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## INTRODUCTION:

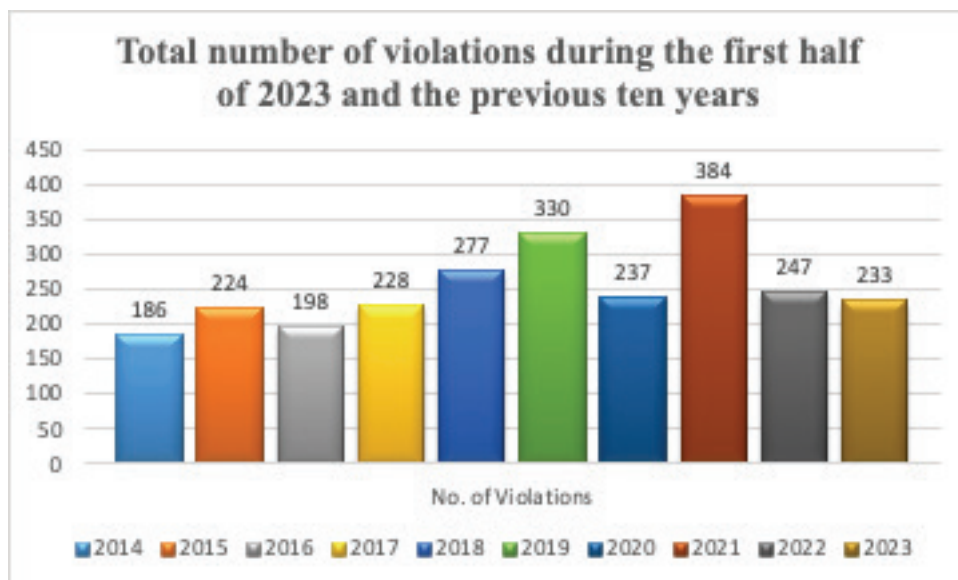
The first half of the year 2023 has witnessed a slight decrease in the total number of violations against media freedoms in Palestine compared to its record during the same period of last year 2022. This decrease is mainly attributed to the decrease in the number of violations committed by social media companies.

With this slight decrease in the number of violations, which did not exceed 5%, the number of violations remained in the range documented during the same period last year. Despite this, many negative indicators have appeared indicating only a real deterioration in the situation of freedom of the press and journalists in Palestine, especially with regard to Palestinian violations.

The number of violations committed by the occupation authorities, various Palestinian authorities, and social media companies against media freedoms in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and the occupied city of Jerusalem reached a total of 234 violations during the first half of the year 2023, compared to a total of 247 violations documented during the first half of the year 2022, representing a limited decrease by 13 violations.

The first half of the year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Number of Violations	186	224	198	228	277	330 (65 thereof by Facebook)	237 (64 thereof by Facebook)	384 (43 thereof by social media networks)	247 (34 thereof committed by social media networks)	234 (10 thereof committed by social media networks)

Given the previous table, and when making a comparison of the numbers of violations during the past ten years, it is noted that the numbers of violations fluctuated between high and low; however, when comparing the years 2021 and 2022, a decrease of 36% is noticed, while the comparison between the years 2022 and 2023 shows that the decline is negligible as it does not exceed 0.05%, which indicates a relative stability in the number of violations in the last two years.

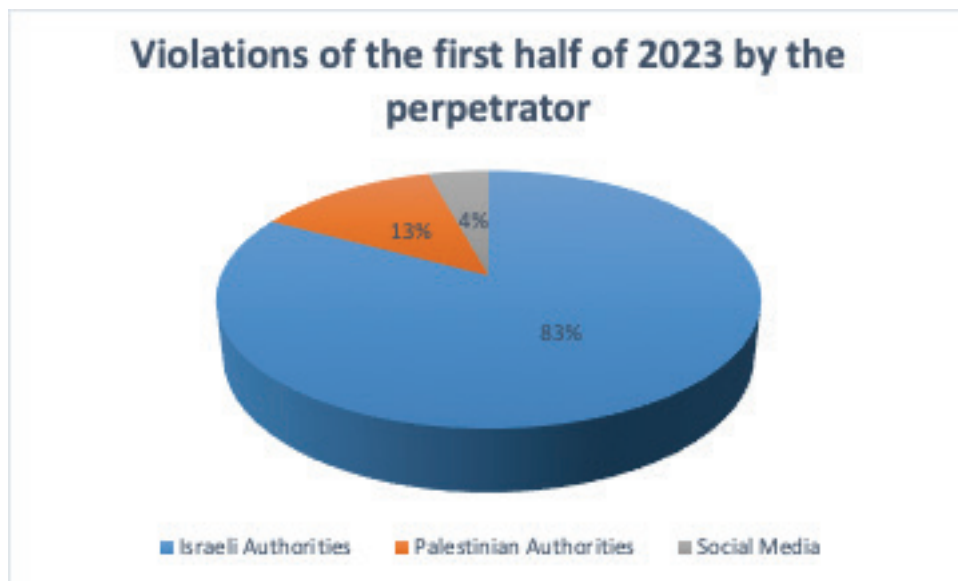


As for the reason for the decrease in the number of violations committed during the year 2023, it generally came as a result of the decrease in violations committed by social media networks. As for the Israeli violations, they remained at the same pace (it decreased by only one point), as the occupation authorities, as usual, commit the largest portion of the violations, and are still practicing the same measures against media freedoms, not to mention escalating their repressive measures against journalists and the media in Palestine, while the number of Palestinian violations has increased in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by 34%.

Despite the high number of Palestinian violations, the Israeli violations remain the most serious, as some of the victims of Israeli attacks were subjected to more than one attack during the period covered by the report, and they were also subjected to more than one violation during the coverage of one event. In addition, some of the attacks that took place during the aforementioned period targeted media and press crews and did not directly target specific people or individuals.

Comparing the map of the distribution of violations (by the perpetrator) during the first half of the current year 2023 and the corresponding period during the year 2022, and the distribution of the decline in the number of violations, it is seen that the decline in the number of violations amounted to 13 points, one point resulted from a decrease in the number of Israeli violations, and 12 points resulted from a decrease in the number of violations committed by the Palestinian authorities, while social media violations dropped from 34 violations to 10 violations, that is a decline by 24 points.

Excluding the violations committed by social media companies and platforms, the number of Israeli and Palestinian violations increased during the first half of 2023, reaching 224 violations, compared to 213 violations documented during the same period in 2022, which represents an increase of 5%.



Israeli authorities, including settlers, committed a total of 194 violations against media freedoms in the West Bank, including the eastern part of Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, while various Palestinian authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip committed a total of 30 violations. As for social media networks, it was responsible for a total of 10 violations, which consisted of closing or restricting pages under the pretext of «combating incitement to violence and terrorism», but in reality, they were committed within the framework of combating Palestinian content and harassing journalists active on social media at the instigation of official authorities, either Palestinian or Israeli<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> For more, you can view the report on «Freedom of Publication and Violations against Journalists on Social Media in Palestine» <https://www.madacenter.org/article/1590/>

The violations documented and recorded during the first half of 2023, totaling 234, affected a total of 175 persons<sup>2</sup> (166 male and 9 female journalists).

### Israeli and Palestinian Violations during the First Half of 2023 by the type of violation

Type of Violation	Israel	Palestinian Authorities	Social Media Networks
Physical assault-injury-battery	51	3	0
Coverage Ban-Steered Targeting	37	0	0
Detention (often involves interrogation)	34	1	0
Coverage ban	29	6	0
Summoning/summoning and questioning	12	3	0
Seizure/detention/equipment destruction	2	1	0
Demolishing institutions/houses	2	1	0
Destruction of equipment/vehicles	10	1	0
Blocking sites	2	0	0
Incitement	3	2	0
Deleting material	3	1	0
Torture-ill-treatment	0	2	0
Threatening	1	1	0
Fine-bail	1	0	0
Arrest/detention-administration referral	4	3	0
Summoning	0	2	0
Closure and restriction of social media accounts	0	0	10
Other assaults/attacks	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>

#### ► Israeli Violations:

The number of Israeli violations committed during the first half of the year 2023 did not differ significantly from that documented and recorded last year. It remained at approximately the same number documented during the first half of the previous year, with a decrease of only one point, as the Israeli violations recorded during the first half of the current year amounted to 194 attacks compared to 195 attacks documented during the same period of the previous year.

#### Violations of the Israeli occupation during the first half of 2022 and the years before that

The first half of the year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>No. of Violations</b>	132	114	133	127	208	150	125	253	195	194

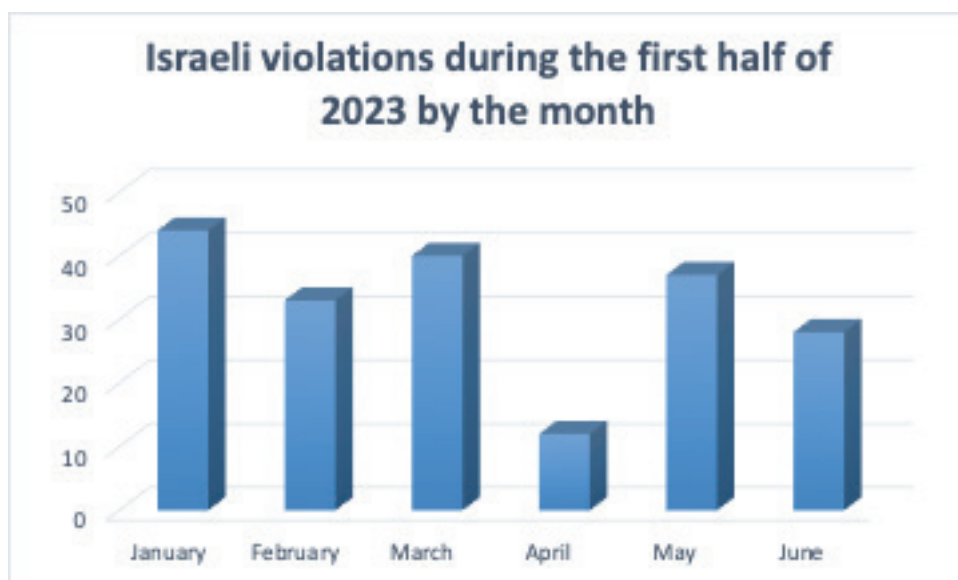
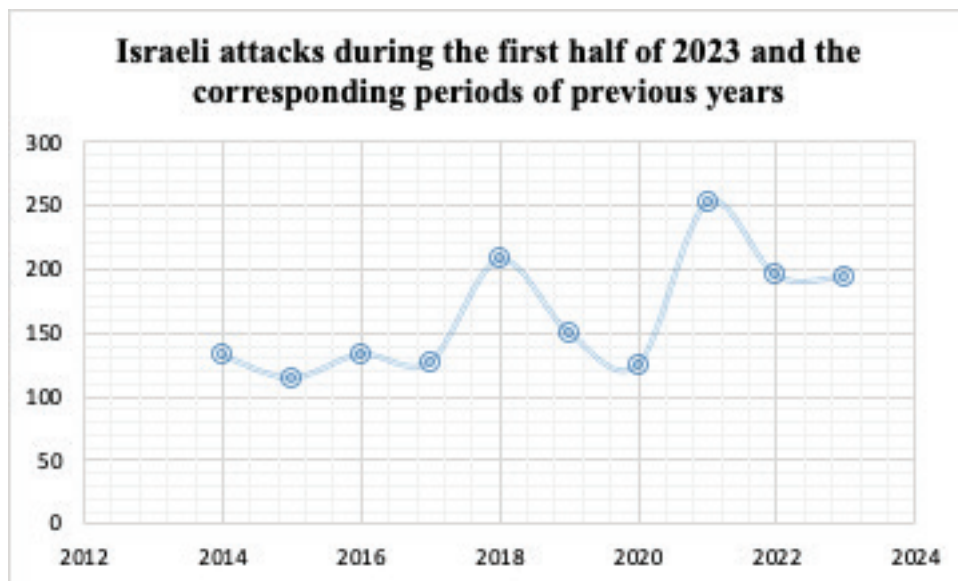
Israeli violations accounted for 83% of all documented violations, two of which took place in Gaza Strip, noting that during the first half of 2022, no Israeli violations were documented in Gaza Strip, and that is due to the lack of activities and events that required media coverage by journalists and

<sup>2</sup> Some of these journalists were victims of more than one attack during the period covered by the report, in addition to the fact that another part of the attacks targeted media crews and did not target individuals only. As MADA documented the assault on 11 media crews during the period covered by the report.

the media crews; thus, the lack of contact between journalists and the occupation soldiers.

The Israeli violations that took place all under 18 types, all focused around one central idea or goal, which is to terrorize journalists and the media and keep them away from the field. However, the most severe and dangerous of these types are undoubtedly physical injuries, coverage ban, and coverage-ban-steered targeting, as these were documented in high numbers. compared to other violations.

By following up with the Israeli violations against media freedoms in Palestine, it becomes clear that they may be carried out by orders and incitement from the highest official Israeli levels. For instance, what Palestine TV office was exposed to in the city of Jerusalem is a stark example of that. As the work of Palestine TV within the occupied territories in 1948 - which began in 2020 - was banned by a decision of the Minister of National Security "ITAMAR BEN GVIR" for a period of six months, and all journalists working for "Marcel Production" Company were summoned for investigation, which is the company that works for the TV.



The Israeli violations against journalists are also complex (in other words, a journalist or media organization may be exposed to more than one attack at the same time). The same happened with many journalists, including the journalist JIHAD AL-DIN BADAWI, who was detained on the same

day twice in the town of “Hawwara”, and the filmed materials were deleted from his cell phone. Also, what happened with the cameraman of “Quds News Network”, MUTASEM SAQF AL-HAIT, who was beaten by an Israeli settler who broke his cell phone.

It is noted from the previous graph that the number of violations increased significantly in some months compared to others, which witnessed a wide escalation in the Israeli attacks against citizens, and the accompanying repression of similar operations among journalists and media crews that covered the events.

In general, the Israeli authorities and forces intensified their attacks in the first half of this year in the northern West Bank, as they increased their hostile activity in the geographical areas where the resistance is based more than in other areas, such as Nablus and Jenin in particular, in addition to what these areas were subject to not to mention the other attacks committed by the settlers with the protection of the occupation soldiers. As is the case in the town of “Hawwara” and its neighboring villages during the month of February, where settlers attacked citizens’ houses in a retaliatory manner and burned more than 30 houses, shops, and a large number of cars in a crime that is the most violent against citizens during the first half of this year.

On the other hand, the popular activities in support of the Palestinian cities and towns that were subjected to settler attacks, and against the Israeli attacks, increased, and all of the above called for extensive coverage by journalists and media crews in the field, and thus increased the chances of contact between journalists on the one hand and the Israeli occupation forces and settlers on the other hand.

In a related context, Jerusalemite journalists’ coverage of the “flag march” organized by settlers in May of each year, during which they provocatively roam the Old City, followed by subsequent repeated incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque, played an important role in fueling the events and the occurrence of many Israeli violations during the first half of this year in the city of Jerusalem. Noting that the attacks against journalists and the media in Jerusalem are often characterized by a high degree of violence, to block the transmission of the real image of Israeli practices happening on the ground that the Israeli authorities are keen to obscure and not publish in order to prestage it presents itself with as a democratic country that respects freedoms and human rights in general and media freedoms in particular.

#### Israeli violations during the first half of the year 2023, by month

Month	January	February	March	April	May	June
No. of Violations	44	33	40	12	37	28

#### ‣ The most serious violations:

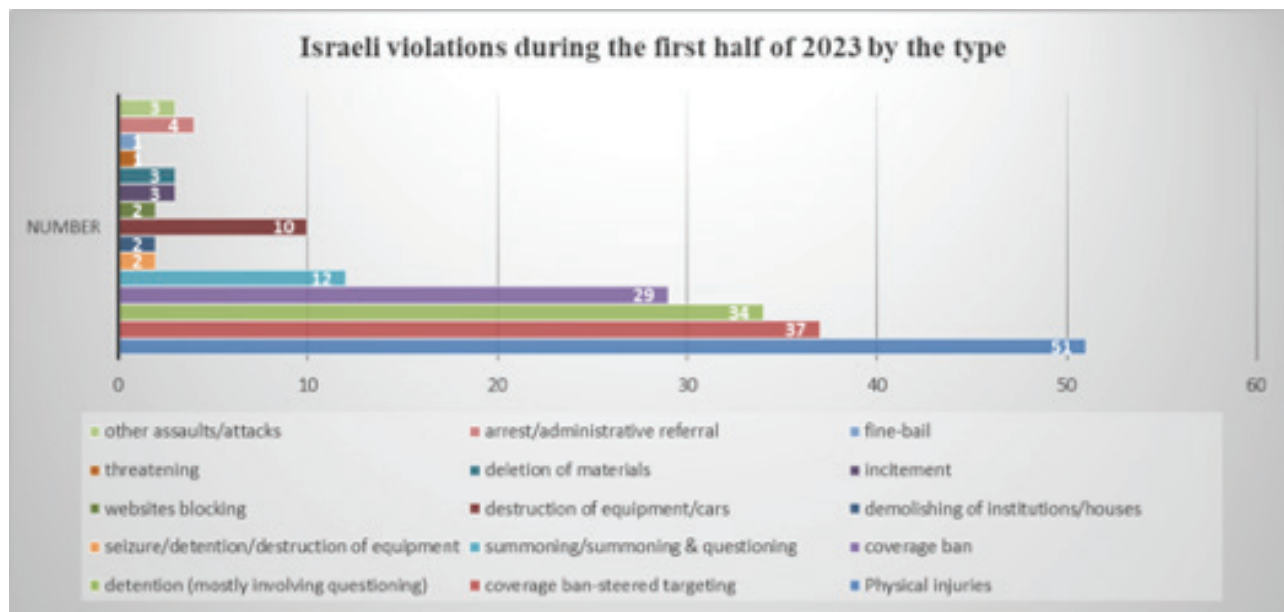
##### Physical Injuries:

As in previous years, physical attacks and direct targeting of journalists continued to top the various types of violations in terms of number, and also in terms of the seriousness they posed to the lives of journalists.

