twenty-three olive trees were found uprooted in the Palestinian valley of Humra, At-Tuwani village. The Palestinian valley is located close to the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on.

On February 8, at about 1:20 PM, some Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian shepherds who were grazing their flock in Khelly valley near the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. The settlers attacked the shepherd near the fence of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on.

On February 12, at around 4 PM, two Palestinian shepherds were attacked by Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Nof Nesher, followed by the same from Bir Al Idd to

Imnezil Palestinian villages. The two shepherds were injured. At around 5 PM, the Israeli forces (Army: #790368, #534203; Police: #42126) arrived in Imnezil village to control the situation. The Israeli Police took the two Palestinians to the police station to make some questions, before release them. There were no consequences for the settlers.

On February 12, at around 11:15 AM, two Palestinian shepherds were grazing their flocks in Umm Zeitouna area, close to the Palestinian village of Tuba, when three Israeli settler shepherds with their sheep reached the spot. After a while another two settlers arrived by car from the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on. The settlers pushed and verbally harassed the two Palestinian shepherds until an Israeli Army jeep (#790369) arrived at around 11:30 AM.

On February 12 at around 8:30 AM Palestinians from the village of At Tuwani discovered that 18 olive trees had been destroyed during the night in Khelly valley near Ma'on Israeli settlement and the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on. The trees were planted less than one week before. The Palestinian owner of the land called the police at about 8:30 AM in order to file a complaint. At 9:30 AM the Israeli DCO (#6406086) arrived on the spot. At 9:36 AM an Israeli army jeep (#790369) arrived and the police and soldiers got out of the vehicles and began to look at the trees and speak with the owner. At 9:45 AM an Israeli border police jeep (#534100) arrived. At 9:48 the Israeli police arrived (#42149) followed another civilian car of police (#4779733). The soldiers, border police, DCO and Israeli police remained in the area photographing the trees until 10:13 AM, when all of the Israeli vehicles left the area.

On February 16, at around 9 AM, the Israeli forces (DCO: #8179986; Army: #275064, #534203, #281693; Police: #42126) arrived in Wadi Sued area, pushing away from the valley all the International and start to talking with the Palestinian shepherd about the property of the land. At around 9:50 AM, four Israeli settlers from the settlement of Susiya, arrived in Wadi Sued, start running through the sheep and were immediately stopped by the soldiers who took them away. After had talked with the shepherd, the DCO recognized to them the right to graze on the land but asked him to go away to not risk clashes during the day. When the Palestinian shepherd start to went away, other two Israeli settlers tried to attacked him and the sheep, stopped by other Palestinians and by the Israeli forces. At around 11 AM, the Palestinian shepherd went away and also the Israeli settlers left the area.

On February 17 at around 10:15 AM, two Israeli settlers with a car followed two Palestinian shepherds who were grazing a flock near the Palestinian village of Tuba. The settlers stopped the car and hid on the road near the hill where the Palestinian shepherds were grazing the flock. At around 12:15 PM, another settler drove a jeep from the Bypass road 317 into Umm Zeitouna valley and approached the two Palestinian shepherds trying to follow them. The Palestinians changed their route and grazed the flock on a different place.

On February 18 at about 11:45 AM, an Israeli settler from the Israeli settlement of Susiya stopped his car on the Bypass road 317 and honked the horn in order to scare the herd of a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing in the nearby Palestinian valley of Wadi Sued.

The Israeli man left at about 11:55 AM when two other Israeli cars stopped on the side of the road, took pictures of the Palestinian shepherd and called the Israeli Army. At about 12 PM, an Israeli Army jeep (#790386) reached the Palestinian strip of land carrying 4 Israeli soldiers. The jeep was followed shortly after by a civilian van driven by a settler who stopped and instructed the soldiers urging them to clear the area. The soldiers chased the sheep away from the valley and told the shepherd that he is only allowed to graze in the area when given a permission by the local Israeli administration. In the meantime, the settler started verbally and physically harassing an OD volunteer who was also on the scene. The Israeli soldiers didn't intervene even when the volunteer explicitly asked them to. The Palestinian shepherd left at about 12:30 PM followed shortly after by the Israeli settlers and army.

