

**Media Freedoms Violations in Palestine/ during the first half of 2016**

**Israeli Violations increased around 17% while Palestinian violations dropped**

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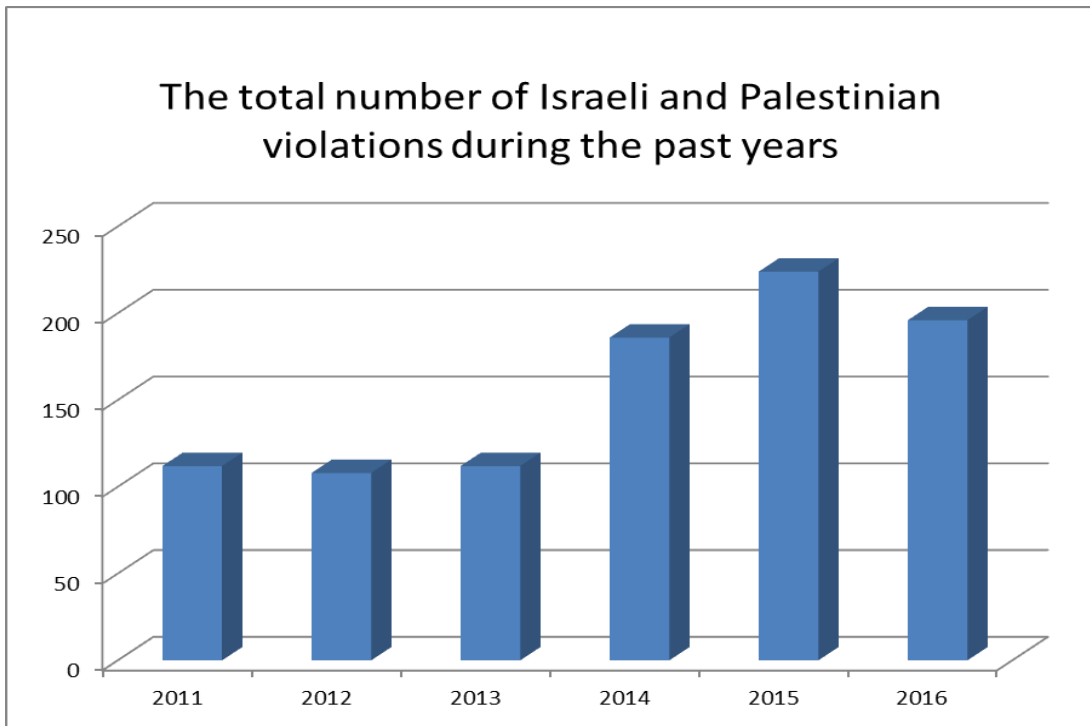
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The first half of 2016, media freedoms in Palestine witnessed a decline in number of violations and assaults compared to what was monitored the same period last year in 2015.

However, total number of violations (Israeli and Palestinian) monitored against media freedoms declined from 224 violations in the first half of 2015, to 198 violations in the first half of 2016 a rate of 12%.

**The Overall Israeli and Palestinian violations during the first half of past years:**

The first half of	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total number of violations	112	108	112	186	224	198



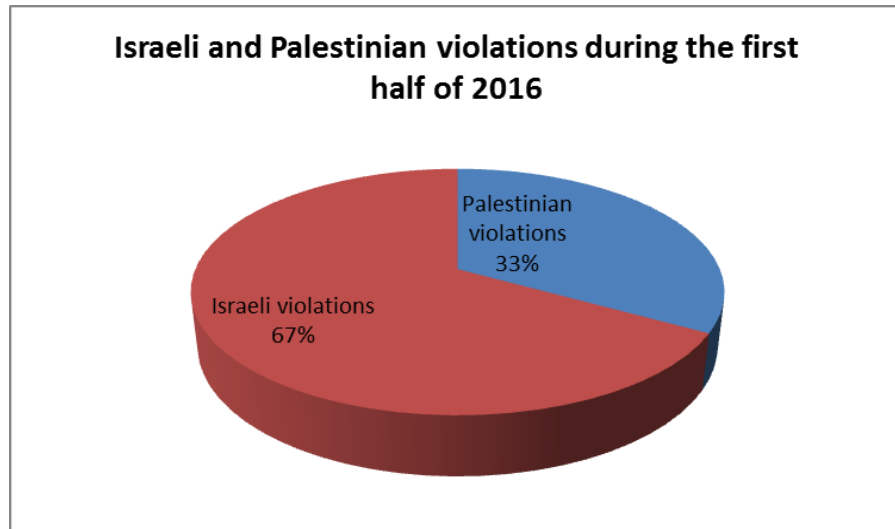
In addition to the total number of violations (Israeli and Palestinian) abovementioned, the Guards and assistants of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki -moon on 28/6 prevented at least 10 journalists from covering a press conference held in Gaza Strip during his visit, although journalists submitted their names to arrange their attendance in advance.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note: There has been no listing or calculating of this violation within any of the figures and statistics contained in this report.

The main cause of decrease in total number of violations recorded during the first half of 2016, backs to the significant decline of Palestinian violations, noting that Israeli violations are still occurring on a fast pace, a new escalation took place in comparison with violations monitored throughout the same period last year 2015.

Moreover, throughout the past years, and since the Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms "MADA " started monitoring and documenting violations against media freedoms; for more than a decade, Israeli violations are considered as the most grave and dangerous against media freedoms, even in terms of numbers Israeli violations are still recording the highest rate, nevertheless, during the first half of the year 2016 Israeli violations escalated according to what was recorded in most of the past few years (topped to 67% of total violations monitored and documented, compared to 33% committed by Palestinian apparatuses ).



The Apportionment of total number of violations recorded during the first half of 2015 was approximately close, as total number of Israeli violations back then were around 53% compared to 47% committed by Palestinians, hence in a comparison of violations recorded in the first half of 2016 it shows a loose gap between the Israeli and Palestinian violations as a direct result of the dramatic decline in Palestinian violations with the continuous escalation of Israeli violations.

Whilst, numbers of Israeli violations monitored by “MADA”, during the first half of 2016 escalated approximately 17% and Palestinian violations

monitored in (West Bank and Gaza Strip) declined 41%, making the total number of violations recorded during the first half of 2016 decline around 12%.

## Israeli and Palestinian violations during the first half of 2016/ Type

Type of Violation	Israel	Palestine
Physical assault/ injuries	33	3
Arrestment /detention-administrative detention-torture	23	12
detention / interrogation	15	4
Summoning	5	7
Interrogating/ summoning	5	24
Confiscating/ withholding equipment	17	5
Damaging equipment/vehicles	3	0
Raiding houses/ Institution	4	1
Banning from travel	2	0
Blocking site – piracy – jamming	0	1
Threat	5	3
Bann from movement to West Bank	1	0
Denied license	0	1

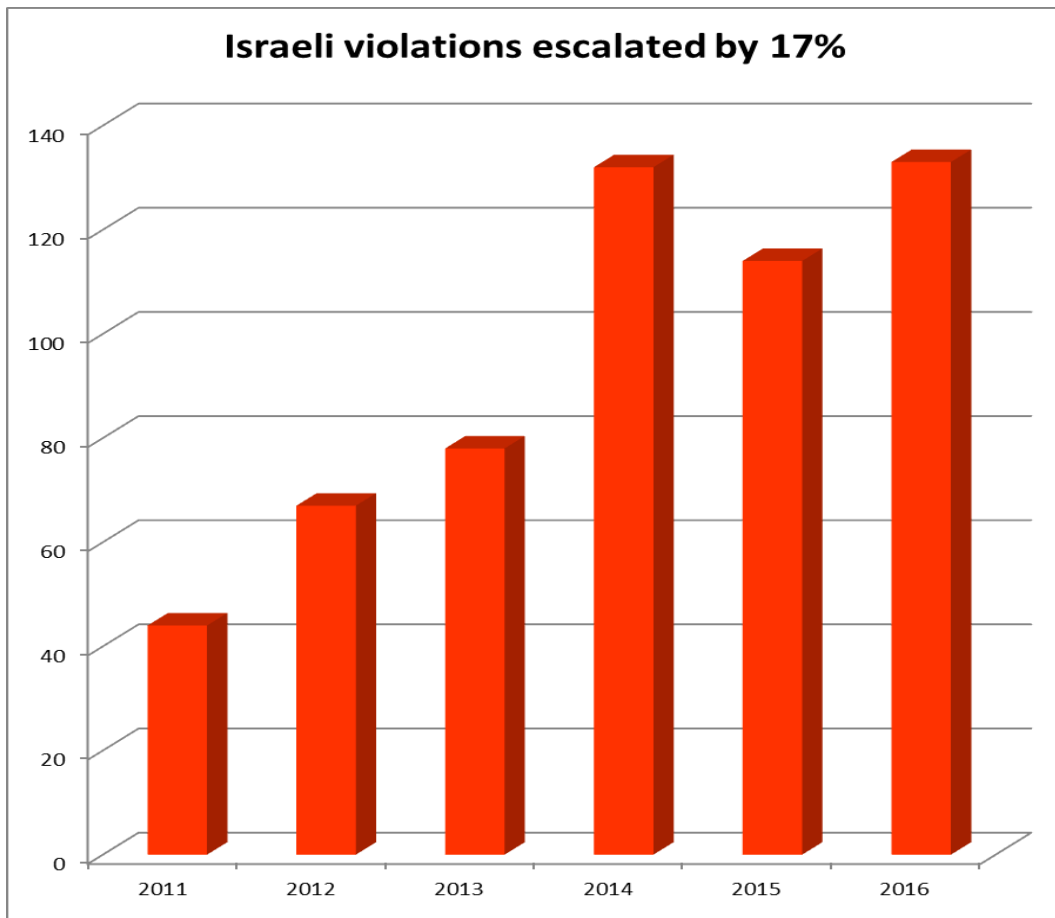
Prevent from coverage	16	2
Bail	1	0
Defamation–incitement	0	2
Institutions shut down	2	0
Execution	1	0
Total	133	65

**Israeli Violations:**

Besides, the severity and brutally of most of the Israeli violations, when monitoring the frequency of media freedoms violations committed by Israeli Occupation, if monitoring all data during the period this report covers (first half of 2016) we notice that Israeli occupation commits each month around 11 violations against media freedoms, in contrast to Palestinian violations where the rate drops to 4.5 violations.

## Israeli Violations during the past few years

<b>first half of the past few years</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>total violations</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>133</b>





The murder of a media student in Al-Quds University Iyad Omar Sajdieh was the most serious amongst all violations committed by Israeli occupation during the first half of 2016.

Sajdieh got injured on the 29/ February 2016, with a bullet in the head fired by Israeli Occupation Forces, while he was on the roof top of his apartment in Qalandiya Refugee camp, which led to his death after two days (1<sup>st</sup> of March) in the hospital.

Israeli occupation committed 15 different types of violations but mainly focused on five major types: *(physical attacks, arrests, confiscation of equipment and prevention of coverage and detention)*.

Five types aforementioned combined a total of 104 out of 133 entire Israeli violations or 78% of the total Israeli violations that have been monitored during the first six months of 2016.

A closer look at all types of violations that Israeli occupation commits on a large scale against media freedoms, the policies and practices on how Israeli authorities deal with media freedoms in Palestine and their attempt to silent the Palestinians voices that aims to reveal and expose all systematic attacks by IOF against Palestinians, as in the first place they

have been using Physical assaults against journalists (through shooting and targeting them using (stun grenades, tear gas bombs or even hitting) or through arrestment, detention, confiscating equipment, and prevent from coverage which represents a clear evidence of their deliberate and systematic attempts and violations to hinder the truth and prevent Palestinian journalists revealing the reality, which is their main purpose that lies behind all these systematic attacks and violations against media freedoms and journalists in Palestine.

## Types of Israeli violations during the first half of 2016

Number	Type of Violation	total
1	Physical assault/ injuries–beating	33
2	Arrestment /detention–administrative detention– torture	23
3	Confiscating/ withholding equipment	17
4	Prevent from coverage	16
5	detention / interrogation	15
6	Summoning	5
7	Interrogating/ summoning	5
8	Threat	5
9	Raiding houses/ Institution	4
10	Damaging equipment/vehicles	3
11	Banning from travel	2
12	Institutions shut down	2
13	Execution	1
14	Bann from movement across the West	1

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15	Bail	1
	Total	133

However, on the ladder of risk, and following the murder of a media student lyad Omar Sajdieh, journalists were exposed to 33 physical injuries including (bullets, stun grenades, tear gas bombs, or through beating) rather than the closure of two media institutions offices, after destructing and confiscating its contents, in addition to the arrest and detention of 23 journalists and media workers, during the past six months covered in this report.

A troop of IOF on 11/03/2016 raided the headquarters of " Palestine today TV" and " Trans- Media " company; both are located in Al-Bireh/ West Bank, throughout the operation they destructed and confiscated its contents, in addition to arresting two of its workers, in conjunction IOF arrested director of Palestine Today TV office in the West Bank Farouq Elyyat, from his house in Birzeit town (north of Ramallah) he was detained until 31/03/2016 he was released.

The severity of injuries that targeted journalists males/ females during their daily work, for example, the photographer of Anatolia Agency in Bethlehem Hisham Abu Shakra who was injured with bullet-type Tutu that led to a (slight break) in his leg on 02/05/2016 where he stayed for four days in the hospital, while Shihab agency photographer and Al-Quds Media Saeed Alrukon was exposed to a series of assaults by Israeli Occupation Police in East Jerusalem including (beating, spayed with pepper gas and detained in Al-Quds Police station and interrogated rather than confiscating his camera before releasing him) on 30/03/2016, however, *inter-alia*, shows the impact of these brutal assaults on the ability of journalists to carry out their professional duty rather than impeding them from performing their duties, and ousting them from the field for varied periods as the above two cases show.

These types of assaults have led to spreading fear among journalists, accordingly such systematic attacks are hindering journalists from performing their duties, as now some are refusing to cover several events and incidents due to the consequences they might face as attacks and

assaults by IOF, which represents one of the stated goals of Israeli Occupation and its apparatuses.

