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PREAMBLE:

The year 2018 has witnessed a rise in the number and seriousness of attacks against female and male journalists, and media freedoms in Palestine, compared to the previous year. The increase in the number and seriousness of the Israeli attacks has culminated in the killing of two Palestinian journalists by the Israeli occupation army snipers, namely (Yasser Abdelrahman Murtaja 30 years old, and Ahmad Abu Hussein 24 years old). This is in addition to the injuries of dozens by live bullets, explosive bullets, and gas bombs, directly fired at them in the course of their work which resulted in serious injuries.

During 2018, MADA-the Palestinian Center for Development & Media Freedoms has documented and monitored a total of 584 attacks committed against media freedoms in Palestine, 455 of which are committed by the Israeli occupation (accounted for 78%), while 129 are committed by various Palestinian authorities, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, accounted for 22% out of the attacks during 2018.

Violations against media freedoms in Palestine during 2018 according to the party that committed the violation

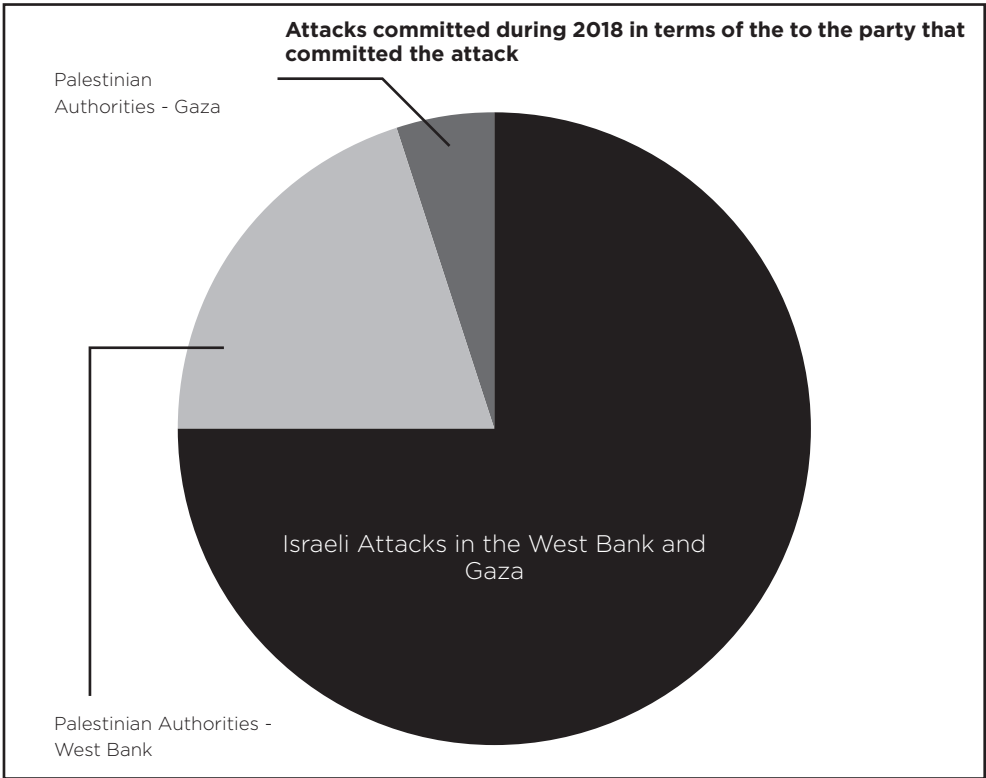
Party	Israeli Occupation	Palestinian authorities - West Bank	Palestinian authorities - Gaza Strip	Total
Number	455	88	41	584

The total number of attacks in 2018 has increased by a total of 54 attacks compared to the overall Israeli and Palestinian attacks during the past year, 2017. In other words, this increase in percentage terms accounts for more than 10%, even though in 2017 an increase by 38% was monitored compared to 2016. This means that in just two years, (2017 and 2018), a total increase in the number of attacks against media freedoms in Palestine exceeding 52% was witnessed. This period has also witnessed serious levels of violence in the suppression of media freedoms by the Israeli occupation.

A reading of the total figures during the past 10 years (including last year 2018) has showed that an average of 30 attacks against media freedoms are monitored each month in Palestine throughout this period<sup>1</sup>. However, the rate of attacks in the year 2018 alone exceeded 48 attacks during each month; that is, an increase by 60% out of the general average during the last decade.

Having viewed the Israeli and Palestinian attacks separately in terms of the rate of their occurrence, it was found that an average of 21 Israeli attacks were monitored every month over the past ten years, but the rate has risen in the past year 2018 alone to about 38 Israeli attacks every month. As for the Palestinian attacks, its average number during the past 10 years amounted to 9.4 per month. During the past year 2018, the number of Palestinian attacks against media freedoms has relatively and limitedly increased to 10.7 attacks each month.

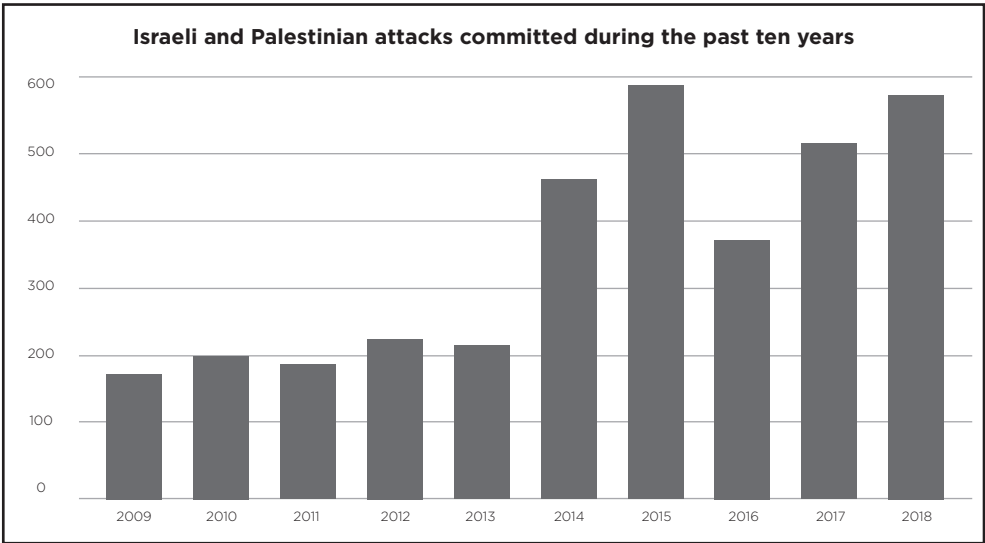
1 This includes both Israeli and Palestinian attacks.



In other words, female/male journalists and media outlets in Palestine were, over the past year 2018, exposed to an average of 1.6 attacks per day or more than 3 attacks every two days.

**(Attacks against journalists and media freedoms in Palestine during the past ten years)**

Year	Israeli attacks	Palestinian attacks	Total
2009	97	76	173
2010	139	79	218
2011	100	106	206
2012	164	74	238
2013	151	78	229
2014	351	114	465
2015	407	192	599
2016	249	134	383
2017	376	154	530
2018	455	129	584
Total	2489	1136	3625



## ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

Israeli attacks continued to escalate, in terms of quantity and seriousness. During 2018, the Israeli attacks have risen by a total of 79 attacks compared to the year 2017 by a rate of 21%. The year 2017 has witnessed a high record by 51% compared to 2016.

It is worth mentioning that if 2016 was more like a measurement year, the year 2018 has witnessed an increase in Israeli attacks against media freedoms in Palestine, amounted to 83%, compared to 2016. This shows part of the picture of the situation in which journalists and media agencies in Palestine are involed not to mention the challenges and risks posed to their lives, safety and ability to do their jobs.

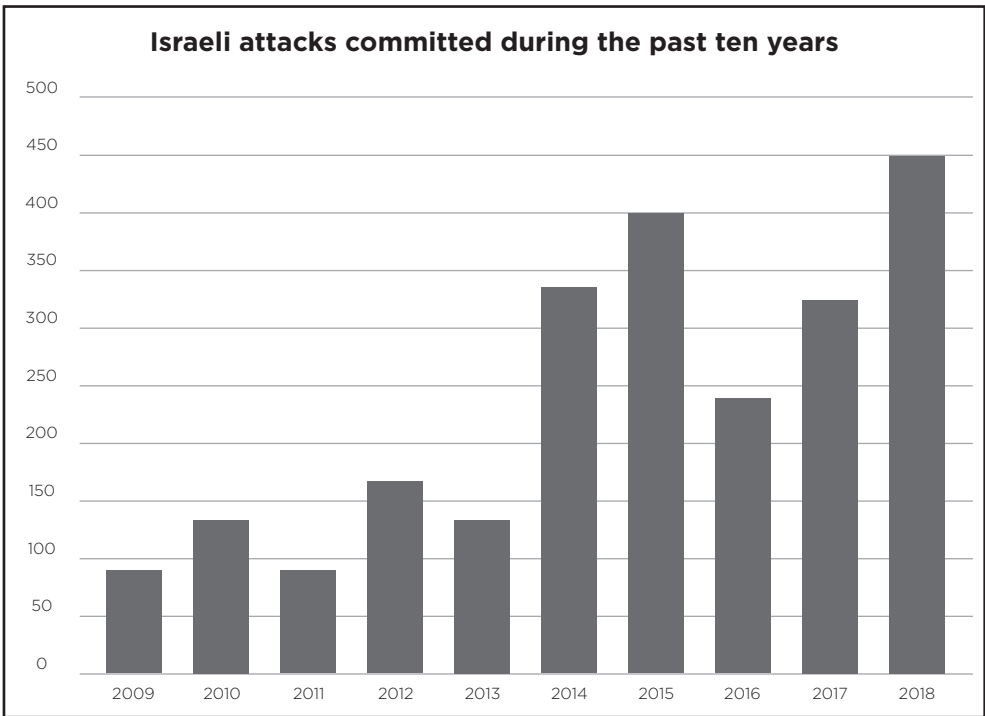
**(Israeli violations during the past ten yaers)**

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Number	97	139	100	164	151	351	407	249	376	455	2489

### » The Most Serious Attacks:

The Israeli attacks fall within 15 categories (in addition to another varied set of attacks classified and included together under “other attacks”). However, the most serious attacks which have affected female/male journalists and media outlets in Palestine (among the fifteen categories previously mentioned) fall under seven categories, namely: the murder of journalists which have affected two of the Palestinian journalists, physical injuries, arrest and detention, destruction or closure of headquarters , confiscation, or seizure or damaging equipment.

The seven categories of most serious attacks previously mentioned included a total of 346 out of the total Israeli attacks amounted to 455, equivalent

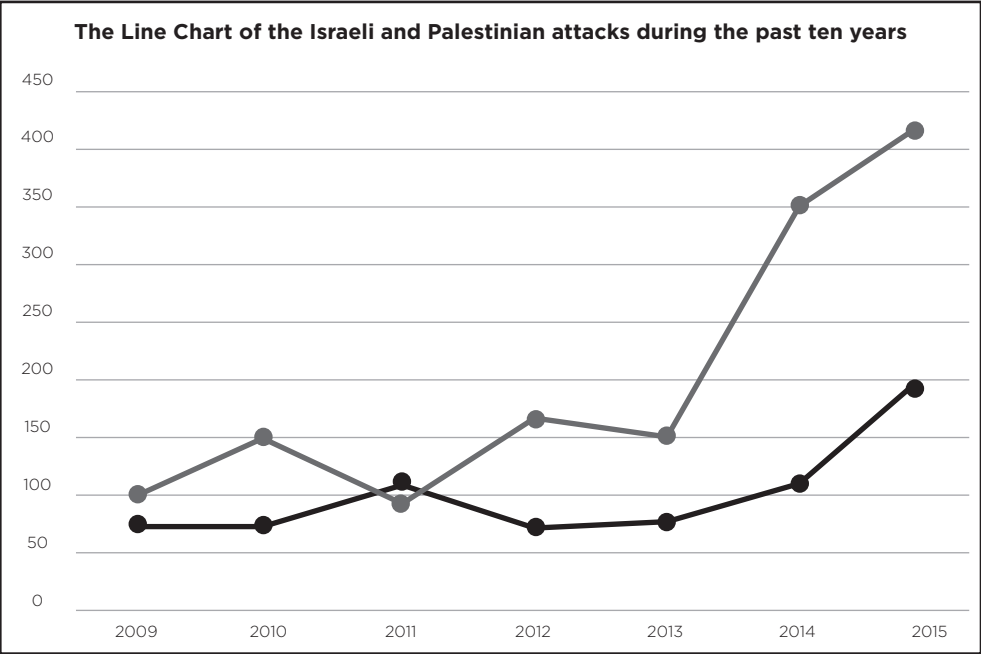


to 76% of the total attacks committed by Israeli occupation forces against media freedoms in Palestine in 2018.