During the first half of 2023, MADA documented a total of 51 physical attacks committed by the occupation and its settlers against journalists during their work, which varied between injuries with metal bullets, sound and gas canisters, battery, and others.

While direct physical assaults, arrests, and detention that were documented during the first half of the year 2022 accounted for 46% of the total Israeli assaults documented at that time, the physical

assaults, arrests, and detention that were documented during the first half of this year amounted to 28% of the total Israeli assaults that have been documented. Despite the decrease in this percentage during the first half of this year, it only indicates a greater awareness of the journalists in the mechanism that they are adopting in covering events, in a way that keeps them as far as possible from being victims of attacks by the occupation forces and settlers during their fieldwork.



Direct bodily injuries resulting from targeting journalists with metal, rubber, or sponge bullets, or from stun grenades and gas canisters constituted 37% of all 51 physical assaults, which is a high percentage compared to the extent of their seriousness. This confirms the high rate of very serious violations committed by the occupation authorities and their forces, which expose the lives of journalists to severe direct dangers.

The injury of “Palestine Post Network” Cameraman, MOAMEN SAMREEN, on the 7th of June, is a clear example of physical injuries and the extent of their danger to the lives of journalists. He was targeted while he was covering the storming of the occupation forces into the city of Ramallah, with a rubber-coated metal bullet, that injured him behind the right ear, and even though he was wearing the press uniform, the bullet entered and exited his head, which caused him a concussion, a skull fracture, and subcutaneous hemorrhage. The injury necessitated his hospitalization in the intensive care unit for nearly 9 days.

The most serious violations against the lives of journalists (physical attacks, arrest, detention, coverage ban, and coverage ban-steered targeting) accounted for 85% of all documented Israeli attacks during the first half of 2023.

In other words, three-quarters of the Israeli attacks, or three out of every four attacks against media freedoms during the first half of the year 2023, fall within the grave or extremely serious attacks on media freedoms and the lives of journalists.

### Coverage Ban and Coverage Ban-Steered Targeting

The policy of the Israeli authorities and forces has not changed to ban journalists from covering or targeting them to ban coverage, which they resort to obscure the various events that are taking place. It is also the main target around which the various types of attacks and other practices revolve through which journalists and the media are targeted, either directly or indirectly.

During the first six months of the year 2023, the number of direct bans from coverage reached 29, in addition to 37 direct targeting of journalists and media crews, banning them from approaching certain places, as well as 10 cases of equipment damage to journalists during their field coverage.

Violations of coverage ban and coverage ban-steered targeting accounted for 34% of all Israeli attacks documented during the first half of this year, a percentage close to what was documented during the same period last year 2022 when it reached 36% at the time.

This indicates that the Israeli authorities are continuing their repressive policy towards media freedoms, and will not hesitate to resort to any means that would intimidate journalists, keep them away from events, and ban them from coverage.

A prominent example of coverage ban-steered targeting is the damage caused to the vehicle of “Roya TV” Reporter, HAFEZ SABRA, by a bullet fired by a sniper from a distance estimated by the journalist at about 200 meters while he was at the Al-Awda roundabout in Jenin camp to cover the occupation forces’ incursion into the camp on the 19th of June, as the bullet hit the vehicle and lodged in its door.

### **Summoning and Questioning:**

The number of violations of summonses and questioning committed by the occupation authorities during the first half of this year 2023 increased significantly, compared to what was documented in the same period last year.

The policy of summoning journalists and questioning them is one of the methods used by the occupation authorities and the intelligence services specifically to influence and intimidate journalists. It is also considered an alarm bell that the Israeli authorities often ring before they carry out the arrest of journalists, as the journalist is subject to questioning for long hours under considerable psychological pressure exerted thereupon.

This method may have results in the short and long term. On the one hand, this violation may force journalists to move away from coverage areas, and it may constitute an incentive in the long term to leave the profession permanently.

The summoning of the journalists working for “Marcel Productions” Company, after the issuance of the ban decision to Palestine TV in the occupied territories, is one of the most prominent examples of the intimidation of journalists practiced by the occupation intelligence, as it questioned seven journalists in its departments on charges of working for Palestine TV, and they were all threatened with arrest if they did not comply with the decision.

During the first half of 2023, MADA documented 12 cases of summoning and questioning of journalists by the occupation authorities, compared to one case documented during the first half of last year 2022.

## The Israeli attacks during the first half of the year 2023 and their percentage out of the total Israeli violations

Type of Violation	Percentage
Physical Assaults	26%
Arrest – Detention – Administrative Referral	2%
Detention	18%
Summoning and questioning	6%
Seizure of equipment	1%
Destruction of equipment	5%
Blocking – hacking – jamming websites	1%
Threatening	0.5%
Deleting materials	1.5%
Incitement	1.5%
Coverage ban	15%
Coverage ban-steered targeting	19%
Demolishing institutions/houses	1%
Fine – bail	0.5%
Other assaults/attacks	0.5%

### Social Media Violations:

Social media companies and platforms continued their violations against media freedoms and freedom of expression in Palestine, and they closed the pages of media websites and restricted the accounts of the administrators of these pages, although these measures were taken temporarily for a specific period of time in some cases.

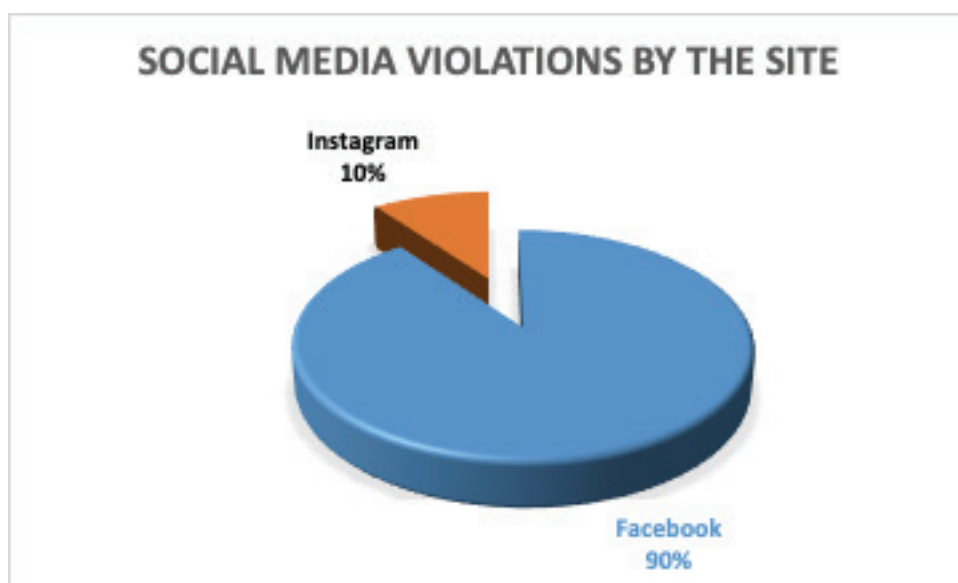
Despite the decrease in the number of violations committed by social media during the first half of this year 2023, they actually reveal the extent of seriousness thereof. If we know that most of them were incited by official authorities against media websites and journalists, which led to either the closure of their pages or the restriction of their content to a specific time period.

As usual in most previous years, during the period covered by this report, Facebook Company recorded the largest number of social media violations, accounting for 90% of all violations committed by social media companies and platforms.

In general, the decrease in documented violations by social media is attributed to the increased caution of journalists in what they publish on their pages and the increase in their self-censorship so that their accounts are not subject to closure or restriction, and it is not due to the improvement of the general policy of these companies and websites about the Palestinian content.

The number of violations committed by social media websites decreased during the first half of this year compared to the previous year 2022 by 71%, or an estimated 24 violations, as MADA had documented a total of 10 violations committed by social media in Palestine during the first half of the year 2023.

One of the prominent violations against Palestinian content that was committed during the first half of the year was the incitement against Quds News Network by Palestinian authorities, which led to the blocking of the Network's account and restricting some of its publications, in addition to restricting the accounts of five managers in charge of the page for varying periods that ranged between days to a week.



### Palestinian Violations:

The number of Palestinian violations against media freedoms in the West Bank and Gaza Strip witnessed a significant increase during the first half of the year 2023 compared to what it recorded during the corresponding period of the year 2022.

The total number of Palestinian violations documented in the West Bank and Gaza Strip increased from 18 attacks during the first half of 2022 to 30 attacks during the first half of 2023, that is, an increase of 34% compared to what it was.

Most of the Palestinian violations, which fall under 14 types, took place in the West Bank (25 violations), which constitutes about 83% thereof, compared to 5 violations that took place in Gaza Strip, constituting about 17% thereof.

Palestinian violations were documented in small numbers, but their types were serious to the media freedoms, in particular, the arrest of the freelance cameraman WAHAJ BANI MUFLEH for 3 days, during which he was tortured and ill-treated, in addition to the detention of the cameraman of “Al-Araby Al-Jadeed” Newspaper, ABDALHAKEEM ABU RAYYASH, for 25 minutes, threatening him with physical assault and punishing him, by the UNRWA Security in Gaza Strip.

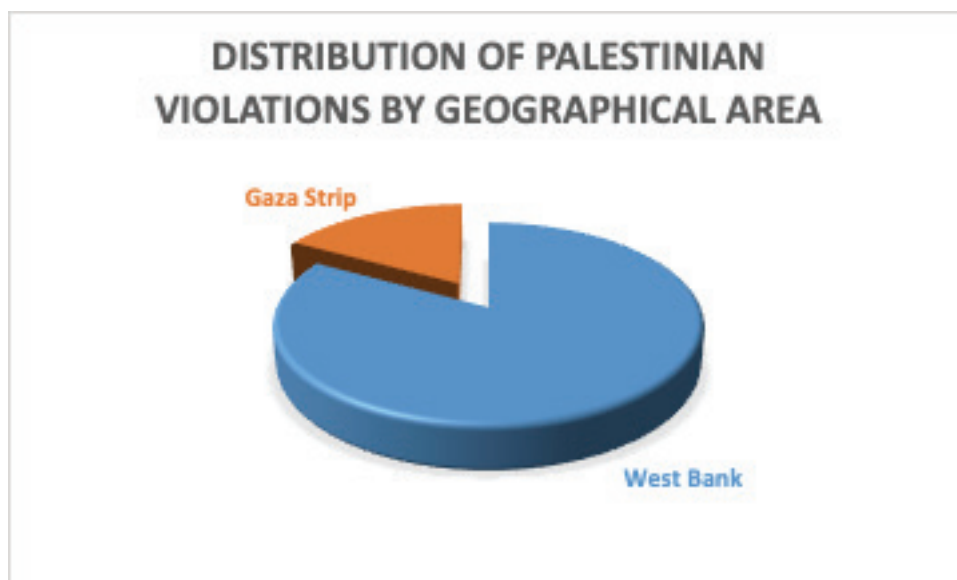
### Palestinian violations during the first half of 2023 and the preceding years

The first half of the year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. of Violations	54	110	65	101	69	115	47	87	18	30

It is noted from the previous table that the number of Palestinian violations increased during the first half of the year 2023 after it had recorded a significant decrease of 79% in the same period of the previous year 2022, which is a serious indicator of the status of media freedoms in Palestine. As, MADA, is looking forward to achieving a permanent decrease in the number of Palestinian violations against media freedoms, leading to their complete termination, and not the other way around.

During the first half of this year, 3 cases of physical assault were documented, compared to two cases that were documented in the same period last year, in addition to the detention of one journalist in Gaza Strip, the arrest of two journalists in the West Bank, and the summoning of three journalists for investigation.

MADA also documented one case of seizing equipment, one case of destroying equipment, one case of deleting materials, one case of threatening a female journalist, six cases of coverage ban, two cases of torture, and two cases of incitement, in addition to three cases that were classified as other assaults, which is the dismissal of a journalist from his work, banning an institution from holding an event in Gaza Strip, and banning a journalist from his official Facebook page by the Palestinian Prime Minister.



Palestinian violations during the first half of 2022, by the type and location

Type of Violation	Palestinian Authorities	
	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Physical Assault – battery – injuries	3	0
Detention	0	1
Arrest	2	1
Summoning	2	0
Summoning and questioning	3	1
Seizure of equipment	1	0
Destruction of equipment	0	1
Threatening	1	0
Coverage ban	6	0
Torture and ill-treatment	1	1
Demolishing of institutions	1	0
Deleting materials	1	0
Incitement	2	0
Other assaults	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	

## APPENDIX 1:

### List of press martyrs killed by the Israeli occupation forces since the beginning of the year 2000

No.	Name of Journalist	Date of the Martyrdom
1	AZIZ YOUSEF AL-THANAH	28th Oct. 2000
2	MOHAMMED AL-BISHAWI	31st July 2001
3	OTHMAN AL-QATANANI	31st July 2001
4	RAPHAEL CHIRILLO	13th March 2002
5	MEEL NAWARA	14th March 2002
6	AHMED NOMAN	14th March 2002
7	AMJAD ALAMI	19th March 2002
8	EMAD ABU ZAHRA	16th July 2002
9	ESSAM MITHQAL AL-TALAWI	22nd June 2002
10	FADI NASHAT	12th April 2003
11	NAZIH ADEL DARWAZEH	19th April 2003
12	JAMES MILLER	2nd May 2003
13	MOHAMMED ABU HALIMA	22nd March 2004
14	HASSAN SHAQURA	15th March 2008
15	FADEL SHANA	16th April 2008
16	OMAR ABDUL HAFEZ SILAWI	3rd Jan. 2009
17	BASIL IBRAHIM FARAJ	6th Jan. 2009
18	IHAB JAMAL AL-WAHIDI	8th Jan. 2009
19	ALAA HAMMAD MURTAJA	9th Jan. 2009
20	MAHMOUD AL-KOUMI	20th Nov. 2012
21	HOSSAM SALAMEH	20th Nov. 2012
22	MOHAMMED MUSA ABU AISHA	20th Nov. 2012
23	HAMED ABDULLAH SHEHAB	9th July 2014
24	NAJLAA MAHMOUD AL-HAJJ	10th July 2014
25	KHALED RIYAD HAMAD	20th July 2014
26	ABDUL RAHMAN ZIYAD ABU HAIN	22nd July 2014
27	BAHA KAMEL EL GHARIB	29th July 2014
28	IZZAT SALAMEH DAHIR	29th July 2014
29	AHED AFIF ZAQOUT	30th July 2014
30	RAMY FATHI RAYAN	30th July 2014
31	SAMEH MOHAMMED AL-ARIAN	30th July 2014
32	MOHAMMED MAJID DAHER	31st July 2014
33	ABDULLAH NASR FAHJAN	1st August 2014
34	MAHMOUD NOUREDDINE AL-DAIRI	2nd August 2018
35	SHADY HAMDY AYAD	2nd August 2014
36	HAMADA KHALED MOQAT	4th August 2014
37	SIMON CAMELLI (ITALIAN)	13th August 2014

38	ALI SHEHTA ABU AFASH	13th August 2014
39	ABDULLAH FADL MURTAJA	25th August 2014
40	AHMED HASSAN ALI JAHAJHA (media student and volunteer cameraman)	16th Dec. 2015
41	IYAD OMAR SAJDIA (media student at Al-Quds University)	1st March 2016 (injured on the evening of 29th Feb. 2016)
42	YASSER ABDUL RAHMAN MURTAJA	6th April 2018
43	AHMED "MOHAMMED ASHRAF" HASSAN ABU HUSSEIN	25th April 2018 (injured on 13th April 2018)
44	MOHAMMED SHAHEEN (graduate of the Faculty of Journalism in 2012)	12th May 2021
45	ABDUL HAMID AL-KOULEK (graduate of the Faculty of Media at Al-Azhar University)	16th May 2021
46	YOUSEF MOHAMMED ABU HUSSEIN	19th May 2021
47	SHERINE ABU AQLEH	11th May 2022
48	GHOFRAN WARASNAH	1st June 2022

### Details of Violations:

#### January:

3rd Jan. The Israeli occupation police banned the cameraman IBRAHIM AL-SINJLAWI from covering the storming of the Minister of National Security, "ITAMAR BEN GVIR" into Al-Aqsa Mosque, and took him out of Al-Buraq Wall Area under the pretext that he did not have the card of the Israeli Government Information Office.

The freelance cameraman IBRAHIM KAMAL HAMAD "AL-SINJLAWI" (28 years old) reported to MADA that he was present at around 7:45 AM on Monday in the city of Jerusalem, specifically in Al-Buraq Wall Area, preparing to cover the storming of the Minister of National Security, "ITAMAR BEN GVIR" into Al-Aqsa, and when the Israeli policeman saw him, he pushed him out of the area towards the Mughrabi Gate.

The cameraman stayed there to cover the storming, but one of the police officers approached him along with one of Al-Buraq's guards and two policemen and banned him from filming, kicked him out because he does not hold the Government Media Office Card, even though he presented the Israeli Syndicate Card and the membership card of the International Federation of Journalists.

6th Jan. META Facebook Application closed the official page of Raya FM Radio, on Friday, without any prior notification, and it returned to work, as usual, two days after the closure, after communicating with the Application Administration.

The Radio Editor-In-Chief, journalist SHADI SAEED ZAMA'RA (37 years old), stated to MADA that the closure of the page took place on Friday evening, corresponding to 6th Jan., without any warning or prior notice.

Notices had been received by all seven Directors of "RAYA" to change their passwords on their accounts, only to discover, after a few minutes, that the Radio Page had been closed.

The journalist "ZAMA'RA" contacted "Sada Social" Center, which, in addition to the efforts of the Radio's technical officials, was able to restore the page after communicating with the Facebook Administration, without deleting any of its posts.

6th Jan. Facebook Application closed the “Asharq News” Page for three weeks on the background of a post shared on the page to cover the incidents in Jerusalem City.