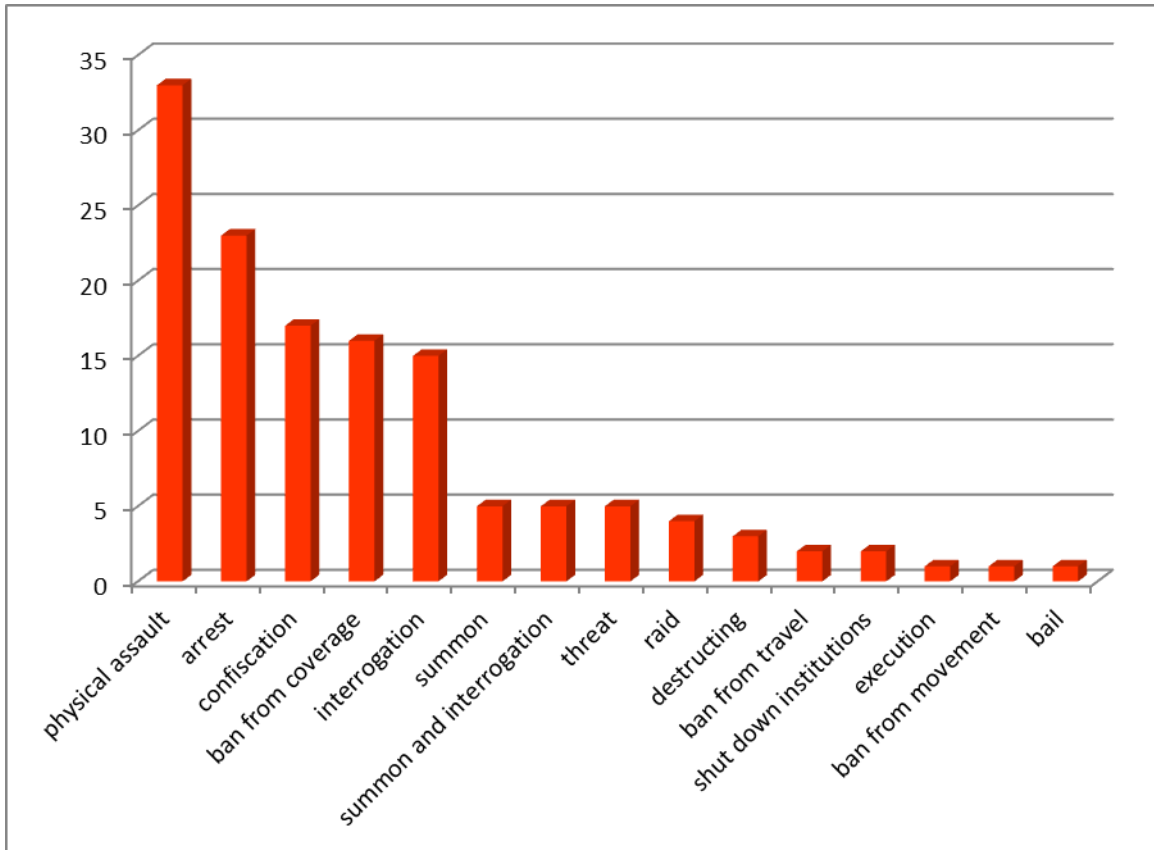
Moreover, the photographer and director of the agency EPA Nayef al-Safadi<sup>2</sup> was exposed to was an example of a much reduced underlying actions and attacks by the Israeli occupation against media freedoms.

The photojournalist Nayef al-Safadi on (23/05/2016) was exposed to a humiliating inspection (Nude inspections) while he was going to cover a joint press conference for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the French prime minister in the occupied city of Jerusalem, prompting him to withdraw and not to cover the conference.

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<sup>2</sup> Photojournalist Nayef al-Safadi , a resident of the occupied Golan and holds an Israeli identity card , a director of the European Agency EPA covers , along with his colleagues events in the West Bank and Jerusalem and Israel.

## Israeli Violations in the First half of 2016/ Type



Among the most prominent of all Israeli violations that was recorded during the past few months, the expansion of the occupation authorities prosecutions of journalists and media outlets and Palestinian citizens in general under the pretext of exercising “incitement” against the occupation, due to what they post or publish through their pages on social media.

Prosecution operations were structured formally and systematically in the late summer of 2015, after the announcement of the formation of a special Israeli police unit to track activists and journalists on social media, which coincided with a series of demands by officials, led by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that (prosecution against what Israel considers a provocation) which opened the door widely in front of undermining and shrinking the space of freedom of expression and media freedoms, as many Palestinians including journalists were exposed to prosecution and arrest relating to publishing and posting on social media.<sup>3</sup>

While, Israel is drafting a law on Facebook, that binds all social media to monitor and eliminate any publication that contains any “provocation or incitement”, that was prepared and conducted by the Israeli Knesset member Rvital Swed, however, Israeli occupation authorities are relying on publications and postings on social media in order to arrest and prosecute lots of Palestinians under the

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<sup>3</sup> Prosecution campaigns under the pretext of incitement through posting on social media against Palestinian civilians and journalists started in the last few months of 2015, but the circle widened during the first half of 2016, for further details you can check our special report that will be published by MADA in the coming few days.



pretext of "incitement" according to the Israeli Penal Code that is currently in force.<sup>4</sup>

The danger of such practices remains behind the fact that the Israeli occupation is moving towards the exclusion of any opposite position, opinion, information or image that involve a rejection of all systematic practices of occupation and the settlers considering it as a kind of punitive incitement that every Palestinian should be accountable for.

The evidence of such practices relies in the huge gap between what Facebook company considers as "abuse" and removes it, and what Israel deems and considers as offensive or involves incitement against it, and attempt to remove it and fight it.

Due to the fact that Facebook company defends and reveals its commitment to remove all offensive in a clear objection to all Israeli's allegations, that accuses Facebook of "non-cooperation in the deletion of posts that may incite Palestinians into violent acts," according to a published report by Reuters agency on 07/03/2016.

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<sup>4</sup> The draft law on Facebook was based on a demand filed by Rvital Swed to the Israeli Keneset after few days after the minister of public security and the ministry of justice to distribute a new draft regarding social media that is supposed to be launched in the coming days before the Israeli Ministerial Committee

Reuters noted in its aforementioned report, in a statement by Israeli internal Security Minister Gilad Erdan in Yediot Aharonot/ Israeli newspaper has revealed that Israel has reported to Facebook Company around 74 posts and publications that contain "severe incitement and extremism," but Facebook only deleted 24 posts.<sup>5</sup>

This fact reveals the huge gap of what Israel considers as "hate speech, inciting and extremism and what applies on Facebook standards that should be deleted or eliminated that contain "abuse" aside from what Palestinian in general including journalists face in regards to this matter, rather than all prosecutions to all those who post or publish irrelevant to what is considered as "extremism or incitement", which reveals that Israel is violating media freedoms and freedom of opinion in this regard.

In return to the excessive prosecution operations on all levels, carried out by Israeli occupation authorities linked to what it calls "incitement" against anything related to occupation published by journalists or any Palestinian

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<sup>5</sup> For more details regarding "Reuters" report please check the appendix

citizens, however, it only shows the systematic practices against any Palestinian indiscriminately and deals with such cases with double standards, more specifically the case of the reporter and photographer of the "Palestine Times Agency" and "Al Quds Media Center" Bayan Al Ju'beh a journalist from East Jerusalem, that was beaten by Israeli special unit, following this assault images of the incident were spread all over the news and media, when she was surprised that a settler posted her photo on a Facebook page with around 22k follower alleging "that she executed the stab" as after 24 hours the post received around 100 comments calling for revenge against the journalist Bayan Al Ju'beh.<sup>6</sup>

Immediately afterwards Bayan has filed a complaint to the Israeli police to prosecute those who carried out the inciting campaign against her and the high level of risk she is exposed to now by settlers, as she informed MADA in another affidavit on 18/07/2016 on how she was treated by Israeli Occupation and judiciary "as after a month from filing the complaint

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<sup>6</sup> For further details regarding Journalist Bayan please check her affidavit (Appendix-1)

, the Israeli court held a hearing, so far no updates and they didn't set a new date for the session, we are still waiting it's been almost a year".

Another case, was the arrest of the reporter and editor in "Al Fajer Al Jadeed" TV channel Sami Sa'ee from his home in Tulkarem on 09/03/2016 by IOF and was sentenced nine months by the military court on 15/05/2016 for inciting through what he posts on Facebook, rather than the arrest of "Al Quds News" reporter Samah Dweik from East Jerusalem on 10/04/2016 on charges of incitement through Facebook, she was sentenced for 6 months, and the arrest of the sports presenter "Radio Bethlehem 2000" Mohammad Zaghloul on 13/03/2016 from his house and confiscating 3 personal laptops 2 cellphones 2 hard desk and 7 flashes and sim cards, he stayed in jail for 10 days on charges of incitement through his program on Facebook, noting that he was released on bail (6000shekels/about 1550\$).

However, prosecuting and arresting journalists in regards to what Israel considers as incitement (including the issuance of punitive measurements and long sentences as the case of the journalist Sami Sa'ee who was

sentenced for nine months), the level of oppression against media freedoms by the Israeli Occupation in regards of the very nature of journalists work and arresting them, is unjustified and unacceptable according to international standards that provide journalists with protection under the international humanitarian law, and the new trend of using “incitement” as a justification of oppressing media professionals and journalists, a term that Israel may falsely use to list any Palestinian post or publication as the abovementioned lines indicate.

Besides, to all prosecutions and arrests that are carried out under various pretexts, the administrative detention that is carried out by the Israeli occupation authorities against journalists and Palestinian civilians is considered as one of the gravest breaches against media freedoms and freedom of expression, due to the fact procedure that allows the Israeli military to hold prisoners indefinitely on secret information without charging them or allowing them to stand trial, rather than the possibility of renewing his detention, sometimes for several times, without disclosure of the justification.

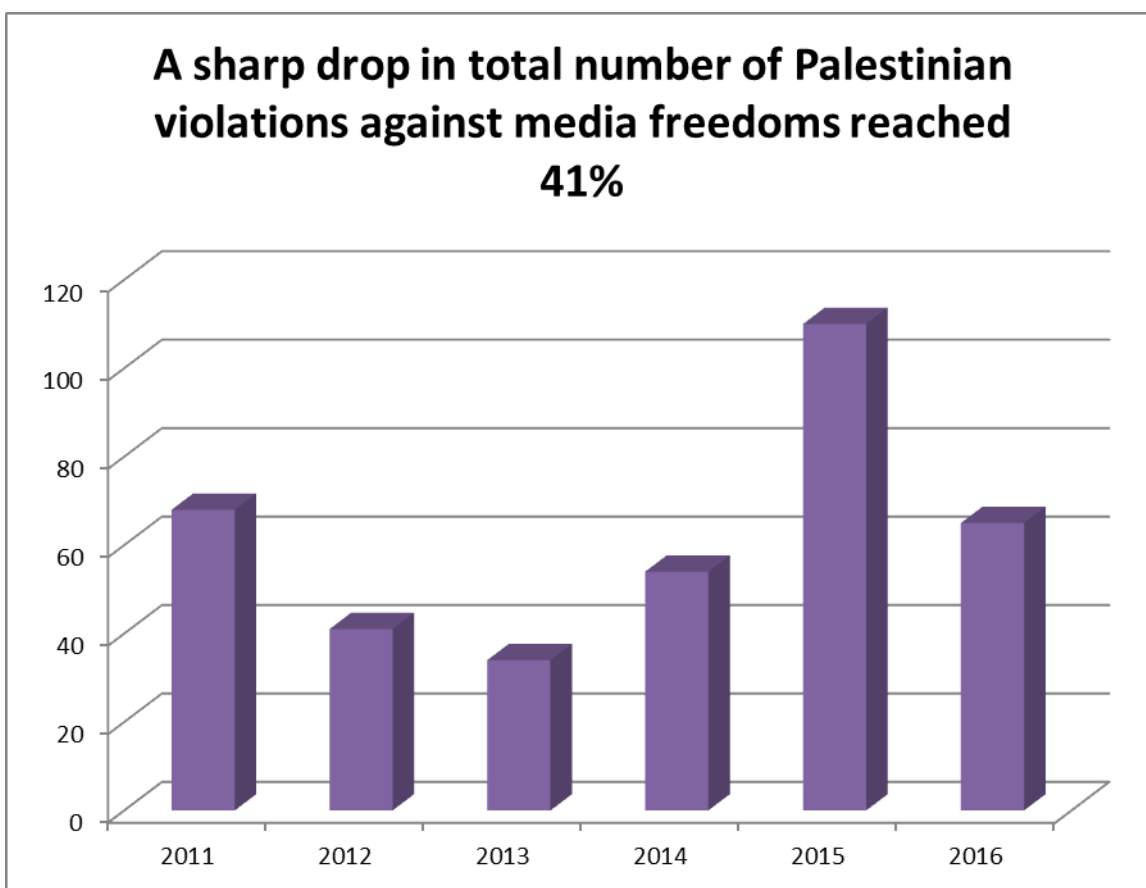
The most prominent example, was the arrest of the member of the general secretariat of the Palestinian journalists syndicate Omar Nazzal, by the Israeli Occupation Intelligence on 23/04/2016, from “Al Karameh crossing ” while traveling to participate in a European Conference for journalists in Bosnia on the 25–26/04/2016 after nine days on 02/05/2016 he was sentenced administratively for 4 months without any charge, noting that Israeli Occupation authorities banned him from travel several times for the last few months before this incident, he was prevented to travel through “Al karameh crossing ” while on his way to Jordan.

### **Palestinian Violations:**

**In contrast to the Israeli assaults, which increased by 17% as mentioned previously in this report, total number of Palestinian violations against media freedoms during the first half of 2016 has dropped in a rate of 41% as most of these violations where considered less serious and dangerous compared to the Israeli violations.**

**(Palestinian Violations during the first half of the Past years)**

<b>The year</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Number of violation</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>65</b>



**Palestinian violations recorded in the West Bank and Gaza Strip included 12 types, but mainly focused on 3 types (interrogations by Palestinian Security Apparatuses, detention and arrest that recorded a rate of 66% amongst all Palestinian violations; around 43 violations out of 65 that were monitored during the first six months of 2016).**

Although most Palestinian violations are considered “less serious” yet this doesn’t by any mean justify or reduce the severity of its near and far impacts on media freedoms, especially since some of these practices and methods of oppression and prosecutions are being practiced systematically to spread fear among journalists and to silent them, and pushing them to avoid addressing several topic, that lead to self-censorship as a direct result of these violations.

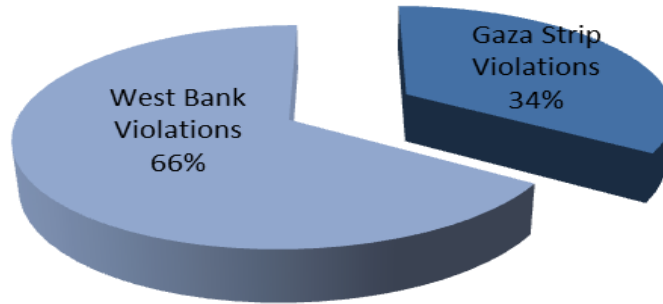
In regards to that we focus on the summon processes that are used often as a form of punitive action, for example, subjecting the editor in the radio "Sawt Falasteen/ Voice of Palestine" Jamil Muammar by the internal security service in Gaza Strip for a series of summons,



interrogation and detention for 13 days in a row (between 24/5 and 5/6) after publishing an article criticizing the leadership of Hamas “financially and administratively corruption” rather than the summons and interrogation operations associated with different oppression (physical and psychological) that may amount to torture.

The largest amount of Palestinian violations were concentrated in the West Bank, where 43 violations were committed in the WB (representing 66%) of total number of violations, whilst the total number of monitored violations in Gaza Strip reached 22 violations (representing 34%) taking into consideration the disparity in the number of total population between (WB&GS) in addition to the total number of journalists and media institutions that may clarify the differences in numbers but either way media freedoms in Gaza Strip is not any better than the West Bank.