On February 20, at about 12:40 PM, a Israeli settler truck (#5499919) drove out of the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on on the road which goes to Old Havat Ma'on hill. The truck stopped on the hill and two settlers approached a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock in Zelega. The settlers yelled at the shepherd, tried to intimidate him, and harassed the sheep. They told the shepherd he did not have the right to be there. At about 12:50 PM two Palestinians and one OD volunteer arrived in the valley and the settlers left the area.

On February 21, at about 11:07 AM, an Israeli settler's car drove out from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on towards Old Havat Ma'on hill. At the top of the hill one settler got out of the car, looking for Palestinians. A Palestinian shepherd who was grazing a flock lower down on Old Havat Ma'on hill moved his flock down into the valley in order to avoid the aggression. At about 11:20 AM the settler car returned to the outpost.

On March 4 at about 1:20 PM, an Israeli settler drove from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on towards the hill of old Havat Ma'on. He got off the car and ran towards a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing on the side of the hill. The Palestinian shepherd fled down the valley with his flock and the Israeli settle did stop chasing the shepherd only when the Palestinian was far away. The Israeli settler left the area at 1:34 PM.

On March 7, at around 3 PM, 2 Palestinian children shepherds were grazing their sheep in the Palestinian valley of Humra, At Tuwani village, when an Israeli settler from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on went out from the wood starting to take pictures of the shepherds. After few minutes also the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on reached the spot by car. The Palestinian children left the area at about 3:10 PM because of the settlers' presence.

On March 10, at around 10:50 AM, one Israeli settlers (#6760928) drove inside Umm Zeitouna valley where two Palestinian shepherd were grazing their flocks. The settler started to photograph the Palestinians who decided to move away the sheep. At 11:30 AM the same settler, followed by three Israeli soldiers, shown up from the Israeli cow barns and they ran after the Palestinian shepherds. During the pursuit the settler caught a Palestinian goat in the attempt to stop the entire flock. The settler, followed by the soldiers, chased the Palestinian shepherds for half an hour before giving up. Settler and soldiers patrolled Umm Zeitouna area for half an hour and then they left.

On March 15, at around 12:30 PM, the Civilian Security Coordinator of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on reached by car Khelly Valley in At Tuwani village, and stopped close to three young Palestinian children who were grazing their flock on Palestinian fields. On the car with the CSC there were also other two Israeli settlers. The Israeli settlers chased and pushed away the Palestinian children that were obliged to change direction. Later, the security man approached and spoke to one of the Palestinian children. After fifteen minutes, the Israeli settlers went away by car.

On March 15, a cultivated Palestinian field located in Humra Valley, At Tuwani village, just below the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on has been found poisoned. The Palestinian owner of the land arrived on the spot with two OD volunteers and he recognized the marks of the poison and the ongoing wilting process.

On March 15, at 11:05 AM, one Israeli settler (#6760928) from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on and one Israeli Army jeep reached the Palestinian hill of Shabel Shamsti, between Havat Ma'on and the Palestinian village of Tuba, where one Palestinian shepherd was grazing his sheep. As a Palestinian witness reported the settler and two Israeli soldiers went to the Palestinian shepherd forcing him to leave the area, claiming that he wasn't allowed to graze there, without showing any order. When the shepherd went away with his sheep at about 11:20 AM the Israeli soldiers and the settler left the spot.

On March 15, at 11:30 AM, one Israeli settler (#6760928) drove with his car from the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on to the Palestinian hill of Meshaha. A Palestinian shepherd who was grazing his sheep in the valley decided to move away the flock to avoid a confrontation with the settler. At about 11:45 AM, when the shepherd was far away, also the settler left the spot.