The Page Admin, GHAZI MAMDOUH MURTAJA, (40 years old), stated to MADA that Facebook has closed the “Asharq News” Page for three weeks noting it is followed by no less than 800,000 followers, on the grounds of media coverage of the incidents in Jerusalem City, as Facebook sent a notification that the page is “violating its standards and policy”.

Three weeks later, the page was restored, after Facebook Administration was addressed according to the applicable procedures. The page was active again after the post that was considered to have violated the standards and policy of the application was removed.

8th Jan. Palestinian Authorities have incited against the journalist MOHAMMED AL-ATRASH for taking part in preparing for an episode of “The Hidden is More Immense” broadcast on Al-Jazeera Network, about the armed Palestinian resistance across the West Bank.

The journalist MOHAMMED AL-ATRASH (30 years old), stated to MADA that he was subject to a huge campaign of incitement, defamation, and threats after he helped produce, through his company, an episode of “The Hidden is More Immense” about the armed Palestinian resistance in the occupied West Bank, specifically in Jenin and Nablus.

The journalist AL-ATRASH was surprised, on Saturday morning, 8th Feb. with a funded advertisement that reaches the pages of Palestinian users with his picture, asking them to go and comment on his page with clear terms of treason, burdening him as a journalist with the responsibility for any harm that befalls the people he met in the film.

He was also surprised by a statement issued by the “Fatah” Movement in Nablus, which directly incites and defames the program and its staff, describing the program as “paid media”, and asking the security services to prosecute the journalists who participated in its production.

The media production company owned by the journalist AL-ATRASH had been entrusted with filming interviews arranged in advance by the program team of “The Hidden is More Immense” of Al-Jazeera, and it carried out this task accordingly, as the filming took place under conditions that were not determined by the team, but rather by the interviewees, and all that was filmed was subject to their full approval and terms.

The journalist was subjected to systematic incitement, defamation, and intimidation over the course of a whole week. The incitement was related to the nature of the information contained in the film, which is information about Al Jazeera and is subject to its editorial policies.

He filed an official complaint at the Syndicate of Journalists on 9th Feb. asking them to take the necessary legal actions.

10th Jan. Some members of the National Security Forces banned the cameraman, MOHAMMED TURKMAN, from covering the peaceful march in Nablus, and members of the Intelligence Service seized his mobile phone and press card on Tuesday evening.

In his statement to MADA, Al-Jazeera Live cameraman, MOHAMMED HAMMOUD TURKMAN, (25 years old) said that he was covering the peaceful march of citizens at the Martyrs Square in Nablus at around 05:00 PM, on Tuesday, demanding the Palestinian Authority to release the political prisoners in its jails.

While filming the march, several National Security Forces officers approached him and asked him to stop filming despite telling them that he was a journalist, noting he was wearing the press uniform showing his identity.

After that, other members in civilian clothes approached him and introduced themselves as members of the General Intelligence Service. They seized his mobile phone and press card and asked to see him at the Intelligence Headquarters in Nablus.

The journalist contacted the Journalists Syndicate, which in turn contacted the security services. After about half an hour, an intelligence officer asked about the journalist “TURKMAN” and returned his mobile phone and card.

12th Jan. Two photojournalists were injured with live bullets on Thursday, corresponding to 12th Jan. in Nablus City while covering the incursion of the Occupation Forces that morning.

The cameraman of “SIPA USA” NASSIR ISHTAYYA (53 years old) stated to MADA that he was filming the occupation forces’ storming the old city of Nablus, near the Fatimid School, and he was less than 100 meters away from the occupation forces, wearing full professional safety clothes.

The occupation forces started firing at the demonstrators heavily, and even though the journalist tried to move away from the line of fire, he was injured by a large fragment in the left thigh.

The cameraman, ISHTAYYA, was transferred to the hospital, where the fragment, which was about 5 centimeters wide, according to doctors, caused a large wound in the thigh, and he continued to receive treatment until Friday 17th Feb.

On the same day, the Head of Blossom Company, HASSAN SAED QAMHIYA (39 years old) was injured by a live bullet lower his knee while covering the same incursion, as he was near Souk El Haddadine. Despite his extreme care while covering the incident, a bullet from one of the occupation snipers hit his right leg muscle, the “calve”, and exited from the other side.

The journalist received treatment in the hospital and was discharged two days later. He stayed home and was incapable of moving until Sunday 29th Jan. when he was able to move around using crutches.

13th Jan. The Occupation Army detained two journalists at “Deir Sharaf” Barrier, near Nablus, for two hours and seized their equipment and cell phones, and prevented them from coverage on their way back from press coverage in Qabatia, Jenin.

The freelance journalist WAHHAJ JAMAL BANI MUFLEH (23 years old), stated to MADA that he along with his coworker, Al-Arabi TV cameraman, the journalist RABEE’ ALMUNEER finished the covering of martyrs funeral in Qabatia, and on their way back at around 04:00 PM, they were detained at “Deir Sharaf” Barrier for two hours and a half.

They were stopped and detained by the occupation soldiers at the Barrier. Their cameras and cell phones were seized, and they were searched. The soldiers also attempted to assault them physically not to mention they were assaulted verbally too.

Both journalists remained detained until 06:30 PM and then they were released, and their cameras and cell phones were returned to them.

16th Jan. The occupation forces targeted the press crews while they were covering the incursion in the eastern area of Nablus (Joseph’s Tomb) with tear gas canisters resulting in the suffocation of journalists covering the incident.

The reporter of Quds News Network, ABDULLAH TAYSEER BAHSH (24 years old) stated that the journalists and press crews gathered at around 11:00 PM, to cover the incursion of the occupation forces (with around 40 military jeeps) to “Joseph’s Tomb”, eastern Nablus, to secure the incursion of settlers.

The journalists, who were wearing press uniforms, took a corner for themselves in an area far from

the citizens and the occupation soldiers, and there were no signs of clashes.

Meanwhile, a military vehicle approached the journalists and heavily fired tear gas canisters at them, which the journalist counted approximately ten, causing all of them to suffocate, except for the journalist «BAHSH», who was wearing a gas mask.

All the journalists suffocated and received field treatment from the medical staff present in the place.

Among the journalists who were suffocated were (Palestine TV reporter BAKR ABDEL-HAQ, TV cameraman YASSER HABESHA, ROYA TV reporter HAFEZ SABRA, TV cameraman MAHMOUD FAWZI, cameraman JIHAD AL-BADAWI, the photojournalist MUJAHID TABANJA, the photojournalist MOHAMMED TURKMAN, Al-Najah TV cameraman ANAN HASIBA, Odeh TV cameraman YOUSEF SHEHADEH, and J-Media cameraman LAITH JAAR).

17th Jan. The MOI Institutional Investigation Unit in Gaza Strip prevented the holding of a dialogue session to discuss an investigative report regarding “The Protection Methods from Harassment within Academic Institutions” in Gaza, which was published in November 2022 on the “Nawa” Network affiliated to “Filastiniyat” Organization.

The head of programs at the “Filastiniyat” Organization MUNA ZAKI KHADER (51 years old) reported to MADA that it was decided to hold the dialogue session regarding “The Mechanism of Intervention to Protect Female Students from Harassment” after finishing the preparation of the investigative report regarding “The Protection Methods from Harassment within Academic Institutions”.

It was decided to hold a workshop with the decision makers aiming at finding the mechanisms of intervention against harassment. The invitation for the workshop was extended to the Universities’ Presidents, the Ministry of Interior, the Police, and the Legislative Council to attend and propose solutions in this regard.

The head of programs received a call from the Ministry of Interior asking her to visit the Organizations Department at the Ministry two hours before the workshop. Therefore, she immediately headed to the Department where she was asked to postpone the workshop with the excuse of “security reasons”. However, the head of programs refused to defer it and suggested informing the Organization Board which also refused to postpone it and decided to hold it with whoever attends.

The Organizations Security Investigation Unit sent a force (3 people) to prevent the holding of the workshop 45 minutes before the start. After a long discussion, the workshop was banned. However, the workshop was permitted to be held after external interventions, but it was too late.

Several complaints have been filed in this regard to the Legislative Council, the General Observer of the Ministry, the Attorney General, and the Police, however, the Organization is waiting for the results of the investigations.

19th Jan. Palestinian authorities incited against “Quds News” Network and its employees. They circulated their posts of incitement on other groups on WhatsApp and Telegram in an organized campaign to report the posts of the Network to be deleted.

The journalist and editor of “Quds News” Network YOUSEF SAMI ABU WATFA (30 years old) reported to MADA that Palestinian authorities incited against the Network. They also posted a video clip to promote the idea that the Network is a “Sedition Network” accusing it of treason and espionage.

The incitement campaign aimed at reporting posts about martyrs, especially the old posts despite that Facebook informed the Network they will not be dealing with reports on four-year-old posts.

The Network Facebook Page was subject to more than an attack to the extent of restricting the accounts of its administrator for days or a week. This led to hindering the work of the Network and its coverage of events. The administrators are the Journalist AHMED JARRAR, ABDULRA'UF KHADER, YOUSEF ABU WATFA, RAMI ASSALHI, ABDULQADER AQEL.

In addition to the Palestinian authorities, the Page was previously subject to reports from Israeli authorities as the Minister of Defense of the Occupation Army in the former Israeli Government "BINI GANTZ" stated that he will be stalking all incitement Palestinian Pages. After that statement, the Network Page was banned and restricted.

19th Jan. The Israeli Occupation Forces arrested ABDULMUHSEN SHALALDA the cameraman of J-Media from his house in "Sa'ir" on Thursday dawn. However, they released him after 4 days of arrest.

In his statement to MADA, the cameraman ABDULMUHSEN SHALALDA reported that an Israeli Occupation Force raided his house in "Sa'ir" to the northeast of Hebron around 02:00 AM on Thursday. They asked the journalist to get dressed and accompany them.

The journalist was taken to "Etzion" Detention Center and remained detained in a cell in severely bad conditions, as he had no bed or a cover. He was released on Saturday, January 21st without being interrogated.

The journalist was informed of a court session the next day, and he was transferred to the "Ofer" Police Station as he faced the charge of "Working with Inciting Agencies – Article 1". However, he was not brought before the court.

The officer in charge of the area arrived at the location and interrogated the journalist for 20 minutes about his journalism work and the preparation of incitement reports regarding the prisoners. He also interrogated him regarding his media coverage of events concerning the prisoners.

The journalist answered him that he is just a journalist and doing his job of covering events.

The journalist was sent back to "Etzion" Detention Center. He was released after his arrival; however, he was threatened with being summoned at any time.

23rd Jan. The journalist ABDULLAH BAHSH was subject to a run-over attempt by one of the settlers on Monday evening during his coverage of the settlers' attacks against "Huwara" in Nablus.

In his statement to MADA, the reporter of "Quds News" Network ABDULLAH TAISEER BAHSH (24 years old) mentioned to MADA that he was heading at 06:00 PM with two cameramen MUJAHED TABANJA and JIHAD ALBDAWI to "Huwara" to cover the robbery incident of a shop by one of the settlers in the town.

One of the settlers approached BAHSH while he was standing on the sidewalk with his car in an attempt to run him over, but his colleagues pulled him away from the car.

23rd Jan. The Occupation Intelligence summoned the journalist RAJA'E ALKHATEEB for interrogation in its departments for hours. They accused him of helping a citizen who raised the Palestinian flag over the courtyards of the "Al-Aqsa" Mosque on Monday evening.

The reporter of Jordan TV, RAJA'E MAHFOUZ ALKHATEEB (43 years old) reported to MADA that he was informed earlier that one of the citizens is intending to raise the Palestinian flag over the courtyards of the "Al- Aqsa" Mosque, and that person asked him to be present there to cover the event. When the citizen raised the flag, he sought the journalist's assistance to hold his phone.

The journalist was surprised by the raid of the Occupation Intelligence to his house on Monday dawn,

January 23rd, and handing him a summons notice to be interrogated with.

The journalist RAJA'E headed at 12:00 PM to the Intelligence HQ and he handed over his mobile phone and I.D. card and waited for more than an hour.

The journalist was sent to the interrogation room where the intelligence officer was waiting to interrogate him on the charge of "disturbing public order", and the charge of "assisting a citizen to raise a flag", hence participating in illegal conduct.

The journalist denied both charges and answered the officer that he is only a journalist and was covering the events, and if the officer deems otherwise, he may file his claims to a court of law. The interrogation ended an hour later, and the journalist reclaimed his belongings and left the premises.

24th Jan. The Occupation Forces hindered the work of a group of Palestinian journalists in "Awarta", and they targeted the journalists with rubber bullets and detained them twice during their coverage of the settlers' incursion into an archeological area in the town, and with the protection of the Occupation Army.

The reporter of "Al-Qastal" Network, AYMAN FAISAL QAWAREEQ (36 years old) reported to MADA that a group of journalists wearing the press uniform were present on Tuesday evening to cover the settlers' attack against "Awarta" under the protection of the Occupation Army and they are (MOHAMMED TURKMAN "Al-Jazeera" Live cameraman, cameraman YAZAN HAMAYEL, ABDULLAH BAHSH reporter of "Quds" News Network, MOHAMMED THABET freelance cameraman.

The journalists were targeted by the Occupation soldiers from over 100 meters away with rubber bullets to stop their coverage. One of the bullets hit the camera light of "J-Media" reporter LAITH JAAR directly and broke it, whereas another bullet hit his left hand causing him a mild injury. The journalist QAWAREEQ was targeted with a bullet that hit a trash container next to him.

The journalists were surrounded by the military vehicles on the one side and the infantry soldiers on the other side. The soldiers also hindered the journalists' work, detained them in an area between buildings for an hour, prevented them from coverage, and forced them to leave the area. When the journalists attempted to head towards their car to leave the area, the soldiers stopped them and made them wait until the raid was finished.

After one hour of detention, the journalists attempted to leave the area again, but the Occupation soldiers detained them for another half an hour until the raid was fully finished.

25th Jan. The "Al-Hayat al-Jadida" newspaper dismissed the cartoonist MOHAMMED SABA'ANEH because he drew a caricature criticizing the silence of President Mahmoud Abbas in light of the events in the Jenin refugee camp, in terms of daily incursions and killings by the Occupation Forces. MOHAMMED SABA'ANEH (44 years old) reported to MADA that he was informed of the dismissal decision on January 25th for reasons the newspaper deemed appropriate. SABA'ANEH contacted the newspaper's editor MAHMOUD ABU AL-HAIJA through a phone call and asked him about the dismissal decision. The editor responded by saying: "to renew the youth blood in the newspaper", however, the real reason was the official pique of the caricature that was published a few days earlier to the dismissal decision.

The journalist SABA'ANEH was not called by the newspaper with which he signed a contract in 2008 to inquire about the caricature, and with which he worked for 6 years for free. SABA'ANEH had some intel from his colleagues in the governmental media saying that there are some official piques

regarding the caricature SABA'ANEH published on social media and because he did not send it to the newspaper knowing it will not be published, hence, his dismissal decision was issued as a punishment for the caricature.

26th Jan. The Occupation Forces targeted the journalists with live ammunition during their coverage at the outer sides of the Jenin refugee camp. The forces aimed to prevent the journalists from entering the camp and covering the ongoing events after they raided the camp and the martyrdom of several citizens on Thursday morning.

The cameraman of "J-Media" LAITH JAAR (25 years old) reported to MADA that at 10:00 AM HAFETH SABRA the reporter of "Roya" TV, MAHMOUD FAWZI the cameraman of "Roya", cameraman MAJDI ISHTAYEH, and himself were present at the outer sides of the camp to cover the clashes between the citizens of the camp and the Occupation Forces.

The journalists were standing in an open area and revealed to the Occupation soldiers while wearing the press uniform. The soldiers were 50 meters away, and after half an hour of coverage, the soldiers targeted the journalists with live ammunition. One of the bullets dropped next to JAAR's foot and the other one next to the journalist ABU SABRA.

The journalists had to step back for a few meters from where they were standing and continued the coverage.

28th Jan. The Occupation Police hindered the work of the Jerusalemite journalists who were covering the ongoing events in "Silwan" on Saturday evening and after the martyrdom of one of the citizens. The Occupation Police attacked the journalists by firing tear gas directly at them.

The reporter of Jordan TV, RAJA'E MAHFOUZ ALKHATEEB (43 years old) reported to MADA that a group of journalists including himself were present in "Silwan" – Occupied Jerusalem to conduct interviews with the family of the martyr KHAIRY ALQAM. The journalists were: LANA KAMLEH the reporter of "Palestine" TV, HANAA' MAHAMEED the reporter of "Al-Mayadeen" and the cameraman MOHAMMED ESHO, and FIRAS ALHINDAWI the cameraman of "Palestine" TV. However, the Occupation Police prevented the journalists from staying in the area and continue their work by firing tear gas at them to disperse them, despite the non-existence of any demonstrations.

28th Jan. The Occupation soldiers fired live ammunition at the journalists in "Beita" to the south of Nablus and forced them to leave the area under the threat of live ammunition on January 28th morning.

The freelance cameraman WAHHAJ JAMAL BANI MUFLEH (23 years old) reported to MADA that his colleague MOHAMMED KHDAR SUMRAIN (36 years old) the reporter of "Al-Qastal" Network and himself were present at 10:00AM in "Beita" to cover the closure of the town forced by the Occupation.

The Occupation soldiers approached the journalists despite them wearing the press uniform. The soldiers fired live ammunition toward the journalists targeting their feet and a little bit above their heads. This led the journalists to leave the area at 11:00 AM.

29th Jan. The Occupation Forces detained two journalists in "Beit Ummar" and prevented them from reporting live about the situation in the West Bank for "Al-Jazeera Live".

The reporter of "Al-Jazeera Live", AHMED MOHAMMED AL-HALAYQEH (37 years old) reported to MADA that his colleague MOHAMMED AYYAD AWAD (60 years old) who is a volunteer at "B'tselem" as a cameraman and himself headed at 10:30 AM to "Beit Ummar". They were posted 200 meters away from the military watchtower that is located on the lands of the town to make a live

report about the situation in the West Bank after the shooting in Jerusalem.