Israeli Violations during 2018 in terms of the type of violation		
No.	Type of violation	Number
1	Physical attacks-injuries	240
2	Administrative arrest-detention-transfer	41
3	Prohibition of media coverage	72
4	Confiscate/seize/damage equipment - vehicles	18
5	Detention (including questioning)	41
6	Raiding institutions-houses	5
7	Human shields	1
8	Summoning and questioning	4
9	Travel ban	2
10	Threatening	5
11	Deleting materials	4
12	Incitement and defamation	1
13	Closure of institutions	2



14	Destruction of institutions	2
15	Murder	2
16	Other attacks	15
Total		455



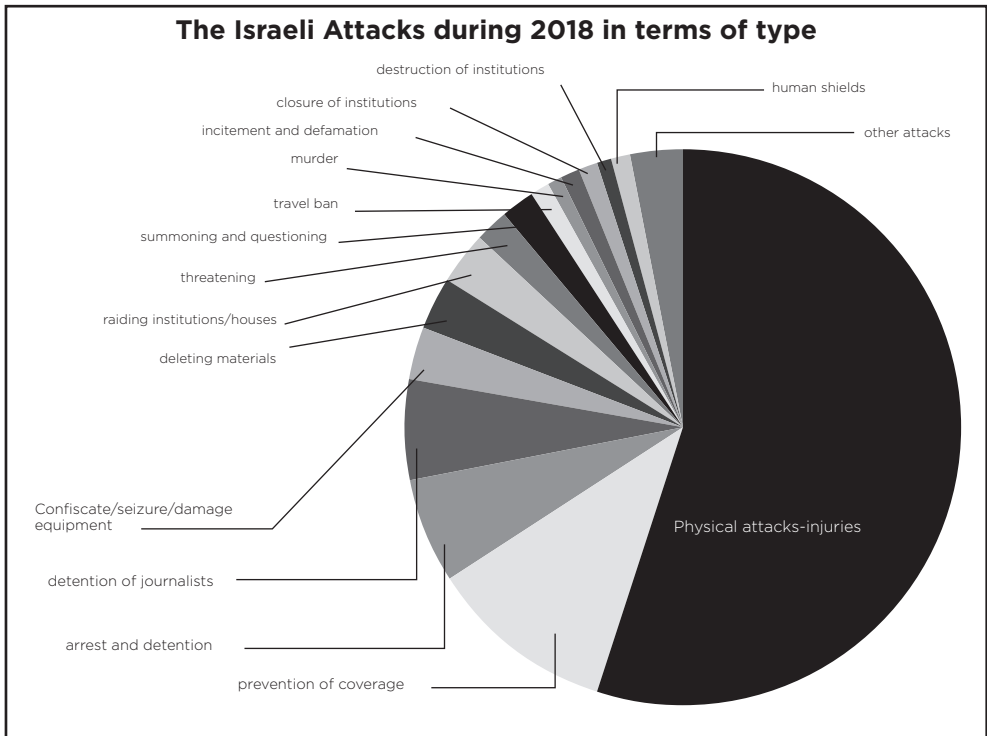
**The Killing of Journalists:**

There is no doubt that the killing of the two journalists, Yasser Abdelrahman Murtaja (30 years old), and Ahmad “Mohammad Ashraf” Hassan Abu Hussein (24 years old), by the Israeli occupation snipers, while they were covering the peaceful return marches in Gaza Strip, with no more than one week between each<sup>2</sup>, are not only the most cruel and serious offences committed against media freedoms in Palestine, but they also clearly reveal the limitless cruelty of the Israeli Occupation forces towards female/male journalists and media outlets.

One of the Israeli occupation army snipers, on 6th April 2018, have shot the photojournalist of “Ain Media”, Yasser Abdelrahman Murtaja (while he was covering the events of the return peaceful march in Khuza’a, east of Gaza). It should be noted that at the moment he was shot and injured, he was at a distance of 350 meters away from the separating fence on the other side of which the Israeli soldiers were deployed according to the data collected by MADA field researcher from an eye-witness who was accompanying the

<sup>2</sup> The journalist Yasser Murtaja, was injured on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 by an explosive gunshot. Few hours following his injury (on the same day) he died, while the journalist, Ahmad Abu Hussein, was injured on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (one week after Murtaja’s death) by an explosive gunshoy as well. However, (Abu Hussein) died on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, ten days after his injury as the doctors could not save his life.

journalist, Murtaja. His coworker, Hussam Hisham Salem (29 years old), who works for the same agency, reported to MADA “On Friday, corresponding 6th April 2018, we went to Khuza’a, southern Gaza, specifically, to Al-Awda Camp, to cover the events of the second-Friday return peaceful march, and we filmed the prayers there. Upon the completion of prayer, the demonstrators set fire to tires, and Yasser was filming the events, while standing behind the demonstrators. He wear the Press shield(vest) and helmet, 350 meters away from the border fence (where the Israeli soldiers and snipers were deployed). The soldiers started firing metal bullets at the demonstrators which resulted in the injury of one of them at first, and then the injury of Yasser by an explosive bullet of an Israeli sniper injuring his left flank through his right flank causing shattering inside his abdomen”. As soon as he was wounded, Murtaja was transferred to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, where he was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit and then to the operating room where he underwent a 4-hour operation during which part of the liver was removed. It was found that the bullet caused damage to the spleen and rupture to some arteries. He lost a lot of blood which is why the doctors gave him 16 blood units. After the operation, he was taken back to the ICU where he was supposed to remain under observation for 24 hours. At around 12:00 at night (ten hours after his injury), his health situation worsened, forcing doctors to bring him back into the operating room, and after an hour under the operations, he was announced dead.



On the following Friday, corresponding 13th April 2018, only one week later, in a similar scenario, an Israeli sniper fired an explosive bullet at the freelance

journalist of “Sawt AL-Shaab” Radio, Ahmad “Mohammad Ashraf” Hassan Abu Hussein, (24 years old) while he was covering the events of the return peaceful march in Abu Safiya, east of Jabalia, Gaza Strip, resulting in his death 12 days after his injury despite the several attempts of doctors to save his life.

According to the field investigations conducted by MADA researcher, and the information collected by an eye-witnesses, at around 2:15PM, on Friday, corresponding 13th April 2018, the journalist, Ahmad Abu Hussein was injured by an explosive gunshot in the left side of his abdomen, fired at him by one of the Israeli occupation soldiers while he was doing his work in Al-Awda Camp, east of Abu Safiya, east of Jabalia Refugee Camp, north Gaza Strip. It should be noted that he was wearing his Press uniform (a helmet marked TV, a blue vest marked Press), and he was standing in Jakar street, 300 meters away from the border fence (where the Israeli soldiers and snipers were deployed). According to the eye-witnesses (Thaer Fadel Ahmad Al-Zaanen, Nour Al-Deen Abdelsater, and Ramadan Al-Kurdi), Abu Hussein, on Friday, corresponding 13th April 2018, at 8:00AM, was filming the peaceful demonstrators. He waited in the journalists’ tent until 2:00PM, and when the number of demonstrators started to increase in parallel with the heavy firing of gas bombs and live bullets by the Israeli occupation army, he left the tent, which was 700 meters away from the border fence, down Jakar street (300 meters away from the border fence), and positioned himself near the vehicles and ambulance to film the events. Ten minutes after he arrived, at around 2:10PM, while he was very busy filming the demonstrators who were near the separating fence, he was injured by a gunshot in the left side of his abdomen and fell to the ground. He was transferred by an ambulance to the Indonesian Hospital, north Gaza Strip, where he was immediately taken to the operations room and underwent a lifesaving operation, as he was suffering from internal bleeding, according to the eye-witness doctors who were at the Hospital and described his condition as serious. After the Israeli foot-dragging, and due to pressures by several Human Rights Organizations, the Israeli occupation, at around 7:00PM, on Sunday, corresponding 15th April 2018, allowed to transfer him to the West Bank to receive treatment. He arrived at Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah by the ambulance, at around 12:00 midnight. On the following morning (Monday, corresponding 16th April 2018) he underwent a surgery and his situation became relatively stable until the evening of Thursday, corresponding (19th April 2018), his health condition relapsed and he was transferred to Israel Tel Hashomer hospital (the only Israeli hospital which agreed to admit him). He arrived the hospital at 12:00 midnight, the doctors were on their Friday-Saturday leave. On Sunday, corresponding 22nd April 2018, the Israeli doctors gathered to evaluate his condition, and decided that there is no treatment for him as he suffers from brain damage. They decided to send him back to Gaza Strip; however, his mother refused, and he remained in hospital until he was announced dead at around 3:35PM, on Wednesday, corresponding 25th April 2018.

## Physical Attacks:

Israeli physical attacks against journalists continued to rise during 2018, until they amounted to 242 attacks (including two murders of two journalists) compared to a total of 137 physical attacks monitored during the preceding year 2017.

By comparing the years 2017 and 2018, and in parallel with the increasing number of attacks, the proportion of the annual total Israeli attacks has sharply risen. Where the Israeli physical attacks constituted a rate of 37% out of the total Israeli attacks committed during 2017, these attacks have jumped during 2018 and exceeded 53% out of the registered Israeli attacks. In other words, more than half of the Israeli attacks are increasingly targeting female/male journalists directly, while the remaining attacks range between the other 15 types of attacks varying in seriousness, but in general, aimed at silencing journalists and hindering their work in Palestine.

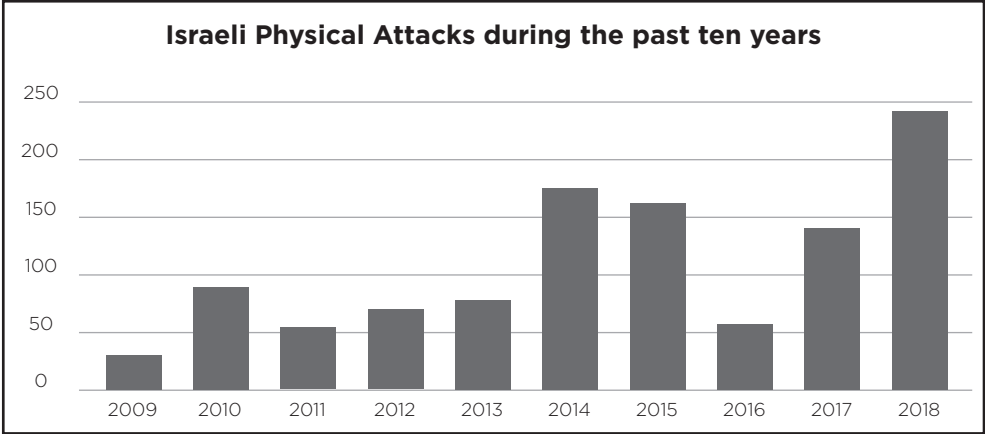
Most of the physical attacks fall under the extremely serious attacks which reflect the systematic targeting of female/male journalists aimed at keeping them away from the field or spreading terror among them to prevent them from covering the events by the excessive use of force.

### Israeli physical attacks during the past ten years and their proportion out of the total Israeli attacks

Year	Total Israeli attacks	Physical attacks	Proportion of total Israeli attacks
2009	97	34	35%
2010	139	89	64%
2011	100	55	55%
2012	164	80	48.7%
2013	151	87	58%
2014	351	175 (17 of which murders)	49.8%
2015	407	166 (one of which murder)	41%
2016	249	58 (one of which murder)	23.3%
2017	376	139	37%
2018	455	242	53%
Total	2489	1125	45.19%

The physical attacks monitored during 2018, amounting to 242, could be classified into two main groups: first: the most serious and grave attacks, which amounted to 127 attacks, all resulting from the use of live ammunition (live and explosive bullets), metal bullets, and gas bombs, injuring dozens of female/male journalists directly, in serious and sensitive parts of their

bodies. Second: the remaining physical attacks totaling to 115 caused by beating (some of which have resulted in serious injuries and fractures to a number of journaists), or severe suffocation requiring medical aid in the field or in the health centers and hospitals. This is in addition to other numbers of injuries difficult to pin down caused to female/male journalists who suffered suffocation without receiving medical aid.



With regard to the first group of physical injuries totaled to 127, these injuries are distributed to 54 female/male journalists who were injured by live and explosive bullets and 73 female/male journalists wounded by metal bullets, rubber bullets and gas bombs fired directly at their bodies. In all these cases, the victims of female/male journalists have suffered severe injuries; some of them resulted in permanent disabilities, not to mention that two journalists, namely, Ahmad Abu Hussein and Yasser Murtaja, have died.

For example, photographer of Falasteen Newspaper, Yasser Abdullah Qudaih, was wounded by an explosive bullet in the abdomen on 14th May, causing serious injuries to him. He underwent a quick rescue operation, and later, parts of the spleen were removed and then he was transferred to Al-Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem due to his serious situation. Furthermore, on 27th April, the freelance journalist, Abdul Rahman Hani Al-Kalhout was wounded by an explosive bullet in the right foot. He underwent three operations to remove the fragments and treat the laceration caused by the injury.

The photographer Ahmad Salim Barbakh / Muammar was wounded on 30th of March by an explosive bullet in the abdomen. The x-ray showed that 14 fragments have settled in his body causing internal bleeding. About 30 cm of his intestines was removed. On 31st March, the journalist, Wissam Atef Mousa, was injured by two gunshots in both legs. Both bullets penetrated his both legs (causing an entrance and exit). The bullet that injured his left leg (believed to be 250 caliber) caused severe rupture of the leg muscle.

The reporter of Middle East Monitor, Mutasem Ahmad Ibrahim Daloul, was injured on 11th May by an explosive gunshot in his back causing him wounds in the kidneys, lungs, and liver. He stayed in the intensive care unit for five days and he also stayed another ten days in the Surgery Section. He

continued revising doctors after 15 days of hospitalization.

In the course of 2018, the Israeli soldiers deliberately fired tear gas bombs at the bodies of female/male journalists in the field. A total of 33 such cases were documented, most of which caused serious and severe injuries to journalists. This reflects the methodology of the Israeli occupation army to inflict the most severe harm on female/male journalists and to keep them away from the field of work.

Among all of these cases falling under the most serious and severe injuries, it should be indicated, for example, to the injury of the videographer of Reuters, Bassam Mohammad Masoud, on 18th May, twice only within 20 minutes while he was covering the events of the return peaceful march east of Khan Younes. The first injury was relatively minor as he was wounded by a gas bomb in the abdomen (even though he was wearing the Press shield). As a result to this injury, his phone was damaged. Only 20 minutes later, he was injured by another gas bomb fired by an Israeli soldier directly at his ear, causing him injuries and laceration that required 12 stitches.

On 19th Sep. 2018, the photographer of the Turkish Agency, Thaer Khaled Fahmi Abu Rayash, was injured by a gas bomb in the left side of his head while he was covering the return peaceful march east of Gaza. This injury caused him wounds and bleeding that required 6 stitches. After few several days, he felt dizziness and poor vision in the left eye. This is in addition to the injury of the journalist, Hanin Mahmoud Baroud, in the same area (east of Gaza) one week after a similar injury. One of the occupation soldiers fired at her a gas bomb that injured her head directly, causing her wounds that required 8 stitches. In the West Bank, specifically in Al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya School, while the French News Agency photographer, Jafar Ishtaya, was filming some Palestinian families and officials, as well as the Minister of Education, and Nablus Governor, opening the above mentioned school that the Israeli occupation army ordered to be closed on the previous day; the soldiers raided the place and forced the students and citizens to get out of the school by firing rubber bullets and gas bombs.

While the journalist, Ishtaya, exited at the main gate of the school, one of the soldiers, from a very close distance, fired a gas bomb at him and wounded his head. After he was transferred to Rafidia Hospital(Nablus), it was found that his wounds caused him fracture in the skull and brain concussion. The doctors described his condition then by moderate.

### **Targeting Media outlets:**

The Israeli occupation army and authorities during 2018 have destroyed two media outlets, closed another two, and seized the equipment and machines of another one.