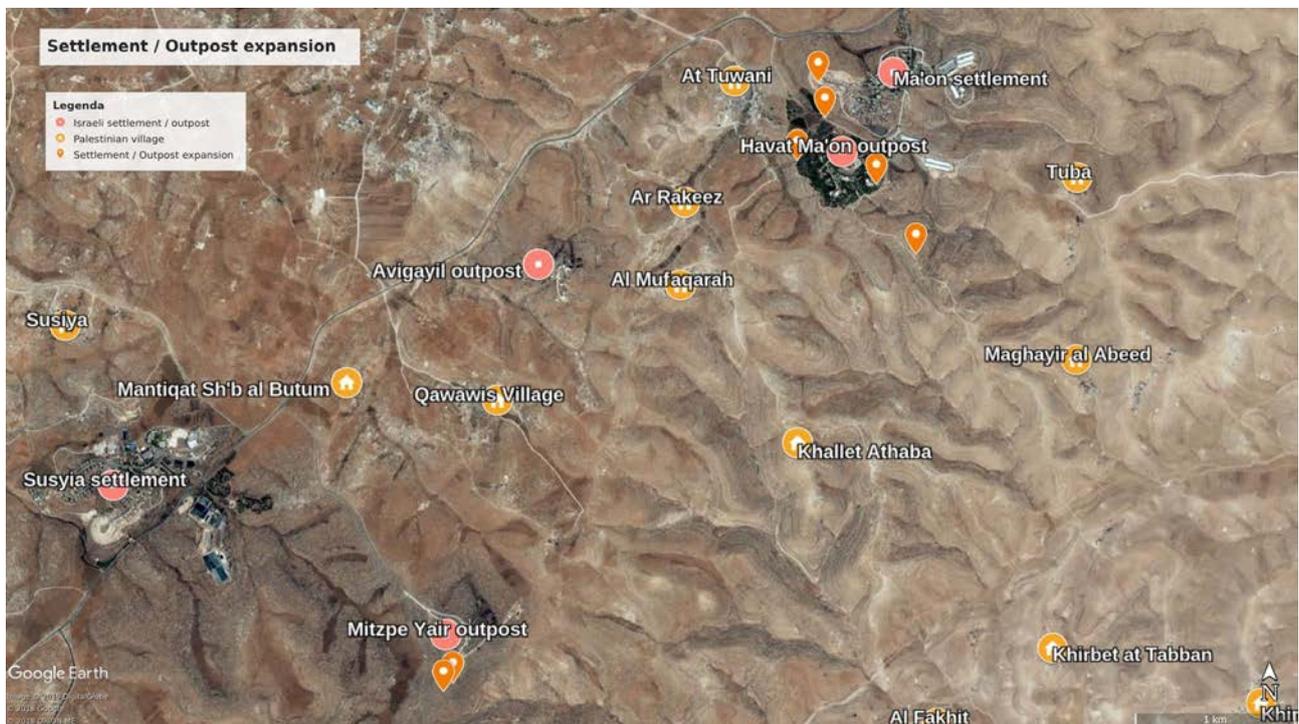
On March 23, at about 2 PM, one Israeli settler went out the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on and stopped close to the the edge of the wood, upper the Palestinian valley of Humra while 4 Palestinian shepherds were grazing their sheep. The settler took pictures of the Palestinian shepherds and after about forty minutes he started to scream to one Palestinian child shepherd. The Palestinian child started to walk with his sheep in Humra valley, in the direction of the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani, and the settler followed him from far, continuing to take pictures to him and to scream. At about 3:45 PM the Israeli settler returned inside the wood of Havat Ma'on.

On March 27, at about 2.40 PM, an Israeli settler came out of the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on in the direction of the Palestinian land of Humra Valley, where 4 Palestinian shepherds were grazing their flocks accompanied by 2 OD volunteers. The settler watched the shepherds for a while and then fired an home-made rocket for two times in the direction of 1 shepherd and 1 OD volunteer, scaring the sheep. The Palestinian shepherd went further down in the valley. At about 2:55 PM the Israeli settler left the spot.