After the preparation for the live broadcast, the reporter was surprised by three soldiers approaching him. They asked him: “what are you doing?” and “who are you working for?”. The reporter told him that he is a journalist and tried to give them his journalism card, but they refused to take it, but they asked for his Palestinian I.D. and checked it for several minutes. The reporter told them that he is preparing a report for “Al-Jazeera”, and the soldier replied in Hebrew “Al-Jazeera is bad.”

The journalist AHMED could not continue his work of preparing the live report since the soldier asked him to leave the area immediately.

The cameraman of “B’tselem”, MOHAMMED AYYAD reported to MADA that during the conversation of his colleague AHMED with the soldier, he was inside one of the houses close to the area, and the soldier prevented him from coverage. After he exited the house, AHMED has already left the area and when the soldiers saw him, they detained him for two hours in the military watchtower. The soldiers took his I.D. card and while he was in their custody, they interrogated him regarding the reasons for his presence in the area and whom he is working with. They released him afterward and returned his I.D. card.

31st Jan. The Palestinian General Intelligence Service summoned the “Al-Jazeera Live” journalist, MOHAMMED SUMRAIN, and his colleague the cameraman, MOHAMMED TURKMAN on Tuesday for interrogation at their HQ.

The two journalists reported that they were summoned on the phone by security personnel referring to himself as an affiliate of General Intelligence. When the cameraman TURKMAN asked him about the summons, he answered: “you will know when you come here”.

31st Jan. The Occupation Police prevented the journalists from covering the gathering of citizens in “Beit Hanina” to the north of Jerusalem city, who were refusing the closure of the town after the martyrdom of one of the citizens.

The freelancer camerawoman, ALAA’ KHALIL ASSOUS (29 years old) reported to MADA that she was heading with her colleague the cameraman MOHAMMED ABU SNAINEH to “Beit Hanina” at 10:00 PM on Tuesday after the martyrdom of a citizen in the area and as the people rallied in refusal to the closure of the town.

During the closure of the town, the Occupation Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas canisters to disperse the citizens in town. Afterward, the Police prevented the two journalists from continuing the coverage and pushed them violently, and forced them to leave the area.

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1st Feb. – The Palestinian Intelligence Service questioned both journalists, MOHAMMED SOMRAIN and MOHAMMED TURKMAN at the HQ after they were summoned one day earlier via phone.

Both MOHAMMED TURKMAN (26 years old) and MOHAMMED KHDAIR SOMRAIN (36 years old), who work as cameramen for Al-Jazeera Network, stated that they were questioned about their financial reward from the Al-Jazeera.

Both cameramen have presented the financial supporting documents including employment contracts, and financial transfer papers, and left the HQ.

1st Feb. – Israeli parties incited against two journalists from the City of Jerusalem via Twitter, demanded their imprisonment, and deportation, for transmitting news from Hebrew resources on an operation implemented by one of Jerusalem citizens.

SAIF ALDEEN SAED ALQAWASMI (21 years old), who works as a cameraman for Al-Qastal News Network, stated that Israeli parties have incited against him and the journalist LATIFA ABDELLATIF on Twitter, demanded their imprisonment and deportation after they transmitted news from Hebrew resources on an operation implemented in Jerusalem and shared on their Telegram Account.

The said parties attacked both journalists by sharing more than six posts accusing them of advocating terrorism and the campaign continued against them for almost a week.

1st Feb. Instagram closed the account of journalist SAIF ALDEEN ALQAWASMI under the pretext of inciting against Israelis after he shared news on the operation implemented in the City of Jerusalem.

SAIF ALDEEN SAED ALQAWASMI (21 years old), who works as a cameraman for Al-Qastal News Network, stated that Instagram closed his account followed by about 45k followers after sharing information on the operation implemented in the City of Jerusalem.

ALQAWASMI contacted one of his friends so as to contact with Instagram Administration to recover the account except he learned that he cannot do that unless after 21 days upon the account closure.

1st Feb. The Israeli intelligence summoned the journalist MUSAB QAFISHA for investigation purposes and questioned him for four hours on his media work after scheduling and canceling more than one day for investigation by the officer in charge.

SANAD Agency Reporter, MUSAB KHAMEES QAFISHA (29 years old) stated that he received a phone call from an officer of the Israeli Intelligence, on Wednesday, corresponding to 1st of February informing him to come to Etzion Prison for investigation purposes, at 12:00PM, on Thursday, the following day.

On the scheduled day, the mentioned journalist went to the Prison, and when he arrived, the soldiers refused to take his ID. He waited for hours before being taken to investigation. He then tried to contact the number that called him the day before, but when no one answered, he left the Prison.

On Sunday, corresponding to 5th Feb., he received another phone call from the same contact, asking him why did he not show up. The journalist answered that he did but no one let him in. The officer asked him to come again on the following day, Monday, but the journalist refused to do, the officer then threatened him with arrest if he does not go.

On Sunday evening, the officer called the journalist again and asked him to come, and the journalist said he will only go if he was allowed inside. The officer then called him again and canceled.

On Wednesday, the journalist received another phone call, and the same officer informed him that he is officially required to come by the Shin Bet. On Thursday, corresponding to 9th Feb., the journalist went to Etzion Prison, and after he was taken inside, the officer started threatening him and informed him that he was supposed to be arrested last Thursday, but they have him a chance, he said.

The officer asked the journalist about his work and coverage of various events. The journalists answered that he is only doing his work and that all his movements are known that there is nothing he is hiding and that if the officer has anything serious or official to talk about, he can go ahead.

The questioning of the journalist lasted for four hours and then he left the investigation center.

2nd Feb. The Israeli occupation forces targeted the cameraman of WAFA News Agency, AYMAN NOBANI with a sponge-tipped bullet while raiding Doma, southern Nablus, to demolish two houses on Thursday.

NOBANI (37 years old) stated to MADA, that at around 10:00AM on Thursday, he was at Doma Village, to cover the demolition of houses therein by the Occupation. The journalist was standing on

a high hill of two meters and a half, on the opposite side of which the demolishing was taking place, and the soldiers were stationed down.

The journalist was surprised by the soldier down the hill pointing their weapons at him and his colleague NIDAL ISHTAYA. One of them targeted him directly with a sponge-tipped bullet (a type of bullet that contains more than one metal bullet altogether) at his thigh, causing him burns and bruises which required taking him to Rafidia Hospital in Nablus to receive treatment.

The journalist was targeted by the occupation soldiers five meters away in an area where no clashes at all were taking place with the occupation army even though he was in his Press Uniform holding cameras, which clearly shows his press identity.

8th Feb. The occupation intelligence summoned the journalist KAREEM KHAMAISAH and questioned him in Ofer Prison about his media work and covering various events in Jenin for an hour and a half, on Wednesday.

Al-Irsal Network Reporter, and SANAD Agency cameraman, the journalist KAREEM SOBHEY MOHAMMED KHAMAISAH (24 years old), stated that he received a phone call from the Area Officer in Charge, Captain FAHED on Tuesday corresponding to 7th Feb. and asked him to go to Ofer Prison the following day.

The journalist went to Ofer Prison on Wednesday corresponding to 8th Feb. at 11:00PM, as scheduled, and he was questioned about his media work and coverage of various events, particularly that in Jenin. The officer also asked him, very clearly, to be cooperative and transmit information.

The journalist denied this request which is why the officer threatened him implicitly addressing him “We shall meet again”. The journalist left after an hour and a half of investigation.

13th Feb. The occupation forces targeted journalists with live bullets and gas canisters directly and heavily on Monday to keep them from covering the soldiers’ incursion to Nablus and Old City and blockading one of the buildings.

Quds News Network reporter, ABDALLAH TAYSEER BAHSH (24 years old) stated that he was in Nablus at around 01:00AM on Monday, which is when the occupation forces’ incursion began. As the occupation forces blockaded one of the buildings for the purpose of arresting citizens and deployed all around the city heavily.

The journalist BAHSH was alone in the “Martyrs Square” wearing professional safety gear when he was targeted for the first time with live bullets directly as the first bullet fell behind him while the second one passed next to his head which made him lay down on the ground.

The journalist moved away from the square area, about 200 meters, to reach Granada Street, at about 2:00AM, where he met his colleague, Al-Najah TV cameraman OMAIR JAMAL ISTAITAH (30 years old), and at these moments they were directly targeted with live bullets, although they were standing next to an ambulance.

Both journalists left Granada Street to the Old City, where they met Palestine TV reporter BAKR ABDEL-HAQ, TV cameraman YASSER HABISHAH, and photojournalist JIHAD BADAWI. Meanwhile, they were also targeted with live bullets directly to obstruct their work and prevent them from covering the incursion. Despite this, the journalists continued to cover until 6:30AM.

J-Media Agency cameraman ASHRAF MAHMOUD ABU SHAWEESH (43 years old) stated that he was alone at around 11:00PM on Sunday in “Sufyan” Street in the center of Nablus, near the Old City, as the occupation soldiers surrounded a house there.

ABU SHAWEESH continued covering until 03:00AM on Monday, when he was with a group of paramedics - in a somewhat closed area - when they were directly targeted with gas canisters, as the cameraman "ABU SHAWEESH" suffocated severely and was transported by the ambulance to the hospital, where he received treatment for an hour.

13th Feb. The Border Police Forces targeted photojournalist WAEL ALSALAYMEH with rubber-coated metal bullets in his right leg while he was covering the demolition and clashes in Jabel Mukaber in occupied Jerusalem on Monday afternoon.

Al-Jazeera Network Cameraman WAEL MOHAMMED DAWOUD ALSALAYMEH (58 years old) stated to MADA that around 08:00AM on Monday, he was covering the demolitions in Jabel Mukaber in the City of Jerusalem.

After the demolitions ended, the Border Police Forces withdrew therefrom. During their withdrawal, they confronted the demonstrators, who attacked them with stones.

At around 11:00AM, the cameraman SALAYMEH was targeted with a rubber-coated metal bullet in his right leg from a distance of less than 100 meters.

He received field treatment and then was transported by ambulance to Makassed Hospital, where he received the necessary treatment and the doctors made sure that there were no fractures in his leg. Among the journalists who were present in the coverage (NAJWAN SAMRI, AHMED AL-BADIRI, MAYSA ABU GHAZALEH, Al-Mayadeen crew, Al-Qastal network crew) who were on the main street to cover the clashes.

15th Feb. The Israeli occupation authorities arrested journalist and content creator ABDULLAH SHATAT from his house in Bidya Town, Salfit, and interrogated him about his media work. He was released on bail after eight days of detention.

The journalist and content creator of (P-Plus) Platform, ABDULLAH MOHAMMED SHATAT (32 years old), stated that a force of «Jolani» Unit, in three jeeps, stormed his house in «Bidya», Salfit, at about 01:00PM on Wednesday, and they broke the door of the house, searched it, and seized his mobile phones. The officer in charge of the unit interrogated the journalist for fifteen minutes, and then he was arrested.

The journalist was transferred in the military jeep to a settlement close to his house, and he remained lying in the street in the cold weather until 09:00 AM, and then he was transferred to «Huwara» Detention Center under very bad conditions of detention, in the cold weather and without blankets. Because of the bad conditions in «Huwara» Detention Center, the journalist fell into the yard, which led to his transfer to «Beilinson» Hospital, where he received the necessary treatment, and from there he was transferred to «Megiddo» Prison. There, he was interrogated in "Salem" Camp about five times, all of which focused on his journalistic work, coverage of various events, and the use of social media in his work.

During his detention, the journalist was brought before the court three times on charges of disturbing security and inciting terrorism, and each time his detention was extended under the pretext of completing the investigation.

In the penultimate session, the judge requested that the journalist's detention be extended until Thursday 23rd Feb., provided that he be released if no evidence is proven against him.

During the court session on Thursday and based on the journalist's file, the judge decided to release him on a paid bail of (5,000) shekels, which the lawyer was able to reduce to (1,500) shekels, provided

that he be re-arrested within a year if evidence is available against him.

16th Feb. Facebook Management deleted the page of the Palestine News Network (PNN) for a period of four days before it was able to recover it after the intervention of several institutions such as «Sada Social».

The Director of Palestine News Network (PNN), MUNJID JADO, and its editor-in-chief stated to MADA that “Facebook” deleted the main page of the Network, followed by 220k, late Thursday night 16th Feb., and all the pages of the Network’s editors and administrations were closed.

The site management deleted the PNN page immediately and without prior notice, and it lasted until 20th Feb., when the Network was able to restore the page with the help of “Sada Social”.

22nd Feb. Three journalists were injured by live bullets and fragments from bullets fired by the occupation soldiers while they were covering the incursion of the occupation soldiers into the city of Nablus on Wednesday morning, although they were wearing press uniforms.

The freelance journalist AHMED MOHAMMED ZAHY KHALAF (43 years old) said that he was at around 10:00 AM near Nablus when the occupation soldiers began to storm the city.

The journalist started by taking video clips documenting the incursion and demonstrations between citizens and the occupation soldiers. At one point, the journalist was trying to cross the street to choose a suitable location for filming. He was targeted by the first bullet, which did not hit him, followed by another explosive bullet that hit his left arm right below the shoulder.

The journalist was transferred to Rafidia Hospital, where he received the necessary treatment. It was found that there were two fragments inside the hand, and it was difficult to take them out because it is a nerve area.

An-Najah TV cameraman OMAIR JAMAL ISTAITAH (30 years old) reported that he was present at around 10:15 AM on Wednesday morning in the “Eastern Market” area in Nablus to cover the incursion. At about 11:20 AM, gunfire took place from Al-Qaisariya neighborhood, and after about fifteen minutes, the occupation began to escalate the shooting, at which time the journalist felt that there was something on his face, as many fragments had hit his face on the left side and the ear.

The fragment injury was minor, so he underwent field treatment and completed coverage.

As for Palestine TV reporter, MOHAMMED ABDELKAREEM AHMED ALKHATEEB (33 years old), he said that he was exposed to direct fire from the occupation forces when he was covering the clashes that erupted in the city of Nablus during the military operation, and this was at about 11:30 PM.

An Israeli military vehicle approached the journalist, despite the soldiers’ ability to see him from a distance of no more than tens of meters, and fired gas canisters at him. Then he woke up while he was in the ambulance, having been shot in the chest.

In the hospital, it was found that he had broken ribs in the chest on the left side, as wearing the vest prevented him from being fatally injured. The doctors were also unable to determine the type of bullet that hit the vest he was wearing, which fractured his ribs in this way.

Feb. 22nd. The occupation forces assaulted the journalist, SABRI JIBRIL, and targeted him several times with bullets and stun grenades, and destroyed his press equipment, while he was covering the storming of Beit Fajar in Bethlehem, on Wednesday evening.

Journalist SABRI MUSA JIBRIL, (32 years old) reporter of “J-Media” agency in Bethlehem, reported to MADA that he went to cover the occupation forces’ incursion into the town of “Beit Fajar” at around 5:00 PM on Wednesday when clashes broke out between the citizens and the occupation

soldiers on the main street of the town, where bullets, stun grenades and tear gas canisters were heavily fired at the citizens.

Once the journalist arrived at the place, fully dressed and carrying his journalistic equipment, he was targeted by two bullets that hit the door next to him, and the journalist did not know if it was rubber or live bullets.

The journalist shouted at the soldiers in Hebrew to tell them that he was a journalist, and then walked until he reached a safe corner, about 30 meters away from the soldiers.

The soldiers shouted at him again to get away from the place, but he refused because it would not be safe if he went to the main street where the demonstrators were, then he was targeted with three stun grenades in a row to get him away from the place.

The journalist stayed where he was, so two soldiers approached him and beat him on the leg, and punched him in the face, so the camera fell to the ground, and they smashed it after hitting it against the ground.

Feb. 24th. Journalist HASSAN ASLEEH was injured by a tear gas canister in the right shoulder, and journalist HANI AL-SHAER suffocated after Friday afternoon while they were covering the demonstrations that started in support of the city of Nablus near the separating fence east of «Khuza» in the southern Gaza Strip.

The freelance journalist HANI HAMMAD AL-SHAER (34 years old) reported to MADA that he and his colleague, the director of “Alam 24” Agency, the journalist HASSAN ABDEL-FATTAH ESLIH (36 years old), went to cover the demonstration that broke out near the separation fence in the southern Gaza Strip, in support of the city of Nablus, and they were not wearing the press uniforms.

The two journalists arrived at the place at about four o'clock in the afternoon, and the citizens had gathered in the place, which is 350 meters away from the occupation soldiers, while six military jeeps, in addition to the soldiers, were located near the separating fence, and others on top of the dunes.

While the journalists were covering the demonstration, during which live and rubber bullets and tear gas canisters were fired, and they were targeted with no less than 10 tear gas canisters that fell in their immediate vicinity, which led to the injury of journalist ESLIH with a tear gas canister directly in the right shoulder, a minor injury, as a result of which he received field treatment at the place, while the journalist AL-SHAER suffocated heavily from the smell of the tear gas and withdrew to a safer place, refusing to receive field treatment.

The two journalists were able to complete coverage until 5:45PM, and then left the place.

Feb. 24th. The occupation soldiers prevented the two journalists, NASSER SHTAYYEH and ABDULLAH BAHASH, from covering the weekly “Beit Dajan” march on Friday afternoon and asked them to leave the place under the pretext that it is a military zone.

SIPA USA cameraman NASSER SULEIMAN SHTAYYEH (51 years old) reported that he and his colleague, Quds News Network, reporter ABDULLAH TAYSEER BAHASH (24 years old) were present at around 1:30PM on Friday to cover the weekly anti-settlement march in Beit Dajan.

While filming the events of the march, during which stun grenades and tear gas canisters were heavily fired against the demonstrators, an Israeli officer approached the two journalists and told them that they were in a military zone, and they had to leave the place immediately.