## Palestinian Violations in (West Bank and Gaza Strip) during the first half of 2016



### Palestinian Violations during the First Half of 2016 type/ place)

Number	Type of violation	Palestinian Parties	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
1	summon and interrogation	7	17
2	arrest torture detention	10	2
3	Summon	7	0
4	confiscating/ withholding equipment	4	1
5	detention (associated with interrogation(	4	0

6	physical attack, injury, beating	3	0
7	threatening	1	2
8	ban from coverage	2	0
9	Defamation–incitement	2	0
10	denied license	1	0
11	Blocking site – piracy – jamming	1	0
12	raiding houses/institutions	1	0
	Total	43	22

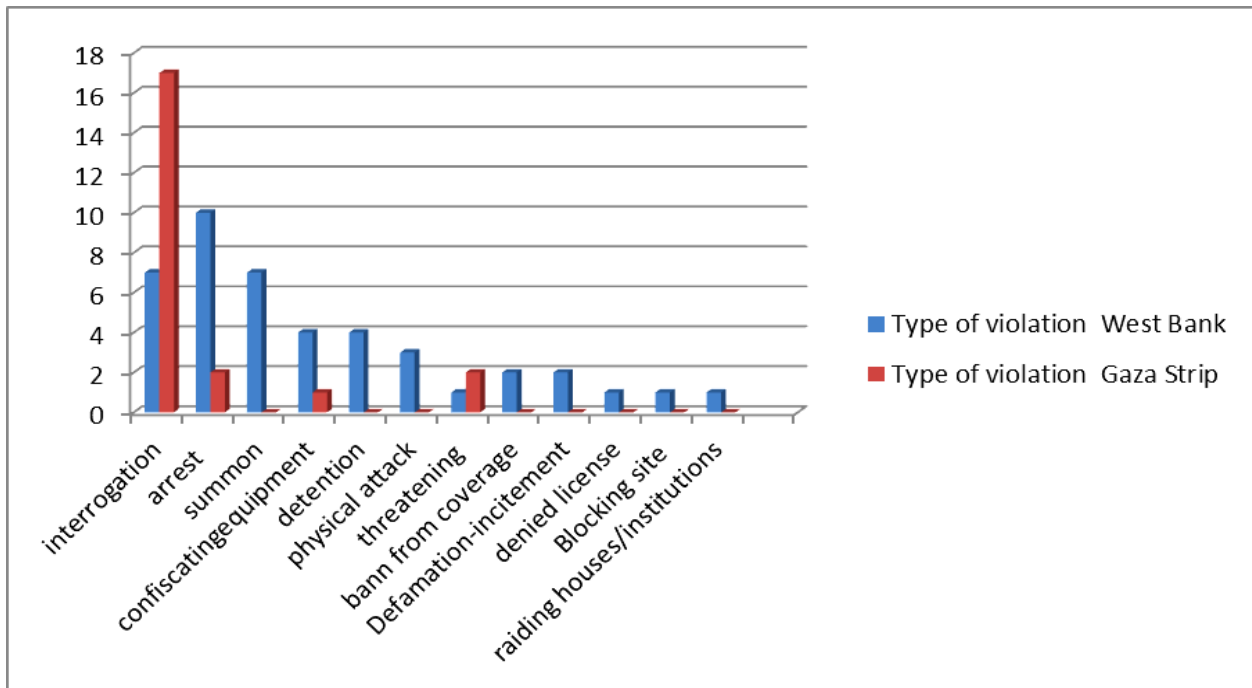
Regarding the Palestinian grave violations such as physical assaults, arrests, it was very limited (compared to the Israeli violations) in total 15 violation, some cases of arrest and detention were associated with a kind of torture, as happened with the journalist Ayman Ghazi Al–Aloul correspondent of (Alfurat TV –Iraq) and DW TV during his arrest by internal security in Gaza Strip for a period of 9 days (between 2/1 and 1/11/2016) linked to his writings on Facebook, upon his affidavit to MADA “I was detained in a narrow cell until the next day 03/01 around 09:00am, I was presented to the detective blindfolded for three hours, he

accused me of being funded by foreign parties (Egyptian intelligence, Jordanian intelligence, the Palestinian Authority, Dahlan group) in order to tarnish the image of the country and the government through what I publish and post, every now and then I was being slapped.”

he added “I have been sent back to a slightly wider cell, that contain small-sized chairs (more like a stealth room) as the officer asked me to stay there until I confess, and stayed there from three o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock the next morning”.

He also added "Every time during the interrogation I was being slapped without seeing any of the interrogators”, in addition to the reporter of Wattan News Agency and the volunteer of “Sawt Al sha’b/ people voice” Izz Al Deen Abu Eishah who was called for summon by the Palestinian Internal Security in Gaza and interrogated twice (16-17/05/2016), upon his affidavit to MADA “I went as scheduled on 09:00am, since I arrived they started interrogating me, the officer treated me in a rude and blunt way as he asked me to sit on my knees, and to stand in specified zone, and I was prevented from movement of to look at the investigator’s face”.

## Palestinian Violations during the first half of 2016 Type/Place)



However, what Aloul and Abu Eisha in Gaza suffered, is quite similar to what the cameraman of Al Aqsa Chanel Amir Abu Aram suffered; who was arrested in a brutal and violent way on 01/06 during the night, he was detained at the Palestinian Intelligence for five days, as he reported to MADA in his affidavit, that a troop of Palestinian Intelligence surrounded his car and stopped him near his house in Birzeit town, and deliberately started firing in the air, he added” on the first night of my arrest from 10:00pm till 05:00am I remained standing on my feet

handcuffed (tied strongly) and blindfolded, causing me severe pain in my hands, the bad conditions of my arrested led to transferring me to Ramallah Hospital I stayed there for 10 minutes only and then I was sent back to the Intelligence headquarters, where they extended my detention”.

During the period of conducting this report, new type of violations and oppression was monitored, that aimed to punish and blackmail journalists and media outlets in accordance to what they post or publish, throughout incitement campaigns against them or a direct calls to pursue them.

In this regard we shed light on what the correspondent of “Al Hurra” channel was exposed to in Ramallah –Faten Arif Alwan on 03/11/2016; incitement campaign that involves threats after publishing a video criticizing the way it was dealt with / the teacher’s strike / as she stated in her affidavit to MADA center “a page on Facebook under the name of / State of Palestine salaries/ posted my personal picture photo shopped holding a book that has a topics of (Faten Alwan uncle Sam schoolgirl) with a comment that Al Hurra Channel started operating after the war in

Iraq”, in addition to what the editor and owner of “Al-Hadath” newspaper Rula Sarhan was exposed to on the 21/04, as an anonymous party published on its page on Facebook accusations against Sarhan of the newspaper funding, demanding President Mahmoud Abbas to shut down the newspaper, noting that the same statement was published with letterhead of “ Palestinian military intelligence” upon Sarhan affidavit to MADA.

In this context, also the journalist Amjad Yagi in Gaza on 24/05 was exposed to threats and an incitement campaign after publishing an investigation report at “Al Akhbar Lebanese Newspaper” on harassment against women in Gaza Strip, moreover, the chairman of the economic newspaper in Gaza Mohammed Abu Giab on 09/05 was threatened by the head of contractors union after posting a comment regarding importing cement to Gaza Strip.

### **Recommendations:**

Throughout the first half of 2016, and through all monitored data by “MADA”, we conclude that there was an escalation and deliberate

intension in Israeli occupation suppressing media, it was quite clear that Israel with all its devices working to implement procedures and practices that aim to silence the Palestinian press and freedom of expression by deferent means, particularly violent ones, especially since perpetrators of systematic Israeli attacks and violations against media freedoms has not been held accountable ,thus, they are encouraged to commit more violations and enjoy impunity.

On the other hand "MADA" observed a significant drop in the number of Palestinian violations compared to what was monitored if the first half of last year.

We in "MADA" believe that the main cause for the decline in Palestinian violations is due to the lack of local events that might involve sensitive coverage in both (West Bank and Gaza Strip), in addition to the relative inactivity in the internal Palestinian relations, as no repercussions of the internal division were monitored that was and still considered one of the main causes of violations targeting media freedoms across the OPT.



Therefore, MADA strongly recommends a promptly amendment to the articles in the Jordanian Penal code law (1960) related to “publishing crimes”, and the Palestinian Printing and Publication Law (1995), rather than enacting laws that guarantee freedom of expression and opinion particularly (Access to Information law) as a significant and crucial step towards democratic governance and protecting Human Rights and rule of law, and to serve as a deterrent for future violations, following the ratification of several International treaties (with no reservations) including International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, nonetheless, we at MADA confirm and highly appreciate the drop in the overall numbers of violations against media freedoms by different Palestinian apparatuses during the first half of 2016, yet we still demand all Palestinian parties to abide by the Palestinian Basic law that guarantees freedom of opinion and expression / media freedom in Article 19, and put an end to all violations against media freedoms, perpetrators of attacks and violations against media freedoms to be held accountable .

MADA is gravely concerned regarding all systematic attacks and violence against journalists and media workers by the Israeli Occupation, It also

urges state members to do their utmost to prevent violence against journalists, to ensure accountability, bring to justice perpetrators of crimes against media freedoms,

Finally, MADA calls upon signatory member states of Geneva Conventions to promote a safe and enabling environment for Palestinian journalists to perform their work independently and without undue interference that will bring development and democracy to the Palestinian people.

### **Appendix (1)**

Facebook defends its position on content standards following Israeli complaints filed by

Dan Williams.

Jerusalem, July 3 (Reuters) – Facebook Inc. reported on Sunday, they are performing their utmost work in removing all offensive contents from Facebook as an objection to the Israeli allegations, accusing Facebook of failing to cooperate in the deletion of posts that the first considers to



content that promotes violence or direct threats or terrorist discourse, or that which involves hatred through our platform.”

Additionally, Facebook blamed Israel as any other user, of their responsibility to inform Facebook observers regarding any hostile content.

The statement also emphasized "We set standards that are designed to help people understanding what is allowable on Facebook encouraging people to report any content they believe it breaches or violates our rules and policy, so we can examine each case and take a quick action accordingly".

Erdan pointed out all details regarding Netanyahu's government complain against facebook, last Sunday urging Israelis to send reports for Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg requesting him to change their policy.

He reported to Yediot Aharonot/ Israeli newspaper that among 74 posts published by Palestinians that contain severe incitement and extremism reported by Israel only 24 have been deleted, adding that the scope of judiciary is an obstacle.

He also added that "the big problem remains in Judea and Samaria area, as Facebook doesn't recognize the Israeli rule there, so they are not willing to provide information" (the Israeli naming of the West Bank).

Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked demanded all social networking sites to take preventive measures to prohibit contents that Israel considers as a security threat.

Shaked also reported to the Israeli Army Radio: "We aim that all social networking sites would initiate to remove by itself without our intervention through reporting any posts that contain incitement by terrorists group, using same procedures that prohibit pages that contain pornography for children."

Reuters reported last month, citing other informed resources familiar with this technology (Social Networking) that Facebook and other Internet companies began to use a system that removes automatically all videos posted by the extremist ISIL and any other post that contain extremism.

## **Violations in Details during the first half of 2016:**

### **❖ January 2016:**

(1/1)- Reporter of Palestinian Public TV, Anal Bassem Al Gada' (26 years old), was wounded by an Israeli coated metal bullet while covering the demonstration in Kufar Kadoum. He reported to MADA saying: "On the 1st of January I was present in Kufar Kaddoum in order to cover the weekly demonstration. During my preparations to conduct field interviews I was wounded by a metal bullet coated with rubber in my right knee, and I received field treatment from the Red Crescent staff in the same place".

(2/1)- The Journalist Ayman Ghazi Aloul (44 years old), reporter of Alfurat Iraqi channel and Deutsche Welle, was arrested from his house in Gaza by the internal security forces, who also confiscated his communication devices and personal equipment and subjected him to a tortured interrogation. Ayman's son, Mohammad, mentioned to MADA: "My father got arrested from our house in Gaza at 5:30 P.M on Saturday (2/1/2016) by the internal security forces, after they have raided the

house and confiscated two laptops belonging to my parents. They requested us to follow up with internal security headquarters in Ansar neighborhood in order to know the reasons of my father's arrest. After receiving a phone call from the internal security forces, I went to their headquarters on the 4th of January/. The officer asked me to open the laptops as they were secured with passwords, and I do not know why he had not asked my father to open them. I opened my father's laptop as requested, but refused to open my mother's laptop as it contained personal pictures. I asked them to see my father and they allowed me, as long as I do not speak to him. My father's mental state was not good and he seemed tired and fatigued. As I initially understood from the officer, my father's Facebook posts and the hash tag "Hand in the Border" in precise, were the reason behind his arrest".

After his release, Ayman reported to MADA: "I was held in a narrow sell until the next morning of (3/1) around nine o'clock, as I was presented to the investigator blindfolded for three hours. He accused me of being funded by an external parties (Egyptian intelligence, Jordanian intelligence, Palestinian authority, and Dahlan's group) in order to defame

the country's and government's image through what I share. After I got slapped from time to time, I was moved to a different and a bit wider sell that contained small chairs (ghostly room), and the officer asked me to stay there until I decide to confess. I stayed there from three o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock the next morning. In the next morning of (4/1) I was presented to the investigator another time and he repeated the same questions, after which I have been transformed to the military prosecutor. The district attorney interrogated me with respect, and asked me to sign my statement, then they took me back to the internal security. The internal security accused me of duplication of work (as I used to work for the National Security Forces). according to the law ruled in 1936 claiming that I work for the national security forces beside my work as a journalist. Finally, they accused me with extorting Hamas (as I joked with my colleague a week ago during my interview at Alaqsa channel asking him to /give me money in order to stay silent/), and they returned me to the sell after that".

He added: "I got slapped each time during the interrogation, and I did not see any of them (investigators). On Thursday the 9th of January, and on



Sunday the 10th of January the investigator came and took my final statement and asked me to sign it after reading it. On the next day (Monday 11th of January) the chief officer came and was very friendly with me and informed me that I will be released today. I was released at around two o'clock at noon after signing a written pledge and committing to recheck with the headquarters on the 25th of January. My devices were confiscated until Tuesday the 13th of January, as I went to recollect them but received my mobile only whereas the laptops remained confiscated".

Ayman added in a subsequent statement: "I went to the internal security headquarters on the set date of 25th January to do the recheck. I stayed there for approximately three hours and it was a normal chat. They asked me to continue with my posts on Facebook /but moderately/, because I was seen as "oppressed" by the public opinion. They also gave me back the laptops on the 1st of February".

(4/1)- The preventive security forces arrested the freelance journalist Abdullah Mahmoud Bani Odeh (26 years old) from Tammoun in Toubas

governorate. Bani Odeh reported to MADA saying: "On nine o'clock in the evening of the 4th of January I received a phone call from the preventive security forces, and half an hour later the force came and took me to the preventive security headquarters in Toubas. I have been interrogated based on confidential reports they received, which accused me of owning /secretive correspondence in relation to the current Intifada/. They wanted to know the sender of the correspondences and their contents. I denied and I was released the next day (5th of January) in the afternoon".

(8/1)- The preventive security forces arrested Saleem Sweidan, the director of Nablus T.V and member of board of directors at Maan news network, from Nablus for the sake of publishing news on the website and Facebook page of Nablus T.V. Sweidan was released after four days by a judicial guarantee until the court is hold in March. His brother, Anees Sweiden reported to MADA: "The preventive security forces summoned my brother Saleem on Friday the 8th of January to their headquarters in Nablus and he was arrested from there. On the 10th of January his detention was extended for another 24 hours at the attorney's general

office apprehension. Publishing articles harmful to Palestinian National Unity, as well as assaulting Palestinian national unity, incitement, as well as inciting sectarian conflicts, in addition to verbal abuse and contempt. The reason behind all these charges was that one of the T.V staff published news (cited by Watan Agency) on the website and Facebook page of the T.V saying that the preventive security system contributed in the arrest of Hamas cell, which was accused of the implementation of an operation two months ago”.