On March 29, at around 12:40 PM, an Israeli civilian car stopped on the Bypass road 317 intimidating with its presence 3 Palestinian shepherds that were grazing in Umm Zeitouna area, close to the Bypass road. One Israeli settler went out of the car and started to use binoculars to watch the shepherds. After few minutes 2 Israeli Army jeep stopped next to

the Israeli car. The Palestinian shepherds decided to move far from the road because of the Israeli military and civilian presence. At about 12:55 PM the Israeli civilian car and the 2 Army jeep left the area.

Settlement expansion



On January 11, the OD volunteers observed evidence of new houses in the Israeli illegal outpost of Mitzpe Yair.

On February 2, OD volunteers observed settlers working the land and unloading pallets, plastic pipe and buckets near illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on, on the road to Old Havat Ma'on hill, near the settler van that is parked on the road.

On February 17, OD volunteers observed workers using earth moving equipment and working on a house under construction in the Israeli illegal outpost of Mitzpe Yair.

On February 21, the OD volunteers took evidence of Israeli settlers working on a new structure of the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on, on Meshaha side.

During the month of March, OD volunteers recorded the work of leveling of the land next to Khelly valley, beside the Palestinian road that connects the village of At-Tuwani to the village of Tuba, passing in between the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on and the settlement of Ma'on.

During the month of March, OD volunteers recorded the building of new houses in the west side of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on.

During the month of March, OD volunteers recorded the building of new structure in the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on, Humra side.

SCHOOL PATROL

This is the fifteenth continuous year during which the children from the Palestinian villages of Tuba and Maghayir Al-Abeed have needed a military escort in order to reach the school in At-Tuwani village safely. To get to school the children must walk along a road which once provided easy travel between the villages, but which now runs between the Israeli settlement of Ma'on and the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on. For the past fifteen years violent behavior by settlers from the outpost, the existence of which is illegal under both Israeli and International law, has made the road inaccessible to Palestinians. Even escorted by Israeli soldiers the schoolchildren continue to face the possibility of violence, harassment and intimidation as they walk to and from school. Under Israeli Knesset Committee for Children's Rights order, the military escort is responsible for protecting the children from settler violence and intimidation throughout their walk to school in the morning, and their return trip home in the afternoon. Operation Dove volunteers documented multiple instances in which the military escort failed to provide protection to the children, leaving them vulnerable to settler violence on several occasions during the first months of the 2019. Here below there are the most serious cases recorded:

On January 31, an Israeli settler from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on followed the Palestinian schoolchildren, before they reached the Israeli chicken barns, as they were returning to Tuba village after school. The settler threatened the children, shouting at them to get off the road. The children ran from the settler. The Israeli soldiers tasked with safely escorting the children past the outpost were present but did nothing to prevent the settler from threatening the children and preventing them from using the road.

On February 10 at about 7:45 AM an Israeli settler's car arrived from the upper part of the road connecting the Palestinian villages of Tuba and At Tuwani and stopped in front of two Palestinians who were walking in the opposite direction towards the Palestinian schoolchildren of Tuba village, who were walking on their way to school in At-Tuwani village. The schoolchildren were walking without a military escort because the escort had failed to arrive. The settler blocked the road and told the two Palestinians to go away while he took videos and pictures. The Israeli army escort arrived late and caught up with the children at about 7:54 AM. When the soldiers arrived the settler parked on the side of the road and the two Palestinians went back to the adjacent hill. The settler tried to convince the soldiers to do something about act that adult Palestinians had walked on the road in order to escort the children in the absence of the military escort, but the soldiers refused. The settler eventually left at about 8 AM. The children continued to school with the escort.

On March 4, in the afternoon, two International volunteers walked to Tuba village with the Palestinian schoolchildren. Some Israeli settlers stopped the military escort complained about the presence of non-Arab people on the street but were dismissed after a while.

On March 7, at about 2 PM, 9 Palestinian schoolchildren from the village of Tuba were waiting for the Israeli army to escort them back home from the village of Tuwani. They were accompanied by two other Palestinian youngsters from the nearby village. The Israeli Army did not show up and two Israeli settlers working the land in the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on scared the children shouting at them from the other side of the fence. They had to be escorted by OD volunteers who had called the Israeli Army numerous times.