The officer tried to hit the journalist SHTAYYEH, who had a verbal argument with him about the legality of preventing him from covering and being in the place, but the journalist did not allow him

to hit him and told him that he could arrest and not beat him.

Although the journalist Nasser told the officer that he was working with an American network, he did not care about that and prevented the two journalists from covering and forced them to leave the place at around 1:50PM.

Feb. 24th. The Israeli occupation soldiers targeted a group of journalists with sound and tear gas canisters while they were covering the funeral of a citizen at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, on Friday afternoon.

Associated Press cameraman IHAB ISSA AL-ALAMI (24 years old) told MADA that at around 4:30 PM on Friday, he and the journalist MUHAMMAD AYAD AWAD and Al-Jazeera Mubasher cameraman HADI MAJED SABARNEH were present at the entrance of the town of "Beit Ummar" in Hebron while they were wearing their journalistic uniforms to cover the funeral of one of the citizens there.

During the coverage, the occupation soldiers suppressed the funeral with stun grenades and tear gas canisters to disperse the people, while one of the military jeeps targeted the journalists by throwing a bunch of tear gas canisters at them, despite them standing on the roof of a house. Four of the canisters fell near the journalists and four others far from them, and they fled the place immediately. Within a few minutes, another soldier targeted the journalists with two stun grenades, but they fell next to them and did not hit any of them.

All journalists remained covered until 6:30PM.

Feb. 24th. The occupation soldiers fired rubber bullets directly at the journalist, SAJA AL-ALAMI, while covering an anti-settlement activity near the village of «Rammon», east of Ramallah, on Friday afternoon.

In her report to MADA, "Palestine Post" reporter SAJA SHAKER AL-ALAMI (28 years old) stated that she went at around 12:30PM, after the end of the Friday prayer, to cover an event organized by the people of "Rammon" Town, east of Ramallah, against the establishment of settlement outposts on the town's lands.

The demonstrations started by the citizens and the suppression began by the occupation soldiers, who threw stun grenades and tear gas canisters heavily and tried to disperse the citizens by hitting them with rubber bullets.

The journalists, who were wearing press uniforms, were present in a corner away from the demonstrators and the soldiers to cover the event, and when the repression began, the journalists dispersed from one another.

While the journalist, SAJA, was completing the coverage, one of the soldiers approached her and started shouting at her. He directly targeted her with a rubber bullet from a distance of 20 meters, but she was not hit.

One of the soldiers forcefully pushed Al-Hayat Al-Jadida cameraman ISSAM AL-RIMAWI to distance him from the place and prevented him from covering, while another soldier hit journalist JIHAD BARAKAT on his head while he was trying to get into his car to leave the place.

Feb. 27th. An Israeli officer confiscated the press card and the car keys of the American agency "SIPA USA" cameraman for about an hour to prevent him from covering the press conference of the Israeli Chief of Staff in the town of "Hawara" on Monday.

In his report to MADA, NASSER SULEIMAN SHTAYYEH (51 years old), SIPA USA cameraman,

stated that he was in the town of “Hawwara” on Monday morning, and at about 11:00PM a press conference was scheduled for the Israeli Chief of Staff in the town. Shortly before the start of the conference, an Israeli officer approached the cameraman, SHTAYYEH, and withdrew his press card, and tried to confiscate his car keys. When the journalist refused, he forcibly confiscated it from him. The cameraman tried to cover the press conference, but the guards prevented him from approaching because he did not have his press card. After about an hour, he returned to the officer and took back his press card and the car keys.

Feb. 28th. A group of settlers attacked the car of the journalist, MUTASEM SAQF AL-HAIT, while he was passing “Zaṭara” Checkpoint on Tuesday evening, which completely destroyed the front of it.

In his report to MADA, Quds News Network cameraman MOATASEM SAMIR SAQF AL-HAIT (32 years old) stated that he was returning to Nablus at around 6:00PM after he finished his media coverage in the city of Jericho, and while he was passing through “Zaṭara” Checkpoint, a group of settlers intercepted him and threw stones that hit his car heavily shattering the front windshield of the car, in addition to completely smashing the front of the car entirely.

### March:

March 1st. The Palestinian security forces raided the headquarters of “Watan” TV in Ramallah on Wednesday afternoon and prevented the holding of the press conference of the Popular Alliance “14 Million”. They also assaulted the journalists present and prevented them from covering.

The journalist AHMED MELHEM, who works for “Watan” TV, stated that the Popular Alliance “14 Million” asked “Watan” TV to hold its press conference at the TV’s headquarters after they were prevented from holding the conference at their headquarters in Al-Masyoun neighborhood, which aimed to launch and sign a political statement by 150 national figures to mainly demand elections, along with other demands.

At around 12:00PM on Wednesday, a Palestinian security force in civilian clothes stormed the headquarters of Watan TV to stop the conference and prevented a group of journalists from entering and covering the raid.

The journalist RAMI SAMARA stated that he arrived at the TV headquarters at noon on Wednesday, when two cars, one police and the other civilian, were parked at the entrance of the TV building. While he was trying to park the car, two plainclothes officers approached him and said “It seems that he is a journalist” and went to the TV headquarters before him.

The journalist RAMI took the elevator, and when he reached the fourth floor, he saw a number of security personnel in civilian clothes talking to the TV staff, and when he reached the fifth floor, he also saw a group of security personnel, and when they saw the journalist RAMI, they asked him to get out, but he told them that he was a journalist, and asked them for identification. So, one of them took out his card and RAMI found that he was a police detective, but they were all in civilian clothes. One of the officers asked the journalist RAMI to leave, to avoid getting into “trouble”. The journalist’s response was “this talk does not work for me”. Journalist JIHAD BARAKAT and his accompanying cameraman, SAMID AL-BARGHOUTI, were also prevented from covering at that time.

The security personnel continued to discuss with the organizers of the conference that the reason for banning it was due to the absence of a permit. They also went to the office of the TV Director MUAMMAR ORABI and informed him of the ban, and he replied that there is no such thing as a permit to hold a conference in the law.

HADI MAJED SABBARNEH (24 years old), who works for “Watan” TV, said that at around 11:30AM, after the members of the Popular Alliance “14 Million” moved to the TV headquarters, a force from the Palestinian security services came, which turned out to be the police and the investigation department, all in civilian clothes, and went up to the fourth floor where the journalist SABARNEH was filming the TV Director (IBRAHIM ANGAWI), one of the personnel approached him and prevented him from filming under the pretext that his voice was heard in the filming of the video, so he took the phone from him and deleted the video.

After that, the security personnel went to the fifth floor, where the studio was, and one of them was filming the employees working for the TV. The journalist, SABARNEH, objected and asked him not to film. At that time, a stampede took place, and the security personnel tried to drag the journalist downstairs, but he was unable to do so.

The police car remained outside the headquarters until six in the evening.

March 1st. The Palestinian General Intelligence Service arrested journalist MUATH WASHAHA (22 years old) after he was summoned for interrogation at the Service’s headquarters in Ramallah on Wednesday, March 1st. He was released ten days following the arrest.

The media student and volunteer at the Palestine Times Network, MUATH JAMAL WASHAHA (22 years old), told MADA that he had received a phone call from the Palestinian General Intelligence Service on Tuesday evening to go the next day to the headquarters of the Service in Ramallah.

At around 10:00AM the next morning, the journalist went with his father to the headquarters of the service, and one of the officers told him that the interview would not take more than two hours and that he would be asked about some of the posts on his Facebook page, which is a routine procedure. Once he was brought before the officer, he underwent an hour-long investigation about his media work, with whom he worked, and whether he received money for his work, and then signed a pledge to maintain the confidentiality of the investigation in advance of his release, and the officer asked him for his mobile phone and identity card to complete the release procedures.

The journalist waited until 3:30PM, when it was decided to arrest him on the charge of “possession of weapons”.

During the detention period, the journalist was interrogated for eight days and every day for more than one session. He was also brought before the court the day after his arrest, where his detention was extended for seven days pending investigation, and his detention was extended for another seven days after he was brought before the court on the 3rd of July. The Public Prosecution requested an extension of his detention for 45 days, but the judge refused.

On Sunday, before the journalist was brought before the court for the session scheduled for the next day, it was decided to release the journalist on a paid bail of 5000 JD, and he left the place at eight in the evening.

March 3rd. The occupation police assaulted a number of journalists and prevented them from covering the peaceful march in Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, and forcibly expelled them from the place on Friday afternoon.

The freelance cameraman IBRAHIM KAMAL HAMAD AL-SINGLAWI (27 years old) stated that he and both CNN cameraman KARIM ASAAD KHADER (45 years old) and Al-Qastal News Network cameraman AHMED MUHAMMAD ABU SBEIH (23 years old) were in Al- Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem to cover the peaceful march which is organized on a weekly basis in solidarity with Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem.

While covering the march, a police officer prevented him from covering it, and when he told him that he was a journalist, he pushed him and forced him to leave the place. The same thing happened with both the cameramen KARIM KHADER and AHMED ABU SBEIH, as they were pushed and removed from the march and prevented from covering it.

March 3rd. The occupation forces obstructed the work of journalists in the town of “Hawara” on Friday afternoon, corresponding to the 3rd March, and prevented them from covering the European Delegation’s visit to the town and informing them of settler attacks there.

The reporter of the Jordanian Roya channel, HAFEZ MAHMOUD SABRA (33 years), stated that at around 11:00 on Friday, he was present in covering the visit of the European Delegation to the town of “Hawara” and briefing them on the settlers’ attacks in the town and their burning of the homes of its citizens.

Meanwhile, the reporter of “Al-Ghad” TV, KHALED BADIR, was broadcasting the visit live, while the journalist HAFEZ was covering the settlers’ attacks and their attempts to disrupt the work of the European Delegation.

One of the Israeli officers was filming the journalist KHALED BADIR and trying to disrupt his work during the live broadcast, so the journalist HAFEZ tried to document this scene, but the responsible officer in Hawara Camp asked the soldiers to arrest the reporter of “ROYA” TV, so the soldiers approached him and demanded his identity papers and a press card. He told them that it was in the car, and after the intervention of the people, they moved away from him.

The soldiers returned to the journalist SABRA after a short period of time and asked him for his identity card and photographed it, under the pretext of obstructing the work of the soldiers, but he answered them that they are the ones obstructing the work of Palestinian journalists in the area.

March 5th. Ultra Palestine Facebook page received many warnings, and many of its posts were restricted by the management of “Facebook” for two weeks, until the page was able to return to its usual activity after seeking the help of colleagues from other institutions.

The editor of the “Ultra Palestine” Facebook page, AHMED KHADER YOUSSEF (33 years old), reported to MADA that the “Ultra Palestine” Facebook page began receiving warnings and noticing restrictions on its posts by “Facebook” Company since the 5th of March, and the account that was being managed was suspended. The page is used by both journalist AHMED and his colleague, journalist MUJAHID BANI MUFLEH, and the advertisement posts were stopped at the admin’s expense, and he was completely prevented from posting, which led him to turn to post on another alternative page.

Ultra Palestine Facebook page had posted news about the martyr KHAROUSHA, who was killed at the beginning of the month, and 48 hours later, it began receiving warnings about the posts and the restrictions on the posts began.

A colleague at “Sada Social” Center was hired, who in turn changed the email used to log in, and upgraded the security settings of the page, and the page returned to normal after two weeks of restricting its posts.

March 7th. The crew of the Jordanian TV “Roya” was subjected to an attempt of a runover by an Israeli military jeep while it was withdrawing from Jenin camp, following a raid on Tuesday afternoon. The reporter of the Jordanian TV “Roya”, HAFEZ MAHMOUD SABRA (33 years old), stated that he was present at around 5:30PM on Tuesday with the cameraman of the TV, MAHMOUD FAWZI, in the Jabriyat Area in the city of Jenin to cover the Israeli incursion into the camp.

After the incursion ended and the occupation forces withdrew from the place - the journalist estimated their number at about 50 military jeeps and troop carriers -, the journalist SABRA went out on a live broadcast for the TV, and during that, one of the military jeeps tried to run over the crew, but they were able to quickly get away from the place.

March 8th. Members of the Palestinian security services assaulted the photojournalist, WAHAJ BANI MUFLEH, in Nablus, while he was covering the funeral of the perpetrator of “Hawara” Operation, ABDEL FATTAH KHAROUSHA, on Wednesday afternoon.

The freelance photojournalist WAHAJ JAMAL BANI MUFLIH (23 years old) stated to MADA that at around 11:00PM he was in the center of Nablus city near the popular market covering the funeral of the martyr ABDEL FATTAH KHARUSHEH. The cameraman WAHAJ and his colleague, the Danish cameraman NICHOLAS, who had a press card around his neck, were there.

During the coverage, police officers approached and assaulted the Danish cameraman verbally and tried to assault him physically under the pretext that he was filming them. The cameraman WAHAJ confronted them and told them that his colleague was a foreign cameraman and only doing his work. Eight officers, most of them from the National Security, beat him with their bare hands and weapons in separate parts of his body.

The assault on the photojournalist continued for minutes, resulting in the pain of his companion until the next day.

March 10th. The Israeli occupation forces detained a group of journalists in the town of “Ni’lin” at dawn on Friday, while they were present to cover the incursion of the town, in preparation for the implementation of the decision to demolish the house of the martyr AL-KHAWAJA.

In his testimony to MADA, “Al-Jazeera Live” cameraman, MOHAMMED HAMMOUD TURKMAN (25 years old), stated that he was in the town of “Ni’lin” northwest of Ramallah along with a group of journalists (cameraman KARIM KHAMAYSA, cameraman of Awdeh TV YOUSEF SHEHADEH, cameraman of Quds News Network MUTASEM SAQF AL-HAIT, journalist MUSTAFA AL-KHAWAJA, and J-Media cameraman HATEM HAMDAN) at around 1:30AM, on Friday, to cover the occupation forces’ incursion into the village following the issuance of an Israeli decision to demolish the house of the martyr MOATAZ AL-KHAWAJA.

The journalists were present near the house of Martyr AL-KHAWAJA to cover the raid on the house by the occupation forces. The journalists remained in a corner next to the house when the raid began, and the occupation soldiers deployed in the vicinity of the house.

The occupation soldiers detained the journalists in the house next to the martyr’s house, for about four hours, and they were not able to leave the place until 06:00AM in the morning, when the soldiers began withdrawing from the place.

March 12th. The photojournalist MUTASEM SAQF AL-HAIT was wounded by a tear gas canister in the head, and the occupation forces prevented journalists from covering their attacks on citizens who marched peacefully in the town of Ni’lin, west of Ramallah, on Sunday evening.

The journalist HADI MAJED SABARNEH (24 years old), who works for Watan TV, reported that a group of journalists (J-Media cameraman HATEM HAMDAN, journalist MUHAMMAD AYAD AWAD, and Quds News Network cameraman MOATASEM SAMIR SAQF AL-HAIT) went to the town of Ni’lin, northwest the city of Ramallah around 9:30PM on Sunday, to cover the march that set off towards the house of the martyr MOATAZ AL-KHAWAJA, and they were all wearing press uniforms that evidently show their journalistic identity.

After the end of the march, the citizens headed to the entrance of the town, where clashes erupted between the citizens and the occupation forces stationed in the place. Quds News Network cameraman MUTASIM SAMIR SAQF AL-HAIT (32 years old) was injured by a tear gas canister in the head from a distance of about 50 meters.

The occupation soldiers also deliberately excluded the journalists from the place to prevent them from covering, as one of the soldiers pointed a weapon at the journalist MOHAMMED AWAD, which led to all of them hiding in a nearby house until the soldiers withdrew.

The journalists stayed in the house until the clashes ended and the occupation forces withdrew at 12:00 after midnight.

March 13th. The Palestinian General Intelligence Service arrested the photojournalist, WAHAJ BANI MUFLEH, and interrogated him several times after summoning him by phone for an interview. He was released after three days, during which he was subjected to various forms of torture and ill-treatment, on the condition that he hands over his mobile phone and computer.

The freelance cameraman WAHAJ JAMAL BANI MUFLEH (22 years old) reported to MADA that he received a phone call on Sunday from the General Intelligence Service in Nablus to interrogate him. He refused to go at first, and after mediation by some of the townspeople working in the Service, he decided to go.

At around 12:00PM on Monday, the journalist went to the headquarters of the Service, and after waiting for three hours, he underwent an investigation session that lasted an hour and a half, during which more than one officer interrogated him in a provocative manner about his work in the media.

At around 10:00 in the evening, the cameraman was transferred from the detention rooms to a cell, and during that, he was beaten and verbally abused by members of the security personnel. He was also subjected to torture by hanging his body from the ceiling for a few minutes, and he was interrogated about his coverage of the funeral of the martyr ABDEL-FATTAH KHAROUSHA days before his arrest.

The journalist was transferred from the General Intelligence Service headquarters to Al-Junaid Prison, and a black bag was placed over his head. He entered Al-Junaid Prison, where he was beaten. He was brought to the medical services, and there he underwent an interrogation session about posts on Facebook and that he is an affiliate of Hamas.

The journalist was taken to a cell that was in a bad condition (without a mattress or cover) and he was slapped several times, and his head was covered with a bag. The officer then asked him about his laptop and mobile phone, so the journalist told him that he did not have a laptop and that his smartphone was broken in the last assault on him.

The next morning, the journalist was presented to the investigation director, in the presence of the legal advisor, on charges of being an affiliate of Hamas, and asked him if he owned a weapon. The journalist answered and denied the charge, and the journalist signed a pledge not to own any weapons, then he was presented to the prosecution, which decided to extend his detention for 48 hours.

On the third day, 15th MArch, it was decided to release the journalist in exchange for handing over his mobile phone and laptop. As of writing this report, the journalist has not handed it over.

March 15th. The occupation police summoned the journalist AHMED AL-SAFADI for investigation at the "Al-Qashla" police station and interrogated him following a complaint filed by an occupation police officer against him in May 2022. He was released on the same day on unpaid bail of 5,000 shekels.