He also added: “The preventive security forces banned the Facebook page and forced Saleem to change the password”. Saleem’s lawyer, Mohammad Sakf Alhet informed us that: “Yesterday, the 11th of January, Sweidan’s detention has been extended another 10 days in custody”. And then he added: “Reconciliation took place (between the complainant and the defendant Saleem Sweidan) and today the 12th of January he is released”.

After his release, Saleem said: “I got released yesterday the 12th of January after my detention for 4 days. During the first day, I have been

held for 5 hours under bad condition, which have differed completely in the next days as a result of external pressure probably”.

Sweidan explained: “They interrogated me three times during the first day trying to obtain information about the source of the news that was published on Nablus T.V. They also asked me questions about my relationship with Hamas. The Interrogation was absurd and I was held after that without any interrogation. He added: “I was released by a judicial guarantee worth 1000 Jordanian Dinars until the court is held on 12/3/2015”.

(9/1)- The IOF aimed rubber bullets and gas bombs on freelance photographer Mohammad Yousef Abu Yousef (31 years old), while covering a demonstration in Si'er in Hebron governorate. Abu Yousef added: “I was present in Beit Aion at the southern entrance of Si'er, in order to cover the funeral ceremony of the four martyrs. Subsequently, sudden clashes flared so I went up to the roof of one of the buildings, and while I was filming there and after the demonstrators came closer to the building, I was exposed to at least 7 gas bombs, which made me

wear the respirator. After that I was aimed at with rubber bullets directly, so I lied on the ground and whenever I rose up my head the soldiers would shoot rubber bullets in my directions. One of the rubber bullets hit the tripod and led to its flexion”.

(11/1)- The IOF raided the house of Alquds news network reporter Mus’ab Abdulsamad Tamimi (25 years old) in Hebron. Mus’ab was interrogated and was asked to recheck with the intelligence. He reported: “At around two o’clock in the morning of the 1th of January, an Israeli troops (15 soldiers) raided the house in Keizon district east from Hebron, after they have destroye the main door of the house. They asked for my I.D, interrogated me for half an hour about publishing false news of the current incidents. They handed me in a notice in order to go to the Israeli intelligence headquarters in Hebron on Wednesday the 13th of January. On Wednesday morning I received a phone call from the intelligence service to inform me about changing the summon location to Etzion’s center in Bethlehem. When I went to there, I was interrogated for three times for mainly the same accusation which is the incitement through the publishing of /false news/ on social media. My response was that I

publish the news just as it is, therefore they threatened me to arrest me if I continue the incitement and covering the events in the same way”.

(12/1)- The IO Farrested the “Palestine Today” TV reporter in Jenin, Mujahed Mohammad Alsa’di (28 years old) after raiding his house, searching it, and confiscating some of his personal equipment. Mujahed’s wife, Raya Zakarneh, reported to MADA: “At four o’clock on the 12th of January the Israeli forces broke into our house in Jenin, as the soldiers broke the doors and entered the house before we even get the chance to open the door. They interrogated Mujahed for ten minutes”. She added: “They also searched the house accurately and damaged some of its contents. They confiscated Mujahed’s laptop and external hard disk and left the house one hour later after having arrested Mujahed, and we are not informed where they have taken him to”.

On the 28th of January Alsa’di’s detention was extended for the third time in a row for 8 days on the ground of completing the interrogation at the request of the military prosecutor”.

(13/1)- The IOF located on the checkpoint at the entrance of Aljeeb village northwest of Jerusalem assaulted Amjad Hussein (25 years old) producer of Ma' al Nas (With People) program broadcasted by "Raya FM" Radio. Hussein reported to MADA: "At 8:30 PM yesterday (13th of January) I and my brother were on our way to Beit Dukko village. When we reached the checkpoint at the entrance of Aljeeb village northwest of Jerusalem, and without a reason the Israeli soldiers pulled me out of the car and started punching me and hit me with the rifle on my back". He elaborated further: "Meanwhile I took out my Press I.D but one of the soldiers threw it on the ground and continued hitting me even more violently which caused some mild bruises on my body. What surprised me the most was that they did not come close to my brother who was inside the car, although they have searched the car and emptied everything that was inside it. After I headed to the car they threw a flash bang grenade behind me trying to provoke me".

(14/1)- The Palestinian Intelligence denied the "security vetting" of "Ahla FM" radio's editorial director, Reem Al Omari, which prevents the renewal of the radio license especially after being requested by the ministry of

information. Al Omari reported to MADA: “I was appointed as an editorial director at the radio one year ago. When the radio applied for a license renewal at the beginning of December last year, the ministry of information asked to have the director of radio security vetted (on the ground that in order to approve the editorial director he/she should obtain the consent of three parties: ministry of information, Security services, ministry of telecommunication and information technology), and they requested all my documents such as certificates, experience certificates, and certificate of no criminal record, although I have handed them over a year ago”.

She added: “On 14/1/2016 one of the staff at the ministry of information called the radio owner Wael Kassis and informed him about the importance of renewing the radio’s license and that /you have to change the director because she doesn’t have security approval/. I rechecked with the ministry of information questioning the matter, but the ministry took back its words and handed over the matter to the ministry of interior”. She also said: “The ministry of interior tried to argue of my Israeli I.D (I come from Jerusalem) as an argument and that I cannot



occupy the position of a director in an organization that functions within the Palestinian territories, as they were not able to differentiate between the Jerusalemite I.D and the Israeli nationality. Currently, I do not have any security clearance because the Palestinian intelligence rejected me unlike the other services, because of my / speaking disrespectfully of the authority and higher officials through my morning program / Sammet Badan Al Suboh – Bad news early in the morning/. Today the 4th of February, I received a phone call from the ministry of interior in an attempt to solve the existing problem between me and the Palestinian intelligence.

(15/1)- Reporter of “Palestine Post” network, Safiya Kwar (29 years old), was wounded by a bullet in the foot fired by Israeli soldiers while covering events in Bethlehem city. Kwar reported to MADA on the 15th of January saying: “I went to cover the clashes (between the youth and Israeli soldiers) at Rachel’s tomb in Bethlehem. As soon as I arrived and took the first two photos I was aimed at with /live fire bullet/ that shot my three right toes. I was carried by an ambulance to Beit Jala’s public hospital to receive treatment”.

(22/1)- The Israeli authority prevented the journalist in “Prospects of Environment and Development”, Anas Ali Dar Abed (31 years old) from travelling to Jordan. Abed informed MADA that he went to the Karameh border in the morning of 22/1 and after handing in his passport at 8 in the morning, he was held until 3 in the afternoon until an Israeli soldier came and asked him some questions about himself and informed him that he is denied from travelling on ground of “security denial” and that he needs to assign a lawyer for this matter.

(24/1)- The Palestinian intelligence service arrested the freelance journalist Abdullah Mahmoumd Bani Odeh (26 years old) from Tammoun in Toubas after 3 weeks of his detention by the preventive security forces. Bani Odeh said: “I was arrested once more on the 24th of January at around 9:30 pm from my house in Tammoun in an aggressive manner. The arrest procedure included hitting and verbal abuse as I was led to the intelligence investigation center in Toubas. At the investigation center I was held in a sell under bad conditions and in severe cold and my detention lasted three days. I have been interrogated more than once because of my posts of Facebook, which were considered inciting. I was

also investigated about my activities at the university and I was accused of lying for every answer I gave in addition to getting slapped or kicked. I was released after three days on the 27th of January”.

(27/1)- Palestinian security personnel attacked Alfajr T.V journalist Sami Sa'id Alsa'i while covering the incidents in Nour Shams camp in Tulkarem. Sami was arrested after being led to the police station and after confiscating his camera's memory card. Sami reported to MADA: “Yesterday (27/1/2016) at around eight thirty, me and my colleagues the photographers Ala' Aljallad and Abdullah Aref headed to cover the clashes in Nour Shams camp in Tulkarem. The clashes took place between security personnel and camp youth (concerning the continuous electricity outage). During the coverage I was close to the national security forces and I talked to a few of them as they were my friends. All of a sudden, five covered individuals wearing military uniforms from the anti-riot squad attacked me and started beating and humiliating me for prohibited photo shooting. They tried to pull me towards the police patrol specialized for anti-riot, and they tried to take away my camera, which I gave to driver of the patrol as he is my friend and I know him”.

Alsa'i added: "They continued beating me even after they knew that I was a journalist. I was even transferred to the police headquarters in Tulkarem where someone punched me in the face while going down from the patrol, although my hands were tied , the same person kicked me on my back (all this took place at the police station) in front of chief deputy of Tulkarem's police Mohammad Abu Bakr, and the city's police chief Abu Afif Muhanna. The Deputy even asked them not to touch me".

He said: "After that I was transferred to Tulkarem's investigation center (located in the same building of the police) and there they held me for three hours, after which I was moved to deputy of police chief's office where I found a group of my colleagues from Alfajr T.V. After a verbal altercation I found out that they (police and security) do not want me to cover the incidents claiming that I am /provocative/ and that my presence is not acceptable for them. They also claimed that they did not know that I was a journalist although I was wearing my badge. Moreover, they did not prevent me from filming and did not warn me and did not even ask for my I.D. The problem ended by returning the camera after confiscating the memory card that contains all the photos".

I received a phone call last night from the representative of the National security forces Colonel Hafeth Alrifai, who expressed his regrets about what had happened and promised to speak on air today morning in order to apologize. However, his circumstances did not allow him to speak on air this morning”.

(31/1)–The IOF arrested the producer of sports program at Hebron’s radio Khalil Mahmoud Fathi Alkawasmi (26 years old). Fathi’s father reported to MADA: “Last night (31/1) the Israeli forces broke into our house in Hebron at one o’clock after midnight. The forces was led by and Israeli officer who introduced himself as /Captain Adeeb/. After the captain has entered the house carrying a personal photo of Mahmoud, he asked about him, entered his room and arrested him after confiscating his mobile and without searching the rest of the house”.

(On Tuesday 2nd of February Alkawasmi’s detention was extended for another 11 days pending investigation).

❖ **February 2016:**

(03/02)– the Palestinian preventive Security service in Hebron summoned a student in media department–Hebron University, who is also a freelance correspondent at (Al–Quds Media Website) and at Al–Quds Network, Mus’ab Khamees Abed Alkhaliq Kufeisheh (21 years) three times respectively, interrogated and detained him for long hours, as Kufeisheh reported to MADA “on 01/02 while I was at the University the preventive security service sent a warrant to my house, indicating that I should present myself at their office in Hebron on 03/02 at 10:00am, upon their request on the mentioned day I headed to their office in Hebron, when I arrived I waited till 4:30pm, meanwhile they interrogated me for 10 minutes regarding my university activities, friends, colleagues at work, where and with who I cooperate and work, and to who I send the photos, they also asked why I informed the journalists syndicate that I was summoned”, he also added “I was released, under a condition to return back the other day on 04/02, accordingly I went again at 11:00am, things repeated itself they interrogated me for quarter an hour all the same previous questions, I waited till 4:00pm, then I was released

under a condition to come back again to their office on Saturday 13/02, but I did not comply”.

(02/02)– Israeli Occupation intelligence in Jerusalem summoned the director and production manager– of “good Morning Jerusalem” Program on Palestinian Public TV– Nader Mohammad Bebers (42years) and interrogated him about the program and his work as a journalist, Bebers reported to MADA ”I was summoned to the Israeli occupation Intelligence headquarter in Jerusalem, after summoning Isshaq Alkasabeh Pal–media office manager, as they called me using his cellphone while detaining him (Alkasabeh) till I presented myself there, (they tried to call me another time and I did not respond)”.

Begers also added” when I presented myself at their office they accused me of “incitement” against them, they also interrogated me about the mechanisms of my work in (Good Morning Jerusalem) program, they informed me that they are fully aware of everything about me and the program, they were deliberately provoking me through their questions, as the officer asked me how I manage to live in Jerusalem with a monthly

salary of 4500Nis (about 920\$), moreover, he intended to indirectly threaten me of banning my program, they also asked about the guests of the program on how and who select them, and the topics raised, he also asked with disapprobation, why don't you tackle other topics in your programs as, poverty, rape, prostitution, and murder problems?! However, the interrogation lasted for around three hours, afterwards; I was allowed to leave the place after being informed by the officer, that they are able of bringing me anytime."

(03/02)- Israeli Occupations policemen attacked Sami Yaseen (23 years) Palestinian Public TV cameraman, while covering incidents in Jerusalem as Yaseen reported to MADA "on 03/02 afternoon I reached the Damascus Gate area after 15 minutes of an incident carried out by three Palestinians (they opened fire at Israeli Police guard injured two of them and the Israeli force killed them), and while taking pictures of the incident, I was attacked and beaten by three Israeli police personals using their hands and legs" .



(03/02)– Israeli Occupation Policemen attacked the correspondent of “Palestine Today” TV Ahmad Nayef Jaradat (25years) and his colleague the cameraman Firas Hindawi, and the journalist lewa’a Abu Rumeileh in Jerusalem, they were banned from covering the incidents that took place in Jerusalem as Jaradat reported to MADA” as my colleagues the cameraman Firas Hindawi and the journalist Lewa’a Abu Rumeileh and I, were in Jerusalem on 03/02 around 2:20pm near Damascus Gate in the old City (following an incident that took place in the area by that time), we were prevented from accessing the area for covering the incident, although they allowed Israeli channels and Al-Jazeera to access the Damascus gate square, despite the fact that I showed him (the Israeli Policeman) my personal identity, and press card”.

He added”The police started pushing us and impeding our work, although we were covering from a distant zone, yet I was attacked and beaten, and pushed on one of the stores’ door, afterwards they entered me to the store and started kicking me with their legs, and one of the policemen closed the door too hard that it could have beak my leg if it hit me”.

(05/02)– The Turkish Anatolia News Agency, photographer Hisham Abu Shaqra (28years) got injured in Bethlehem with a “tutu” bullet fired by IOF while covering the incidents in Bethlehem, as he reported to MADA “while I was covering the confrontations between Palestinian youths and IOF, that erupted in the northern entrance of Bethlehem city on 05/02, one of the IOF deliberately and directly targeted me with a “tutu” bullet that hit my left leg below the knee, and fractured my bone, I was transferred to AL–Hussein hospital in Bethlehem, and informed by the doctor that the bullet will remain in my leg, as it’s impossible to penetrate the bone to remove it, thus I stayed at the hospital for four days”.

(12/02)– IOF arrested Ayman Ameen Nubani (30years) a The Palestinian News and info Agency “Wafa” Photographer, and physically harassed him through beating, they also arrested Mohammad Ahmad Turabi (28 years) the Photographer of “24FM” website while covering a demonstration erupted in Kufr Kadoum– Qalqilia governorate, and took them to "Kedumim" settlement, Nubani reported to MADA “while I was covering the –weekly confrontation of Kufr Kadoum on 12/02, I was arrested and taken with my colleague, Mohammad Turabi, to Kedumim

settlement , while we were in the jeep they tightened our handcuffs, and detained us for around an hour, afterwards, they released us around 15:00pm, After the intervention of the (Palestinian) military liaison once we signed papers stating that we are detained, and they never assaulted or abused us”, Nubani also added “they hit me with the back of their rifles, and insulted us before releasing us”.

The photographer of “24FM” website Mohammad Ahmad Turabi (28 years) reported to MADA “they asked me to show my press ID to prove that I am working in 24FM, yet they detained me with my colleague Ayman but they didn’t hit me, till we were released on the same time”.

