

# REPORT

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## Human Rights Violations and Popular Struggle in South Hebron Hills

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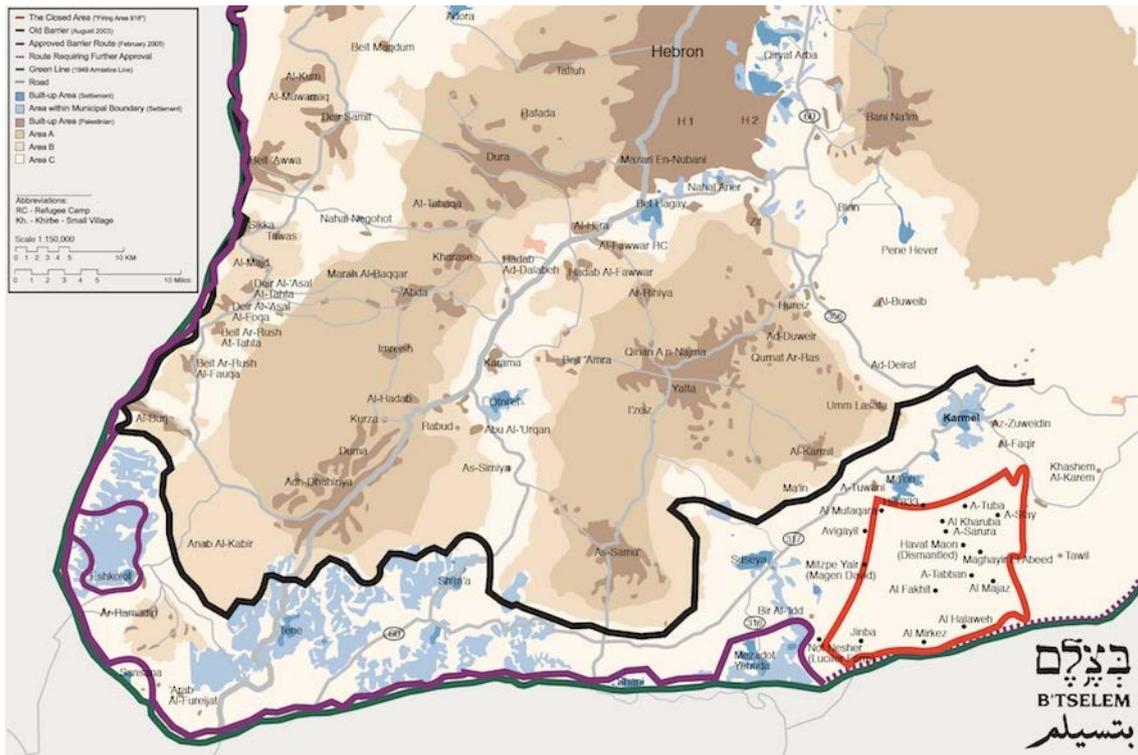
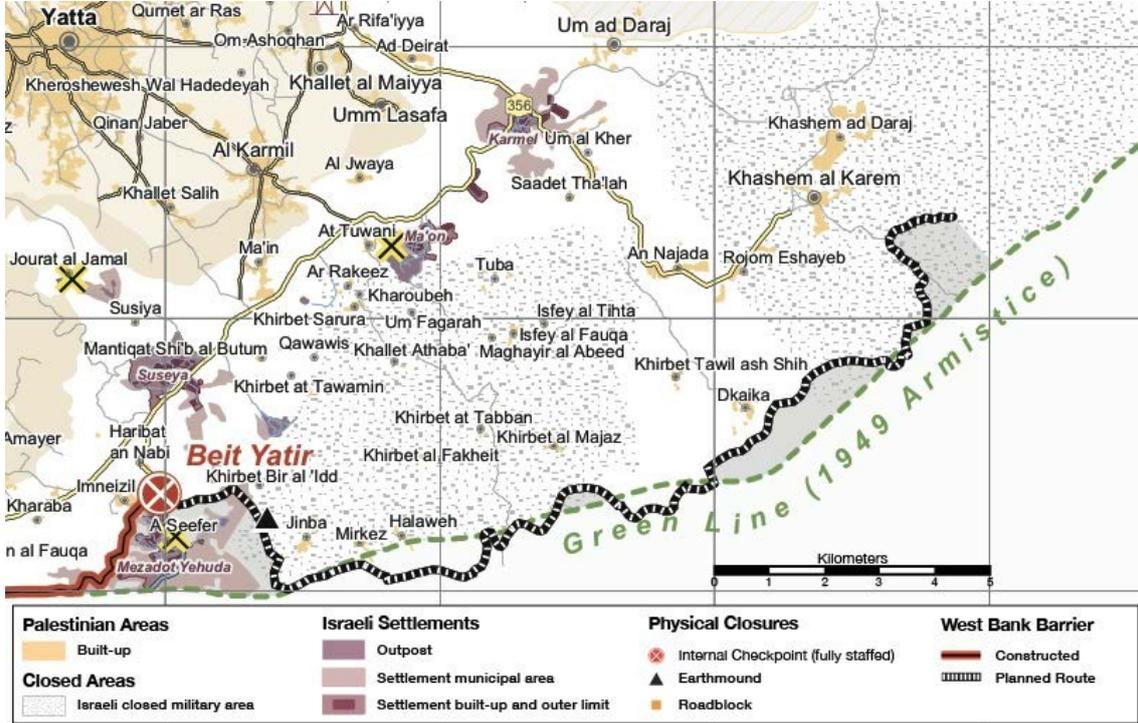
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## OVERVIEW