The Jerusalemite journalist AHMED HUSSEIN AL-SAFADI (49 years old) reported in his statement to MADA that he had received a phone call from the occupation police on Wednesday, corresponding to 15th March, for investigation at Al-Qashla police station the next day.

AL-SAFADI went to the police station at around 3:00PM, on Thursday, according to the time, and there he was interrogated and charged with assaulting a policeman in Jerusalem in May 2022, and at that time he was filming for Al-Mayadeen TV.

The journalist denied the charge against him and insisted that he was only doing his job, but the police officers assaulted him at the time, and he was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The journalist was released after two hours of investigation and on an unpaid bail of (5000) shekels. March 17th. Wafa News Agency cameraman SULEIMAN ABU SROUR was injured by a rubber bullet in the left foot, after which he received field treatment while covering the occupation forces' incursion into Aqabat Jaber Camp in the city of Jericho on Tuesday morning.

The cameraman SULEIMAN MAHMOUD ABU SROUR (40 years old) reported to MADA that he was present at around 7:00AM on Tuesday morning, covering the occupation forces' incursion into the northern area of Aqabat Jabr camp.

During the coverage, the cameraman was standing next to a wall and wearing a full press uniform. He was 100 meters away from the demonstrators and 100 meters away from the occupation soldiers.

The journalist SOROUR was targeted with a large number of rubber bullets, which the journalist estimated were twenty bullets fired directly at him, one of which hit him in the left foot, but it was a minor injury and he received field treatment only.

March 20th. The Israeli occupation authorities raided the "MARCEL PRODUCTIONS" company under the pretext of providing media services to Palestine TV, as the work of "Palestine TV" was banned inside the occupied territories in 1948 by a decision of the Minister of National Security, and the Intelligence Service summoned a group of journalists working for the "MARCEL PRODUCTIONS" company for investigation in its sections.

FIRAS FAYEZ HINDAWI (31 years old), who works as a cameraman for the MARCEL PRODUCTION COMPANY, told MADA that the occupation police raided the company's headquarters at around 9:00AM on Monday morning, March 20, and the freelance journalist WALID QAMAR was inside. The Occupation Intelligence also contacted them to go for investigation immediately.

The journalists went to the "4 rooms" for investigation, and they were (LAYALI EID, YAZAN HADDAD, WALID QAMAR, LANA KAMILA, FIRAS HINDAWI, NIHAD HIJAZI, and AMIR ABBAS). After waiting and handing over their identity cards, they entered one journalist after another for questioning for about an hour.

During the investigation, the same questions were asked to all journalists about their work for Palestine TV, and the answer was that they work for the company, not the TV, and that they work for MARCEL COMPANY and do what is required of them without having any knowledge of the party that receives the company's services.

The intelligence officer insisted that the media work of the journalists is in favor of Palestine TV, and that the decision of the Minister of National Security to ban the TV work in Jerusalem is clear for a period of six months, and until that time the journalists will expose themselves to accountability and arrest in case of non-compliance with the decision.

March 23rd. The police in the Gaza Strip arrested journalist HANI ABU RIZK while he was filming

the Ramadan atmosphere in the Saraya area on the evening of the first Thursday of Ramadan, under the pretext of not having a permit. He was taken to “Al-Abbas” police station and ill-treated. Then he was released at dawn on Saturday 25th March after two days’ detention.

The journalist for Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah newspaper, HANI ASHRAF ABU RIZK (29 years old), reported to MADA that he was present at around 5:30PM on Thursday Ramadan 1st, in the “Saraya” area to take some pictures of the Ramadan atmosphere, when the traffic policeman stopped him and asked him for a permit to take pictures. The journalist replied that the place is public and there is no need to obtain a permit, and he also told him that he is a journalist and has a union membership card, so the policeman replied that he does not recognize all these matters and that he has instructions to implement, then the journalist asked him “do you mind if I photograph you and make this statement?”. The traffic policeman attacked the journalist and fought with him, and at that moment a police patrol arrived at the place and the journalist was taken to a room belonging to the police in the same area, where the journalist explained the details of what happened to the responsible officer, but he did not believe him after hearing the statement of the traffic policeman, and HANI was transferred Al-Abbas Investigation Center in Gaza.

During the transfer of the journalist in the military jeep, he was subjected to physical and verbal abuse, as the policeman slapped him three times in the face, insulted and cursed him many times, described him as an «animal», and asked him to open his phone to see what was filmed.

Two hours after the journalist’s arrival at the center, it was decided to release him through the mediation of the government media office. The journalist was asked to sign a pledge to maintain the confidentiality of what happened during the arrest, but he refused to sign it.

After that, a representative of the Ministry of Interior and a representative of the police came to mediate the release of the journalist. The journalist signed the first pledge and was released at around 2:00AM, on Saturday 25th March.

March 25th. The occupation forces detained both the journalists, LAITH JAAR and JIHAD AL-DIN AL-BADAWI, twice on the same night in the town of «Hawara» on Saturday evening, and searched them and their cars each time, and they also deleted all the pictures on the journalist JIHAD’s phone. J-media cameraman LAITH BASSEM JAAR (25 years old) reported that he and his colleague, Palestine Today TV reporter JIHAD AL-DIN BADAWI, were detained in the town of Hawara twice on the same day after a shooting attack took place in the town on Saturday.

The photojournalist «JAAR» and the journalist «BADAWI» were detained for 20 minutes the first time while they were in the town of «Hawara» at around 10:30PM on Saturday, when the occupation soldiers stopped them while they were wearing full press uniforms and searched them. Their cars were carefully searched and then they left the scene.

At about 01:00PM in the afternoon, while they were leaving the town of «Hawara» and heading to the city of Nablus, the two journalists arrived at «Al-Murabaa» checkpoint near the village of «Tal», where the occupation soldiers stopped them, asked them about their destination, searched them, searched their cars, checked their identity cards, and confiscated their mobile phones.

After about 5 minutes, one of the soldiers came back with the phone belonging to the journalist, JIHAD, and asked him to open it. He searched it and opened the various applications on it, and He also opened the photo studio and deleted all the photos on the phone and deleted them also from the Recycle Bin.

The two journalists retrieved their phones and left after 20 minutes.

March 25th. The occupation forces detained a group of journalists in the town of «Hawara» and prevented them from covering the events on Saturday evening, after the shooting attack that day.

Quds News Network reporter ABDULLAH TAYSEER BAHASH (24 years old) reported to MADA that at around 11:00PM on Saturday, he went with a group of journalists (J-Media agency cameraman LAITH JAAR, Palestine Today TV reporter JIHAD AL-DIN BADAWI, and a network reporter, and Al-Qastal AYMAN FAISAL QAWAREQ) to follow up on the events that followed the implementation of a shooting attack by Palestinians in the town of «Hawara».

While the journalists were moving from one area to another inside the town, they were intercepted by a military jeep, and the soldiers removed the journalists from their car and confiscated their press cards, personal cards, and mobile phones despite them wearing press uniforms.

The soldiers searched the car carefully, asked them why they were there, detained them for about 20 minutes, then returned their cards and phones to them and released them.

March 25th. The occupation forces confiscated journalist NASSER SHTAYYEH's car and confiscated the keys from him at the entrance to the town of «Huwara» to prevent him from reaching and covering the current events in the town on Saturday evening.

SIPA USA cameraman NASSER SULEIMAN SHTAYYEH (51 years old) said that he went at about 9:00PM on Saturday to the town of «Huwara» south of Nablus, through dirt roads after the main roads were closed, to cover the course of the operation that was carried out against the Israelis.

The journalist entered the main street of the town opposite «Huwara» school, only to be surprised by an ambush prepared by the occupation soldiers. The soldier got out of the military jeep and asked the journalist, shouting, «Where are you going?» Journalist NASSER replied that he was looking for the location of the operation to cover its course.

The soldier told him that this is prohibited, and he confiscated the car key after strong resistance from the journalist to prevent him from moving.

NASSER contacted the agency office where he works and provided them with the number of the military jeep and his whereabouts, which in turn contacted the Israeli authorities to release NASSER.

The journalist, NASSER, was released after being detained for about 40 minutes. He recovered the car key and left the place.

March 27th. Settlers assaulted the freelance journalist, ABD AL-RAHMAN DMAIDI, and prevented him from completing the live broadcast on his phone. One of the settlers kidnapped him from his hand in the town of «Huwara», while he was also targeted with a stone to prevent him from covering it.

In his testimony to MADA, the student at the Faculty of Media and the freelance journalist, ABD AL-RAHMAN ALI DAMIDI (19 years old), stated that at around 5:30PM on Monday, he was in «Huwara» in a live broadcast of the events on his mobile phone, and at a certain moment he was attacked by a settler. He snatched the phone from his hand.

The journalist was unable to catch up with the settler, and when he told the army soldiers what had happened, they did not respond to him. Minutes apart, he was targeted with a stone by a settler. The journalist was unable to determine if it was the same one who stole his phone.

Shortly after, the journalist noticed that his phone was lying under a settler's car, so he asked one of the soldiers to accompany him to retrieve his phone, which happened until he was able to retrieve it.

March 28th. Freelance journalist NAJLAA ZAITOUN received audio and written recordings from a fake account on Facebook, cursing her, and threatening her with arrest by the Preventive Security Organization.

Freelance journalist NAJLAA ANWAR ZAYTOUN (37 years old) reported to MADA that she was surprised by chance on Tuesday that there was a message from an unknown account with her, and when she opened it, she found a message written, «The Preventive Security Organization knows how to reach you, you cheap», while there was an audio message that contained profanity words and cursing.

A few hours later, the sender deleted the message on both sides.

#### April:

April 1st. One of the occupation police officers attacked the freelance journalist, IBRAHIM AL-SINGLAWI, at dawn on Saturday, and assaulted him near “Bab Hatta” in Jerusalem. He took his mobile phone from him and threatened to break it to prevent him from covering the attack on a child in the place.

In his testimony to MADA, the freelance cameraman IBRAHIM KAMAL HAMAD «AL-SINGLAWI» (27 years old) mentioned that at around 4:30AM on Saturday, he was at «Bab Hatta», and during that he saw Israeli policemen assaulting a Palestinian child and searching him, so he got up by clearly showing his press card hanging around his neck before starting to document the assault.

The cameraman stood far from the police officers to film the scene, but one of the soldiers attacked him and pulled the phone from his hand and deleted the recorded video. He also threatened to break his phone and assault him if he tried to film again.

April 3rd. Palestinian Prime Minister MUHAMMAD SHTAYYEH banned journalist AQIL AWAWDA from accessing his official Facebook page and following up on public information on the page, which led the journalist to file a complaint against the Prime Minister with the Attorney General.

The reporter of «24 FM», AQIL AWAWDEH (32 years old), stated that he had asked several questions on the Prime Minister’s official page on the «Facebook» application about a group of old projects that were supposed to be implemented. These posts have achieved a wide interaction among the citizens who follow the page.

After a week, the journalist noticed that the Prime Minister’s page no longer appeared on his account and made sure that he was blocked on the page. On 03/04, the journalist «AWADEH» filed a complaint with the Public Prosecutor against the Prime Minister on the basis of the Cybercrime Law, where public servants are prohibited from withholding information or public data on the means of technology.

On 27th April, the Public Prosecution Office asked the journalist to submit his statement under oath and informed him that it would request a technical report on the Prime Minister’s page and would start investigation procedures and follow up on the complaint.

April 4th. The Israeli occupation authorities arrested the freelance journalist, MOHAMMED SALEH BADER (34 years), from his home in the town of «Beit Liqia» in the city of Ramallah, at dawn on Tuesday, and took him to Ofer detention center.

SUJUD ASI, the wife of journalist BADER, told MADA that a force of occupation soldiers raided their house in the town of Beit Liqia, southwest of Ramallah, at around 03:00AM on Tuesday, asking about her husband MUHAMMAD and asking for his identity card and confiscating his mobile phone. The

force also searched the house in a quick manner, then they handcuffed and blindfolded him and left, and it turned out later that he was in «Ofer» detention center.

A trial session was held for the journalist on the day of his arrest in “Ofer” Court, during which it was decided to extend his detention for 72 hours on charges of “communicating with political figures.” Another trial session was held for the journalist on 10th April, and it was decided to postpone hearing the case until the charge against him is confirmed. And that his communication with political figures was for journalistic purposes.

The last court session for the journalist was held on 27th April and was postponed until 15th May. April 5th. The occupation police detained the photojournalist, WAHBA MAKIYA, at the Mughrabi Gate in Jerusalem for one hour, and beat him and obstructed his work while covering the settlers’ storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque on Wednesday morning.

Al-Mayadeen TV cameraman WAHBI KAMEL MAKIYA (38 years old) reported to MADA that he was present on Wednesday morning to cover the settlers’ storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

At about seven in the morning, the cameraman MAKIYA began covering the first wave of settlers’ storming of Al-Aqsa, and after a few minutes, a group of Israeli police officers intercepted the journalist and dragged him from Al-Aqsa squares to the Mughrabi Gate, where the checkpoint is. A police officer also confiscated his mobile phone.

After about an hour of detention, a police officer returned to him, untied his hands, returned his phone, and released him.

April 6th. The occupation police assaulted the photojournalist, ATTA OWAISAT, by hitting his leg with a stick and preventing him from documenting the police’s suppression of worshipers in Al-Aqsa Mosque on Thursday evening.

The cameraman of the Turkish Anadolu Agency, “MUSTAFA AL-NAZIR”, IYAD AL-KHAROUF, (35 years old), said that a group of journalists were present at around 11:30PM near the Chain Gate, about 100 meters away from Al-Aqsa Gate.

The occupation police suppressed the worshipers and drove them out of Al-Aqsa Mosque. At that time, the journalists were about to leave the place after it was emptied of the worshipers, but the police officers prevented them from taking their main exit route and forced them to change it to another route.

The police officers also assaulted the photojournalist, ATTA OWAISAT, and beat him with a baton on the leg to prevent him from documenting their attacks on worshipers who were suppressed and expelled from Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Among the journalists present were (Anadolu Agency cameraman FAYEZ HAMZA ABU RUMAILA, MAHMOUD ALIAN, MOAZ AL-KHATIB, SAEED AL-QAQ, MUSTAFA AL-KHAROUF, FAYEZ ABU ARMILA, BARAA ABU RAMOUZ, HEBA NAJDI, AHMED GHARABLI, and AMMAR AWAD).

April 8th. The occupation forces targeted the freelance journalist ABDEL-RAHMAN HASSAN with a rubber-coated metal bullet in the left calf during the press coverage of the clashes taking place in the town of Al-Khader, west of the city of Bethlehem.

In his testimony to MADA, the freelance photojournalist ABDEL-RAHMAN ABDEL-KARIM HASSAN (35 years old) mentioned that he was present at around 12:00 on Saturday in the town of «Al-Khader» west of Bethlehem, specifically in the «Um Rukba» area, to cover a march of settlers that started from Efrat settlement.

During the march, the settlers attacked the house of one of the town's residents, which led to the citizens' response to this attack and the clashes intensified between the citizens and the present Israeli soldiers, during which live and rubber bullets were fired at the demonstrators.

While the journalist was covering the scene, 100 meters away from the soldiers, he was targeted with three rubber-coated metal bullets, with a difference of a few minutes between one bullet and the other, despite his full press uniform, and he was hit by a rubber bullet directly in the calf of his left leg, which caused him to fall to the ground.

Journalist ABD AL-RAHMAN HASSAN received treatment at Al-Yamamah Hospital, where his injury was described as slight.

April 8th and 9th. Security agents affiliated with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees «UNRWA» in the northern Gaza Strip detained the cameraman of «Al-Araby Al-Jadeed» newspaper, ABDUL HAKIM ABU RIYASH, on Sunday morning, prevented him from filming, and threatened him with assault.

The cameraman of «Al-Araby Al-Jadeed» newspaper, ABDUL HAKIM KHALED ABU RIASH (34 years old), told MADA that he went at around 8:30AM on Sunday to the «Jabalya» camp in the northern Gaza Strip to photograph the manifestations of the strike, which was initiated by the UNRWA staff union, in refusal to procrastinate and failure to implement their demands as all agency facilities were closed.

While he was taking pictures, he was stopped by the agency's security men, and prevented him from filming despite being outside the agency's walls, and after a verbal altercation, the security forces asked the journalist to enter with them inside, and when he sat in the security room there were 4 officers with him, who asked him to watch the filming inside the headquarters UNRWA clinic, and asked him to delete the pictures of the agency building, which he photographed from the opening of the main door.

The security forces detained the journalist, refused to leave him, told him that he was being held, and threatened him with breaking the camera and punishing him. They also tried to assault him physically, which led to the camera lens hitting the wall and shattering it.

The journalist was detained for about 25 minutes, and then they let him leave the place.

April 10th. The cameraman of «ROYA TV», MAHMOUD FAWZI, was injured by a rubber bullet in the left thigh on Monday afternoon while covering a settlers' march on «Jabal Sabih» in the town of «Beita». He received field treatment in the ambulance.

The cameraman of «ROYA TV», MAHMOUD FAWZI ABDEL-GHANI (38 years), reported to MADA that he and a large group of journalists and media crews were present at around 11:00 on Monday, near Jabal Sabih in the town of «Beita» east of Nablus, to cover a march of settlers there.

The march included violent confrontations between the citizens on the one hand, and the occupation soldiers and settlers on the other, and the occupation soldiers assaulted those present with rubber bullets and tear gas canisters.

While covering the events, the photojournalist was hit with a rubber bullet in the left thigh, which was severe, as a result of which he received field treatment in the ambulance stationed in the place. The cameraman was also subjected to gas suffocation resulting from throwing tear gas canisters, despite his wearing the press uniform and the gas mask.

April 14th. The occupation forces assaulted the freelance journalist ABD AL-RAHMAN HASSAN and

obstructed his work on the last Friday of the month of Ramadan while covering the influx of citizens heading to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque through the «300» checkpoint near the city of «Bethlehem», and confiscated his phone and deleted all the filmed materials about him.