It should be noted that the number of media outlets and printing houses targeted during 2018 is few (only 5) compared to the number of closed and targeted during 2017, amounting to 17. This is in addition to the seizure and vandalism of equipment for a total of 27. However, the seriousness of the attacks monitored during 2018 targeting media outlets in Palestine which have affected a limited number of them (only five), is no less great

than those monitored during the past year. Especially that the attacks of the occupation army during 2018, in contrast to the preceding year, have included destroying two, namely Said Al-Mishal Establishment for Culture & Science, and Al-Aqsa TV Headquarters composed of five floors, in which 220 staff members are working. After the Israeli army warned the staff members through a phone call to evacuate the headquarters within minutes as the army will destroy it. Indeed, this is what actually happened.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, and based on the statements of the journalist, Saleem Muhsen Al-Sharafa, the presenter and preparer of Al-Aqsa TV programs, Al-Sharafa has received a phone call from a private number (no caller ID), at around 8:20 PM, on Monday, corresponding 12th Nov. 2018, when he just arrived his home on his way back from work. The caller introduced himself as “Abu Dawoud” from the Israeli Intelligence Services, and asked him “Where are you?”, Al-Sharafa replied that he just arrived the house. The Israeli officer asked him to inform his coworkers at the TV Office to evacuate the headquarters as it will be bombed by the Israeli drones after 10 minutes. Al-Sharafa questioned his credibility, and the officer replied “when you see the reconnaissance rockets, you will be certain, but then you will be held responsible for the lives of your coworkers if you did not tell them. Now go and tell them to leave the headquarters room by room”. Immediately, Al-Sharafa contacted his coworkers and told them what happened. He was informed that the same caller has contacted another number of the staff members at the TV Headquarters, namely, the Programs Director, Imad Zaqout, and the Broadcaster, Islam Bader, and asked them to evacuate the headquarters immediately as it will be bombed. Immediately, the staff members started leaving the headquarters, and before everyone left, the launching of the “warning” reconnaissance rockets started intermittently at around 8:30PM. About eight “warning” rockets were launched at the headquarters within half an hour. At around 9:00, an F16 targeted the headquarters with four rockets fired intermittently until 9:25PM, which led to the complete destruction of the headquarters including the equipment and machines. The staff members could not take out any of the equipment or machines. Furthermore, the destruction of the headquarters led to some damage to the neighbouring houses near the headquarters located in a residential area. The TV transmission interrupted completely for few minutes; however, Al-Aqsa TV managed, few minutes later, to continue its transmission from another place. MADA field researcher, who followed up the bombing of the headquarters from the very first moment, has documented that a reconnaissance aircraft has targeted the headquarters with eight rockets, with two minutes only between each. This was right before the F16 warplane started firing four rockets at the headquarters resulting in its complete destruction.

According to the statements of Al-Aqsa TV Director, Ibrahim Thaher, to MADA researcher, “the TV headquarters is composed of five floors, with a total area of 1000 square meters (half of which is studios), with about 220 staff members. The losses incurred by the office due to the destruction of its headquarters are estimated at about 4 million USD. The time given by the occupation to evacuate the headquarters was not enough, given the

great number of staff members. The staff were unable to take out any of the expensive equipment from the Headquarters and they were completely destroyed”.

This is the second time the headquarters of Al-Aqsa TV is destroyed as it was first bombed and destroyed during the last war on Gaza Strip of 2014.

In a similar scenario, Said Al-Mishal Establishment for Culture & Science was also destroyed in Gaza, in the afternoon of Thursday, corresponding 9th August 2018, for allegedly being used as Hamas headquarters.

In addition to that, the Israeli authorities have prohibited Al-Quds TV to operate in the occupied city of Jerusalem and inside Israel. They also prohibited Al-Basheer ProMedia, a media production corporation, rendering media services to the TV Office, to work with the Office. The Israeli police summoned the Director and two of its staff members, questioned them in parallel with arresting Al-Quds TV reporter who works for the Office from home. The Israeli authorities informed them to stop working with the TV office under any circumstances and this happened on 9th July 2018. Moreover, the Israeli intelligence services closed “Elia for Media” Agency after it was raided on the afternoon of 18th April 2018, located in Salah Al-Din street, in the occupied city of Jerusalem, given that none of the staff members were in the headquarters then. They avoided coming to the headquarters on that day because of a tweet by the Israeli Defense Minister, Avigdor Lieberman, posted two days before the event (Monday, April 16, 2018) on Twitter describing Elia For Media as a “terrorist agency”. The Israeli police and intelligence officers placed a closure order at the agency’s entrance until further notice, as reported to MADA by the Agency’s Director, Ahmad Hussein Al-Safadi.

Furthermore, the occupation army has raided Al-Noor Printing house, in Ramallah, at dawn, on 6th Dec. 2018, after blowing up its main doors and seizing 6 printing machines of various types, and a computer. Mr. Khaled Hussein Musafer, has estimated the losses resulting thereof by more than 32,000 NIS. It should be noted that this is the third time Al-Noor is raided and vandalized. On 30th Dec. 2017, Al-Noor was similarly raided by the Israeli Army and seized all of the printing machines, equipment and computers. They also raided and vandalized it previously on 30th Jan. 2017, and seized 25 printing machines and a computer then.

### **Arrests:**

The year 2018 has witnessed a rise in the number of journalists who were arrested or detained by the Israeli occupation army and authorities compared to the preceding year.

The year 2018 has witnessed a total of 41 arrests and detentions compared to 33 arrests and detentions witnessed in 2017; that is, an increase estimated by eight cases.

Among these cases is the arrest and detention of five female journalists and media students, namely: Ola Marshoud, Manal Al-Jabari, Lama Khater, Israa Khader, and Suzan Al-Ewiwi. The journalist, Manal Al-Jabari, who works for B’TSELEM, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied



Territories, in Hebron, was arrested and detained twice during her field work in Hebron in 2018. One of these arrests took place on 22nd April 2018, and she was assaulted by girl soldiers who handcuffed her and tried to strip and search her when she attempted to film the occupation soldiers detaining one woman and two young men at a military barrier, near the Cave of the Patriarchs, in Hebron. This was culminated by a decision to keep her away and prevent her from accessing the Cave of the Patriarchs for a period of 15 days. She was also prevented from covering the events in that sensitive and critical area.

**(the Israeli arrests of journalists during the last ten years)**

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
NO	7	18	12	13	13	13	20	46	33	41	216

The conditions for the arrest and detention of these female/male journalists have varied. Some of them were arrested from their homes during the night hours, while others were detained in the field while covering events. Preventing from coverage was the main motive for most of these arrests.

Like with the journalist Manal Al-Jabari, who was assaulted during her arrest, removed from the field, and prevented from coverage for 15 days, many other journalists were arrested, detained, and subjected to physical assaults and measures that prevent them from coverage, or keep them away from the work field, or other measures that lead to the same. On May 31, 2011, Wahbi Makiya was beaten by the Israeli police in Jerusalem (with their fists and legs) while he was filming a program for the Fourth Dimension of Media Production, in which he works as a freelance photographer. Then, he was taken to the police investigation center in Salah Al-Din Street in the city, where he was threatened with imprisonment and remained in detention for four hours before he was released at 8:00PM. Ahmad Al-Safadi, the Director of Elia Media Agency, was arrested and detained three times during 2018. In one of them, he was arrested from his home on 5th June 2018 and it ended up with his release on bail after he was forced by the occupation authorities not to participate or attend any popular events for a month, not to mention that he was prevented from media coverage for one month. The same happened to the author Rassem Obeidat, who is also from Jerusalem. After being arrested and interrogated for several hours, he was returned after three days. He was arrested for four days and he was subsequently released under restricted conditions of paid bail and house arrest for a week provided he shall not participate in any national economic and social activities for one month.

The same scenario of removal from the field of events and preventing from media coverage unfolded for various periods, in addition to house arrest, or beatings with another number of journalists who were arrested or detained during 2018.

**Preventing from Media Coverage:**

Preventing from coverage and blurring the actions of the Israeli occupation army and authorities as well as their policies and attacks in Palestine are deemed as the first and last target of the Israeli occupation authorities and army attacks against journalists and media outlets.

Blurring and blocking the picture and events is done by various methods including physical assaults and killings, the arrest of journalists, the closure or destruction of media outlets, and the direct prevention of media coverage, which may be considered the least dangerous compared to the other attacks that lead directly and indirectly to the removal of journalists and media outlets from the field of events. That is, it fulfills the occupation authorities and army wishes represented in not conveying the image of what is happening and restrict the same to the occupation's scenario.

With regard to the direct prevention of media coverage, MADA has documented during 2018 a total of 72 cases of prohibition of media coverage (many of which included more than one journalist or a group of journalists). It also documented 41 cases of detaining journalists while they were covering events in the field, in addition to four cases in which the occupation forces has deleted materials filmed by female/male journalists in the field. This means that a total of 117 cases of prohibition of media coverage registered during 2018 out of the overall Israeli attacks amounted to 455, equivalent to about 26% of the overall Israeli attacks.

The year 2017 has witnessed a total of 77 cases of prohibition of media coverage distributed to 38 cases of direct prohibition of coverage and 39 cases of detaining female/male journalists on their duty in the field in addition to five cases in which the materials filmed by journalists were deleted.

Comparing between 2018, in which 117 cases of prohibition of coverage were registered, and 2017 in which 77 cases of prohibition of media coverage were registered, it is evident that the number of this type of Israeli attacks has risen in 2018 by 40 cases, equivalent to about 52% compared to the preceding year.

## THE PALESTINIAN VIOLATIONS

In comparison with the previous year, the number of Palestinian violations against media freedoms in the West Bank and Gaza Strip declined from 154 in 2017 to a total of 129 attacks in 2018, most of which occurred in the West Bank (88 violations) while 41 violations occurred in Gaza Strip.

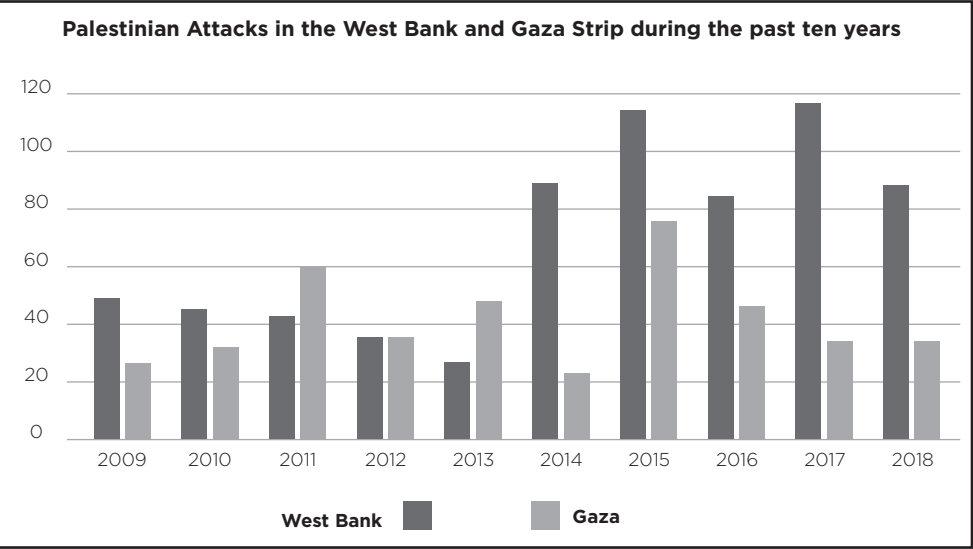
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Although it has declined by 25, a rate of 16%, in 2017, this decline does not reflect a real or positive improvement in the status of media freedoms in Palestine in terms of the respect for media freedoms by the governing Palestinian authorities in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This decline is attributed to two main reasons, firstly, the limited number of events and field activities (demonstrations, marches, sit-ins...etc) involving friction with the official authorities in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The second reason is the prevalence of self-censorship and the avoidance of female/male journalists and the media agencies to address many issues that

they are aware will cause them troubles if they would publish.



For example, An-Najah National University has prevented the media student, Osama Arar, on 17th March 2018, to enter the university where he studies (something like suspension) because of a Facebook post he shared on his account in which he compared between his University (An-Najah) and Birzeit University. The University security asked him to delete the post and to admit that he made a mistake. The Investigation Department at the Ministry of Interior in Gaza Strip has prevented, on 1st August 2018, the conclusion of a seminar at Abdullah Al-Hourani Center, organized in cooperation with the Journalists Syndicate, on the role of media in activating the prisoners issue, for allegedly not obtaining a prior authorization even though such seminars are usually concluded inside the center for many years.

These two examples (not the only ones) indicate the available boundaries of media freedoms, how the media and journalists are handled, and the freedom of speech and expression by various Palestinian institutions, on top, the official and security institutions.

► **Palestinian Violations in the West Bank:**

The year 2018 has witnessed a total of 88 violations against media freedoms in the West Bank, which reflects a decline compared to those registered in 2017 (which has witnessed a total of 119 Palestinian attacks against media freedoms in the West Bank) by 31 violations; in terms of percentage, a decline at a rate of 26%.

**(Palestinian violations in the West Bank during the past ten years)**

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
No	49	46	44	37	28	90	116	86	119	88	703

The Palestinian violations in the West Bank during 2018 fall under ten types. However, the greatest part of which fall under three types, namely: summoning and questioning (21 cases), arrests and detentions (17 cases),

and physical assaults (16 cases). These three types have totaled to 54 attacks, at a rate of 61% of the overall Palestinian violations registered in the West Bank during 2018, amounted to 88 violations.

### ► **Palestinian Violations in Gaza Strip:**

The year 2018 has witnessed a slight rise in the number of Palestinian violations in Gaza Strip amounting to 41 violations, which is slightly higher than that registered in 2017, amounting to 35 violations.

The Palestinian violations in Gaza Strip fall under six types; however, most of which fall under three types, namely: summoning and questioning, in most of the cases, associated with repeated detentions for long hours (24 cases), physical attacks (6 cases), deleting media and video material (5 cases). These types have totaled to 35 violations, constituting a rate of 85% of the overall Palestinian violations registered in Gaza Strip in 2018, totaling to 41 violations.