During the months of April, May and June 2019, Operation Dove volunteers recorded around 20 incidents of harassment and 6 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. On April 20, the Israeli soldiers fired stun grenades to scatter some Palestinian farmers who were harvesting on their own fields near Havat Ma'on Israeli illegal outpost.

Israeli army raided Sarura Palestinian villages for three times (April 12, April 15, April 16), taking pictures, questioning the Palestinian human rights activists and threatening them to arrest if they did not quit their presence in the village. Overnight Israeli military raids happened two times in At Tuwani village, on May 13 and 17, during the month of Ramadan. Israeli soldiers searched Palestinian houses preventing OD volunteers from getting close for monitoring the military activities.

Eight Palestinians, some of them minors, one Israeli and 16 International human rights activists have been arrested by Israeli armed forces during the three months surveyed. In two cases, during the Israeli military operations, Palestinians have needed hospitalization (At Tuwani, April 20; Khallet Attabha, June 17).

OD volunteers recorded 9 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 April 23, Israeli forces closed the above-mentioned road from 10:30 AM until 6 PM, preventing all the Palestinian vehicles from traveling from and to the city of Yatta.

During the period surveyed the Israeli Civil Administration (DCO) officers delivered 16 demolition orders to different Palestinian construction in the villages of Ar Rakeez and Al Mufaqrara. Israeli armed forces demolished 15 Palestinian structures, mainly rooms or tents for residential use and animal shelters. In a couple of cases Israeli soldiers during the demolition seized Palestinian building materials. On June 12, Israeli bulldozer destroyed a Palestinian agricultural garden in Kashem Al Daraj village.

OD volunteers recorded ten harassment and one attack by Israeli settlers against the Palestinian population in the area. On April 13, five Israeli masked settlers from Havat

Ma'on outpost attacked with stones one Palestinian women and her children who were in the backyard in their house in At Tuwani village. On April 25, an Israeli settler from Havat Ma'on tried to poison a Palestinian well in Humra valley, At Tuwani village. The Israeli soldiers who were patrolling the area refused to listen the complain of the Palestinian landowners who witnessed the attempting of poisoning.