The freelance photojournalist, ABD AL-RAHMAN ABD AL-KARIM HASSAN (35 years old), reported to MADA that he was present at around 11:30 near the “300 checkpoint” in the city of Bethlehem to cover the influx of citizens through the checkpoint to enter Jerusalem on the last Friday of Ramadan. As the citizens scrambled to pass through the checkpoint, the occupation soldiers refused to let them in, which led to a massive stampede. Journalist ABDEL RAHMAN was documenting these events on his mobile phone.

During that, the occupation soldiers attacked him, four of whom were liaison officers. They stopped him for several minutes and tried to assault him for taking his phone from his hand. After an argument, they took the phone from him and deleted all the filmed materials from the studio and the recycle bin. They returned the phone to him and left the place.

April 28th. The occupation forces targeted the Palestine TV crew in Qalqilya with sponge bullets while they were covering the confrontations in the town of Kafr Qaddum, east of Qalqilya, which resulted in the injury of the TV cameraman, MUHAMMAD INAYA, with a bullet in the hand that bounced back to the chest.

Palestine TV cameraman in the city of Qalqilya, MUHAMMAD MAHMOUD INAYA (31 years), reported to MADA that he and his colleague, TV reporter ANAL AL-JADAA, were present before Friday prayers to cover the weekly anti-settlement march and demand the opening of the village street, which has been closed for 20 years, in the town of «Kafr Qaddum».

At around 1:30PM, the march started, during which tear gas canisters and stun grenades were fired, and rubber bullets, by the occupation soldiers, who were 300 meters away from the TV crew and stationed on top of the mountain behind the citizens and the press crews.

During the coverage, the soldiers descended from the top of the mountain and climbed onto the roof of a house in front of the TV crew, so the TV cameraman and the reporter AL-JADAA moved to a safer place, and during that they were targeted with a barrage of tear gas canisters and rubber bullets, but none of them hit them, until they reached a safe area.

The crew continued to cover, and despite being in a safe area and wearing press uniforms, one of the soldiers targeted them directly with sponge bullets, wounding the cameraman “ENAYA” with a sponge bullet in the forearm of his left hand, and the bullet ricocheted to hit his chest from the left side, and the camera fell to the ground and shattered Fully.

The journalist received field treatment in a Red Crescent ambulance, where his hand was injured and swollen, while his chest was not hurt as a result of wearing a protective shield.

## May:

May 4th. Security officers at Rafidia Hospital in Nablus attacked the cameraman of the French Agency, JAAFAR SHTAYYEH, and his son, the cameraman, ZAIN, on Thursday afternoon, and prevented them from covering the funeral of a martyr in the Hospital.

The cameraman of the French Agency, JAAFAR ZAHED SHTAYYEH (54 years old), stated that he and his son ZAIN were in Rafidia Hospital in Nablus, who is working as a photojournalist for the same Agency, at about 12:00PM on Thursday, covering the funeral of a martyr who was transferred to the Hospital after her martyrdom.

When the martyr was taken from the x-ray room through the corridor, she was completely covered, and nothing was visible. The cameraman, ZAIN, took some pictures of her, then one of the security forces in civilian clothes addressed him adversely and prevented him from filming. When the journalist JAAFAR spoke to him that he had no right to prevent them from filming. He attacked him, trying to beat him up.

The cameraman, ZAIN, did not help himself and tried to prevent the security officer from striking his father, so the other security forces collectively attacked and beat him brutally, causing him to lose consciousness (as he was exposed to high blood sugar). When JAAFAR tried to help his son, he was also beaten.

This attack lasted for about 15 minutes, and then the journalists were dragged to the hospital door. When one of the doctors even tried to help them, he was also beaten.

The photojournalist, ZAIN, was transferred to the National Hospital, where he stayed for nearly 3 hours until he regained consciousness, while the journalist, JAAFAR, filed a complaint with the Journalists Syndicate and the Military Intelligence against the attackers.

May 6th. The occupation forces detained the crew of «Wafa» Agency at the military checkpoint established at the entrance to the village of «Umm al-Khair» on Saturday morning, obstructing their work and preventing them from reaching «Maghayer al-Abeed» in Masafer Yatta in the city of Hebron to cover settler attacks on its citizens.

Wafa Agency reporter in Hebron, Mashhour Hassan Al-Wahwah (39 years old), reported to MADA that he and his colleague, driver AHMED MUNIF AL-QAZZAZ (26 years old), were on their way at around 9:00AM, on Saturday, to “Maghayer al-Abeed” in Musafir Yatta, south of Hebron, to cover the stand condemning the settlement and the repeated settlers’ attacks on the people and pastures of the area.

Upon their arrival to the village of «Umm al-Khair», it was found that the occupation forces had set up a barrier at the entrance of the village to prevent journalists from reaching the area, where the occupation soldiers confiscated the identity cards of the reporter and the driver and detained them for nearly an hour.

After they returned the identity cards, they told the driver, AL-QAZZAZ, that he was wanted. He was taken to a military checkpoint far from the place, and there he was interrogated about the reasons for his presence with the journalist MASHHOUR in that place, then he was released after being detained for about an hour and a half, and he was returned from where he was arrested.

May 9th. The Israeli occupation forces targeted a group of journalists by firing bullets directly at them while they were covering the incursion into Nablus on Tuesday morning.

HAFEZ SABRA, reporter of «Roya TV», reported to MADA that a group of journalists were present

at around 8:00AM on Tuesday in «Al-Arion Street» and «Ras Al-Ain» in Nablus, where a force of the occupation army stormed these areas to arrest wanted persons.

During the coverage, journalists in «Ras Al-Ain» were targeted with live bullets to prevent them from covering, as the journalist NASSER SHTAYYEH, MAJDI SHTAYYEH, ABDULLAH BAHSH, and ASHRAF ABU SHAWISH were targeted from a distance not exceeding 200 meters, but none of them was injured.

Meanwhile, the crew of «Roya» TV (the reporter HAFEZ SABRA and cameraman MAHMOUD FAWZI) were targeted with live bullets from a distance of 500 meters while covering the «Arion Street», but the bullets hit the trees around them.

May 10th. The website of «Al-Istiqlal» Newspaper was hacked by Israeli authorities, and pictures of martyrs were shared thereon with the comment «Who's next?», which is why it went down for 5 days.

The Newspaper's Website Manager, ABDULLAH YOU SEF MAGHARI (30 years old), stated to MADA that the website of «Al-Istiqlal» Newspaper was hacked on the first day of the Israeli aggression on Gaza Strip.

The Israeli authorities added a picture of a number of the martyrs, with the comment “Who is next?” The website remained hacked for five days due to programming problems, as the workers lost control of it until the specialists were able to solve the problem.

May 12th. The website of «Al-Hadaf News Portal» went down for 48 hours on the second day of the aggression on Gaza Strip as a result of hacking by Israeli authorities, and the data was transferred to another server to fix the problem.

The editorial director of Al-Hadaf Portal Website, SAMI YOUSEF ISSA (37 years old), stated that since the second day of the aggression on Gaza Strip, the hacking started against the website, which resulted in huge number of visits that the server could no longer handle, which led to the sudden crash of the site, according to programmers.

Hours after the start of the hacking, the specialists lost the ability to access the server, and it took about 48 hours until they were able to solve the problem, as all the data was transferred to another server.

May 16th. The occupation forces targeted journalists with tear gas canisters while they were present to cover the storming of soldiers and settlers in the vicinity of «Joseph's Tomb» on Tuesday evening, which caused the journalists to suffocate due to the smell of tear gas.

Quds News Network reporter ABDULLAH TAYSEER BAHASH (24 years old) stated that he and his colleague, the cameraman of Russia Today and a reporter for Palestine TV, ABD AL-RAHMAN MOHAMMAD YOUNES (35 years old), went to the vicinity of “Joseph's Tomb” east of Nablus at around 10:30 pm, to cover the incursion of the army soldiers to the place in preparation for the storming of the settlers.

The journalists, who were wearing the “Press” Uniform, stood in «Amman» Street, where they took a safe corner to cover. During the coverage, they were targeted with a group of tear gas canisters directly and from a distance not exceeding 20 meters, as one of the tear gas canisters bounced off and hit the journalist BAHSH, but it was a minor injury.

The journalists suffocated with the smell of gas for a short time, but they did not receive any treatment and continued their coverage until 1:00AM the following day.

May 18th. The occupation authorities suppressed Jerusalemite journalists, obstructed their work, and prevented them from covering the so-called «flag march» in which settlers took part to commemorate the occupation of Jerusalem or the so-called «Unification Day», where settlers shouted racist chants and assaulted Jerusalemite citizens by throwing stones and empty bottles at the citizens and journalists, which led to the obstruction of the work of dozens of journalists and prevented them from covering.

Al-Mayadeen TV cameraman, WAHBI KAMEL MAKEYA (38 years old), stated that around 6:30AM on Thursday morning he was at Al-Aqsa Mosque squares to cover the Flag March, But the police officers took him out and prevented him from covering the event. So, he went to the Chain Gate and found their (the cameraman of Al-Ghad TV SUHAIB JABAREEN, Al-Mayadeen TV cameraman, MOHAMMED ASHO, Anatolia Agency cameraman MUSTAFA ALKHAROUF) who were all pushed by hand to prevent them from covering the existing events, then after that all journalists were forced to leave the area until they reached Damascus Gate then they continued the coverage of the events until 7:30 pm.

The freelance cameraman IBRAHIM KAMAL HAMAD «AL-SINJLAWI» (27 years old) stated that the police and border guards obstructed his work on the same day, as he was on his way at around 3:30PM on Thursday afternoon to the « Damascus Gate» and he was wearing the “press” vest, and when he arrived at a checkpoint set up by the police and «border guards» to secure the path of the march at the end of Khan al-Zeit Market near Damascus Gate, he showed his Israeli press card clearly and told the policeman about it, but the latter refused to allow him to pass through the checkpoint, while settlers carrying Israeli flags and Israeli journalists were allowed to pass.

The journalist was late for the press coverage, and when he arrived at Damascus Gate, he did not find a suitable place for filming due to the large number of journalists and because he was late due to the racist police checkpoint.

The journalist IBRAHIM started his press coverage, but a group of settlers threw stones and empty bottles at the journalists to prevent them from covering, and one of the bottles hit him on the head, but it did not harm him as it was plastic.

The photojournalist for «Al-Araby TV» JAMAL AMMAR AWAD (20 years old) also reported to MADA that he was with a group of journalists at around 2:50PM at “Damascus Gate» to cover the «flags march», and the police were standing in front of him and behind him.

During the coverage, the policemen attacked him and struck him with sticks. Despite the young men in the place shouting to tell them that he is a journalist, they continued to beat him for about five minutes, until the cameraman managed to escape from them.

The journalist received treatment in the hospital, and it was found that he had a tumor in the right knee caused by hairline fracture in the leg, and he is still seeing a specialist to follow up on the injury.

One of the settlers obstructed the work of «Al-Araby TV» crew and prevented it from covering the march on Thursday evening. The TV cameraman, ALI MOHAMMAD DAWANI (32 years old), stated that he and his colleague, the TV reporter, CHRISTINE RINAWI, were present at Damascus Gate at about 5:30PM on Thursday, to continue covering the flags march, which began in the morning.

During the coverage, one of the settlers approached them and prevented them from covering and clearly obstructed their work. He also threatened to attack them if they continued covering, but the cameraman called the policeman, who in turn forced the settler to move away from the place.

The journalist YAHYA ZIYAD ABU ZNEID (29 years old), who works for several Turkish agencies, also

reported that he was standing around 6:00PM on Thursday in the place designated for journalists (near Damascus Gate stairs) to cover the march.

During the coverage, the journalist was hit by a stone in the head thrown by a settler, which caused him to feel dizzy for half an hour. However, it was a minor injury, as a result of which he received field treatment in the same place, and then continued the coverage.

Also, his colleague, photojournalist DIAA HAJ YAHYA, was hit with another stone in the head at the same time, who also received field treatment in the same place.

The settlers' stones and bottles hit another group of journalists, including journalist LATIFA ABDEL LATIF and journalist RAJAI AL-KHATIB on same evening while covering the march.

May 21st. The occupation police assaulted journalist YAHYA ZIYAD ABU ZNEID, prevented him from covering the events in Al-Qibli Mosque, and detained him at the investigation center in the Chain Gate for one hour on Sunday afternoon.

In his statement to MADA Center, journalist YAHYA ZIYAD ABU ZNEID (29 years old), who works for several Turkish agencies, mentioned that the occupation police officers obstructed his work in Al-Qibli Mosque and prevented him from covering the events there. The policeman approached him and asked for his identity card and press card. After about half an hour, the policeman returned the journalist's cards and took him to the interrogation center near the Chain Gate, where he was searched, beaten, and interrogated about the reasons for his presence in the place. Then he was released after about an hour.

Detention + Assault = 2

May 23rd. The occupation soldiers beat a group of journalists and prevented them from covering the events in the town of «Hawara» after an Israeli settlement was hit by a stone and the shops were closed on Tuesday afternoon.

In his statement to MADA, the student at the Faculty of Media and the freelance journalist, ABD AL-RAHMAN ALI DAMIDI (19 years old), stated that he and his colleagues were present with the Quds Network reporter, the journalist ABDULLAH BAHASH, the freelance journalist YAZAN HAMAYEL, and the freelance journalist SHADIA BANI SHAMSA, all of them wearing the press uniforms, while covering the closure of the occupation forces to the shops in the town of «Hawara» after a settler was hit by a stone thrown by the youths at her car.

While covering the events from a distance of 15 meters, the occupation soldiers obstructed their work and prevented them to continue covering, and when one of the soldiers tried to assault the journalist YAZAN, his colleague ABDULLAH approached him trying to pull him away, which led to the soldiers assaulting the two journalists by beating to keep them away from the place, while they shouted at the journalist SHADIA to intimidate her and prevent her from covering.

May 24th. On Tuesday evening, the occupation forces beat journalist MOHAMMAD ABU THABET while he was passing through «Beit Furik» Checkpoint, east of Nablus. They detained him for about fifteen minutes and searched his car.

Freelance journalist MOHAMMAD RADWAN THABET (42 years old) reported to MADA that the occupation soldiers stopped his car at «Beit Furik» checkpoint at around 9:30PM on Tuesday while he was passing through the town despite the presence of the press badge on the car. They asked him to open the car doors and searched for it. They also physically and thoroughly searched for him, yelled at him, and insulted him despite telling them more than once that he was a journalist.

The journalist asked the soldier why he was screaming, and the soldier punched him with his hand below his ear, which led to swelling of the area that the journalist had treated with cold water compresses after that.

The journalist left the place after about fifteen minutes of detention and search.

May 25th. The occupation forces detained a group of journalists in «Aqabat Jaber» Camp, west of Jericho, obstructing their work and preventing them from covering the storming of the camp on Wednesday evening.

Palestine TV reporter OMAR AHMED ABU AWAD (35 years old) stated that he and both (Palestine TV cameraman MOHAMMAD JAWAD ZAGHB, Wafa Agency cameraman SULEIMAN ABU SROUR and freelance journalist ADEL ABU NIMA) arrived at “Aqabat Jaber” Camp in the city of Jericho at around 11:40 am, on Wednesday evening, after they received news that the occupation forces had stormed the camp.

Despite the soldiers closing all entrances to the camp with military jeeps, the journalists were able to leave to a remote area in their vehicle and enter through a secondary road until they reached the camp.

The journalists put on the press uniforms and prepared for the live broadcast, and when the soldiers became aware of their presence, one of the jeeps approached and asked them to stop broadcasting, and threatened them by saying, «Beware of me and leave» and asked them to leave the place.

The journalists did not leave because their car was far away, and they stayed where they were, but the jeep pulled back in an attempt to run them over, but they climbed the steps of one of the buildings behind them.

The soldiers got out of the jeep with their dogs and detained the journalists in a corner for about fifteen minutes, and then let them leave.

May 27th. Settlers attacked Al-Jazeera English TV crew near «Ein Samia», prevented them from covering, and almost violently crashed their car and threatened them to prevent them from being there.

Al-Jazeera English reporter NIDA IBRAHIM reported to MADA that she arrived at around 12:30PM on Saturday corresponding to 27th May with her crew, the producer and cameraman, to the Bedouin community of «Ein Samia» east of Ramallah, whose residents were expelled in the past days by force of arms by the occupation army, to film the place where the Palestinian residents of the community sought refuge after their expulsion.

Upon the arrival of the crew, an armed settler expelled them from the place, so they all moved away until they reached the main street, far from there.

The cameraman stopped on the main street to take a faraway picture of the place to include in the report, so they were surprised by a speeding car that was heading towards them, and it was clear that it wanted to collide with their car directly. The car hit them and changed course from a very close distance, to be near them.

It was a car driven by a settler with traces of bullets on the glass, and it had no number plate, and it was heading towards them at such a high speed that it looked like a serious threat to their lives.

The car continued to follow them for about ten minutes, before they took further ways to return to Ramallah, and it stopped following them.

May 31st. The occupation intelligence summoned photojournalist FIRAS HINDAWI for interrogation,

after they detained and interrogated him in the field while covering an event commemorating FAISAL AL-HUSSEINI in Jerusalem.

FIRAS FAYEZ HINDAWI (31 years old), a cameraman for Marcel Productions, stated to MADA that the occupation intelligence handed him a summons for investigation on Wednesday evening, while covering an event to commemorate FAISAL AL-HUSSEINI in front of the Assharq House in Jerusalem. At about 06:00, the cameraman was covering the event, when two Israeli intelligence officers approached him, detained him and subjected him to a field investigation for ten minutes about the reasons for his presence in the place, and for whom is he filming? How will he send the video material? And are there other journalists with him?

The officer handed him a summons for interrogation on Thursday at 09:00 am.