#### **(Palestinian Violations in Gaza Strip during the past ten years)**

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
NO	27	33	62	37	50	24	76	48	35	41	433

Apart from their number, the nature and types of Palestinian attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are very similar. The cases of summoning and questioning, including the part of which associated with long hours of detention under difficult circumstances, and the cases of physical attacks in both, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, were mostly registered, which is much the same as in previous years in this particular segment.

### **Physical Attacks:**

The number of Palestinian physical attacks against female/male journalists during 2018 has risen to 22 attacks (16 of which were committed in the West Bank and six in Gaza Strip) compared to 13 attacks committed by Palestinian authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during 2017.

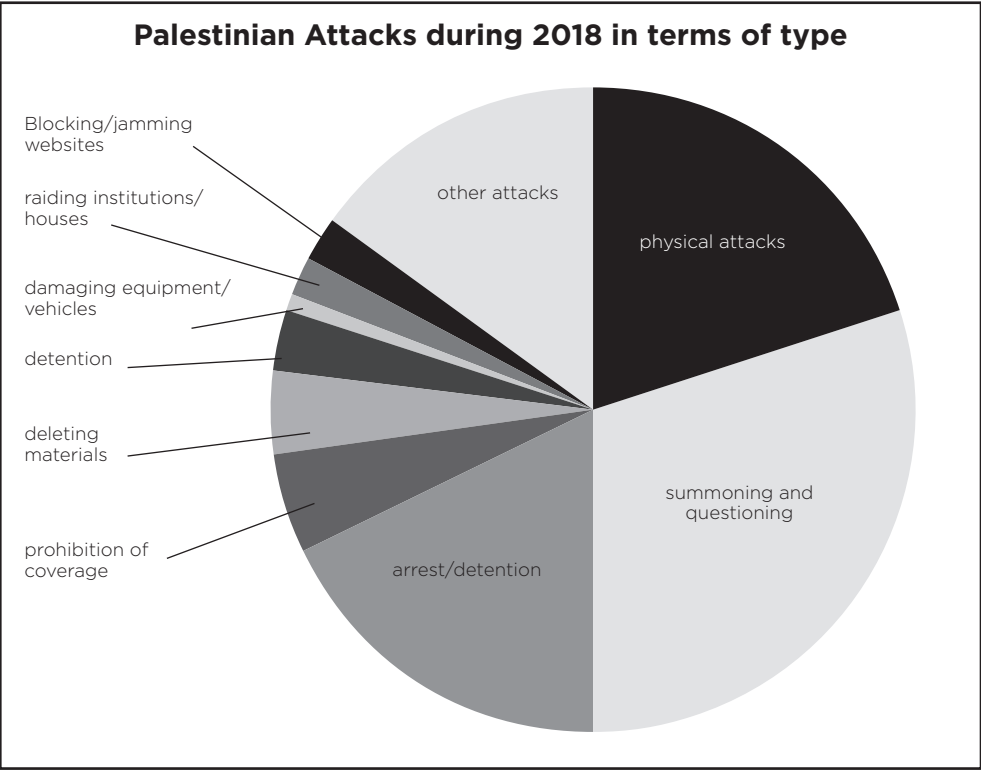
The greatest part of these attacks in the West Bank during 2018 is represented in the suppression of the Palestinian security services in the West Bank of a protest held in Ramallah on 13th June 2018 to demand the suspension of sanctions on Gaza and to pay the salaries of employees there. The Palestinian security officers dressed in civilian clothes assaulted at least 12 journalists while covering the sit-in and prevented them from covering the event. These attacks were carried out in the presence of the Palestinian police who were in their uniforms.

#### **(Palestinian violations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during 2018 in terms of the type)**

No.	Type of Violation	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
1	Physical assault	16	6	22
2	Arrest/detention	17	0	17
3	Detention (mostly involving questioning and prohibition of coverage)	3	5	8

4	Summoning and questioning	21	20	41
5	Damaging equipment/vehicles	1	0	1
6	Raiding/institutions/houses	3	0	3
7	Blokvng/jamming websites	1	0	1
8	Prohibition of coverage	6	2	8
9	Deleting materials	1	5	6
10	Other attacks	19	3	22
	Total	88	41	129

These attacks have also affected three female journalists who were beaten and suppressed violently, namely: Hiba Hassan Iriqat, Naela Khalil, and Jihan Hassan Awad. About ten persons tried to cover the eyes of the journalist, Iriqat, handcuffed her hands, beaten and kicked her, which made her fall to the ground. They also tried to seize her cell phone even though she told them that she was a journalist, and showed them her press card. Furthermore, the journalist, Naela Khalil was also attacked by a number of persons who were putting hats marked “Fateh” not to mention that also security officers assaulted her and sprayed pepper at her face.



In similar circumstances, all of the physical attacks in Gaza Strip were against six journalists in suppressing a single sit-in organized in Gaza Strip, on 18th June 2018. Some persons belonging to Hamas and security officers (in civilian clothing) have assaulted female/male journalists while they were

covering a peaceful sit-in, organized by the Detainees and Ex-Detainees Commission, in cooperation with the Committee of Prisoners of National and Islamic Forces, in Al-Saraya Square, central Gaza, under the title (the Peaceful movement to end the division, lift sanctions, and recover the rights of staff members). They seized and smashed some of the equipment of these journalists and deleted the materials they filmed. They also prevented them from coverage, not to mention that they assaulted the demonstrators, smashed the rostrum which was prepared for the sit-in that was cancelled as a result.

The discrepancy in the number of physical attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip registered in 2018 may be referred to the limited number of field activities (opposition to the policies of the governing authority) organized in Gaza Strip compared to the West Bank<sup>3</sup>, which are usually rejected and repressed by the security services, which has also affected Journalists and media outlets that are often prevented from coverage, and suppressed if they do so, as can be seen from these examples.

### Arrests:

The year 2018 has witnessed a total of 17 cases of detention and arrest of journalists carried out by Palestinian authorities. This represents a decline by nearly the half compared to each record of detention and arrest in 2017, which witnessed 32 cases of arrest and detention in the West Bank and Gaza by the Palestinian authorities.

#### (Palestinian arrests of journalists during the past six years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
West Bank	8	14	18	15	24	17	96
Gaza Strip	14	1	13	6	8	0	42
Total	22	15	31	21	32	17	138

All of the arrest and detention cases which have targeted journalists during 2018 have occurred in the West Bank.

The motives or justifications of the security services for arresting and detaining journalists are diverse, and may be directly related to materials they have published or other pretexts. As what has happened, for example, with the reporter of Al-Quds newspaper in Qalqilya, Mustafa Sabri, who was detained and questioned by the Preventive Security Service for two days. His personal card was seized, and he was called four times after he was released, claiming that one of his sons “has received in 2014 his university fees from an embargoed authority”.

Although no cases of arrest or detention were registered in Gaza Strip, the security services there have applied a method that amounts to arrest and detention in essence. They used the method of summoning and detaining a number of journalists for long hours, in some cases for more than 12 hours, until midnight. This was associated, in some cases, with detaining

3 For example, the security services in Gaza have prevented Fateh movement from commemorating its launch, which is celebrated on January 1 of each year. Note that the prevention of activities which the authority does not like is not limited to Gaza but is practiced by the security services in the West Bank as well.

journalists in stinky cells. This process was repeated as the detainee was released at night provided he shall return on the following morning and re-detained for a similar period of time. For example, the journalists Samir Rafiq Sakaik, Ahed Hassan Farwana and Samah Younis Al-Jedi, who were summoned and detained by the Internal Security Agency in Gaza more than once for long hours.

Summoning and Questioning:

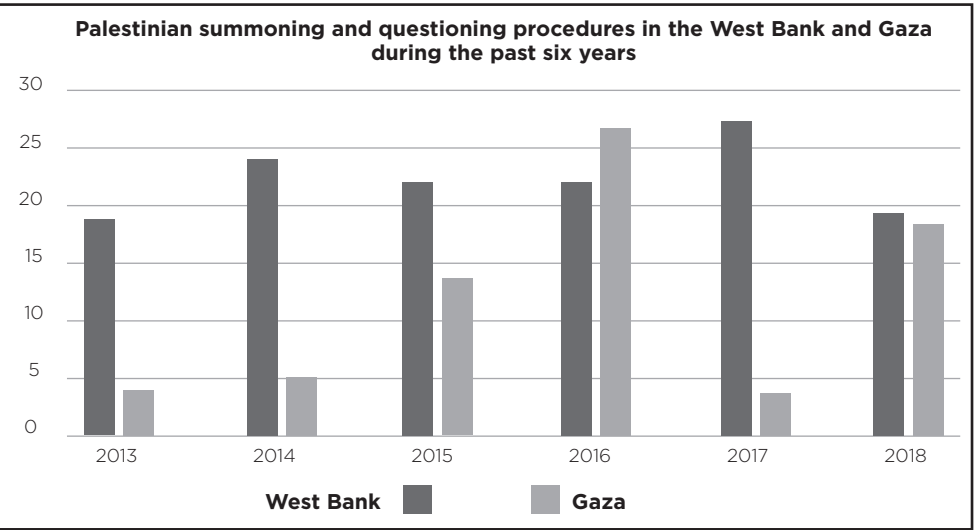
The summons and questioning, which may include threats, direct and indirect pressures, physical attacks, arrests and detentions are among the most prominent types of violations committed by the security services in the West Bank and Gaza Strip against female/male journalists.

The abovementioned three types have accounted for 84 attacks in 2018 out of a total of 129 Palestinian violations against media freedoms in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, accounting for 65% of the overall Palestinian violations.

(Cases of summoning, questioning, and detention in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during 2018 and the preceding five years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
West Bank	19	25	23	23	28	21	118
Gaza Strip	5	6	15	28	4	24	62
Total	24	31	38	51	32	45	180

The number of summonses and questioning cases registered in 2018 has risen to 45 compared to 32 in the previous year in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This increase is mainly due to a significant increase in the number of cases recorded in Gaza Strip, which rose from 4 cases in 2017 to 24 cases.



Usually, the security agencies summon and question the female/male journalists for many reasons, mostly because of the materials or comments they post, or the threatening messages they transmit to them in connection to their media activities.

As was the case, for example, with Palestine TV staff in Gaza, who was summoned and questioned because of a television report on an attack against a child by persons belonging to Hamas in Gaza. The TV staff was prosecuted, summoned, and questioned by the Investigations Services in Gaza throughout a period of three days (25th, 26th, and 28th, August, 2018) for the charge of “forgery and fabrication”. They were also detained for relatively long periods. Or as was the case with the freelance journalist, Musab Khamis Qufaisha, who was summoned by the Palestinian Intelligence Service in Hebron on 25th Sep. 2018. He was questioned and forced to delete a news group he had created a month ago under the name of “Hebron People Group” after he was threatened to be arrested. It should be noted that this group included 1700 members, and it was posting political, social and economic news.

This procedure (summoning and questioning) is sometimes used as a form of indirect punishment by repeating the summoning one or the other several times. Such a procedure is often take in parallel with detention which may last for hours at a time.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is evident that the Israeli occupation authorities apply a policy based on silencing the Palestinian media outlets, and they apply this policy gradually. In our letter to three special rapporteurs at the United Nations, we have explained the nature of this policy and the procedures emanating thereof. Therefore, we recommend the dispatch of an international fact-finding mission, and to take a serious stance on the part of the international community represented by its bodies and agencies concerned against the policy of the occupation, as well as to hold accountable Israel for the same. Otherwise, the occupation policy would indeed silence the Palestinian media or most of the same, during the few coming years, and establish self-censorship.

At the Palestinian level, and despite the decline in the number of violations by 19% compared to 2017, this decline does not reflect an actual improvement on the status of media freedoms in Palestine or a positive development to the respect for media freedoms in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by the governing Palestinian authorities. We still believe that decision makers address the significance of freedom of expression merely as a slogan for consumption and public relations, so we demand the respect of the freedom of expression, approve relevant media laws and access to information law, in addition to to hold accountable those responsible of attacks against journalists.



## ANNEX (1)

**(a list of Journalists martyrs murdered by Israeli Occupation forces since the beginning of (2000))**

	<b>Name of Journalist</b>	<b>Date of martyrdom</b>
1	Aziz Yousef Al-Tineh	28/10/2000
2	Mohammad Al-Bishawy	31/7/2001
3	Othman Al-Qatanany	31/7/2001
4	Rafael Cherillo	13/3/2002
5	Jamel Nowara	14/3/2002
6	Ahmad Numan	14/3/2002
7	Amjad Al-Alami	19/3/2002
8	Imad Abu Zahra	16/7/2002
9	Essam Mithkal Al-Talawi	22/6/2002
10	Fadi Nashat	12/4/2003
11	Nazih Adel Darwaza	19/4/2003
12	James Miller	2/5/2003
13	Mohammad Abu Halima	22/3/2004
14	Hassan Shaqoura	15/3/2008
15	Fadel Shana'a	16/4/2008
16	Omar Abdul Hafez Al - Silawi	3/1/2009
17	Basel Ibrahim Faraj	6/1/2009
18	Ihab Jamal Al-Wahidi	8/1/2009
19	Alaa Hammad Murtaja	9/1/2009
20	Mahmoud Al-Koumi	20/11/2012
21	Hussam Salama	20/11/2012
22	Mohammed Musa Abu Eisha	20/11/2012
23	Hamid Abdullah Shehab	9/7/2014
24	Najla Mahmoud Al-Hajj	10/7/2014
25	Khaled Ryad Hamad	20/7/2014
26	Abdul Rahman Ziad Abu Hain	23/7/2014
27	Bahaa Kamel Al-Gharib	29/7/2014
28	Izzat Salama Duhair	29/7/2014
29	Ahed Afif Zaqout	30/7/2014
30	Rami Fathi Rayyan	30/7/2014
31	Sameh Mohammad Al-Aryan	30/7/2014
32	Mohammad Majed Daher	31/7/2014

33	Abdullah Nasser Qahjan	1/8/2014
34	Mahmoud Nour El-Din El-Diri	2/8/2014
35	Shadi Hamdy Ayyad	2/8/2014
36	Hamada Khaled Maqat	4/8/2014
37	Simon Camille (Italian)	13/8/2014
38	Ali Shehta Abou Afsh	13/8/2014
39	Abdullah Fadel Murtaja	25/8/2014
40	Ahmed Hassan Ali Jahajha (media student and volunteer photographer)	16/12/2015
41	Iyad Omar Sajdiya (media student at Al-Quds University)	1/3/2016 - (injured in the evening of 29/2/2016)
42	Yasser Abdel Rahman Murtaja	6/4/2018
43	Ahmed "Mohammed Ashraf" Hassan Abu Hussein	25/4/2018 - (injured on 13/4/2018)

## DETAILS OF VIOLATIONS:

### January

(8-1) Palestine TV Crew was detained while preparing a TV report, by IOF, Palestinian TV correspondent Hani Ahmad Funoun (34 years) reported to MADA: "Me and my colleague, cameraman Fares Jaznara, were preparing a TV report on the closure of the entrance to the "Shifa" living compound that is a part of Beit Shuqayra Village South of Bethlehem city, and about the citizens that are suffering due to the closure, I started the live broadcast at 12 o'clock, and while I was interviewing the coordinator of the wall and settlement resistance committee, Hassan Bureijia, we were surprised that the Israeli army force was coming towards us from all sides, and one of the soldiers stood in front of the camera and another soldier pulled the microphone from my hands and confiscated my mobile phone."