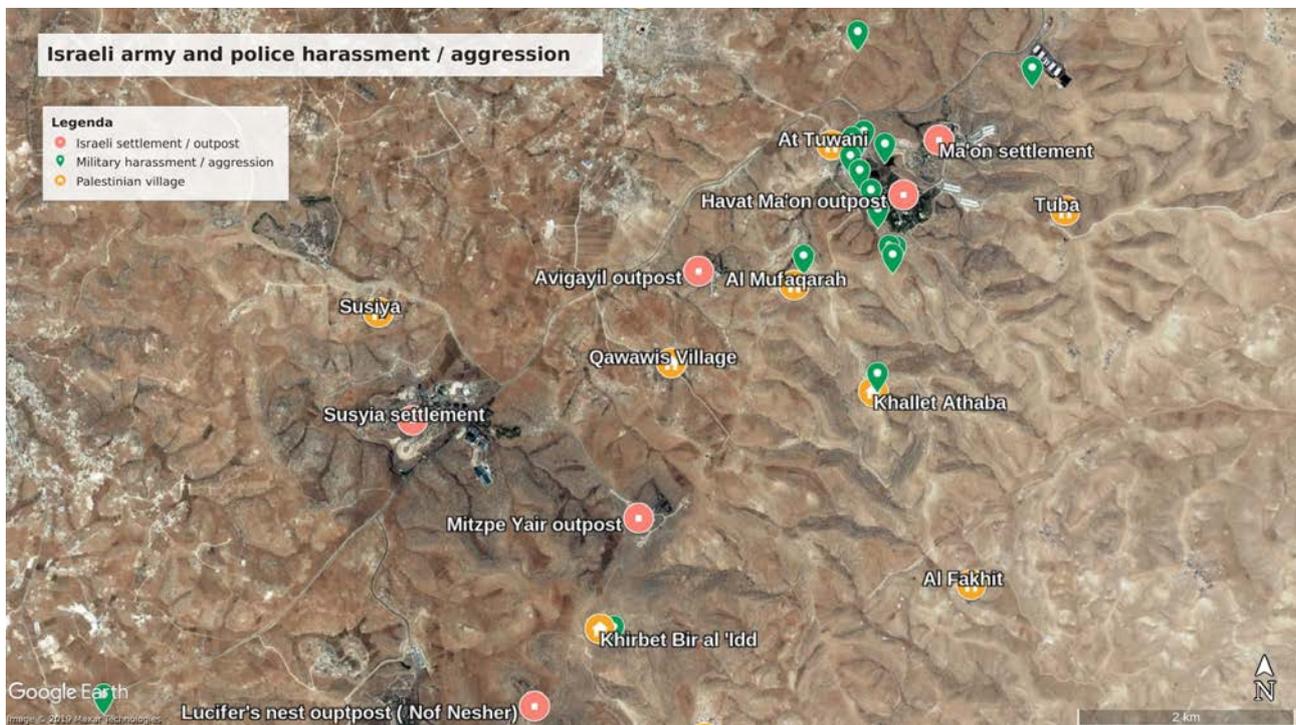
In this three-months period OD volunteers recorded several expansion works and building of new houses in the Israeli settlement of Ma'on and in the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on.

In the three months surveyed the Israeli military escort failed to arrive for 7 times, putting in danger the Palestinian children who have been forced to walk alone in the dangerous roads around or in between Ma'on settlement and Havat Ma'on outpost, only accompanied by OD volunteers or other young Palestinians. On May 16, a Israeli settler from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on prevented Palestinian children from walking back home. The children were alone because the Israeli military escort was late. In two cases (April 9, June 26) Israeli soldiers prevented Palestinian youth from monitoring with the OD volunteers the military escort.

In At Tuwani village there have been one nonviolent action of planting olive trees in a Palestinian valley often object of settler vandalism. The Israeli forces declared the "closed military area" and arrested one Palestinian youth, one Israeli activist and two OD volunteers.

# ISRAELI ARMY AND POLICE

## Military harassment and aggression



On April 11, according to Palestinian witness, a Palestinian man was arrested by the Israeli armed forces close to the Palestinian village of Jawwaya.

On April 12, around 3:10 PM, one Israeli soldiers car (#790369) and one Israeli DCO car (#6406086) arrived in the Palestinian village of Sarura, where a Palestinian family was having lunch in one of the caves. The Israeli soldiers and DCO officers went down to the cave of the Palestinian human rights activists of Sumud Freedom Camp and they took pictures of the cave. The Palestinian who were in the next cave went to speak with the soldiers and then also Palestinian activists of Sarura arrived. The Israeli forces left the spot at about 3:35 PM.

On April 15, at about 2 PM, the Israeli armed forces arrived in the Palestinian village of Sarura. The Israeli soldiers took pictures inside and outside one of the cave of the village. The soldiers questioned one Palestinian activist about the people who are living in Sarura village. Then the Israeli forces left the spot.

On April 16, around 12:30 PM, according to a Palestinian witnesses, a group of Israeli DCO officers arrived at the Palestinian village of Sarura to take pictures of one of the caves. The DCO officers also threatened the Palestinians present in the village to quit the Sumud Freedom Camp. At about 1:15 PM the DCO officers left the spot.