(12/02)– IOF prevented a group of journalists (at least 5 journalists) from covering confrontations erupted in the entrance of Bethlehem City, as the correspondent and photographer of “Al-Quds.com” Abdulrahman Younes (28years) reported to MADA “while we were at the northern entrance of Bethlehem on 12/02, in order to cover the confrontations between Palestinian youths and IOF, we were prevented from covering by the IOF,

they fired a tear gas in the direction of the demonstrators, when it bounced nearby us but didn't cause any damages or injuries”.

He pointed out that among the journalists there were ( Iyad Hamad Photographer of Al- Zaitona News Agency, Mohammad Abu Ghanieh Photographer of Reuters Agency, Mahmoud Elyyan photographer of AL Quds Newspaper and Mahmoud Abdallah a freelance photographer).

(14/02)- IOF detained three journalists and prevented them from covering the incident of shooting a Palestinian girl in Hebron, Wisam Abdelhafeeth Al-Hashlamoun (21 years) Associated Press photographer, reported to MADA “after shooting a Palestinian girl (by IOF) near The Cave of the Patriarchs (Al-Ibrahimi Mosque) around 5:30pm on Wednesday, 14/02, Reuters Agency photographer Moussa Alqawasmi, and Dunia el Wattan cameraman Thaer Abu Elfillat and I, headed the place to cover the incident, and right before reaching the place, we were detained in Al-Slaimeh side-street near AL-Ibrahimi mosque for approximately 20 minutes, after the soldier took our Personal and Press

IDs, afterwards they released us, and prevented us from covering the incident”.

(15/02)– IOF detained “Palestine Live” TV crew, the broadcasting and communications engineer Ahmad Reyad Asa’d (27 years), Mohammad Bader Al-tirhi (30years)the engineering Technician and the driver and prevented them from covering an incursion operation into Ramallah city, Asa’ad reported to MADA” while we were on the way my colleague Mohammad Al Tirhi and I, while in the live broadcast car, at 10:00am intending to cover an incursion operation at Al Ama’ari Refugee Camp in Ramallah, and due to the fact that the way to Al Ama’ari was closed we had to go through Al-Quds street, we suddenly find them right in front of us, they were around 20–25 special forces, we were stopped and one of the soldiers started on beating the windshield as a Signal to turn off the car’s engine, he took the keys, and threw them away, and pointed his riffle toward my colleague Mohammad”, he also added, “they detained us in the car for around 45 minutes till the IOF withdrew, we found the keys and left the place”.

(15/02)- The Palestinian public prosecutor detained The editorial director of “24 FM” Radio Ihab Jariri, after interrogating him, following a complaint filed against him concerning his coverage of the contraction of Palestinian Public TV with a cosmetic specialist couple of months ago the general prosecutor decided to detain him for 24 hours pending further investigations, afterwards he was released due to the intervention of many parties.

The ethics committee of the Palestinian Journalists’ Syndicate observed two months ago a complaint filed by a “cosmetic specialist”, whom Palestinian Public TV contracted, and in response the committee said: “Professionally, the subject that Ihab Aljariri addressed in his radio program over five episodes concentrated in the first place on the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (the TV part of it), which is considered a public organization. Furthermore, criticizing and addressing the policies of public organizations is not considered a breach to the profession’s standards, and does not affect the complainant personally, even if it discussed her own salary.

As in fact, the salary of an employee in a public organization and his contraction's conditions is part of the public funds, and can never be considered as an inviolability of the private life. The sound principle is to share such agreements with the public, and to acknowledge the standards under which they are held. Accordingly, sharing the salary amount and criticizing its value is not considered of an influence on the complainant's pride or dignity from the point of view of the ethics committee".

"01/03–Aljariri reported to MADA" that he was presented in front of the court, to attend the complainant's presentation, the court decided to hold another session regarding this case on 21/03".

(19/02)– Ala'a Badarneh the photographer of EPA got injured, fractures in his right thumb, with a stone while covering a weekly demonstration against settlements in Kufor Qadoum – Qalqilia Governorate, Badarneh reported to MADA "I think that the injury was caused by a stone thrown by one of the demonstrators during the clashes between Palestinian citizens and the IOF".

(20/02)– IOF attacked a group of journalists (at least five journalists) and prevented them from covering a demonstration erupted in Hebron, as the photographer of Reuters Agency Ma'moun Wazwaz reported to MADA"while I was covering a demonstration demanding for the eviction of settlers from Al-Shuhada' street in the old City of Hebron, around 12:30pm, IOF confronted the demonstration with suppression, and attacked the journalists and forced us to leave the place immediately".

He also added," one of the IOF deliberately targeted me with a "sound bomb" that hit my right knee, where I received the medical treatment for two hours at Hebron Governmental Hospital", Wazwaz also added that "amongst the journalists that were assaulted and banned from the coverage were: Yusri Al Jamal, Hazem Bader, Amer Abedi and Akram el Natsheh".

(26/02)– cameraman and director of Roya Jordanian TV Chanel Mohammad Radi Shousheh (34years) got some burns due to firing him with a "sound Bomb" while covering a demonstration erupted in Hebron, concurrently IOF also arrested Wattan News Agency cameraman



Mohammad Jaradat, Shousheh reported to MADA "on 26/02 and while covering a demonstration on the memorial of The Cave of the Patriarchs massacre "the Ibrahimi Mosque" that was carried out in Hebron, and while the demonstration was heading toward the Ibrahimi Mosque, IOF attacked all demonstrators through firing heavily different types of bombs in a brutal way to disperse them, as two "sound bombs" exploded right between my legs, causing burns on my knees and thighs, I received an immediate treatment in one of the ambulances, as the burns were external", he added" they also arrested (IOF) my colleague Mohammad Jaradat cameraman of Wattan".

The Director of Wattan TV in Hebron reported to MADA, IOF took Jaradat to the army center in (Keryat Arba' settlement), they detained him for two hours, interrogated him and confiscated his protective gas mask, and helmet before releasing him".

❖ **March 2016:**

(01/03) – IOF killed a media student at Al-Quds University Iyad Omar Sajdieh (22years), after being shot with a fatal bullet by one of the Israeli Forces, following a raid of Qalandia Refugee Camp, his cousin Ghassan Sajdieh reported to MADA “Israeli special forces stormed Qalandia refugee camp in a small vehicle, on 29/02 after “accidently” lost their way upon their claim, consequently, clashes erupted, and youths from Qalandia hurled stones toward them, afterwards, IOF raided the refugee camp”.

He added “IOF, fired live bullets and flare bombs excessively, whilst, Iyad was on the rooftop checking the incidents, one of the Israeli forces shot him a bullet in the head at the dawn of 01/03, noting that he was left on the ground for about an hour bleeding”.

(09/03) – IOF Sami Saeed Al Sa’ee (36 years) arrested the editor in Al Fajer local TV and a correspondent of Al Quds radio after raiding his house in Tulkarm city / north of the West Bank, as his wife Amani Al Sa’ee reported to MADA.

She reported that “around 3:00 am we were traumatized with hard knocks on the door, and a large force raided the house and arrested Sami, after questioning his name and date of birth, afterwards, they asked him to take all his needed medications”.

She added “nothing was confiscated during the raid only my Cellphone as they suspected that I filmed the incident, meanwhile, they didn’t interrogate or accuse him”.

Amani also reported to MADA later that Sami’s arrestment was extended until 15/5 to provide a list of full indictment against him, after finishing the interrogation process, she said according to his lawyer “Sami is now located in the Mejiddo prison and most likely that his charge will be related to incitement on social media –Facebook”.

She added as The Palestinian Prisoners' Club informed us, the indictment filed against Sami was related to accusing him of “incitement” through publishing photos and phrases condemning IOF operations, noting that all Sami’s posts on Facebook were monitored since the beginning of October till the day of his arrest”.

(11/03) – IOF shut down the headquarters of “Palestine today” TV and “Trans–media” company in Al–Bireh City (both in the same floor), following a raid that took place on the dawn of 11/03, that resulted in confiscating some of their assets and equipment, besides, arresting the cameraman and director of Trans Media company Mohammed Amro (31 years), and the broadcast technician Shabib Mohamed Shabib (27 years)

Amro reported to MADA “IOF raided the headquarters of “Palestine today ” TV and Trans– Media “company ( both in the same building and floor in Al–Bireh City) around 2:00 am, on ( 11/03 ) during our presence in the location; they were accompanied with a winch (truck) in order to confiscate the broadcasting equipment ”.

He clarified, "at first they raided the headquarters of “Palestine today”, they smashed the front door, when I ran out to see what was going on, whilst, five masked soldiers raided " Trans– Media" company and detained me and my colleague Shabib in the broadcast room– after

searching us, furthermore, they searched the offices and started interrogating me about the office and our daily work and tasks”.

He added, “They asked me if the company provides services for Palestine Today, I replied that this is our main duty, and then they asked me about the transmitters and broadcasting equipment’s room, and to list the the channels we provide services for, and in case we have an office in Gaza Strip”.

He added "IOF dismantled the transmitters in such a barbaric and brutal way in order to either confiscate or cause damage to the equipment, I was escorted to the offices of “Palestine today”, they asked about the office of the channel’s director Farouq Elyyat, they raided the office and confiscated some files, rather than our personal cellphones, computers, and the personal camera of my colleague Shabib, in addition to 1500\$ from the management office”.

He added “the soldiers were masked, later, we were handcuffed, arrested and transferred to Beit Eil settlement (near Rmallah), where they switched the cars, when we did not realize where we are until being

released at 5:00 am in Altawil Mountain/ an area near Beit Eil settlement, while they kept all our confiscated devices".

Amro said that he and his colleague Shabib went to Beit Eil settlement on 13/3 to return their personal confiscated devices by IOF but they didn't return them". (Till 24/03 nothing was returned).

(11/03) – IOF arrested the Director of Palestine today TV in Ramallah Farouq Qasim Elyyat (32 years) from his house in Birzeit, after searching the place and confiscating his cellphone, his personal laptop, and materials that belong to the TV (hard-desk and video tapes) as reported by his wife Sabreen, he was detained till the 31/03, afterwards, he was released on bail.

Elyyat reported to MADA after he was released that , approximately after 3 weeks of detention, "they dragged me to a military campus near Ramallah that I don't know, on the other day I was transferred to Offar detention center, later in the evening I was transferred to Atsyoun detention center, I was presented in court where they extended my detention for 10 more days/ pending investigations, on 14/03 I was

presented to the police and charged for being the manager of Palestine Today TV (office in Ramallah), which is considered as a banned TV, and accusation of cooperating with Islamic Jihad (Which I refuted and denied immediately), they interrogated me only once during the period of detention based on grounds of my previous affiliation toward Islamic Jihad, but mainly, they focused more on the work of Palestine Today TV, mechanisms of action and the coordination with guests, and with which companies we cooperate, and names of the staff in West Bank, moreover, during the interrogation they presented 16 videos of most of them were national songs, except one video that showed solidarity with the hunger striker journalist Mohammad Alqiq, and another for Ahmad Alouri a leader in Islamic Jihad, I was released following an agreement between my lawyer and the public prosecution to pay a total amount of 2000 NIS as a bail /according to my lawyer who explained that this can be considered as a fine, or a bail /depends on the court hearing which will be appointed later”.

(11/03)- “EutelSat” a French company stopped the broadcasting of Al-Aqsa Channel, after one day of issuing an Israeli decision of shutting

down media outlets, under a pretext of “exercising Incitement ”, as the news and political programs director of Al-Aqsa TV Imad Abdullah Zaqout reported to MADA” On Thursday 3/10 we received a warning letter from the French satellite company /Eutelsat/ that they will stop the channel’s broadcasting in Paris, and on Friday afternoon (11/3) the broadcast was actually stop”.

Zaqout added, "This is the second time that the channel is restricted based on a French decision, as the first time was back in 2010”.

Moreover, he added “We already communicated with the company from which we rent the frequency, when we were informed that the resolution was based on/ a French political decision based on charges that Al-Aqsa TV incites terrorism”.

(11/03)– the Correspondent of “Al Hurra” TV in Ramallah Faten Aref Elwan (36 years), faced induction that involved threats, as a result of publishing a video that criticizes the way dealt with “the teachers strike”, she reported to MADA “the incitement against me started after I conducted and published a video of (Azzam Al Ahmad humiliating and



degrading teachers who organized the strike, where he described them as naïve and stupid) “, she added “ I contacted Azzam Al Ahmad where he asked me to re-watch the video, yet my point of view didn't change”.

she also added "afterwards, there were a creation of a Facebook page under a title / State of Palestine Salaries / that attempts to raise a campaign of incitement against me with my personal picture, reading books that written on – Faten Elwan /uncle Sam schoolgirl, or / Alhurra was established following the invasion of Iraq, hence, I shared a video, demanding them to be more realistic and logic in their accusation, and I threatened to file a complaint against them , when I received several comments from which one said that I can resort to Hamas to open one of the tunnels for me”.

(12/03) – IOF arrested the accountant of “Palestine today” TV, Ibraheem Reyad Jaradat (30 years) while heading to his place in Bernabala south of Ramallah, for 20 days, he was released afterwards, on a bail, he reported to MADA on 31/03 after being released ”IOF arrested me on 12/03 from Bernabala checkpoint, and I was transferred to Atarot area

(near the check point) handcuffed and blindfolded, and after the soldiers noted that I work in Palestine Today TV they started insulting and beating me”.

He also added” afterwards, I was directly transferred to Atsyon detention center (near Bethlehem), where I stayed there for 10 days and was interrogated only once, for two hours, regarding my work, later I was transferred to Ofar detention center, where I stayed for more ten days till the court hold the hearing, I was released on 31/03, with 2000 NIS – bail, and I wasn’t informed about the next hearing court”.

(13/3) – Several journalists at Palestine Today TV, received call threats, from an anonymous who introduced himself as an officer for the Israeli security, he demanded them to stop working for the TV and threatened them with arrestment in case of continuation, Fida Abdelfattah Nasr (27 years) the correspondent of Palestine Today in the south of the West Bank reported to MADA “on 13/03 I received a phone call from an Israeli number, from a guy who introduced himself as /David he said that he works at (Shin Bet) Israeli Security Agency, he claimed that I work in a

TV that exercise incitement of killing innocent Israelis, and this TV is illegal and I shouldn't continue working with them, and in case I continued working or kept connections with the TV I will be hold accountable and I will be arrested, this was the message he wanted to deliver to me”.

Nasr clarified “Both of my colleagues Jihad Barakat the TV correspondent in Ramallah , and Amon Sheikh the TV correspondent in the north received the same content of the call from the same person–same name)”.

Moreover, most of Palestine today TV staff in Gaza Strip, received the same threat cal from the same number, as Mahmoud Ahmad Khawajah (26 years) who works in coordination and follow up department of Palestine today TV in Gaza reported to MADA “I received a phone call from an Israeli number around quarter to eleven on Tuesday noon, from the same Israeli officer who contacted my colleagues in the West Bank, he informed me that it is strictly prohibited to contact our colleagues in the West Bank, and anyone who contacts them will be arrested, you

hold accountability for all innocent Israeli who are murdered, as we are media that influence terrorism” khawajah added “I told him that we will keep on covering all incidents and we won’t stop, he replied with cursing insulting and ended the phone call”.