"The soldiers then took the program guest to his car, searched him and confiscated his ID, two additional military jeeps arrived. The soldiers were violent; while I was with Hassan Bureijia the soldier took my second phone and forced me to take off my coat. And after about 20 minutes of inspection, they ordered us to leave and not to return to this place claiming that it is a closed military zone."

(9-1) Israeli soldiers detained Palestine crew while they were preparing a report on the settlers' attacks Deir al-Hatab village. The TV Correspondent Bakr Mohammed Al-Haq (28 years), Reported to MADA : "Me and my colleagues

Samer Habash (Camera man) , the car driver Abdallah Kwamleh and Sameh Hussein, a member of Deir al-Hatab village council (east of Nablus) were detained, while we were filming a report on the settler attacks in the region this afternoon ."

He added "an armed settler attacked us as soon as the army entered the area, then the soldiers took the settler away and took our IDs and we were detained for about 1 hour and a half, after contacting the Palestinian liaison we were given our IDs back and let us go around 2:00 PM.

(9-1) Israeli police arrested the director of the "ILIAA" media organization Ahmed Hussein al-Safadi, (44 years), while covering a protest in Jerusalem. Safadi Reported: "I was arrested at 11 o'clock in front of the American House near the US Consulate while I was covering the protest against Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, I was taken to al-Maskoubiya police station, and there I was interrogated as organizer of the event at the Al-Dar Hotel, and of course I denied it. I was released around 3:00 pm on bail of NIS 5,000 until the court session".

(10-1) The Israeli occupation forces detained five journalists and prevented them from reaching the village of Madama, south of Nablus, to cover the clashes between the settlers and the village citizens. Nidal shafiq Shtayeh (46years) chines news agency photographer reported to MADA "We went (a group of journalists Nidal Shtayeh, Jafar Ashtia, Mohammad Turkman, Mahmoud Fawzi and Muhammad

Tarabi) at approximately 12:30 to cover clashes between the citizens of Madma village and the settlers. When we approached the village, a soldier stopped us at an Israeli checkpoint and confiscated our IDs and detained us, after 2 hours we got a phone call from the Palestinian liaison, telling us that the soldiers will give us our IDs after 10 min, but in one condition which is not going to Madama Village to cover the clashes, in 10 min they gave us our IDs back and told us to leave”.

(11-1) the Palestinian Preventive Security Service summoned the media student at Hebron University, the freelance journalist Musab Khamis Qafisha (23 years), Qafisha reported to MADA: “I received an official summon from the Preventive Security in Hebron, demanding that I go to their office the next day, after communicating with the Journalists Syndicate, I did not go.”

(12-1) The Israeli occupation forces attacked the crew of Al-Ghad Al-Arabi channel, where the reporter of the channel Diaa Ahmed Hoshiya (33 years) Reported to MADA “while covering me and my colleague the cameraman Munther Al-Khatib the clashes at the entrance of Nablus city at about 2:30 PM on 12-1. The force attacked the demonstrators, and a soldier attacked me and my colleague Munther, we were forced to move away from the location, because an officer threatened to arrest us if we didn't, which affected our ability to cover the clashes. Other journalists and media outlets who were present at the location were also attacked and prevented from coverage because they didn't have press cards, but I did not know any of them”.



(12-11) Al-Ghad Al-Arab Al-Arab TV correspondent Raed Mohammed Al-Sharif (28 years) was hit by a sound grenade fired by an Israeli soldier while covering the clashes in Hebron. Al Sharif reported to MADA: “During the clashes that accrued in Bab al-Zawiyeh in Hebron that started at 10:30 am one of the soldiers who was standing on the roof of a house fired a sound grenade towards me, where it exploded between my legs, causing me a minor burn and some scratches in my right thigh”.

I was transferred to Hebron public hospital “Alya” by an ambulance and there I got the needed treatment and made sure there was no fractures”.

(14-1) The traffic police in Gaza city summoned Alaa Abdel Aziz Salameh, 33, a radio announcer on Al-Quds radio, and questioned him about a comment he had posted on Facebook about the police. Salameh reported to MADA “Yesterday (13-1), I received a telephone call from the director of the Gaza Traffic Police asking me to come for an interview, regarding a publication I had posted on Facebook about the humanitarian situation of traffic police, the publication is a story recounted by a citizen about a traffic policeman who ordered falafel and bread from the citizen instead of releasing him a traffic violation. At 10 am the next day (14-1) I went to the General Directorate of Security. There I was interrogated about

the publication and why I wrote it. I told him that the purpose of the publication was to highlight the humanitarian situation of all citizens, including police officers, who are living in difficult financial conditions. The aim was not to harm the prestige of the police. After I quoted an audio clip confirming what I wrote, the interrogation was terminated at about 1:30 pm, but I remained in detention until 5:00 pm, after the story of my detention spread over social media sites and after the intervention of some media professionals, and after signing a routine pledge not to address any kind of exposure to them”.

(14-1) One of the Israeli police attacked Reuter’s cameraman Sinan Abdullah Abu Mizar (45 years) in Jerusalem, and prevented 4 other journalists from covering the protests against the Trumps decision in Jerusalem, Bab Al-Asbat area. Where demonstrators were suppressed by firing sound bombs heavily, which led them to escape.

Abu Mizar reported to MADA “At around 10:00pm I was standing on the side, 10 Police officers approached me while I was filming on my camera and holding a microphone written Reuters on it which shows clearly that I’m a Journalist on duty, even though one of them hit me on my head with his baton and continued on his way. Abu Mizar added “I received treatment at the Hadassah hospital where it was found that after the necessary examination there was a concussion in the brain. The wound was sewn into my head with seven stitches and I stayed at home for a week.”

Correspondent Rema Mustafa and the cameraman Haytham Al Omari

for Al-Arabya channel, Palestine TV Cameraman Amir Abid-Rabo, AL -Anadol cameraman Mustafa AL- Kharouf, the correspondent for Al-Kufyieh channel Nawal Hijazai, and also the cameraman for the same channel Ghassan Abu Eid. All were at the location and they all got attacked and where prevented from covering.

(15-1) Amer Awni Ba'lousha (25 years) The correspondent of the Egyptian Newspaper (AL -Badeel ), was summoned by Bait Lahia (north of Gaza Strip) Investigation office. Ba'lousha reported to MADA: ““On 15/1 I received a telephone call from the Beit Lahia interrogation office asking me to come for investigation , I went to their office immediately, as soon as I arrived they transferred me to the Director-General of Security and there I was asked questions about my work, activities, , and who support me. I was detained for about 7 hours.”

(19-1) The occupation intelligence summoned the media student in Hebron University, and the freelance journalist Musa’ab Khamis Kfeshah (23 years), Kfeshah Reported to MADA: “on 19/1 I received a phone call from the Israeli security service, and in the next day 20/1 around 12:00 PM I went to Etzion prison, and I was questioning for 3 hours, where the interrogator asked me about my work, and whom I work for, he also informed at the end that I was banned from travelling”.

(20-1) Faiz Hamza Abu-Rmealeh (25 years), the photographer for Active Still Group and +972 magazine, got injured by a sound grenade while covering a demonstration in Jerusalem, and 6 other journalists were prevented from covering by the

Israeli police. Abu Rmealah reported to MADA: "we were a group of journalists covering a demonstration that started in Salah Al din Street around 4:00 Pm, as soon as the demonstration started the Israeli police started firing sound grenade on the demonstrators trying to separate them, they were using different kind of sound grenade this time, it was very loud and it brings more damage. Around 5:00 PM I was hit with a sound grenade in my leg causing simple burns and cuts, as for my colleague Ahmad Safadi I saw the police pushing him away and threatening to arrest him if he didn't obey.

Mustafa Al-Kharouf, Ahmad al-Budairi, Suhaib Salhab, Layali Eid and Diyala Juhayhan were all present. They were all prevented by force from covering the demonstration.

(21-1) Palestine TV correspondent Mohammad Abd AL Qader Shatyieh (41 years), was detained by the Israeli police and Israeli security services for couple of hours and he was prevented from covering the vandalism on the land of Kufor AL Deek Village near a settlement located in the area, Shtayieh reported to MADA: "at around 10:30 AM on 21-1 while I was covering the vandalism in Kufor AL Deek village (north of west Bank), Israeli security forces and Israeli police officers came to the area and prevented me from filming. They closed the road in front of the car, confiscated my ID and held me until 1:00 pm, after the intervention of Palestinian liaison officer, who came to the location".

(24-1) The Israeli Occupation police in Jerusalem detained the photographer of Al-Arz production company Ayman Hussein Abu

Rmouz (27 years) and prevented him from covering events along with his colleague Jihad Almuhtaseb, Abu Rmouz reported to MADA "At around 16:00 pm my colleague the photographer Jihad Almuhtaseb and I were in an area near the Damascus gate in the old city of Jerusalem, filming a program, after we finished I started taking photos of searches operations by the Israeli police. Suddenly, a policeman demanded to search me, when I handed them my press card issued by the Israeli journalists syndicate, the police officer replied that he does not care who I am or if I am a journalist, he added that he will search me anyway, he throw my cellphone on the ground and started searching me in a humiliating way while saying we do not know if you are journalists or terrorists, after he started searching my colleague Jihad I started capturing photos of the search they subjected him to, then, the police officer turned to me and asked me why am I taking photos, I informed him that this is my right, he replied that it is not your right, he ordered other police personnel to transfer me to the police station".

Rmouz added: "They took me to the police station on Salah Aldin Street, and on the way I was threatened that I would be detained for two days until I learn how to deal with the police and respect them, after we arrived, the policeman interrogated me about the incident. I told him that he could go back to the cameras in the street to make sure that I did not do anything wrong, and what happened was a racist action by the police, around 7:00 pm he gave me my ID, and told me to leave."

## February:

(2-2) Samah Mahmoud Al-Kahla (28 years) the correspondent for Al-Alam News channel fainted during her covering a demonstration in Al-Berih city. Al-Kahla reported to MADA “while I was covering the clashes at the northern entrance of Al-Berih city, I fainted due to inhaling gas by the gas bombs that was fired by the Israeli soldiers; I got field treatment by the medics that existed in the location”.

(5-2) The Israeli occupation forces arrested the Ahmad Majdi AL-Arabad (28 years) the sound engineer in Sawt Al-Hurryia radio, his brother Amjad reported to MADA “the Israeli occupation forces stormed our house that is located in Al-Terih in Ramallah city around 3:00 AM, and beat all my family members (my brother Yasser, mother, father and sisters), then they searched all the house, vandalized it, and arrested my brother Ahmad”.

(8-2) Palestinian Security prevented Mohammad Radi Shushah (35 years) the correspondent of the Jordanian TV Roaya, to cover an event in Al-Mukaata (the president headquarter), because as they say he abused the Palestinian presidency in his publication on his Facebook page, Shushah reported to MADA “on (2-8) I went to AL-Mukaata in Ramallah to cover the event of releasing the program of “Jerusalem is the capital of Islamic youth”, when I arrived I was denied entry to AL-Mukaata because as they say, that I abused the Palestinian presidency in my publications on my facebook page. I asked about the exact they told me the reason is my posting pictures of Israeli journalists in Ramallah, and asking not to welcome them”.

(9-2) The Israeli Occupation forces detained not less than 5 journalists while they were covering a demonstration against settlements in Al-Mazraa AL-Gharbieh village near Ramallah, and prevent them from coverage under the reason that this area is a military closed area. Hisham Kamel Abu Shaqra (29 years) the Photographer for Al-Anadolu Agency reported to MADA, “around 1:30 PM while we were in Al-Mazraa AL-Gharbieh village covering a demonstration against the settlements, the Israeli soldiers detained all the journalists and took there IDs for almost 20 minutes, because this area as they said it’s a military closed area, and they also tried to arrest the freelance photographer Mohammad Shretih because his journalist ID wasn’t with him, but we all refused to leave without him”. He also added: from the journalists that were detained, Mohammad Shusha Roaya TVcameraman, Jihad Barakat the correspondent for Media Port, and Issam Rimawi the photographer of Al-Hayat al-Jadida.

(9-2) The cameraman Monther Mohammad Khateeb (32 years), and Mohammad Najib Nabil Al-Razim (40 years) Al-Sharqa channel cameraman, got injured by rubber bullets fired by Israeli soldiers, while covering a demonstration at Huwara junction south of Nablus. Khateeb reported to MADA, “while covering a demonstration at Huwara junction, all the journalists where on the left side and the soldiers are in front of us, the Israeli soldiers started firing gas and sound bombs and firing rubber bullets, I got hit with a rubber built in my right leg, and got field treatment at the location by the medics.

Al-Razim reported to MADA; “while



I was covering a demonstration at Huwara junction on 2-9, to Al-Sharqa channel, I got shot with a rubber bullet in my right arm. It was a Minor injury and I got the needed treatment at the location”.

(9-2) Samah Mahmoud Al-Kahlah (28 years) the correspondent of Al-Alam channel, got hit with a sound grenade that was fired by an Israeli soldier directly towards her, while she was covering a demonstration at Al-Berih northern entrance. Al-Kahlah reported to MADA,” while me and my colleagues, Hamzah Al-Sudani Cameraman and Mohammad Tamemi the Broadcast supervisor, were covering the demonstration at Al-Berih northern entrance, around 4:00 PM, while I was standing next to the broadcast car and wearing my Press Shield vest, the Israeli soldiers came to us and asked us not to film them, we responded that we are covering the demonstration and we moved our cameras to different direction, during that a soldier was only 2 meters away from me, fired a sound grenade towards me, the grenade hits me in my shield and exploded on the ground, I didn’t get injured because of the vest shield that I had on”.