On April 19, at about 2 PM, three Palestinian shepherds were grazing their flock in Umm Zeitouna valley, nearby the Palestinian village of Tuba and the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, when an Israeli army jeep reached the spot. The jeep stopped on the Bypass road 317 and drove inside the cow barns in the direction of the shepherds. The Palestinian shepherds decided to move their sheep away from the area.

On April 20, at around 2 PM, an Israeli army jeep (#281686) arrived in the Palestinian valley of Khelly, nearby the Palestinian village of At Tuwani, where a group of Palestinians were gathering. The Israeli soldiers tried to arrest a Palestinian man without any clear reason and, when he ran away, they chased him pointing their guns against the village. Later on, they turned their attention against another Palestinian man, and they violently arrested him without giving any justification. At 2:30 PM another Israeli army jeep (#790369), and a group of Israeli activists, reached the spot. Some minutes later, they detained and then released a Palestinian man who was taking pictures and recording. At 2:45 PM, the soldiers declared, talking in Hebrew and in Arabic language, a closed military area. Then the soldiers chased and arrested 2 OD volunteers and one Israeli activist while they were walking away from the area. Also an Israeli police car (#42125) and another Israeli army car (#274023) arrived in the area. An Israeli border police car reached the village and the OD volunteers were forced to go with the Israeli policemen at the Kyriat Arba police station at around 3 PM.

On April 26, at around 4 PM, a Palestinian farmer was harvesting his field with his family in the Palestinian valley of Humra, At Tuwani village, when Israeli soldiers arrived and told him to go away because he was too close to the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on. The Israeli soldiers left the area and, around 5 PM, another Israeli army car (#281686) arrived on the spot. The Israeli soldiers told to the Palestinian farmer to leave the field, showing him a map. The Israeli soldiers also checked the tractor of the Palestinian farmer. Some Palestinians from the village of At Tuwani reached the valley and around 5:40 PM another army jeep car (#790369) was on the spot. When all the Palestinians were coming back in the direction of the Palestinian village of At Tuwani, Israeli soldiers tried to arrest one Palestinian, also throwing two sound bombs. The Israeli forces warned Palestinians inhabitants of At Tuwani to leave the area. More Israeli soldier cars (#655131, #534203, #274017) and Israeli police car (#665564) arrived on the spot around 6:30 PM. After around 10 minutes the Israeli police declared closed military area and fired tear gas to push the Palestinians out of the valley. One of the tear gas canisters hit a Palestinian old woman who was transferred to the hospital by an ambulance at around 7 PM. Israeli DCO car arrived in At Tuwani village and the officers spoke privately with two Palestinians to understand what happened. Israeli armed forces left the area at around 7:30 PM.

On May 3, at around 10 AM, around 125 Palestinian, Israeli and International activists were fixing a Palestinian road in Bir Al Idd village as part of a nonviolent action, when the Israeli army and Israeli police arrived on the spot and told the people to leave. After a few

minutes the Israeli army declared closed military area and give to the activists 10 minutes to leave otherwise they would start to arrest everyone inside the area. The activists on the spot decided to continue to work at the road and after a while Israeli forces started throwing sound bombs and violently arresting 3 Palestinian activists, one of which under 18, and 14 Internationals. At about 12 PM all the Israeli forces left the area.

On May 7, around 12:45 PM, an Israeli army car and an Israeli bulldozer went to the Palestinian land of Sahlrt Maraqa. The bulldozer started digging the ground to look for water pipes, damaging the Palestinian fields. On the spot there was also an Israeli civil car. All the people left the area at around 14:30 PM.

On May 13, around 12:05 AM, two Israeli army cars (#274023, #790369) burst into the Palestinian village of At Tuwani and went into a Palestinian house, asking for ID cards to the people who were inside the house. Then the soldiers moved to another Palestinian house, asking for ID cards and searching the house, preventing people to get closer or inside the house, where children and women were sleeping. The Israeli army left at around 12:55 AM.

On May 13, at 12:30 PM, an Israeli DCO car and an Israeli army car went to the Palestinian village of Al Mufaqarah to take pictures of Palestinian houses.

On May 16, around 10 AM, two Israeli DCO cars (#3305037, #9957334) went to the Palestinian village of As Samu' and took pictures of the area with a drone.