The cameraman, HINDAWI, went to the appointment on the next day to Rooms 4, and there the officer reminded him that he was not allowed to film for Palestine TV, and the cameraman answered that he only works for “Marcel” Company, which is a licensed and legal company, and the same questions that were asked to him the previous day were repeated. The interrogation lasted for half an hour, and then the journalist left the place.

#### June:

June 1st. The freelance journalist, BILAL AL-TAMIMI, was wounded by a rubber bullet in the right arm, and it was broken, while documenting the occupation forces’ storming the village of «Nabi Saleh» north of Ramallah on the evening of Thursday the first of June.

The freelance journalist BILAL ABDEL SALAM AL-TAMIMI (57 years old) stated to MADA researcher that he was on the roof of his house wearing the press uniform (the vest and helmet) to film the occupation forces’ incursion into the town, which started at 09:00PM and continued until after midnight, when the occupation soldiers and snipers mounted roofs of many houses.

While documenting the events, the journalist was hit with a rubber bullet in the right arm (above the wrist), and was transferred to Salfit Hospital, and then transferred to the Istishari Hospital in Ramallah, where it was found that there was a fracture in his hand. After medical examinations, it was decided to perform platinum implant surgery on his hand.

June 5th. The Israeli occupation police obstructed the work of freelance journalist IBRAHIM AL-SINJLAWI at dawn on Sunday and prevented him from covering the funeral of one of the martyrs in the «Yousifi cemetery» in the city of Jerusalem.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the freelance cameraman IBRAHIM KAMAL HAMAD «AL-SINJLAWI (27 years old) went at about 01:00PM in the afternoon on Monday to the «Yousifi cemetery» located between Bab Al-Sahira and Bab Al-Asbat in Jerusalem to cover the funeral of the martyr «HATEM ABU NAJMA» and interviewed his family.

The cameraman, who was wearing the press vest and showing his press card, tried to enter the cemetery, but the Israeli police obstructed his work and refused to allow him to enter or even stand at the entrance of the cemetery and prevented him from being in the same street, and forced him to move about 200 meters away from the cemetery to an area from which he could not see anything.

June 7th. The occupation forces targeted two journalists with rubber bullets in the abdomen and head at dawn on Thursday, while a group of other journalists were targeted with rubber bullets to prevent them from covering the occupation forces’ raid into Ramallah.

The freelance journalist, MOHAMMAD AWAD MARKAZ, reported that a large group of journalists

were present at around 12:00 am, on Wednesday in the Old City of Ramallah to cover the occupation army's incursion into the city, to demolish the house of a prisoner accused of carrying out an operation in "Tel Aviv" months ago.

The journalists and media crews began filming the raid, and they took a corner for themselves on the roofs of a building opposite the prisoner's house, and although it was clear to the occupation soldiers that the persons on the roof of the building were journalists (about six cameras, not to mention those using their mobile phones), they were deliberately pointing the laser light at them from time to time.

At about 02:00 am, at dawn, on Thursday, and as soon as journalist MOHAMMAD AWAD started filming, he was directly targeted by a rubber-coated metal bullet fired at him, but he was not injured, while one of the rubber bullets injured Arab TV cameraman RABIH AL-MUNIR in the abdomen while he was covering the clashes on the main street. It was a minor injury, as a result of which, he received field treatment and was able to complete his work.

At around 3:00 am, with the completion of the coverage and the continuation of firing rubber bullets, the cameraman of «Palestine Post Network», MOMEN SAMREEN (20 years old) was targeted. He was hit by a rubber-coated metal bullet behind his right ear. The bullet entered and exited his head, causing a concussion, a skull fracture, and subcutaneous hemorrhage. This necessitated his stay in the emergency room for two days, and nearly 9 days in the intensive care room.

The targeting did not stop at the injuries among the journalists, but rather rubber bullets continued to be fired towards those who continued to cover, and among them (Al-Jazeera Live cameraman MOHAMMAD TURKMAN, J-Media Agency cameraman HATEM HAMDAN, and journalist JIHAD BARAKAT).

June 8th. A force from the occupation army stormed the house of the freelance journalist YAZAN HAMAYEL in the town of «Beita» at about 4:00AM on Thursday, searched for him, and left the place after about 40 minutes.

According to the investigations of MADA Center researcher, a force of the occupation army (consisting of 8 officers as estimated by the journalist) stormed at around 04:00 AM on Thursday, the residential building in which the journalist resides on one of its floors in the town of «Beta» south of Nablus. At first, the officer asked the journalist for his mobile phone, but he refused to give it to him and showed him the press card, and to avoid taking his phone, he turned on the «flying» mode and then hid it, noting that the materials on the phone are his journalistic work.

During the raid, the occupation soldiers forced his family members, consisting of seven members, to be in one room and prevented them from moving around the house. The journalist's room was raided and searched, without the occupation forces vandalizing or destroying any of the house's property, and the force left the house after about 40 minutes.

June 16th. The cameraman IHAB AL-ALLAMI was shot in the back while covering the clashes taking place in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, on Friday morning, after he suffered gas inhalation one hour earlier due to a tear gas canister that fell near him.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, Associated Press cameraman IHAB ISSA MAHMOUD AL-ALLAMI (25 years old) stated that at around 10:00 AM on Friday, he went down to the main street in the town of «Beit Ummar», where patrol of the occupation army was on the road, while several young men were throwing stones at the soldiers stationed near it. The soldiers began firing tear gas canisters heavily, one of which landed near the media cameraman. He suffered gas

inhalation and received field treatment in the ambulance.

The media journalist left the ambulance and put on the press uniform (the vest and helmet), to start filming the events taking place. Meanwhile, at around 11:20 am, Al-ALLAMI saw a soldier on the balcony of a citizen's house, which is about 15 meters away from where he stopped, on the southern side. Suddenly, he heard a gunshot and a slight pain in his back, as blood was flowing profusely.

«Al-ALLAMI» moved forward, hiding from the soldier for a distance of several meters, when he heard more than one bullet fired that hit the wall where he was standing at the time of his injury.

The cameraman was transferred to a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance to Al-Ahly Hospital in Hebron, where x-rays and CT scans revealed that a live bullet penetrated the backside from the right. He was admitted to the operating room to extract the gunshot fragments, and left the hospital at approximately 11:00 PM on the same day, to complete treatment at home after his health condition stabilized, while the medical staff acknowledged the need to perform another surgery at a later time, to extract the remaining of the fragments left from the bullet, and the journalist is still being treated at home.

June 19th. The Israeli occupation forces targeted many journalists, media agencies, and press crews with live and rubber bullets while covering the raid on the city of Jenin and its camp on Tuesday morning. During the raid, journalist HAZEM NASSER was wounded by a rubber bullet in the right side of the waist, and the crew of «Roya TV» was targeted with another bullet that hit the vehicle.

HAFEZ SABRA, a 34-year-old reporter for «Roya» TV, stated that at 09:00 AM, he and his colleague, the TV cameraman MAHMOUD FAWZI, were in the vicinity of Jenin camp to cover the occupation forces' incursion into the camp, where gunshots, stun grenades and gas canisters began to be fired extensively.

At around 9:30 am, while the journalist was sheltering in his car at «Awda Roundabout» in the camp, the car was targeted by a sniper's bullet from a distance of about 200 meters and landed in the door. At a distance of 200 meters away from the vehicle of the journalist ABU SABRA, which was targeted by gunfire, there was a group of press crews that were prevented by the occupation from covering and moving freely and obstructing their work on the site, including Arab TV reporter and cameraman FADI AL-ASA, journalist MAHMOUD AL-KHALAF, Wafa Agency cameraman ODAY DAIBES and Reuters cameraman, RANEEN SAWAFTA.

At around 12:00 pm, a group of journalists (HAFEZ ABU SABRA and the cameraman MAHMOUD FAWZI from «Roya TV», LAITH JAAR and ASHRAF ABU SHAWISH from «J-Media») tried to get away from the clashes and targeting inside Jenin camp, so they reached Haifa Street, far from the borders of the camp, and they went up to a building overlooking the camp, through which they could monitor the site of the military operation from afar. After about half an hour, the crew of the Turkish «TRT» TV, consisting of the reporter IBRAHIM AL-RANTISI, the cameraman NIDAL AL-MASRI, and the journalist SAMER KHATIA from «J-Media» crew, joined them. The journalists were all wearing press uniforms including a helmet and a protective vest. At 01:05 pm, they heard the sound of a bullet that passed between the journalists, AL-RANTISSI and FAWZI, while the first was about to go out in direct coverage. Immediately after that, the seven journalists fell to the ground, as the shooting continued for more than ten minutes intermittently at them.

The journalists were visible to the sniper, which meant that it was a direct targeting of journalists, so they left the building crawling to reach a safe area.

Quds Feed reporter, JARRAH KHALAF, reported that he and his colleague, journalist HAZEM

NASSER, were in the vicinity of Jenin camp at around 12:00PM to cover the storming of the camp, and were surprised by direct shooting at them despite wearing press uniforms. The shooting was not for warning purposes, which made them flee quickly from their location. Despite this, they continued to be targeted, which led to the injury of journalist HAZEM NASER with a bullet in the right side of his waist, where he managed to escape to the ambulance and was transferred to receive treatment in the hospital, while the journalist JARRAH hid by the wall.

June 20th. A group of settlers assaulted the photojournalist MUTASEM SAQF AL-HAIT by beating and insulting him and breaking his phone. A group of settlers verbally assaulted several journalists, while covering the clashes at the entrance of the «Eli» settlement near Ramallah on Wednesday evening.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, Quds News Network cameraman MUTASIM SAMIR SAQF AL-HAIT (32 years old) was present in covering the repercussions of the shooting attack that took place near the entrance of “Eli” settlement on the road between Ramallah and Nablus on Wednesday evening. During the coverage, the cameraman was assaulted by one of the Israeli settlements, where he was assaulted by beating, shouted at, and cursed, and they stole the phone he used for filming, then threw the phone on the ground and stepped on it by foot. This assault took place under the protection of the occupation soldiers and police officers who were present in the place.

On the other hand, a group of settlers assaulted the crew of «Al-Ghad TV», cameraman MUNThER AL-KHATIB and the reporter DIAA HOSHIEH, verbally, by shouting and cursing at them, while the occupation police forces removed them from the place.

June 20th. (20th June) A group of settlers attacked the photojournalist, KHALED TAHA, with stones while he was on his way to the village of Hawara. The stones smashed the car window next to the cameraman, and shards of glass flew in his face.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the photojournalist KHALED ZAID TAHA (41 years old), who works for the «Palmomenta» Company, was returning to the village of «Hawara» at exactly 8:50 pm, on Tuesday, after he finished filming the site of the shooting attack near the gas station at the entrance to «Eli» settlement for the benefit of «Arab TV», where he was surprised by stones being thrown at his vehicle directly, and the large stones hit the window of the vehicle near the driver’s door, where he was alone in the vehicle, which led to the glass flying in his face and causing injury to his face. He felt pieces of glass as well in his eyes.

The cameraman continued driving the car despite his injury, until he reached the town of «Aqraba», where he received treatment at the medical center there, and was assured that none of the pieces of glass entered his eyes.

June 21st. The Palestinian Intelligence Service in the city of Qalqilya summoned the freelance journalist MUJAHID MARDAWI for interrogation about his journalistic work for about three hours and decided to summon him for another interrogation session after two weeks.

The freelance journalist MUJAHID HAMDALLAH MARDAWI (30 years old) stated that he received a phone call from the Palestinian Intelligence Service in Qalqilya on Tuesday 20th of June, for an investigation at the headquarters the next day.

At 10:00 AM on Wednesday, the journalist went to the headquarters in the city of Qalqilya. When he arrived, he waited for about fifteen minutes and then entered the interrogation room.

The officer began interrogating the journalist by asking general questions about his membership in

the Journalists Syndicate. When the journalist told him that he was not a member of the Syndicate, the officer decided to deal with him on the basis that he was a citizen and not a journalist.

The investigator asked him many questions about the nature and place of work of the journalist and the mechanism for receiving payment for his work (being a freelance journalist working on a freelance basis). The officer also asked him many questions about his relationship with some people outside work. He addressed him «I am not comfortable with you being a freelance journalist, and I have a feeling that you are working for parties we do not accept».

Journalist «MARDAWI» denied this and insisted that he is a freelance journalist and owns pages on social networking sites to publish news in general, without exposing himself to confrontation with any of the security services.

The investigation ended after three hours, and the journalist left the headquarters upon scheduling another session to meet him after two weeks (5th of July), provided that he brings his bank statements and the indictment based on which he was arrested by the occupation authorities in the year 2020.

June 21st. On Wednesday evening, a group of settlers assaulted the journalist, ISHAQ AL-KASBEH, while he was on his way to the city of Ramallah from «Mikhmas» Area, which led to a fracture in one of his ribs.

The freelance cameraman, ISHAQ RIBHI AL-KASBEH (49 years old), stated to MADA researcher that at around 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, while returning from «Mikhmas» Area, east of Ramallah, to the city center, he was attacked by a group of settlers.

The journalist was surprised when about 25 settlers attacked him at «Mikhmas» junction when he was intending to enter the city of Ramallah when they blocked the street carrying sticks and large stones, and they attacked the vehicle with stones (they threw several stones at the vehicle's windows). Then they tried to stop it by attacking it in the middle of the street.

AL-KASBEH was forced to stop his vehicle, get out of it, and withdraw from the place. During that, the settlers attacked him, insulting him, and assaulting him with sticks and stones, until he managed to escape, as some of them chased him. The Israeli ambulance arrived several minutes later and transferred him to Hadassah Hospital for treatment. It was found that he had a fracture in one of the ribs, and he was also slightly injured in his left hand. The doctors decided to conduct more comprehensive examinations and X-rays to determine the nature of the injuries in his body.

The next day, the journalist went to the scene of the attack to retrieve his vehicle, where he had left it and found it smashed and broken as a result of the attack on it by the settlers.

June 24th. A group of settlers attacked Palestine TV crew by firing live bullets and stun grenades in the village of «Um Safa» north of Ramallah on Saturday noon, while the occupation soldiers attacked two journalists with stun grenades that afternoon while covering the events in the village.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Palestine TV crew, consisting of the cameraman MOHAMMAD RADI (39 years old) and the reporter VALENTINA ABU HAMED, were directly shot by a settler's weapon while they were in a house near the main entrance to the village of «Umm Safa», at about 1:00 PM. As the settlers deliberately and directly fired at the TV crew in front of the house in which they were located, and when they felt that they were being targeted, he and his female colleague, the reporter, moved away from the camera, which was immediately hit by several bullets, which led to its destruction.

As the settlers withdrew in the afternoon of the same day, and the occupation forces were present at the main entrance to the village, the cameraman of «Al-Jazeera Live» MOHAMMAD AHMAD

TURKMAN (26 years), and the cameraman of «Awda TV» YOUSEF SAMIR SHEHADEH (23 years) arrived at 05:00 pm, and each of them began filming the events while they were wearing the complete press uniform.

Shortly after allowing them to take cover, the soldiers started firing stun grenades directly at them, and a number of these grenades exploded between their feet. Their withdrawal from the place coincided with the arrival of a senior officer of the occupation forces to one of the houses targeted by settler attacks. He prevented them from covering and forced them to leave the site directly.

June 25th. The Israeli occupation forces detained the journalist, OBADA TAHAYNA, at a military checkpoint near the «Ariel» settlement, which is established on the citizens' lands in Salfit Governorate. According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the occupation forces detained the freelance photojournalist, OBADA MOHAMMAD TAHAYNA (22 years old), at around 1:00 pm, on Sunday, at «Kafr Qasem» checkpoint, near «Ariel» settlement, in «Salfit» Governorate, for more than three hours while he was on his way accompanied by a political analyst to record a press interview.

During detention, the vehicle was thoroughly searched by the occupation forces, and the journalist «TAHAYNA» was kept on the benches, accompanied by the political analyst, throughout the detention period. The occupation forces took their identities and took pictures of them, and before releasing them, they were handed a handwritten notice to report to the investigation center in Salem on the morning of July 11th, noting that the Occupation forces were informed that they were on a press mission and TAHAYNA had the press camera.

June 27th. The occupation forces arrested the cameraman and reporter of «Sanad News Agency» MOHAMMAD ANWAR MONA (41 years old) after they raided his house in the village of «Zawata» at dawn on Tuesday.

The wife of the journalist, SAWSAN ABU EL-OLA, stated that a large force of the occupation army raided their house in the village of «Zawata» west of Nablus at around 3:30 am, on Tuesday, where the soldiers ordered her to enter a room in the house with her children, and interrogated MOHAMMAD for a few minutes before arresting him.

The house was not searched and none of his belongings was confiscated. Only the journalist was arrested after confirming his identity.

On July 2nd, MOHAMMAD MONA was referred to administrative arrest for a period of 6 months.

June 29th. The occupation forces targeted Palestine TV crew live in the village of Urif, south of Nablus, with tear gas canisters, which partially destroyed the camera and interrupted the live broadcast immediately.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the occupation forces stormed the village of «Urif» south of Nablus, at 11:45 am, on Thursday, surrounded a house, and sent military reinforcements to its vicinity.

Palestine TV crew in Nablus, consisting of reporter BAKR MOHAMMAD ABD AL-HAQ (24 years old) and cameraman ABDULLAH MAHMOUD ABU SABRA (24 years old), arrived in full press uniform to the vicinity of the targeted house at 12:35 PM and began covering the events directly in the village. The crew continued to cover the prolonged incursion, which lasted for more than five hours, by going live at the top of each hour, at exactly 02:00 pm, while the reporter BAKR ABDEL-HAQ was covering directly the events from a location close to the occupation jeeps, and there were no clashes the area.

The occupation soldiers started firing tear gas canisters directly at the crew, to injure them, which forced them to take cover in a nearby location.

One of the tear gas canisters hit the camera directly, which led to its partial destruction and the immediate interruption of the live broadcast. The journalists withdrew after pulling the camera from the site and left the village of Urif immediately, returning to the TV headquarters in the city of Nablus, where they were unable to complete the coverage.