(15-2) The Israeli occupation forces arrested Abid Al-Muhsain Tayeser Shlaldeh (25 years) the correspondent for Al-Quds net network, Shlaldehs brother loay reported to MADA, “the Israeli soldiers stormed our house around 2:30 AM that is located in Shuokh Shafa, northeast of Hebron; they thoroughly searched the house, and confiscated 3 mobile phones. After about 40 minutes, they left the house after they arrested my brother ‘Abd al-Muhsin and took him to an unknown place”.

(15-2) Israeli occupation forces attacked a group of journalists while covering a demonstration and an event of planting olive groves in the town of Bitu South of Nablus. In another incident, Israeli soldiers assaulted a group of journalists in the West Bank in the village of Mazra’a Al-Gharbeia. Diaa Ahmad Hushieh (33 years) the correspondent of Al-Ghad Al Arabi TV reported to MADA, “my colleague and I the Cameraman of channel Munther al-Khatib and the Sky News Cameraman Abid Khabisa where filming the activity of planting olive groves in Jabal Sabih in the town of Beita after the settlers erected a new settlement there, accrued at the location. After asking one of the soldiers if it is ok to cover the clashes between the citizens and the occupation soldiers, he allowed us, after a few minutes, another soldier attacked us and started beating us, which led to destroying our camera”.

“About half an hour after this attack, we went on live broadcast again, and we were attacked again by firing gas and sound bombs towards us, which resulted in major gas suffocation.” He added, “The next day (Friday - 12 - 2018) and while covering a demonstration in the village of Mazra’ Al Gharbeh in Ramallah, the soldiers began to throw sound and gas bombs at us, to keep us away from the area, and prevented us from coverage, one of the bombs hit the camera without damaging it”.

In the location were Radio Bait-Lahim 2000 photographer Ramiz Awad, Jihad Barakat the correspondent of media port, Issam Rimawi the photographer for Al-Hayyat Al-Jadidah, and al Quds Photographer, and Iyad Assi the cameraman for Al-Ghad Al-Arabi,



we left the location around 2:00 PM after almost 1 hour of arriving.

(16-2) The director of al-Najah satellite television station in Hebron, Ali Hani al-Jua'ba (27 years), and his colleague, the cameraman Tareq Khamaisa, got suffocated by a gas grenade that was fired towards them during their coverage of events in Hebron. Al-Jua'ba reported to MADA, "I went out to cover the events near the office in Bab Zawiya, with my colleague Tariq Khamaisa, the cameraman. Meanwhile, one of the soldiers targeted us with a gas grenade directly at us, which fell next to the camera. That led me and my colleague Khamaisa to suffocate as one of the shop owners helped us by spraying perfume on our faces.

"While my colleague Tariq was covering in the Bab al-Zahid area (old municipal square), he was targeted with a sound bomb that exploded near him, and when he tried to escape, he fell into a pit, causing minor injuries to his leg."

(18-2) The Government Information Office in Gaza banned a ceremony to launch a women's channel on the Internet, claiming that it did not obtain the necessary permits, and demanded that it be change its name. The director of "Tayif for Palestinian Women" Mona Talal Okal (33 years), reported to MADA "We have received the necessary approval from the Ministry of the Interior to organize this celebration, and after the completion of all the arrangements and the distribution of invitations (including an invitation to the government information office who confirmed their attendance), On the celebration day around 2 pm, I received a call from the government information office informing us that

there is a set of actions that we must take into consideration, And asked us to go to the office, we asked them to postpone the date for the next day after the end of the ceremony, but they refused to do so, and they told us that they need to complete the procedures without clarifying the details of these procedures.

She said "After that, the Information Office issued a statement explaining the decision to cancel the event. The reason is that the channel did not receive the necessary licenses as they say. We obtained all the necessary licenses for the main companies Haifa and Koler Barz for media production from the Ministry of Information and the Information Office. As well as that there is no need in the law for licenses to launch channels through the social media. "

"After asking the government information office, they asked for some of my papers as the director of the channel, and they were handed to them, and the next day we received another call from them that the name of the channel should be changed, because there is another radio licensed by the name / tayif Al Assra/. We are still stuck with the government information office so far because of their demand that we change the name of the channel completely, and because we are accused of calling for "ideologies different from the ideologies of society." we are meeting tomorrow with the government information office to reach a settlement on the subject". She added

She also reported to MADA, "On 27/2 a delegation representing the Teif channel went to the government information office in an attempt to reach an agreement that satisfies all

parties. It was agreed to change the name of the channel from "Taif to "Tayif Al Maraa". And in the next day they asked us to provide them with the program and information about the channel's staff, including the volunteers. These things are usually not requested from the channels, but there seems to be a desire to keep us under their sight."

(20-2) Israeli occupation forces detained Wafa agency correspondent in Tubas and the northern Jordan Valley, Al-Harith Yousef Al-Hesni (27 years), and the Palestine TV Crew during the preparation to make a report on Bisan commercial checkpoint. Al Hesni reported to MADA, "I went to Bisan commercial checkpoint that is open only one day a week. This forced the traders to use the Jalameh checkpoint, which is very far away. After I finished an interview for the report, I had prepared, and the Palestine Television crew finished filming the program / correspondents from the field/, an army vehicle arrived and searched our vehicles and our personal IDs and asked us if we have any weapons, and then they took us to Bisan checkpoint in the northern Jordan Valley and held us there for an hour. "

Palestine TV Correspondent Amir Hilmy Shahin (27 years) in Tubas and the northern Jordan Valley reported to MADA, "me and my colleague Loay Abid Al- Hafeth Samhan (38 years) the cameraman were filming a program at Bisan checkpoint, after we finished Israeli soldiers came to us and asked for our IDs, searched our car, confiscated our filming gear, and deleted the pictures on our phones, but we succeeded in hiding the memory card so they didn't delete our content that we filmed,

they detained us for almost an hour, and then they let us go, and gave us back our gear, after the Palestinian liaison office interfered".

(21-2) Israeli soldiers assaulted a number of journalists while they were covering a protest in front of Ofer Prison near Ramallah. They arrested the freelance journalist Mohammed Alwan. The cameramen of Al-Quds channel Husni Hassan Abdul Jalil (32 years), reported to MADA, "At 11 pm, while we were covering a sit-in in solidarity with a PRC activist from Bethlehem, in front of Ofer Prison, while he had his trial session in Ofer. One of the soldiers attacked me and tried to pull me into the military jeep, my colleague Mohammed Sami Alwan, (33 years) a freelance journalist tried explaining to the soldiers that we are journalists and just doing our jobs, but they arrested him and held him in Ofer Prison with his hands tied and his head covered, (although I was wearing a protective jacket and a helmet and carried the camera with my hand showing clearly that I'm a journalist).

Mohammad Olwan reported to MADA, "I was arrested while I was covering a peaceful sit-in in solidarity with the activist Munther Amira near Ofer Prison, the soldiers took me to Atarot settlement, where I was interrogated about the reason for my arrest and my accusation that I punched a soldier, knowing that the soldier who arrested me punched me during the arrest, and I was also accused that I was preventing the soldiers from doing their work by throwing stones at them, and blocking their way, they watched the video of the incident which clearly show that I'm innocent, but the testimony of three officers and the filing a complaint against me made

the officer transfer me to Ofer Prison around 7:30. There I was detained with the security detainees. and I was searched naked. The next day I was released around 12:00 PM”.



The attack on the journalist “Mohammed Sami” Alwan while covering clashes near Ofer prison

(24-2) An Israeli police force and Israeli secret intelligent stormed a restaurant in Jerusalem, where 18 journalists where having dinner organized by business men on the honor of journalists, they attacked them and expelled them from the restaurant, and arrested the owner and one of the journalists, claiming that the meeting was organized by the Democratic Front. Ahmad Othman Jalajil the correspondent of Al-Quds newspaper and Panet website reported to MADA, “I received an invitation to attend a dinner organized by businessmen in honor of Journalists and the presence of important figures from Jerusalem, in Philadelphia Hotel in Zahra Street, after 30 minutes of arriving around 5:30 PM we were surprised with a big force of Israeli police and secret intelligent storming the hotel, expelling us by force and they hung a paper on the door preventing the dinner of happening, claiming that this dinner is organized by the Democratic Front”.

Jalajil added “ the owner of the restaurant and the journalist Ahmad Safadi the manager of Eeliaa Media

were arrested, while I was pushed strongly away, because I was trying to explain to them that we are here as journalist invited to dinner and this event has nothing to do with any political activity”.

The journalist Dalia Jwihan reported to MADA, “we were 18 journalists invited to dinner after arriving to the restaurant an Israeli police and secret inelegant force stormed the restaurant expelling us from the location and throwing bad words at us, Israeli force stayed in the street of the hotel an hour and a half after expelling us from the location”.

### March:

(1/3) Imad Mahmoud Hammad Abu Imad (34 years) was arrested by the Palestinian intelligence who is the programmer for Al Mashhad Al Sohyoni at Al Quds channel, for three days. Abu Imad reported to MADA : “Thursday morning (1/3/2018) I received a phone call from the Palestinian intelligence service telling me that they want to search my house, after going to the house I was surprised that they didn’t search the house but the confiscated my mobile and my personal computers, and then they arrested me”.

Abu Imad added “then they took me to the headquarters of the intelligence service in Ramallah, and there they told me that I would leave in the afternoon. I have not interrogated it was only a half-hour chat about my media work, without any charges being brought against me.

(2/3) Issam Rimawi Al Hayyat newspaper photographer was hit with a gas bomb in his arm while covering a peaceful demonstration in Bil’in. Rimawi reported to MADA: “on Friday (2/3) the

weekly demonstration against the settlements and the apartheid wall, where it coincided with the 13th anniversary of the launch of this weekly march, the IOF fired rubber bullets, sound and gas bombs towards the demonstrators and journalists, which led a gas bomb to hit me in my left arm causing me burns and bruises, I was transferred to the Palestinian Medical Complex where I received the needed treatment and left the hospital after about 5 hours. “

The journalists who were located at the scene Al- Ghad Al Arabi correspondent, Mohammad Turkman, Hisham Abu Shaqra and Abbas Al Momani they all suffered from suffocation due to the gas bombs that were fired by the IOF.

(5/3) Facebook Company shut down Safa News Agency's primary page and its standby page and its account of Instagram. Also they shutdown 14 personal accounts that belong to the agency's managers and editors without any previous notice, Safa Agency reported to MADA (Yasser Hassan Abu Hien): “on (5/3) the standby Facebook page for the agency has been shut down which has 17,000 followers and on (24/3) the primary page has been shut down which have one million and three hundred followers, and also 4 managers in the agency's their personal accounts were shut down and 10 editors as well.

On (25/3) around 7:00 pm, the agency official website was hacked for about 5 minutes and some pictures were published on the website by the hackers that has nothing to do with the agency such as ISIS symbol, the agency's technical team was able to block

these hackers and get the website back. On (26/3) around 1:30 am the agency's account on Instagram was shutdown which has 70,000 followers.

Abu Hien added all these shutdowns were done without any previous notice stating that there is no publication contrary to the Facebook publishing policy, we submitted objection letters to Facebook there first respond was that the page was shut down due to not committing to Facebook publishing standards, until this day we are still communicating with Facebooks administration in order to get the agency's page back and 7 personal accounts that belong to the managers and editors that work in the agency were reopened.

(8/3) The Israeli occupation intelligence prevented the public program coordinator at Al-Quds/ channel Nawaf Ibrahim Al- Amer (65 years) from traveling through Al-Kramer border. Al Amer reported to MADA, on (8/3) I went to AL Krameh Border to travel to Saudi Arabia for religion purposes, and while I was at Al Krameh border I was detained by the Israeli inelegance service from 10:00 AM until 3:30 PM and then they gave me my passport back and told me that I can't travel and informed me that I'm prevented from traveling according to the Israeli intelligence service, I asked to for an interview with them but the refused, and now I raised a case trying to remove the prevention order.

(9/3) Adel Ibrahim Abu Nimah (48 years) routers cameraman got shot with a rubber bullet while he was covering a demonstration in Jericho, Abu Nimah reported to MADA,” on (9/3) While I was covering the clashes that were located at the

southern entrance of Jericho city after Friday prayer, after the clashes intensified, the Israeli soldiers began to fire sound and gas bombs and rubber bullets intensively, resulting in a rubber bullet hit me in my left hand between the elbow and the wrist. I received the needed medical care on the location by the Red Crescent medical team, and then I was transferred to Jericho Governmental Hospital. There my arm was X-rayed and they found out that I suffer from bruises, after all the medical examination took place I left the hospital approximately after 3 hours.

The freelance journalist Mohammad Jawad Murar (32 years) who accompanied me during a soldier's attempt to use us as a human shield, Where he deliberately approached us and tried to protect himself by standing behind us. “.

Israeli occupation soldiers and the security guards of Njihot and Metsbi Lakish settlements prevented Al-Ghad TV crew and Palestine TV crew from covering the construction of a settlement road in Beit Awa village area in Hebron governorate. They detained the crew for about an hour. Al-Ghad TV correspondent Raed Mohammad Sameer (35 years) reported to MADA” On (10/3) the television crew of Al-Ghad the correspondent Raed Mohammad Al-Sharif and the cameraman Jamil Hashim ( Mohammad Jamil) Salhab AL Tamimi (26 years) to make a TV report about connecting two settlements Njihot and Metsbi Lakish together, In coordination with the mayor of Beit Awwa. We arrived around 10:00 AM, when we started filming the construction process the settlements security who are armed settlers approached us and stood in

front of the camera and imeditly an israeli occupation force surrounded us and confiscated our mobile phones, car keys, our IDs and our cameras, and informed us that this area can't be filmed and we need a permit from the Israeli occupation, and took us to our cars and detained us in our cars for an hour and then they released us after the Palestinian liaison interfering.