On May 17, around 11:15 PM, two Israeli army cars (#700920) burst into the Palestinian village of At Tuwani and went into a Palestinian house, asking for ID cards to the people who were inside. The soldiers prevented anyone from approaching the Palestinian house to monitor the military activities. The Israeli army left at 11:35 PM.

On May 19, at around 5 PM, an Israeli Border Police car (#66567) and an Israeli army car (#790486) reached Al Mufaqara Palestinian village. The soldiers stopped a Palestinian car and, after a check, they threaten the driver to confiscate the vehicle. When Palestinian and International activists arrived on the spot the Israeli forces moved away, at around 5.30 PM.

On May 28, at around 8.15 AM, an Israeli armed forces convoy composed by 3 bulldozers, a police car (#655655), 2 army car (#534531, #275017) and 4 DCO car (#9957334, #25834201) went to the Palestinian village of Jawwaya. The bulldozers started digging the ground looking for water pipes, damaging the Palestinian fields. 4 Palestinian activists were also present on the spot. Israeli forces left the village at around 10 AM.

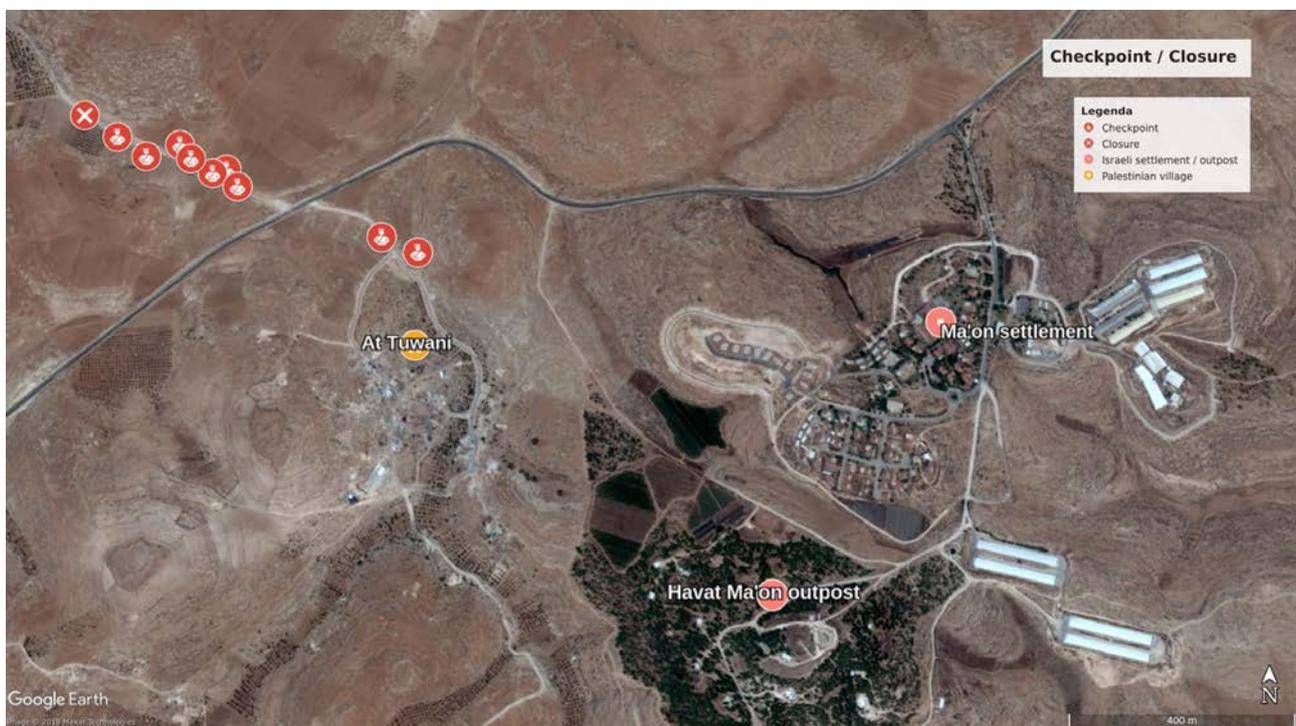
On June 17, during the demolitions in the Palestinian village of Khamat Attabha, an Israeli soldier hit a Palestinian man who was later transferred to the hospital.