(18/03) – IOF detained the photographer of “Anatolia Turkish agency, Hisham Kamel Abu Shakra (28 years), after filming a shooting incident of a Palestinian youth, near a military checkpoint near Bethlehem, moreover, they confiscated his camera and personal cellphone, as Abu Shaqra reported to MADA “I was detained on 18/03 for four hours at the crossroads of Atssyoun (from 3:00pm till 7:00pm), after stopping me, as I was filming the incident of shooting the killing of Mahmoud Abu Fanouneh ”.

He added, I was pulled out of the car, when I was subjected to field investigation, on the reasons of why I am here, where I work, and why am I filming, after four hours I was released but they confiscated my camera and personal cellphone”.

(22/03)– the Palestinian preventive security service detained the video cameraman of Wattan TV and agency Mohammad Shukri Awad (29years) after being summoned twice, as his brother reported to MADA “ Mohammad was summoned by the security preventive service, to present himself at the headquarters in Ramallah, the other day on 22/03 he headed to their(office in Ramallah) upon their request, where he stayed from 10:00am to 5:00pm, till he was released, I don’t know what he was interrogated about as I didn’t get the chance to talk to him, he also received another call by the same side on Wednesday 23/03 to follow up with the security preventive service, he headed there after finishing his daily work at Wattan agency, he wasn’t released yet(Thursday 24/03)”.

He added, “I was talking to Mohammad around 7:00 pm (Wednesday afternoon) when he informed me that he was still in the waiting room, waiting for the officer who wasn’t there yet, supposedly, Alaa’ Freijat will follow up his case (the lawyer of the journalist’s syndicate) as the general director of Wattan – Moammar Orabi informed us.”

According to the journalists' syndicate lawyer Alaa' Freijat, that on 29/03 they held a court hearing for the journalist Awad, where they decided to extend his detention by the public prosecution, pending investigation on a charge of/ receiving donations for illegal associations, which he was already interrogated about- being charged twice for the same criminal act / as the law prevents prosecutors from repeatedly bringing charges against a defendant in hopes of eventually getting a guilty verdict /double jeopardy ”.

(29/03)- IOF arrested Musab Khamis Kufaisheh (21 years) a student in media department -Hebron University (a freelance reporter at Al-Quds media center - Jerusalem), from his house in Hebron, where his brother Qassam Kufiesheh reported to MADA,"IOF raided our house in Hebron at 4:30am on the dawn of 29/03, they directly asked about my brother Musab, and took his personal ID, they interrogated him in regards of his work and studies, when he informed them that he is a journalist, the Israeli Officer replied that this is the main reason of your arrest , and to consider yourself under arrest”.

he added “they searched the house rapidly, no confiscation, till the moment we don’t know where Musab is, after following up with the red cross we were informed that only after 24 hours they can start investigating his place”.

(30/03) – IOF attacked a group of journalists while covering a demonstration in Burqa (Nablus governorate) with tear Gas and sound bombs, as the photographer of “Xinhua News Agency” Nidal Shafiq Shtayyeh (46years) reported to MADA” on 30/03 around 11:00 am, IOF attacked a demonstration, that took place in– Burqa– Nablus governorate / to commemorate the anniversary of Earth day, they started attacking and assaulting demonstrators with tear gas and sound bombs, and stun grenades, which led to the suffocation for several journalists( the photographer Jafar Ishtayeh who went in a state of coma), furthermore (the cameraman of Palestine today TV and Al–Jazeera TV) were assaulted as well.

According to Al–Quds TV correspondent in the north of the west bank Samer Amin Khuyrah (35 years) who reported to MADA” The

demonstration was supposed to start from the crossroad of Bazarya to the entrance of Homesh (which is evacuated of settlers) that is located between Nablus and Jenin, me and (Pal-media/ cameraman,Ahmad Albath, and the crew of Palestine TV, correspondent Rima Al- Amleh and the cameraman), reached a hill located in opposite of Homesh (Evocated )settlement, and after we've prepared the cameras (it was almost 10:30am) an Israeli officer came and showed us a document in Hebrew, with a map, he informed us that we entered a closed area, and we have three minutes to vacate the place”.

Khuyrh added “we moved back to the crossroad of Bazarya, where the demonstration already started, whence, the IOF started firing tear gas bombs, and assaulting everyone with no distinction, which led to breaking the windshield of –the broadcasting car of Al-Quds TV, meanwhile, my colleague Rima El Amleh, tried to return to the same spot which we were previously expelled from, when IOF detained Palestine TV filming crew– for around half an hour”.



He added, “All journalists and others who attended the demonstration, were pushed and expelled rather than obstructing their work, amongst these journalists were (Nidal Ishtayeh, Jafar Ishtyeh, Shadi Jarar’a, Ayman Nubani, Bassam Abu Elrub from Wafa Agency, and Muhammad Turabi photographer of 24FM)” .

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(05/04)– Israeli Occupation intelligence “Shin Bet” raided correspondent of “Alhayat al Jadeda” newspaper, Diala Nayef Jwehan’s house in Jerusalem, summoned her for interrogation on 10/04, she reported to MADA” on Tuesday 05/04 Shin Bet raided my house in Jerusalem between (10:30pm – 11:00pm), in the presence of “Captain Ishaq” the responsible of the region, the mentioned captain entered our house and asked my father about me while I was sitting right next to him, I responded confirming that I am Diala, he introduced himself as the area captain, and handed me a summons for interrogation, on Sunday 10/04, in Al–Maskoubieh room number 4, when I asked about the reasons he said you’ll know upon arrival, they didn’t search the house, and no one was hurt or assaulted”.

She also added ”on 10/04 I headed to Al– Maskoubieh Interrogation center and after half an hour I was escorted to the interrogation room, at first the detective asked me about the place and the nature of my work, the main subject was the invitation I forwarded through whatsapp, a call to

Cover the event , which was organized on the occasion of Earth Day in the Ras al-Amud area, hence I assured the detective that I am a journalist and this is the nature of my work that doesn't include any incitement, I also showed them my Press Card, and the International Federation of Journalists card, what I did was distributing the invitation for media coverage, and not organizing the event, I am a journalist not an activist, the officer gave me back the badges warning me to perform any activity that is out of my daily tasks as a journalist, the interrogation ended after one hour".

(05/04)- Israeli Occupation Forces banned the correspondent of "Wafa" Agency in Gaza Strip, Sami Mohammed Abu Salem (45 years) , from travelling to the West Bank for medical treatment and to attend the Board of Director's meeting, Abu Salem reported to MADA" I was supposed to go to Al Ahli Hospital in Hebron- West Bank for medical treatment, while I was informed by the abroad treatment department in Ministry of Health, that I am banned from travelling without revealing the reasons".

He also added” it happened that I already applied twice before for a permit, one on the 8th of March and the other on the 14th of February, and I was returned from Erez Checkpoint, I tried to contact the journalists syndicate and the International Federation of Journalists and Al Mezan Center for Human Rights and none of them provided me with convenient solution, notably that IOF rejected 4 previous permit applications to move between West Bank and Gaza Strip and participate in the board of directors meeting for Wafa Agency as a board member”.

(09/04)– Israeli occupation forces summoned the correspondent of “Pelest” news site, Osamah Shaheen (34 years) and handed him a summon for interrogation by the Israeli Intelligence in Atsyoun settlements compound, as Shaheen reported to MADA ”On 09/04, 8 Israeli Jeeps raided my house in Hebron, and the Israeli Officer handed me a summon for interrogation by the Israeli occupation Intelligence on Wednesday 13/04 at Atsyoun Detention Center (inside Israeli Settlement), when I replied that I will not attend as it involves a significant risk (as IOF executed several Palestinians there under

suspicious of carrying out stabbings) the officer threatened me to raid my house once again on Thursday and cracking my house and killing me”.

He added” upon their request I headed to Attisyoun Detention Center, whence I was informed that the interrogation was postponed for the next day, I complied and headed there the next day where after half an hour one of the soldiers informed me that it was postponed till Sunday 17/04 but I didn’t comply”.

(10/04)– Israeli Occupation Police arrested the journalist at Al Quds Network Samah Dweik (25 years) after raiding her house in Silwan – Ras Al Amud area/ East Jerusalem. Israeli Occupation Police also confiscated her cell–phone and laptop; on 15/04 they extended her arrest till Monday 18/04 under the pretext of incitement on social media/ Facebook, currently she is in Al Ramleh Detention Center, IOF also listed Samah as people banned from entering Al Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem since few months ago”.

(10/04)– Internal Security Agency in Gaza summoned the correspondent of Al–Monitor /American Site, and Alarabi TV Network/ Mohammad

Ahmad Othman (29years) and interrogated him regarding a press report he was preparing to conduct, Othman reported to MADA” On 10/04 around 09:00am I received a phone call from a private number, the caller introduced himself as an officer at the Internal Security Agency, he requested to meet me in a /friendly/ way, on schedule which is 12:00pm same day, I headed to the ISA center in Al- Amal Hotel in Gaza, after half an hour I was escorted to the office where I was treated respectfully and the officer assured that the meeting will be friendly”.

He also added, “The interrogation mostly focused on a press report I was intending to conduct for one well- known Arab channel on the topic of (religious doctrines), but the channel fell back after a short period, thus I didn’t conduct the report, the officer wanted to attain more info about the report, and in case I was intending to accomplish it, and the resources I relied on to conduct it, without expressing his reaction whether approval or rejection of the whole idea, the interrogation lasted for half an hour, afterwards I left”.

(11/04)- IOF arrested the cameraman of Transmedia Company and the cameraman of Al Najah TV Hazem Emad Naser while crossing a military checkpoint near Nablus City; they also detained the car of the company for few hours, as his cousin Mohammed Nasser reported to MADA on 11/04, yesterday's afternoon IOF arrested my cousin from a flying checkpoint, near Nablus City, after detaining him and the company's car for half an hour, afterwards he was deported to the Qadumim military camp (inside the settlement)".

He also added" we received a phone call on 10:00pm from an Israeli occupation officer in Qadumim requesting us to go to the settlement and take the car".

In another affidavit on 28/04 he reported to MADA" at first they extended his arrest for 11 days; till the 24/04, on 24/04 they extended his arrest for more 9 days, claiming that his file is confidential and secret, with no charges or accusations against him".

(11/04)- Israeli occupation Intelligence detained the head of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate Naser Abed Abu Baker (48 years) on

his way back from a trip and interrogated him, as he reported to MADA” on my way back from Egypt and around 10:00am of 11/04, I was detained at Al Karameh crossing, when I handed them my passport as usual to pass, I waited for a whole hour, an IO soldier / female showed up with several passports for other Palestinians who were also detained, and asked me to join her to the interrogation room, where the detective was waiting for me, when I entered I wasn’t asked to sit, and he promptly started the interrogation process, and asked me questions, where have you been? You travel a lot and you have lots of activities, when I asked him do you know what I work? He replied: he knows what I eat, he wanted to know me and meet me in person and that he always follows up all my work”.

He also added” the detective asked lots of questions about my activities and work as a journalist not as a syndicalist, where I work, and from who I earn my salary? He also informed me that Israeli Intelligence is following me, and that this detention and interrogation is a message to Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas/ Palestinian president), I replied that I am not a messenger, afterwards he tackled other political subjects, at the



end he handed me the passport and I left the place after an hour of waiting and half an hour interrogation”.

(18/04)– a force of IOF raided on Monday’s afternoon the headquarter and offices of “Al-Quds” newspaper in East Jerusalem, under the Pretext of searching for young men claimed they had “smuggled “through the separation wall (the headquarter is located near the annexation wall).

Employees of Al Quds newspaper who refused to disclose their identities reported that a troop of IOF suddenly raided the headquarters of Al-Quds newspaper in “Attarot” under the pretext of searching for young men who smuggled through the wall, IOF assaulted with insults and improper words on some of the newspaper's staff.

(18/04)– the Palestinian Intelligence summoned Adeb Barakat Attyieh Al Atrash (26years) on his way back after earning his master’s degree in media from Cyprus University on Al Karameh crossing, as he reported to MADA” while on my way back home through Al-Karameh bridge on 18/04 (after the completion of my master’s in media from Cyprus) Israeli Occupation Intelligence summoned me for interrogation on 24/04, and

when I presented myself on time they did not meet me because of the (Passover Holiday) and they did not set any other time for the interrogation”.

(18/04)– the Palestinian Intelligence detained Adeb Barakat Attyieh Al Atrash (26 years) on his way back after earning his master’s degree in media from Cyprus University on Al Karameh Bridge, moreover he was summoned and interrogated several times, as he reported to MADA”on the same day 18/04, on my way back from studying master’s in media abroad–Cyprus– Palestinian Intelligence stopped me and interrogated me for two hours, meanwhile they searched my luggage and belongings and questioned me about my income, before interrogating my travel, countries I visited, people I met, they also asked me about my family, and in case I was arrested before, and where I spent my absence period for the last three years(while studying abroad).”

After they finished the interrogation process an officer of the Palestinian Intelligence handed me a summon for interrogation, in Hebron on the next day (19/04), the other day when I presented myself on time, without

being interviewed I was informed that it was postponed till 25/04, again I presented myself on time they postponed the interrogation till the 28/04, I presented myself on 28/04 they interrogated me for two hours about my travel; where and how I spent it, and asked about previous arrestment and general questions, afterwards I was astonished that they asked me to present myself once again on 02/05 and I also complied”.

(21/04)– anonymous party published a statement that included direct accusations against the owner and editor in chief “Alhadath” online newspaper Rula Sami Sarhan (37 years) Concerning the sources of funding and questioning its loyalty, demanding the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to shut it down as Rula Sarhan reported to MADA” anonymous party published a statement on Facebook, undersigned by the Palestinian “Military Intelligence” to President Mahmoud Abbas demanding to shut down (Al Hadath ) newspaper, through the statement that accused me personally, and the newspaper financing by anonymous sources, and that we are funded by Zionist sides”.

She also added” the statement also mentioned the following: Mohammad Mustafa, Salam Fayyad, and they also hinted that we receive our funding from Hamas, and that I receive a monthly salary of 10,000\$, they also accused me of stealing videotapes from the legislative council during my work there, and that Al Hadath newspaper should be shut due to their illegal and anonymous funding”.

Sarhan also added to MADA “the statement was circulated and shared (by anonymous party on my page on Facebook), but with the letterhead of the Palestinian Military Intelligence, I suppose that they intended to convince us to shut down the journal in future”.

(23/04)– IOF arrested member of the General Secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate Omar Naji Nazzal (54 years), while traveling to participate in a conference organized by the European Journalists Union, as his wife Madeline Al- Rabadi reported to MADA ”on Saturday (23/04) around 02:00pm IOF arrested Omar on Al-Karameh crossing while heading to participate in a conference organized by the European Journalists Union in Bosnia, he was detained for 5 hours

before being arrested and deported to Attsyoun Detention center, as he informed me”.

She also added “on Monday (25/04) they held a hearing before military court in Ofar, they informed us that his file is confidential and no one is allowed to review it, hence no clear accusation or charges against him, another hearing before the court will take place on Tuesday 26/04 at Ofar, but it was postponed till Wednesday (27/04) during the session they extended his detention 72 hours to check the possibility of sentencing him with administrative detention.”

(26/04)– IOF oppressed a demonstration organized near Ofar detention center near Ramallah City, protesting the arrestment of Omar Nazzal a member of the general secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, in conjunction with bringing him before the military court, IOF dispersed them with tear gas and stun grenades, as Reuters videographer Saed Fathi Hawari (39 years) reported to MADA” I headed to the demonstration that was organized by the Palestinian Syndicate near Ofar detention center to demand the immediate release of Omar

Nazzal , when IOF started on shooting and targeting all journalists in the area with stun grenades and gas bombs, when one of the bombs was shot right near my camera and I got injured with shrapnel from stun grenades (one in the Chest and the other on my arm), it was an external wound, also Tahseen Al Astal got injured with a shrapnel from gas bomb”.