The correspondent for Palestine TV Arine Mohammad Fihmi Al-Amleh (28 years) reported to MADA” on (14/3) me the corespondant of Palestine TV and the rest of the crew, Jihad Ali Qwasmeh (45 years) the Office manager , the cameraman lyad Abed Al-Hashlamon (30 years) and the Asstiant Mhammad Maamon khlaf (25 years) went to make a TV report about the settlement road that is being constructed to connect between the two settlements Njihot and Metsbi Lakish, we were surprised with an Israeli soldiers and settlements security surrounding us and they detained us for about 2 hours and the Israeli soldiers threatened us that they will arrest us if any picture of the location will be broadcasted. The Israeli Occupation Army informed us that this area can't be filmed to protect the privacy of the houses that are located in the settlement to prevent Al Ghad TV crew and Palestine TV crew from making a TV report about the construction of the road.

(11/3) the Israeli occupation army arrested the media student in Al Najah National University Ola Mohammad Hassan Marshood (21 years) after she was asked to come for integration, her sister reported to MADA “on Sunday morning my sister Ola got a phone call on her uncle's phone to come to integration,

so she went with my uncle in the afternoon to the Israeli liaison office in Huwara, after 2 hours of waiting at the office my uncle was forced to leave the office leaving my sister, and the officer informed my uncle that she will stay here for 2 days for questioning. On Tuesday (13/3) the lawyer Adel Samra was denied to visit my sister, and now she is located in Petah Tikva center not knowing the reason behind her arrest until this minute.

She also added that Ola was represented at the Petah Tikva Center for trial several times during her detention, where she served were her court dates were on 14th, 21st, 23rd, and on 28th of match, and at her final session the court decided to end the investigation but some of the legal proceedings must be completed that will be clear to us on Sunday (1/4) knowing that the lawyer was not allowed to look at the investigation file so we don't know what kind of charges that she was accused with and on Sunday she was rpresented to Bait Salim court and was postponed until Wednesday (4/4).

(13/3) the Israeli occupation soldiers detained Palestine TV crew and deleted the filmed material that they filmed abut detaining youth at Dair Sharaf junction near Nablus. The correspondent of Palestine TV Ahmad Abid Al Malik Ibrahim Othman Shawar (31 years) reported to MADA on (13/3) around 1:30 PM me and my colleague the cameraman Tareq Abu Zaid went from Jenin to Nablus, and when we arrived Dair Sharaf Junction Israeli occupation soldiers where detaining a group of youth and searching them, so we stepped out of the car and start filming them, an Israeli soldier saw

us and came towards as and tried to confiscate our filming gear, but we refused their action, so the officer in charge came and threatened us with their weapons and ordered us to put the cameras on the ground next to the military jeep, and we were questioned about our work, and ordered us to delete what we filmed from the camera and from my personal mobile phone, and after detaining us for about an hour the released us.

(13/3) the case of the correspondent of Al Aqsa Tareq Abid Al Raziq Abu Zaid (43 years) to the Supreme Criminal Court in connection with a case related to human rights claim taken by a person arrested by the Palestinian Authority two years ago. He has been detained for 37 days. He was surprised at his court on (13/3) that his case was transferred to the supreme Criminal Court, Abu Zaid reported to MADA "on the night of (17/5/2016)11:00PM I was arrested from my house in Nablus in Rafida area from a group of 5 people the identified them self's from the Palestinian inelegance service 2 of them were wearing civil cloths and the rest were in there uniforms, without the permeation from the general attorney they searched my house for around one and half hour, while they were searching they confiscated a laptop and a camera and a couple of memory sticks most of them belong to my wife's work were she works as an engineer.

I was taken to the United prison in Nablus city and I was integrated during the 37 days every day on writing testimonies that belonged to previous political prisoners that suffered from torture in the Palestinian Authority prisons, these testimonies belonged to Arab



Organization for Human Rights in Britain, I admit writing these testimonies as writing them is my duty as a journalist and there is nothing wrong with writing such a thing.

After all that I was released on a bail and I started attending my court hearings with the charge that I published false information that harm the state under the article 1/132, Of the Penal Code No. 16 of 1960, and the promotion of conflict between sects and various elements of the nation, contrary to Article 150 of the Penal Code of 1960.

After I was released I attended 11 court hearings during 18 months, 1 hearing every two months, a witness was asked to come to one of the last court hearings he is Hamza Fathi Al karaawi, were he said that he gave me all the information that I wrote in the testimony and I didn't lie with any information, even so I was surprised in my last court hearing on (13/3/2018) that my case was transferred to the supreme criminal court, and a court date was assigned on 27/3/2018 at 9:00 AM, Note that the General Attorney, Mr. Wadah Khalil, considered my case in the past to be a misdemeanor, not a crime. On 27 March, at 9 am, I went to the headquarters of the Supreme Criminal Court. I waited until 12:30. After appearing before the judge, he asked me what my work is I told him that I'm a journalist; he postponed the hearing until 17th of April.

This is my second case that was transferred to the supreme criminal court; I have a previous case that is connected with cyber-crime law regarding publication on my Facebook page, were I was arrested on (7/8/2017), by the inelegance

security service in Nablus city for 8 days, were a decision has been made recently to send the case back to cybercrime court and I'm waiting for a court hearing date.

(16/3) Mohammad Najeb Nabil Razim (40 years) that works as a cameraman for American Press, got shot with a rubber bullet in his left thigh that was fired by Israeli soldier while he was covering a demonstration at Al Bireh Northern entrance, Al Razim reported to MADA" while I was covering a demonstration around 1:30 pm I was sitting up the camera to film a report for the correspondent Amal Murar a group of Israeli soldiers around 9 of them attacked the demonstrators shooting rubber bullets and firenggas and sound bombs, and I was shot with a rubber bullet in my left thigh 5 minutes later.

Al Razim added while I was shot I was 200 meters away from the Israeli soldiers and wearing a shield vest having press on it, I suffered a minor cut and bruises, I got the needed medical treatment at the location in ambulance and medical officer told me that my injury was a minor injury and there is no need for me going to a hospital.

(16/3) A Palestinian criminal investigation force raided and searched the house of journalist Yousef Nassar, who is a reporter for Al-Nakab radio station, Nassar reported to MADA" on the night of (16/3) around 11:00 PM a Criminal Investigation Force stormed my house that is located in Dora city in Hebron (4 cars 20 men some of the having masks on), they searched it in details and asked about me to arrest me but I wasn't home, and know I'm expecting to be arrested in

any second from my house or where ever I'm located.

Nassar also reported on (20/3) around 7:00 PM I received an official letter asking me to go to the criminal investigation office, so at 10:00 PM from the same night I went to the office, after the officer so my press ID he made some phone calls, after contacting the general Attorney he was ordered to release me immediately and I shouldn't be detained for any reason but I have to go the next day to the court house, then we went to the second floor in the same building where the police department is located, I heard an officer on the phone, then he decided to arrest me, where is stayed that night at the police station, the next day Dora's mayor asked for me so I was sent to him where he apologized about what happened and he said that he doesn't know why the police acted in this way, and my case was raised in Dora's court house, where I was released without any conditions or bails, and I left around 12:00 PM that day.

Nassar thinks that this action by the police is connected to an incident that happened in December 2017 which is publishing on his Facebook page that Dora needs a new police chief and a new mayor, regarding a corruption story at that time, due to his publication he was asked over the phone to attend the cybercrime unit but because the death of a family member he asked to postpone the investigation, but at 12:00 AM he found that a criminal investigation force was at his house waiting for him and arrested him and investigated him about his publication on Facebook, and he stayed the night in prison and in the next day he was released with a personal bail

from Palestine TV Manager. He also pointed that a police officer was accused with corruption and was dismissed from his position, this officer filed a complaint on 17 people 2 days before arresting me and Nassar believes that his arrest has something to do with this complaint.

The security of An-Najah National University prevented the media student Osama Sami Arar (24 years) from entering the university because of a publication he wrote on Facebook, where Arar reported to Mada: "On Saturday 17/3/2018 I wrote on my Facebook page a publication after visiting Birzeit University. The title of the publication was a between Birzeit and no Nationalism, during which I described the visit to the university and the difference between it and An-Najah National University, after many phone calls asking me to change the title as a respect to Birzeit university I removed the word no nationalism from the title.

He added. "I then received a phone call from the president of the Student Union Council, Ibrahim Atta, on Tuesday 20/3. He told me that there were people looking for me at the university because of my posts on Facebook. But I thought it was a joke. The next day, I was surprised that my name and picture were circulated to all the security staff. I was transferred to the security officer. After I met him, he asked me about the publication I had written and asked me to delete it. I told him that it was a publication that expressed my opinion I was transferred to the university security director. He asked me to delete the publication and write a pledge that I had made a mistake I refused. I told him that I have to take a test on Thursday,



so he told me to do my exam on time and leave the university. On Wednesday evening I wrote another publication on Facebook. I asked if the university administration could dismiss a student because of a publication on Facebook. The next day I was prevented to enter the university and taking my test.

(17/3) Israeli soldiers prevented Maan channel from covering Israeli violations in Hebron, and detained Mohammad Khalil Hamamra (28 years) the channels cameraman for 3 hours in a military camp and questioned him, Hamamra reported to MADA, "me and my colleague Doaa Yihaya Maan correspondent to Al Takrori mountain in Hebron around 1:30 pm to cover the Israeli violation against the citizens that live there and to cover the occupation army vandalism of the lands there, as soon as we arrived the Israeli soldiers handed us a paper saying that this area is a closed military zone, and we have to leave which led us to move away from the military camp but Israeli soldiers cam towards us and arrested me.

Hamamra added "I was taken to the army camp with my hands tied and blindfolded, and after an hour of detention, I was interrogated with ordinary questions about myself and my work, and then I received a phone call from the Israeli Civil Administration. The officer accused me of being in a closed military zone and did not obey his orders and that I was filming in a provocative manner. The officer demanded my detention for three days, but he would contact the Palestinian liaison to release me, after hours and after communication with the Palestinian liaison they released me.

(20/3) the Palestinian intelligence detained the correspondent and editor of Al Quds news network in Hebron Abid Al Hamid Shawar Tamemi (27 years), Al Tamemi reported to MADA" I received a phone call on (20/3) at 11:00 AM from the Palestinian intelligence service in Hebron asking me to go to their office in the next day (21/3) at 10:00 am, on the same day I recived a second phone call from the same office telling me that im wanted, I thought it's a prank from one of my friends.

He added, after two hours I received another phone call from the intelligence telling me that they are located near my house and I have to turn myself in to them, and as soon I stepped out of my house they arrested me and took my mobile phone, and transferred me to their office, I arrived there around 6:00AM, they told me that im arrested as soon as I arrived their office but because someone I will not be arrested, I was questioned about my media work and why I argue on the president speech via Facebook, and they also questioned me about my publications and posts I publish through Facebook, I stayed under the integration until 10:00 PM and then I was released and got my mobile phones back, in condition to come back and finish the investigation the next day. The second (21/3) I went back around 10:00 AM to the intelligence office, and the integration started by asking about the Israeli occupation storming my house twice and why I was arrested by the Israeli occupation in the past, I responded with I don't know, I stayed under integration until 12:00 PM and then I was released without any conditions.

(21/3) The Preventive Security Service arrested Osama Hussein Shaheen (36 years) the correspondent for Palestinian prisoners center and for You Free and also in the mind in Britain, for days after storming his workplace that exists near his house. Shaheen reported to MADA” around 9:30 PM the Preventive security service stormed my work place in Dora city and arrested and confiscated my mobile phone, and informed me that this is just an interview with the Preventive officer, as soon as I arrived the preventive office I was questioned about my media work, I informed them that most of my work now is related to human rights in general and no in any personal rights, I went on a food strike I stopped eating and drinking from the day I was arrested, my health condition was getting worse every day and then I was transferred to the hospital, there we got into an agreement that states will stop my strike in the condition of releasing me my strike was over on Saturday and I started my strike on Wednesday, I was transferred to the court house and being charged with receiving money from international resources (money laundry), and I was released with a paid 1000 JD bail, and unpaid 3000 JD bail, and now waiting for the next court hearing date.

Palestinian TV cameraman Mohammad Mahmoud ‘Anayya (2) was wounded by a rubber-coated metal bullet fired by an Israeli soldier from approximately 30 meters while he was covering the weekly Kufr Qaddum demonstration. Annaya reported to MADA “After Friday prayers, around 1:00 PM, me and the correspondent for Palestine TV Ahmad Shawar were in the Kufr Qaddum village to cover the

weekly demonstration. We were in the area of Al-Bire (an area where there are usually clashes during the demonstration), which is about one kilometer from the closed street, that the citizens ask to reopen it. Within minutes from our arrival, an Israeli occupation force arrived and my colleague and I were in a neutral location away from the demonstrators and away from the army. The soldiers approached us, about 30 meters away from us, one of the soldiers fired a rubber bullet which hit me in my right shoulder. I was treated in the field and then transferred to Darwish Nazzal Hospital. I stayed there for an hour getting the needed medical treatment.

(24/3) Israeli occupation forces prevented a number of journalists from covering a tree-planting event in the city of Yatta, Hebron, and detained Palestinian TV cameraman Thaer Yousef Fakousa (38 years), who reported to MADA: on (24/3) at 11:00 AM, while I was covering a tree planting event in the Tawam area of Yatta, a force from the Israeli army and border guards came to the area. The soldiers asked me to move away. I asked him to locate a position for me in order to do my job, he told me that this area is the military closed area. He then pushed me and held me near the military jeep for about an hour. And after speaking with an officer of the border guards, one of the soldiers came and released me “.

The correspondent Raed Al-Sharif and the cameraman Jamil Salhab of Al-Ghad Channel, Azmi Bnat, Mashhoor Al-Wahah correspondents of Palestine TV, all were prevented from covering the event.

The Israeli occupation authorities arrested Palestine TV correspondent

in Nablus, Bakr Mohammad Abdel Haq (27 years), on his way back from Cairo through the Karameh border in Jericho, The representative of the journalists union in Nablus, Jaafar Ashtiya, Reported to MADA “around 9:00 AM (24/3) Mohammad was arrested on AL Kramer border, coming back from Egypt after receiving the Arab Youth Award distinguished in the media in Cairo. Bakr was taken to the Petah Tiqva investigation center. According to the prisoner’s club, on 26/3 his detention was extended for 11 days pending investigation.

(26/3) 12 staff members were surprised at the Media center at An-Najah National University during their official working day on 26/3/2018 by handing over official letters informing them about that they are being dismissed from their work in the center, “according to a statement issued by the Media Center Of the University.

A number of journalists who were dismissed reported to MADA” that there Their dismissal” is unjustified and arbitrary And it has been because of their rejection of tweeting on their personal profile a hashtag that the administration of the center asked them to post it, that is related to the bombing of The convoy of Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah in Gaza recently.