On June 20, in the morning, Israeli army alongside with settlers coming from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on prevented Palestinian shepherds from grazing in Humra

Valley Palestinian land. The soldiers scared the flocks away and tried to arrest the Palestinian landowners.

On June 25, at around 11 AM, two Israeli soldiers came near the Sumud Freedom Garden in the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani and they started questioning three Palestinians, one of them minor. The soldiers, pushed by Havat Ma'on's settlers who were present in the area, accused the Palestinians of accessing a forbidden area. The three Palestinians, followed by the soldiers, moved to the Sumud Freedom Garden, where were standing other Palestinians. In the meanwhile another six Israeli soldiers reached the spot. The soldiers started to check the Palestinian IDs and after a couple of minutes they brutally arrested the three Palestinians, pushing and hitting Palestinian women and child who were on the spot. The soldiers took the Palestinians inside the Army jeeps (#790463, #790769) and they left the place at 11:20 AM. Some soldiers remained on the spot and assaulted another Palestinian children. At 11:30 AM, all the people left the spot.

## Checkpoints and closures



On April 20, at 11:47 AM, an Israeli Police car (#42149) set up a check point on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. When OD volunteers arrived on the spot the policemen were checking one Palestinian car. Later they stopped one truck and a Palestinian car, slowly checking the documents of the drivers. The Israeli Police left at 12:21 PM.

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On April 21, Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the Palestinian road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh.

On April 22, at 07:48 AM, an Israeli Army car (#281686) set up a checkpoint on the Palestinian road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. When OD volunteers arrived, the soldiers were checking one Palestinian car. The Israeli soldiers left at 8 AM.

On April 23, at about 10:30 AM, the Israeli Army closed the road that connects the Palestinian village of At Tuwani to the village of Al Birkeh. The Israeli forces prevented Palestinians from reaching the city of Yatta all day long, until 6 PM.

On May 4, at around 2 PM, Israeli policemen (#794083) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The police checked two Palestinian cars and then they left at 2:17 PM.

On May 9, at 12.15 AM, Israeli soldiers set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The soldiers stood inside the concrete blocks, until 12.50 PM, when an Israeli army car (#794101) picked them up and took them away.

On May 10, at around 3 PM, two Israeli Army cars (#790369, #2740239) set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The soldiers stopped and searched 44 Palestinian cars and 6 Palestinians walking. Another Israeli army car reached the spot at 3.10 PM. The checkpoint lasted until 4:30 PM.

On May 11, at around 9 PM, an Israeli army car set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Al Birkeh. The army stopped 7 Palestinian cars. OD volunteers left the checkpoint at around 9:45 PM.

On May 12, at around 9:15 AM, Israeli soldiers (#65608) set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The soldiers stopped and checked 3 Palestinian cars. The army left the place at around 10 AM.

On May 17, at around 10:40 AM, the Israeli army (#702469) set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. At 12:40 AM another 2 Israeli army cars (#239516, #239650) reached the spot. The soldiers stopped and searched 19 Palestinian cars. The army left the spot at around 1:45 PM.

## Demolitions and stop working orders



On April 7, at about 10:30 AM, Israeli DCO officers and soldiers went to the Palestinian villages of Al Mufaqqara and Ar Rakeez to deliver fifteen demolition orders regarding houses, tents, bathrooms and caravans.

On April 16, an Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Susiya to demolish one tent and one animal shelter.

On April 18, an Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Susiya to demolish one tent that was just being rebuilt.

On May 1, the Israeli armed forces demolished one house in the Palestinian village of Ad Deirat.

On May 1, the Israeli armed forces demolished a residential tent in the Palestinian village of Susiya.

On May 2, the Israeli armed forces confiscated a residential tent in the Palestinian village of Susiya.

On May 2, an Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Umm al Kheir where the soldiers demolished a sheep shelter. During the demolition an old Palestinian man was detained for more than half an hour by Israeli police.

On May 13, an Israeli forces convoy reached the Palestinian village of Al Mufaqarah to deliver a demolition order for an house.

On May 16, at 9:22 AM, an Israeli armed forces convoy composed by 2 Israeli DCO cars (#9957334, #3305037), 2 Israeli army cars (#274023, #655131), 2 Israeli police cars (#665564, #665562) reached the Palestinian village of Susiya to demolish a tent for the fifth time. The convoy then left the spot at 10 AM.