(30/04)– Saeed Abdelnasser Alrukon (27 years) a photographer who supplies several agencies with photos including (Al Quds network, Al Quds media center and Al Shehab news agency) was exposed to a series of systematic violations by Israeli Occupation Police as he reported to MADA” around 14:15pm on Saturday (30/04) and while covering funerals for three former Palestinian prisoners in Israel, in the old city of East Jerusalem, IOP brutally assaulted all participants by attacking them physically and spraying pepper gas on them.

He also added” I was covering the events from a far distance, where one of the Israeli Occupation Police attacked me from behind and started

spraying pepper gas, thus I fainted immediately it lasted for an hour before I could wake up”.

He also added “ while I was at the (corner gate) to Offer my condolences, I got attacked by a troop of Israeli Occupation Police ( around 12member) they started hitting me without any reason, I was deported to the Postal police center without checking my ID, thinking that I am a family member ; that was attacked during the funeral, after showing my press card for a news agencies I work at, they apologized alleging they did not know I am a journalist, and after I rejected their apology I was deported to Al Qashlah Prison with prisoners transport vehicle, I was interrogated their about my work as a journalist, and the reasons of my presence in the old city, and why I was covering the events , claiming that I was filming in a (prevented zone ) they confiscated two of my camera, they added I will be contacted later to restore them, I was released at 07:00pm”.

❖ May 2016

(01/05)– Israeli Occupation Intelligence arrested the Journalist Hasan Ghassan Safadi (at addameer “Prisoners support and Human Rights Association”, from al Karamah years) Bridge, and transferred him later to administrative detention, where his sister Ghadir reported to MADA “ on (01/05) Hasan was arrested on Al-karameh bridge on his way back from Jordan, he was detained for 40 days of interrogation, on the last day , he was transferred to administrative detention for 6 months, we think that his arrest was related to activities related to his work as a journalist”.

(02/05)– IOF confiscated a collection of photographs belonging to MADA; featuring Israeli attacks and violations against Palestinian journalists and media outlets, whilst, Ali Mohammad Sabbah (36 years) the director of (Al Haya Center for Art and Culture) was intending to transport them to Jerusalem through Qalandia checkpoint, for an exhibition on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day that was “declared by the UN on the 3rd of May each year”, whence he was detained for 8 hours, rather than being summoned and interrogated several times.



As Sabbah reported to MADA on this regards” I was stopped at Qalandia military Checkpoint on 05:00PM of 02/05 and I was detained till 10:00PM I was interrogated for 15 minutes only, I was informed that I should present myself the next day as well, on 03/05 I headed to the intelligence headquarter on 10:00AM and I stayed interrogation room (number 4) till 4:00PM, where I was interrogated about what are those photographs and to who they belong, and whether I was planning to organize a demonstration using these photographs, and when I informed him that those photos do not belong to me and I am just transporting them to the exhibition on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, whence the office told me that MADA center is prohibited/ and that “the law does not protect the dupes” and that I transported prohibited photographs, and asked me more questions about my presence at Al Aqsa Mosque and my relation with some people and other strange questions, after a week of this investigation I received a phone call from the Israeli Intelligence asking me to come back again to their headquarter on 24/05 but I didn’t”.

(02/05)– Israeli military court sentenced Omar Naji Nazzal(54 years) , member of the secretariat and the secretary of PJS to four months of administrative detention, after nine days of his arrest; on his way to participate in a conference for European Journalists Union in Bosnia on 23/04/2016 whilst, he was arrested by Israeli Occupation intelligence at Al-Karamah crossing, Marilyn Rabadi his wife reported to MADA” On Saturday (23/4) at around 14:00 pm the Israeli occupation authorities arrested Omar on Al-Karameh crossing where he was heading to participate in a conference for European Journalists Union to be held in Bosnia, he was detained for five hours before being arrested and deported to Attisyoun detention center, as he himself told me”.

(02/05)– Palestinian intelligence summoned once again Adib Barakat Attia (26 years) and detain him for one day , after interrogating him while returning from traveling on Al-Karameh crossing, (on 18/4) he was summoned and interrogated at their headquarters in Hebron also on 25,28/04, he was summoned once again on 02/05 in a new affidavit he reported to MADA "as soon as I arrived on 2/5 (to the Palestinian intelligence headquarters in Hebron) I was transferred to the investigation

section, where they started the investigative hearings that lasted till midnight, ".

He also added "After midnight and at the start of 03/05 they took all my belongings, they conducted a medical examination on me, once I was informed that I am under arrest, I was transferred to a cell where I stayed there till 11:00am, after two hours they resumed their interrogation, during it I was informed that I will be released, essentially, and after less than half an hour I was released".

Attia confirmed "the investigation was mainly about themes of the Al sharq (media) Conference (in Turkey), and my participation, which I informed them about, and my stay in Cyprus and all student activities that I had nothing to do with, I was also interrogated about allegations of meeting Palestinian personalities in Turkey, which I fully denied, Besides, they also interrogated me about my brothers detention in past, after being released I was demanded to present myself at their office on Thursday 05/05, I asked them to postpone it as I have family occasions and

commitments but they rejected my request, and confirmed the date next Thursday”.

(03/05)–Three journalists suffered minor burns and bruises due to an attack by IOF against a peaceful demonstration, organized by the journalists syndicate in solidarity with the member of its General Secretariat Omar Nazzal who was arrested by IOF. Ali Nasr obeidat (33years) reporter of news 24 Emirati Agency reported to MADA "yesterday (03/5) at around 13:00pm, while participating in a peaceful demonstration organized by the journalists' Syndicate in solidarity with the detained journalist Omar Nazzal, after half an hour IOF attacked protesters with stun grenades; one of them hit my left foot ,and another hit my colleague Mohammad Abu Shusha in the back (cameraman at Roya TV), a third bomb hit my colleague the photojournalist Zaher Abu Hussein in his right foot. All of us have received medical treatment at Ramallah Hospital for about two hours; notably that we all were injured with slightly burn. "

(06/05)– Correspondent of Palestine TV in Qalqilya Ahmad Abd Al Malek Othman– Shawar (29years) was injured with two rubber bullets that hit his hand and leg as he reported to MADA center ‘while covering a weekly demonstration against settlements in Qufor Qaddoum village, IOF attacked all protestors including journalists, where they attacked us abruptly and brutally although we (the journalists) were standing a bit far from all protestors and IOF, yet we were targeted with tear gas bombs and rubber bullets, which to led to my injury with two rubber bullets one in my left arm elbow, and the other in my left foot, I received the medical treatment in the field”.

(06/05)– videographer of trans–media agency Almuthana Samir Deek (26 years) was hit with four rubber bullets in his hand, leg and shoulder by IOF, during the coverage of a demonstration in Qufr Qaddoum village as Deek reported to MADA center "during the covering of the weekly demonstration in Qufr Qaddoum on 06/05 IOF attacked protestors and journalists indiscriminately with tear gas bombs and rubber bullets which resulted in my injury with four rubber bullets, two in the ankle of my right leg, and two in my left shoulder (between my shoulders and armpits),

while a tear gas bomb tear hit the ground and hit my left foot, hence, I have received first-aid in the field".

(09/05)- The chairman of the economic newspaper in Gaza journalist Mohammed Khaled Abu Jyab (34years) was threatened by chairman of contractors in Gaza Strip after posting comments on Facebook regarding transporting cement into Gaza Strip as Abu Jyab reported to MADA" I was threatened by the chairman of Contractors in Gaza Osama Kahil after posting on Facebook, linked to the recent statements made by chairman of Contractors regarding the dates of transporting cement into the Gaza Strip, as an economic specialist and follower of the whole economic situation, where I posted on facebook commenting on his repeated statements "Osama Kahil there is no Cement so far and then" hence, I received a phone call by Osama asking me not to mention his name in the newspaper or on Facebook, I told him that I will do so in case he left the chairmanship of the contractors, he replied with curses and insults and threatened me that he is capable of getting me from where ever I am."

Abu Jyab added "I filed several complaints to the official bodies and authorities; so far the case wasn't solved."

(15/05)– Salem Israeli military court on Sunday (15/5) sentenced Sami Saeed Al Sa'ee (36years) the reporter and editor of Al Fajer Aljadeed local TV to 9 months, on charges of incitement through his posts on Facebook".

IOF arrested the journalist Sami Sa'ee from his home from Ertah suburb in Tulkarem city (north of West Bank) at the dawn of 09/03/2016, which was followed by charges of inciting through Facebook, according to his lawyer quoted his wife, in a previous affidavit after displacing her husband from West Bank to the Israeli Megiddo prison "We have informed the Palestinian Prisoners Club that indictment filed against Sami accusing him of incitement through publishing photos and posts related to Israeli military operations."

She added "Israeli Occupation Intelligence collected all Sami's posts on facebook since October until the date of his arrest".

(16/05)- Palestinian Internal security in Gaza Strip summoned the correspondent of "Wattan Agency News" and a volunteer at the radio "Sawt El Sha'b "Ezzedine Abu Aisha (21 years) who was interrogated twice rather than the degrading and inhuman treatment that can amount to torture, as Abu Aisha reported to MADA" I received on 16/05 an official proclamation from the internal security asking me to present myself the next day to the headquarters of the internal security in Gaza, I went there on time at 9:00am, since I arrived they started interrogating me, the officers treatment was degrading and rude as he asked me sit on my knees, and he asked me to stand in a specific area/ narrow space, where I was prevented from movement or to look at the investigator face".

He added" the investigator also asked me regarding my political affiliation, I responded that I do not belong to any, he also interrogated me about my trip to the West Bank on 12/03/2016 for 9 day, the purpose of the trip and which party funded it, and what I work and about my monthly salary and in case I am planning to revisit , they also interrogated me about my work in the radio / Sawt elsha'b / and the



relation with the radio, he was not convinced that I am only a volunteer there. I was released at eleven under a condition to be back the next day, the next day I went in the morning of (Tuesday 17/06 the interrogation lasted from 09:00am till 02:00pm I was interrogated on the same previous topics”.

(16/05)- Israeli Occupation intelligence banned the correspondent and editor of “AL Quds International Press” news agency Khaldoun Zakaria Mathloun (32 years) from travel, while traveling to participate in media conference in Turkey, as Mathloun reported to MADA” on Monday around 5:00pm I was heading to Al Karamah crossing to travel through Jordan to Turkey in order to participate in the Palestinian international forum for media and communication, based on an official invitation I received by the organizers of the conference, at the crossing Israeli Occupation Intelligence reserved my passport for four hours, while I was detained until 9:00pm, once an Israeli officer came a took some few personal information about me; name, age, social status, it did not take

more than five minutes, afterwards an Israeli soldier/female informed me that I am banned from traveling due to security reasons, and to ask the coordination and liaison office to find out why”.

(16/05)– Palestinian Intelligence arrested the correspondent of “Al Aqsa TV” Tareq Abdelraziq Abu Zeid (40years)from his house in Nablus as his father reported to MADA” around 11:00pm of 16/05 a troop from the Palestinian Intelligence surrounded, my son Tareq’s house, in Nablus that is located near Nablus National University, while another 7 personnel’s (from which two were female, raided the house, searching thoroughly, and confiscated some devices and equipment (including a personal computer a cellphone; I am not sure how many devices were confiscated, afterwards they arrested Tareq and now he is at Nablus prosecution as his lawyer Ibrahim Al Amer informed me (the affidavit was taken on 18/05)”.

In another affidavit for Tareq’s father (taken on 31/05) stating that “Tareq was transferred two weeks ago to Junaid prison in Nablus, and he banned from visit neither his family nor his lawyer” adding that his

detention was extended by the public prosecutor that will end tomorrow 01/06 and a court hearing will take place on 02/06”.

(23/5)- Nayef Safadi (49years from Golan highs) the director and photographer of the European Press Agency- EPA in Palestine and Israel, was exposed to a humiliating security check by Israeli Occupation security forces while he was intending to cover a press conference at the Israeli Prime Minister Office in Jerusalem, as the security personnel's demanding him to strip off his trouser in case he wants to enter after searching him in an unjustified and abnormal way, that led him to leave the place due to this humiliating and degrading treatment as Safadi reported to MADA” I was heading from the EPA- and on behalf of several press agencies to cover the press conference for Benjamin Netanyahu prime minister of Israeli and French prime minister in west Jerusalem, and as soon as I reached the location, they demanded me(after several normal and routine questions) to be physically searched, I didn't complain also it was weird, while they were searching me one of the Israeli Intelligence personnel asked me to strip of my trouser from few seconds, but I rejected and I considered it

humiliating, they informed me that I will not be allowed to enter unless I complied to their /security checks/ hence, I gave up on covering the conference that will cost such humiliating treatment, I took my camera and left the location, I also informed the Journalists syndicate, and I sent a letter to all European Agencies that were waiting to receive photos of the conference explaining was I was exposed to”.

He added” so far I did not receive an apology of what I was exposed to, although when I met the media officer of Netanyahu’s office he apologized verbally, and that they will send an official letter about the incident”.

(23/05)– Palestinian Intelligence summoned the correspondent of “Al Quds TV” in Bethlehem Mamdouh Mahmoud Hamamrah (32years) while heading back from participating in a media conference held in Turkey, as Hamamrah reported to MADA ”On my way back from Jordan after Participating in a media and communication forum that was organized in Istanbul, I was stopped by a Palestinian Intelligence Officer in “Jericho Stop”, asking me where I have been, and with who, and if anyone gave

me anything, he searched my bag thoroughly and took out everything from it, after 15 minutes he handed me a paper to follow with the Palestinian Intelligence office in Bethlehem (he lives there) on Wednesday 25/05”.

Hamamrah also added” I have informed the journalists syndicate of what happened, and I didn’t comply to the summon, as the PJS will solve the issue”.

(23/05)– IOF arrested a student in media department in Al-Quds University, Malek Salah Alqadi (20years) from his house, and was sentenced in administrative detention for 6 months, as his mother reported to MADA” at around 02:00am of 23/05 after a troop of IOF raided our house in Bethlehem, and bombed the front gate, a captain of the IOF entered the house asking about Malek, after checking his ID they arrested him”.

She also added “Malek is now presented at Ofar detention Center near Ramallah, he was sentenced (before one day of his arrest) of 6 months of administrative detention, and now he is under hunger strike, since 18

days, started his hunger strike on the 16/07, as I visited him after spending 10 days in Ofar<sup>7</sup> detention center (Military Campus), noting that he was arrested last year as well /summer 2015”.

(24/05)– The freelance journalist Amjad Ayman Yaghi (26years) was exposed to threats and inciting campaign after publishing an investigative report in a Lebanese newspaper (Al Akhbar) about sexual harassment against women in Gaza Strip as Yaghi reported to MADA” on 24/05 I published an investigation on what workers/ women are exposed to extortion and harassment by several persons in certain backed/subsidized and private institutions particularly in Gaza Strip, that took me 4 months to conduct, where I followed all rules in citation and references even interviews with women (within permitted and accepted norms by the society), following several legal advices and consultancies, I observed these facts”.