On March 17, in the morning, the Israeli army escort did not show up at all. After several phone calls to the Israeli army base the Palestinian schoolchildren decided to walk alone. The OD volunteers and one Palestinian student from At Tuwani walked from the gate towards the chicken barns where the children where waiting the soldiers. OD volunteers and Palestinian schoolchildren walked back to the school in At Tuwani without consequences.

On March 28, in the afternoon, the Israeli army escort did not arrived. OD volunteers accompanied the Palestinian schoolchildren in the dangerous road between the Israeli settlement of Ma'on and Havat Ma'on outpost.

PALESTINIAN POPULAR STRUGGLE

On January 22 at around 10 AM in Umm al Shiaghan, in front of the Israeli illegal outpost of Avigayil, twelve Palestinian men and five children planted 120 olive trees. The action lasted til 2 PM. At around 2:30 PM the DCO arrived on the spot, after a brief talk with one Palestinian about their right of planting in the valley, the DCO left.

On January 25 at around 10 AM a delegation of the Israeli-Palestinian NGO “Combatants for Peace” arrived in At-Tuwani village and walked to to Humra Valley. Some Palestinian guys told the delegation stories about the settler violence in the area and shown the threats that Israeli settlers wrote down in the area some weeks before. In the valley they planted olives trees. Israeli DCO (#6406086) and army (#281686) looked at the action from the road nearby Havat Ma'on outpost, but they didn't interrupt the planting. At around 12 PM the group came back to At-Tuwani village, followed by the army jeep.

On February 2, at about 9 AM, a group of Palestinians gathered in the valley below the illegal Israeli outpost of Avigayil to prepare the ground for the planting of young olive trees. At about 11:40 AM an Israeli army jeep (#534203) and an army truck (#281698) arrived on the road above the valley and turned onto the area above the Palestinian village of Ar Rakeez. Most of the Palestinians who were present moved out of the valley to where the Israeli soldiers were parked. At about 11:47 AM a civilian car driven by soldiers (#2793878) arrived. At 11:53 AM the Israeli Civil Administration (#8179986) arrived. Soldiers and the DCO officers checked the maps and said to the landowner that Palestinians are allowed to work only in the bottom of the valley. At about 12:20 PM most of the Palestinians returned to the valley, and the soldiers and DCO followed them and continued to discuss the boundaries of the area in which they are allowed or not. The Israeli forces refused to allow some of the work in a slightly higher area of the valley. The soldiers and DCO, and most of the Palestinians, left the area at about 1:45 PM.

On February 6 at about 10:00 AM, a large group of residents of the Palestinian villages of At-Tuwani, Susiya and Yatta celebrated the inauguration of the newly reconstructed caves in the Palestinian village of Ar-Rakeez. Representatives of the local governing councils and the Palestinian Government took part in the event and spoke about the importance of resisting in a nonviolent way the Israeli occupation. Children presented a play in which they acted as nonviolent Palestinians shepherds responding to settlers and soldiers aggression.

On February 25, at about 12 PM, a group of about 50 Palestinians gathered on Palestinian land in Wadi al Hamra near the Israeli settlement of Pnei Hever in order to work the land and plant olive trees. Israeli soldiers and settlers were present on the spot when the group arrived. The Palestinians plowed the land and planted some olive trees. At about 1:30 PM the soldiers declared the area closed and the group left at about 2 PM.

On March 30 in the “Palestinian day of the land”, at 9:30 AM, about 35 Palestinians, 10 Israeli activists and 5 International activists attended a nonviolent action in the Palestinian valley of Khelly, nearby the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani. The plan was to plant some olive trees in the valley. After about twenty minutes Israeli force arrived on the spot and declared the area “close military zone”. Israeli soldiers and Border policeman started to push out of the valley in a violent way all the Palestinians, in order to push them back in At-Tuwani village. At about 11 AM all the participants at the demonstration left the spot, whereas the Israeli forces remained there.