On June 12, the Israeli army demolished one caravan in the Palestinian village of Umm Al Kheir.

On June 12, the Israeli army demolished an animal shelter and an agricultural garden in the Palestinian village of Kashem Al Daraj.

On June 17, in the morning, the Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the Palestinian village of Khallet Atthaba.

On June 17, in the morning, the Israeli army demolished 3 Palestinian structures in the Palestinian village of Halaweh.

On June 24, at around 9:30 AM, the Israeli armed forces (DCO #9958034, #9957334; Army #790369, #534203, #655131) reached Al Mufaqara Palestinian village. The soldiers confiscated some building materials used to build a tent for residential use. At around 10 AM, the Israeli forces left the area.

# ISRAELI SETTLERS

## Settler harassment and aggression



On April 7, at around 2 PM, an Israeli settler coming from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on verbally harassed a Palestinian woman who was walking in Meshaha valley, on her way to the Palestinian village of Tuba. The woman was accompanied by 2 OD volunteers.

On April 8, at about 12 PM, an Israeli settler drove by car (#7102623) 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 the flock away to avoid a confrontation with the settler. The settler drove back to Havat Ma'on and came back to Meshaha twice. At about 1:08 PM, when the shepherd was far away, the settler left the spot.

On April 9, at about 11 AM, an Israeli settler car drove out of the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on on the road that leads to Old Havat Ma'on hill. The car stopped on the top of the hill and two settlers approached a Palestinian shepherd who was grazing his flock nearby. The settlers told the shepherd to leave the area and then left. After a few minutes the settlers came back with an Israeli soldiers car (#281686). The cars stopped before approaching the hill and two Israeli soldiers went inside the settler's car. They approached again the

Palestinian shepherd, intimidating him to go away from that area. The shepherd left the spot and after a few minutes, at about 11:24 AM also the settlers and Israeli soldiers went back to Havat Ma'on outpost.

On April 11, at about 10 AM an Israeli settler was grazing his flock on Palestinian land in Bir Al Idd Palestinian village. As Palestinian reported, the Israeli army arrived on spot and asked information about the situation without intervening, the settler suddenly harassed two Palestinians with a horse, the army tried to calm him down. Israeli Civil Administration arrived on the spot, when it was asked to intervene because the settler was on Palestinian land the Israeli Civil Administrations answer they were not sure about who could stay on the disputed land. At around 11:30 AM Palestinians left the spot.

On April 13, at around 11:45 AM, a Palestinian farmer was driving his tractor on the Palestinian valley of Kharrouba, At Tuwani village, when two Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on reached him and started yelling at him from the Palestinian hill of Meshaha. After a few minutes the Israeli army arrived on the spot from Meshaha Hill, where they parked (#702718). The Palestinian farmer continued on his way and the Israeli settlers went to the Palestinian valley of Humra, followed by the Israeli army and two Israeli young settlers. On the spot, at around 12:05 PM, arrived 5 Israeli human rights activists and two Palestinian activists and two Israeli army jeep (#790486, #790369). The Israeli activists and the Palestinian activists tried to move away the Israeli settlers from the Palestinian valley of Humra. Everyone moved then to the upper part of Kharrouba valley and after a few minutes the Israeli settlers, Israeli activists and Palestinian activists left the spot. In the end also a DCO officers car (#6406086) arrived and talked with the soldiers.

On April 13, around 6:15 PM, five Israeli settlers from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on came to the first house of the Palestinian village of At Tuwani and threw stones to the house and to the Palestinian women and children who were outside the house. The Israeli settlers, who were masked, ran back to the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on when other Palestinian people reached the house.

On April 24, a Palestinian family was harvesting in the Palestinian valley of Umm Zeitouna when two Israeli settlers reached them and started taking pictures of them. The Israeli settlers told the Palestinian family to go away and started following them while calling the Israeli army forces.

On April 25, at around 2:15 PM, an Israeli settler from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on went to the Palestinian valley of Humra and tried to poison the well while an Israeli soldier was waiting him nearby. When a Palestinian farmer saw the attempt of poisoning the Israeli settler ran away from the valley. The settler went back to the outpost and after a few minutes came out followed by Israeli soldiers. The Palestinian farmer tried to report the incident to the soldiers but they told him to shut up. Also an Israeli soldiers car (#281686) and more Israeli settlers reached the spot. The Israeli soldiers remained with the settlers on the spot until 3 PM.