Yaghi added” after publishing the investigation report several public figures were irritated as it affects their status, as I stated in my report that

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<sup>7</sup> This affidavit was recorded on Thursday 28/07/2016, another affidavit was recorded on 02/08 regarding his hunger strike; by his mother.

some harassers were lawyers, journalists and officials from international institutions, and others, after publishing this report I was exposed to an explicit and direct threat from an official who repeatedly threatened me over the phone, for a period of 8 days, who distrusted my work, and threatened me indirectly to tarnish my professional image, moreover, I heard from a close press agency to the Bar Association that they are intending to file a complaint against me”.

Yaghi pointed out that “Journalists syndicate contacted me directly to verify the reports data; hence they issued an illustrative statement”.

(25/5)- IOF arrested Izzat Saleh Ahmad (23years) media graduate from Al Najah National University, from his home in Kafr Al-Deek village – Salfet (north of West Bank) as his father reported to MADA” at around 1:00am of 25/05 a troop of IOF raided our house after breaking the lock, they thoroughly searched the house, but did not confiscate anything, but they arrested Izzat”.

Izzat’s father also pointed out that ”his son Izzat was presented to the court 3 times since his arrestment (most recent was on 06/05/2016) and

that Izzat is suffering from a broken leg due to a previous car accident, as a platinum piece was planted in his leg”.

(30/5)- IOF banned the photographer of the Chinese News Agency “Xinhua” Nidal Shafeeq Ishatyeh (47 years), and the photographer of AP Majdy Ishtayeh from covering a raid carried out by IOF in Salem Village Nablus governorate, as Nidal reported to MADA ”Around06:00am of 30/05 a large force of IOF raided Salem Village in an inspection operation, and while me and my colleague Majdy were trying to cover the raid an Israeli officer prevented us without any violence”



❖ June 2016:

(01/06)- Palestinian Intelligence force arrested on the night of 01/06 the cameraman of Al Aqsa TV Amir Khalil Abu Arram (24 years) in a brutal way from the street near his home after they surrounded his car and stopped it in Birzeit town, which coincided with a shooting in the air, subsequently, Abu Arram was detained for five days, as after his release he reported to MADA "I was arrested on Wednesday, 01/06 at about nine thirty in the evening, after I left the house at about 100 meters two civil cars carrying security personnel in civilian dress, intercepted the car and fired in the air, once they forced me to get out of the car in a brutal way through pushing me intensively and twitching without identifying themselves, later they took me to the headquarters of the intelligence headquarters in Ramallah, after taking my belongings, interrogation started, it was almost a continuous investigation since the moment of my arrest until the moment of my release. "

"I was interrogated precisely about my job as a journalist, as who helped to work in the TV, what reports we usually prepare and about what, and

particularly about a report we conducted on a family of a detained child, I spent the first night of my arrest since 10 pm till 05:00 am standing on my feet and handcuffed strongly and blindfolded which left me in a severe pain , the bad circumstances of my arrest led to transferring me to Ramallah hospital and there I stayed only for 10 minutes and I was again sent back to the intelligence headquarters, on the same day they extended my detention for extra 15 days to complete the interrogation that lasted for many hours, I was on hunger strike from the moment of my arrest until the moment of my release. "

He also added "on Sunday morning (5/6) I was presented to Court, where my lawyer demanded my release, and they responded, hence, I was released without a bail or conditions around 7:00 pm of the same day".

(01/06) – the Palestinian intelligence service summoned the correspondent of Al Yarmouk TV Zaid Mustafa Abu Arrah (29 year) , from the village of Aqabah, Tubas governorate, detained him until midnight and interrogated him, as he reported to MADA "On (1/6) I

received a phone call at about 9:30 am from the intelligence Center in Tubas asking me to present myself immediately there, where they kept on shifting me between the cell and the interrogation room with no interrogation, meanwhile, they demanded my facebook password and the passwords of two e-mails of mine”.

Abu Arra also added “ (in the evening) the interrogation began about a page on Facebook / Tubas News / which I created in the past and deactivated it a year ago, they also accused me of creating an Islamic blog in Tubas as once I shared a congratulatory of a family member on it, which I had nothing to do with it, they also inquired my news sources, emphasizing they are all from Hamas, I stayed in the interrogation until 11:00pm, where I was released after signing the affidavit, under a condition of coming back next Sunday 05/06”

“on 05/06 I went back but they didn’t interrogate me, and I was asked to come back on Tuesday 07/06, on 07/06 they also didn’t interrogate me and asked me to come back after two weeks without setting a date”. He also added ”on 11/06 I received a phone call from the intelligence

headquarter in Tubas asking me to go the next day to the intelligence headquarters in Nablus, and for the first time they informed me that I am summoned relating to my colleague Tareq Abu Zeid case (correspondent of Al Aqsa TV who was arrested during May 2016)".

He also added "I informed the journalists' syndicate about the incident, on the due date I went to the intelligence headquarters in Tubas then to Nablus on time, at 10:00am where they started their interrogation regarding my colleague Tareq Abu Zeid, since when I know him, What is the type of our relation, noting that I had a training with him in the past on field work (television reports).

all the questions revolved about the same topic, afterwards I was transferred to Al Juneid detention center (in Nablus city) where I was subjected to the same questions, they searched my mobile, with all its apps after I signed the affidavit, they requested me to bring my two personal computers and the hard desk the next day, but they changed their minds and asked me to send the requested devices in the same car

that will drop me home, I was released at around 12:00am, and my devices are still reserved with them,” “04/07/2016”.

(24/05–05/06)– Internal security service in Gaza subjected editor and programs producer in “Sawt Felasteen radio” Jamil Ahmed Muammar (40 years) to a series of summons, interrogation and detention for over 13 days in a row (that lasted between 24/5 until 5/6) after publishing an article titled " Administrative and Financial corruption within the leadership of Hamas" as Muammar reported to MADA”I suffered from several harassments after writing an article that tackled the issue of "Financial and Administrative corruption within the leadership of Hamas" and sent it to several sites to be published , but one of them didn’t publish it instead they sent it to the internal security, noting that it was published on other sites”.

He also added “on 24/05 at around 09:00am I received a phone call from a private caller asking me to present myself within one hour to (Abu Khadra– headquarters) for internal security in Gaza, when I demanded to receive an official warrant as I doubt the credibility of the call, the caller

yelled and told me they had a previous idea on how insurgent I am, and assured that I should attend within an hour, I consulted some friends and I headed to the internal security headquarters, I was detained in a closed dark room till 08:00pm, after confiscating my passport and personal identity, then someone came and informed me that I can leave but to show up again at the quarters the next day 25/05 at 09:30am, upon their request I headed to the headquarters on time, when I was escorted to the interrogation room with three investigators, they accused me of publishing a report claiming and accusing Hamas with financial and administrative corruption, on one of the sites, and that two of its leaders (including a minister) stole an amount of money and disagreed on dividing the amount fairly, and that I heard the call phone between them, I denied all their claims as the website did not publish my report, and the others remove it right after 24 hours, noting that some of the sites did not disclose my name, and others publish it under a Pseudonym”

He also added “ they accused me of escalation against Hamas, and misleading relating to what I wrote about the children who were burnt in

Al shatee' Refujee Camp, I stayed there from 11:00am till 04:00pm for interrogation, till I was released, under a condition to present myself the next day, this procedure lasted for 11 days (from 26/05 till 05/06); presenting myself at their headquarters upon their request, as each time I was detained in a dark room with no interrogation, on 06/05 I was summoned to receive my passport and ID, and I was subjected to a verbal pledge that in case of publishing any similar report or even a word on the situation in Gaza or Hamas in future I will be exposed to a severe punishment".

(15/06)- Members of Palestinian Police assaulted the reporter of "Wattan TV" Jihad Mahmoud Qassem (7 years) with beating and detained him and a colleague of his, Wattan TV cameraman Ameer Hamayel (28 years) , and banned them from covering incidents in Al Am'ary refugee Camp near Ramallah, as Qassem reported to MADA" I was heading with my colleague the TV cameraman Ameer Hamayel on 15/06 to cover raid operations of security services to refugee camps, particularly al- Amari refugee camp, upon arrival policemen headed toward us in a barbaric and brutal way asking us who we are, informing us that filming is

prohibited, I demanded to talk to the officer in charge as before heading to cover the incident I contacted the office Loay Izrekat( the police spokesperson) and he is aware of the coverage, the officer replied in a rude way that there is no official among them I can talk to, hence, I recalled the officer Izriqat to inform him that we were banned from covering, I waited for his call in 10 minutes upon our agreement, while waiting, one of the security personnel came to me; wondering if I was a policeman when I replied that I am a journalist he asked me to open my mobile and show him all photos, I informed him that I did not capture any photo, following an intense debate among us I asked him to head with me to the police station, and there I can open the phone but he refused and started shouting, that resulted in other policemen gathered around us, as one of them hit me on the face, they also pushed me in their vehicle and they started to punch me, hit me and insult me, they confiscated my phone and detained me in the police car for half an hour, afterwards I was transferred to the police station where I was released, my colleague Ameer wasn't subjected to any violation as since the beginning he was forced to stay in the car".



(20/06)– IOF arrested the media lecturer in Birzeit University Naser Al-Deen Jamal Khasib (25 years) from his home in Arura town Ramallah governorate, and confiscated his personal computer and a mobile as his mother reported to MADA” a force of IOF raided our house on around 03:00am of 20/06, and one of the soldiers took Naser to one room for ten minutes, I have no idea what they talked about, afterwards they asked Naser to join them (arrested him) the soldier informed me that we will know the reasons of arrest later”. She also added” they didn’t search the house but they confiscated Nasser’s personal computer and mobile”.

(20/06)– IOF arrested the journalist Adib Brakat Al-Atrash (26 years) from his home in Hebron city as his brother reported to MADA “a force of IOF raided our house in Hebron around 3:00am of 20/06, they asked us to leave the house to the yard, and the officer requested all our IDs, later the officer asked about my brother’s house, we guided him to his room as he recently returned from travelling, they arrested him and confiscated his mobile, they informed us that they will interrogate him to learn few things”.

He also added “my brother Adib was presented to Ofer military court on 28/06 where his detention was extended for an extra week without disclosing his indictment, currently he is detained at Maskobiyeh detention center(in Jerusalem)”.

(25/06)– The Palestinian intelligence service arrested the correspondent of “Shihab News Agency ” Amer Abdul Hakim Abu Arafa (33years) while he was filming the marketplace in Nablus city and detained him for seven hours as he reported to MADA ”at around 05:00pm of 25/06 while wandering in Nablus market filming pastry shops a force of intelligence service attacked and arrested me, and I was transferred to Al Juneid detention Center while I was subjected to seven hours of interrogation, I was interrogated about the nature of my work at the agency, and who is our director and how I submit the reports and who are the(agency) correspondents, I was released at around 3:00am”.

(27/06)– a large force of Palestinian Security raided the freelance journalist home Susan Al Ewiwi at night, searched the house and confiscated her personal computer, documents and the memory card of

her camera, she reported to MADA “at around 10:30 pm on Monday 27/06, my sister in law called me and informed me that a force of Palestinian security raided their house and asked about her brother (my husband/ Hussam Mohammad Zakaria Ewiwi) and as soon as I hanged up the phone I heard knocks on the door to find a large troop of Palestinian security services informing me that they want to search the house”.

She also added” the officer in charge refused to present themselves, or to which security service they belong or at least to present a search warrant, thus they raided the house and searched it, once I asked him about his name sometimes he said (Abu MUSAAB Al Zarkawi) and other times (Sameeh Al Madhoun), and as they insisted to search the house in such a way I raised my camera and started on filming, and when they protested I inform them it is my right to know who is searching my place, which drove them angry and confiscated the memory card, moreover they confiscated a personal computer and some documents, they also took my husband to the intelligence headquarters and detained him for an hour and a half, and then released him”.

(27/06)– Israeli Occupation police banned on 27/6 the correspondent of "Palestine today" TV in Jerusalem, Ahmed Nayef Jaradat (25years) and several other journalists from covering the raid of Al–Aqsa Mosque by Israeli settlers and attacked the public relation officer of Al– Awkaf/ Firas Al Dibes through kicking and beating, as Jaradat reported to MADA “during the coverage of the settlers storming to Al–Aqsa Mosque around 10:00am on the (27/6) members of the Israeli police attacked all the journalists who were present at the scene, I was pushed several times rather than the clear attempt to disrupt our work and prevent us from covering the incident, whilst my colleague Firas Al Dibes public relation officer of Al– Awkaf was beaten in a brutal and harder way”.

(28/06)– during the UN Secretary–General Ban Ki–moon visit to Gaza Strip his guards and associates banned at least 10 journalists from covering his press conference in Gaza, as the cameraman of Al–Quds TV Hassan Abdulfattah Isleeh (27 years) reported to MADA “we were at Hamad Hospital for Rehabilitation yard, about 10 colleagues from

different media outlets and institutions that I cannot remember them all as the cameraman of the German TV Zakaria Altelmes, however, Ban Ki-moon was there in order to celebrate the opening of the hospital, and after moving to the second conference in one of the UNRWA schools in Gaza, once I tried to enter the press conference I was banned to enter and cover the events by two foreign assistants”.

Also Mohammad Fadl Da’oor (25years) a correspondent of Al-QudsTV, reported to MADA “ all crews and press channels had been prevented from entering to cover the conference, claiming that they were late and the conference was scheduled to start at 10:00am , although the fact that the delay took place because of the UN-Secretary general lateness and not the journalists , and despite the fact that the names of all journalists were within the permissible list that enables them in advance to cover the conference, particularly that the list was sent previously for security check to the security administrator of the UN secretary general”.

(30/06)- The Israeli Occupation police detained Al Jazeera correspondent Elias Hanna Karram (39years) and his colleague on 30/6,

videographer of Al Jazeera Labib Abdel Fattah Jazmawi (38 years) and interrogated them while they were heading to Hebron to cover incidents there, as Karram reported to MADA “around 10:00am of 30/06 me and my colleague the videographer Labib Abdel Fattah Jazmawi (38 years) near a checkpoint in Beit Jala heading to Hebron to cover repercussions of an operation there, before reaching the checkpoint and while filming the incidents there a patrol car headed toward us and prevented us from filming the incidents, and accused us of stepping on the yellow line claiming it as a breach hence we moved our car, another policeman headed toward us, asking where do we work in which channel, and whence I told him we work at Al Jazeera Channel he starting provoking us in cynical way such as/long live Palestinian People/ and threatening us like I will teach you to behave or I will be treading on you, that provoked my colleague Labib who raised his voice in the face of the policeman, the policeman dragged him to the police station where he was detained for four hours under investigation and interrogation on charges of obstructing police work and insulting a policeman.”

Karram also added "as I was filming what happened with Labib during interrogation, the policeman asked me to give him my mobile when I refused as I didn't commit any offense he threatened to detain me, after consulting my personal lawyer, I informed him I will give him the video and the mobile on a court's decision, finally they only took my affidavit and released us at around 2:30pm after filing a traffic fine against us".

(30/06)- The Israeli Occupation Intelligence and Police arrested the photographer of "Al Jazeera Net" Iyad Salman Altawil (28years) after raiding and searching his house in the city of Jerusalem on 30/06 and confiscated his personal computer and a camera. his colleague the photographer Abd El Affou Zughier reported to MADA "a troop of the Israeli Occupation police and intelligence raided Iyad's house around 10:00am of 30/06 in Ras Alamoud in East Jerusalem, they searched the house thoroughly and confiscated his personal computer and camera, before arresting him and his father, without disclosing the details or causes of arrest".