On May 7, at around 4 PM, 3 young and 1 adult Israeli settlers were escorted by 3 Israeli soldiers and an Israeli army car (#281698) from the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on to

the illegal Israeli outpost of Avigaiyl. They passed throughout the Palestinian villages of Sarura and Al Mufaḡara. When 3 Palestinian human rights activists asked for explanations, the Israeli soldiers answered them in Hebrew, refusing to speak with them in English or Arabic.

On May 9, at around 3 PM, a group of 7 Israeli settlers were escorted by an Israeli army car from the illegal Israeli outpost of Avigaiyl to the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on. They passed throughout the Palestinian villages of Sarura and Al Mufaḡara and in between of the Palestinian hill of Kharrouba and the Palestinian valley of Humra.

## Settlement expansion



On April 10, OD volunteers recorded the works of leveling land near the cherry orchard of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. The place is located 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 April, OD volunteers recorded the building of a new structure in the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, near the cherry orchard.

During the month of April, OD volunteers recorded the building of a new structure in the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on, Meshaha Hill side.

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

On June 22, OD volunteers recorded the building of a new road outside the illegal Israeli outpost of Havat Ma'on, Humra side.

On June 24, OD volunteers recorded works on the ground in the greenhouses near Ma'on's cherry orchard, close to Havat Ma'on Israeli illegal outpost.

On June 26, OD volunteers recorded the building of new house in the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, west 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 three months surveyed. Here below there are the most serious cases recorded:

On April 4, in the morning and in the afternoon the Israeli army escort did not show up at all. In the morning, after several phone calls to the Israeli army base and one hour of wait in a dangerous place, the Palestinian schoolchildren decided to walk alone taking the long path that runs around the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on. In the afternoon the Palestinian students walked back home alone on the short path, accompanied only by two young Palestinian human rights activists.

On April 9, after the end of the school, two Israeli soldiers tried to push away from the At Tuwani's meeting point Palestinian activists and OD volunteers who were monitoring the school run.

On May 16, in the morning, the Israeli military escort didn't arrive. The Palestinian schoolchildren were forced to walk alone on the longest and dangerous path around the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on.

On May 16, at 12 PM, a Israeli settler from the Israeli illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on prevented 6 Palestinian children from walking through the Palestinian road that connects the Palestinian villages of At Tuwani and Tuba. The Israeli settler stopped the children and yelled to them that they could not use that road without the Israeli military escort. The children had to walk back to the beginning of the road until an Israeli army car ( #281686) arrived and escorted them through the road at 12:23 PM.

On June 22, in the afternoon, the military escort did not show up, forcing the Palestinian children to walk back to Tuba village through the long path. They were escorted by Israeli

and Palestinian activist while two OD volunteers remained in Kharrouba Hill, controlling the road.

On June 24, in the morning, the children waited the military escort but the Israeli Army did not arrive. Therefore, the children walked alone from Tuba to Tuwani village through the long path.

On June 24, in the afternoon, the military escort did not arrive. The children walked back home through the long road, accompanied by one Palestinian human right activist and two OD volunteers.

On June 26, in the morning, the Israeli soldiers did not arrive. The children walked from Tuba to Tuwani village escorted by Palestinian human rights activists.

On June 26, at 11:20 AM, an Israeli army car ( #281686) arrived in At-Tuwani Palestinian village, for escorting the Palestinian schoolchildren through the road that connects At Tuwani to the Palestinian village of Tuba. Three soldiers went out from the jeep and ordered a Palestinian activist to leave immediately the spot, threatening to not accompany the children. After few minutes of discussion, the Israeli Army decided to escort the children, but three soldiers remained at the meeting point with the Palestinian activist and the OD volunteers. The Israeli soldiers left the spot at around 12 PM.

## **PALESTINIAN POPULAR STRUGGLE**

On April 20, at around 11 AM, Palestinians alongside with Israeli activist and a group of internationals attended a nonviolent action in the Palestinian valley of Khelly, in the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani, planting olive trees. The Israeli army arrived on the spot at around 2 PM. they tried to prevent the action declaring a closed military area. Then, the Israeli soldiers arrested one Palestinian guy, an Israeli activist and two OD volunteers.