Anwar Ayman Haj Mohammad (27 years) who graduated from AL Najah National University, and now works in the media center channel that belongs to the university for two years reported to MADA “The director of the center, Ghazi Murtaja, told us at the monthly meeting that any person who does not participate in the work of the channel and does

not post the required hashtag will be responsible and liable for dismissal.

Yasser Ammar Saed Hbisheh (22 years) who works for 9 months in al Najah channel, reported to MADA “ in the monthly meeting in march, at around 3:30 PM Bashar Draghmeh Chief editor informed us with the genereal manager Ghazi Murtaja existence that he has the right to ask his employees to post anything on their personal social media accounts (FACEBOOK) and the employees are required to obey the orders, and he also said that aren’t you ashamed from yourself by sharing different news pages on your personal Facebook accounts, he continued saying that some of the employees did post the hashtag that they were asked to post it “cowered, Reem Palestine “ but some didn’t and who do not post the required hashtag will be accountable for his action and might be dismissed from his work.

Ayyat Farhat Farhan Abid Allah (27 years) who worked in the channel for a year and one month reported to MADA “Bashar Draghmeh Chief Editor ordered us to post a hashtag and related to the bombing of the convoy of Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah in Gaza recently “Cowered targeting. And who doesn’t post this hashtag will be accountable for his action and might be dismissed from his work because he doesn’t deserve to work in this media center, and we all see that the main reason for dismissing us was not posting this hashtag.

The Israeli occupation forces arrested the director of the Media department of the Prisoners and Detainees Affairs Authority Thaer Mohammed Shrestha (33 years) after storming his home, where his father reported

that “at approximately at 3:00 AM today (29 /3) an Israeli army force stormed our house, In Ramallah city. The officer asked me about all of my children. After he knew that Thaer lives in the apartment down stairs, he ordered his arrest. A number of soldiers broke into Thayer’s house and searched the house quickly. Then They arrested him and left the house at about 3:30

According to Hassan Abed Rabbo, Media Advisor, the media spokesman of the Authority, “Thaer is currently in Ofer detention center, and a date has been set for the extension of his detention on Sunday (April 1) On this day a court session was held in Ofer detention camp, but the court was postponed until Wednesday 4/4.”

(30/3) Ahmed Salem Barabakh / Muammar (23 years), was wounded by a live bullet in the abdomen, which was fired by the soldiers after he finished covering the return demonstration at the east of Khan Younis. Barabakh reported to MADA “I went around 1:30 pm on the (30/3), to the east of Khan Younis southern Gaza Strip to cover the demonstration of return day. I was wearing my press uniform. standing about 200 meters away from the demonstrators. After I finished taking pictures of the demonstration, me and my colleague Hatem Omar who works in the Chinese news agency were leaving the scene and while we were about 700 meters away from the border I was targeted with a live bullet which injured me my abdomen and by chance I was very close to an ambulance which took to Naser hospital were I got the needed medical treatment.

In Nasir Hospital, after the X-ray, 14 shrapnel were found in the lower

abdomen. I underwent a three-hour operation, which included the removal of 30 cm of my intestines. Internal bleeding was controlled but I am still under observation in the hospital until today, 4.



Journalist Ahmed Barbakh wounded by a live bullet in the abdomen fired by Israeli occupation soldiers while covering Al-Awdah marches east of Khan Younis

(30/3) Mahmoud Adnan Mdawakh (37 years) Media town cameraman, was shot with a live bullet went through his left leg while he was covering the return demonstration in Gaza, Mdawakh reported to MADA” around 10:30 AM on (30/3) I was located about 500 meters away from the border to cover the peaceful demonstration, around 11:00 AM while I was filming from behind the demonstration, I got shot with a live bullet hitting me in my left leg, which it went through my leg and out, leaving me with a broken bone. when I got shot I was transferred by an ambulance to Al Shifa hospital and there I got the needed medical treatment and I went under surgery for an hour and 15 minutes, and I was checked out from the hospital on (1/4).

(30/3) cameraman at the New Sin Art Production Company, Ahmed Abdel Nasser Al-Qafa (21 years), was wounded by a live bullet in the

thigh. He was shot by the Israeli occupation forces while covering the return demonstration east of Khan Younis. "At approximately 2:00 PM, Qafa reported to MADA" I was in the Khuza'a area, east of Khan Younis, to cover the demonstration of return. I was about 600 meters away from the Israeli soldiers deployed at the borderline. I was wearing the pressed uniform and stood behind the demonstrators about 6 meters away. And one of the soldiers fired a bullet that entered my right thigh and came out of it at the top of my knee. "

I was transferred by an ambulance to Nasser medical compound around 2:30 and there I got the needed medical treatment, and then I was transferred to Shuhadaa Al Aqsa hospital around 3:00 PM

(30/3) photography assistant in the company "New Sein Art Production" Mohammed Ali qadoura (34 years) was shot in the shoulder while covering the demonstration east of Khan Younis, where qadoura reported to MADA "while I was in the Khuza'a area east of Khan Younis for media coverage, I got shot in the right shoulder by the soldiers. I was taken to the Nasser medical compound. After the having the X-rays, the bullet did not appear. I stayed there until 4 pm, and then I was transferred to Shifa Hospital to complete the tests And I remained until 12:00 PM of the next day, where I checked out of the hospital to go back for review on 9/4 in order to make sure the doctor whether the bullet exited or is it still in my shoulder

(30/3) Al-Ghad correspondent Nevin Walid Salem (27 years) and her colleague, cameraman Jihad Dahlan (33 years), were severely

suffocated by the Israeli army's gas bombs while covering the return demonstration east of Gaza. Salem reported to MADA" The channel's cameraman Jihad Dahlan and I were about at 10:00 am located in the area of East Gaza to cover the events of the return demonstration, we were located about 200 meters from the border fence, and most of the time we were among the demonstrators because of their large numbers

We were suffocated by gas three times during the day because the Israeli occupation forces fired gas bombs very heavily by aircraft and by means of military jeeps We were hit the first time at about one o'clock at noon and we were able to complete our work, the second time was at three o'clock in the afternoon We continued the direct coverage, but the third time, the suffocation was very severe, as gas bombs fell on us from the front and back, so we had to withdraw from the place permanently and the time was about six pm.

(30/3) APA images photographer Ashraf Mohammed Abu Amra (32 years old) was injured by a gas grenade in his foot while covering the events of the return demonstration in east of Khan Younis. Abu Amra reported to MADA "Since 8:00 am, I have been in Khuza'a area east of Khan Yunis to cover I was wearing a protective jacket and at least 600 meters away from the border fence. Around 4:30 pm, the Israeli army began to directly target the demonstrators, including journalists, by firing live bullets, sound and gas bombs. In the meantime, I was hit by a bomb Gas in my left foot causing me to vomit, and I was taken by ambulance to a tent in the same area where he I was treated. However, lthe

next day I went to shuhada Al Aqsa hospital because I felt strong pain, and there my foot was X-rayed and got the needed treatment for about 1 hour and a half. “

#### **April:**

(1/4) The Israeli occupation forces prevented the photographer of “Media Freedom Network” Ali Ismael Abd Al- Majid Al-Abed (30 year-old), photographer of “Al-Hadath” Newspaper Musab Abd As-Samad Hamed Shawar Tamimi (28 year-old) and the photographer of “Zain” Agency Mohammad Ezzat Mohammad Halaiqa from covering events in the area of the “Haram Ar-Rama Well” in Hebron and detained two of them. Al-Abed and Halaiqa told MADA that they arrived at about 8:00 pm on the first of April 2018 to cover the deployment of the army and settlers in the “Haram Well”, when they arrived at the Ramah junction, they saw Israeli soldiers deployed on the rooftops of several houses and between the houses; about 10 minutes from their arrival, a border police officer approached them, seized their ID and press cards. Afterwards, the officer returned and told them that he would not give them their cards back unless the army leaves the area and he allowed them to film. However, the soldiers asked photographers Musab Shawar and Ali Al-Abed (and a third journalist who arrived to cover the event) to move to the opposite side of the mosque. The journalists and their other colleagues were repeatedly kept remote from the event center up to approximately 100 meters to film. At about 09:30 pm, the photographer of, “Zain” Agency, Mohammad Ezzat Mohammad Halaiqa arrived and began filming,

then four soldiers turned towards him and began pushing him. He responded and went back, but they pushed him back to an area from which it was difficult to film. At approximately 11:30 pm, the army began withdrawing after the settlers. The officer returned the two photographers IDs he seized and by leaving the area the soldiers fired two tear gas canisters at the journalists.

(1/4) The Preventive Security Force in Qalqilya has arrested Al-Quds Newspaper correspondent, Mustafa Ali Sabri (51year-old), for two days under interrogation and seized his ID card. Sabri was summoned for other consecutive times after his release. He told MADA that “on 31/3/2018 at about 11:30 pm,, I received a phone call from the Preventive Security force in Qalqiliya telling me that I have to go to meet them next day morning (Sunday - April 1) at 10 am at the Preventive Security Headquarters. I was waiting there until 12 noon and I was asked to hand over my belongings. Afterwards, I have been transferred to the Military Medical Services for medical examination, but I refused to make it and I announced food, water and medicine strike”.

He added “they brought me back to the preventive security headquarters where I was taken to a cell. After about an hour, I was interrogated on my children receipt of their university fees in 2014 from a prohibited party. I told the interrogator that this is not my business as I personally did not receive any money. On this day (Sunday) and the next day, Monday, I was under interrogation sessions every three hours on the same subject. I was also asked other questions about place and nature



of my work and my membership in the Journalists' Syndicate. At about 10pm, the officer told me that he would release me, but I should come back on Wednesday 4/4 at 10 am to the preventive security headquarters. When the officer handed over my ID card, I continued waiting until 3:30 pm and then left the place upon their request without meeting anyone or interrogation provided that I should return on Sunday 8/4 to pick up my ID card. I went there on time and stayed from 10:00 am to 03:30 pm without any questions or interrogation other than the officer's question:/ the same topic .. Is there anything new? Which means that I have to pay the sums my sons received, but my answer was no. He asked me to return again on Tuesday 10/4, I returned to the preventive security headquarters at 10:30 am and waited until 12:30 pm. I was taken out through the back door of the headquarters without understanding the reason behind it and without getting my ID card. They told me to come back again on Monday, 16/4. "

On 14/4/2018, the MADA lawyer has intervened in this case. On 16/4/2018, he sent a letter to the Preventive Security asking them to stop summoning the journalist Mustafa Sabri illegally and to return his seized ID card otherwise he (the MADA lawyer) will file a case to the Palestinian Higher Court of Justice. In the evening of the same day, the preventive security force returned back Sabri's ID card at his home and stopped summoning him.

(2/4), The Israeli occupation police prevented the media and public relations officer of the Islamic Endowments Department in Jerusalem, Feras Yousef Ahmed

Debs (33 year-old), from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque Debs told MADA that "On Monday at about 8 am (April 2, 2018), I went with a group of colleagues to Al-Aqsa Mosque, specifically through Al-Asbat Gate, but the Israeli police stationed at the door have seized my ID card, my mobile phone and prevented me access. They told me that the officer in charge of the Haram, named "Dani", has circulated a decision preventing me access to Al-Aqsa Mosque until further notice."

He added "for more than an hour, I tried to enter from the Hatta, al-Ghawanmeh, al- Majles, an-Nather Gates, but the response was the same, without telling me the reason although it is clear that they want to prevent me from documenting their various and serious violations inside the courtyards of Al-Aqsa, especially in their feast in which their raids increase."

(3/4) The Palestinian Public Prosecution arrested the journalist at (Wafa) News Agency, Rami Nabil Ahmad Samara (38-year-old) who is in charge of the Agency's "Multimedia", for several days and interrogated him for more than one time on the basis of an alleged complaint of "slander and defamation" filed by the Director of the Media Development Center at An-Najah University, Ghazi Mortaja, against the journalist Samara. The General Prosecution has also interrogated the Director and Correspondent of Al-Arabi Al-Jadid Newspaper, Naela Khalil (40 year-old), because of the comments she wrote on Facebook in solidarity with the journalist Rami after his arrest.

Mortaja has filed this case against Samara and Khalil due to comments

they wrote after the Media Development Center fired a number of Journalists working at the center on 26/3/2018.

Samara was arrested after a summon WAFA received on Tuesday morning 3/4/2018 from the Public Prosecutor's Office, asking him to go to the prosecutor's office in the city of Al-Bireh. Samara went there immediately, and when he handed over his ID card and introduced himself, a policeman told him that he is under detention, and he was held at the detention center at the prosecutor's office. After about an hour (about 11:30), he was returned to the prosecutor's office where he was interrogated by a prosecutor who told Samara that he was "detained based on a complaint filed by Ghazi Mortaja in which he claims that you defamed and slandered him and his family". The journalist Samara was held in the detention center until 4:00 pm and was then transferred to the central police prison in Beitunia.

At approximately 8:30 pm on the same day (Tuesday 3/4/2018), President Mahmoud Abbas ordered the release of journalist Rami Samara immediately after the intervention of the Journalists Syndicate as well as the demands by MADA Center, journalists and many relevant institutions to release him. However, he was released next morning (Wednesday 4/4/2018) claiming that "the release requires some measures to be taken by the prison and prosecution".

On Sunday 8/4/2018, the prosecution held another hearing at its headquarters in the city of Al-Bireh for the journalist Samara to complete the investigation. Several journalists headed to sit-in in front of

the prosecutor's office in solidarity with Samara, including the journalist Naela Husni Khalil (40 years) who was surprised by notifying her through the Journalists Syndicate lawyer (Alaa' Faraijat) that the prosecution is summoning her at that moment for interrogation. She went with the lawyer Faraijat to the hearing that was held jointly with Rami Samara because they both have "one case and one file, as the lawyer said." Naela Khalil was interrogated about two comments she wrote on Facebook. After about an hour of questioning and investigation, the prosecutor decided to keep Naela free as well as Rami Samara and transferred the case file to the court, but he seized Rami Samara and Naela Khalil's ID cards to ensure their presence before the court hearing that was scheduled for the same day. After two hours and a half of waiting, a hearing was held for journalist Naela, while the plaintiff Ghazi Mortaja did not attend the hearing, although lawyer Alaa Faraijat and the prosecution confirmed that they had sent him a summoning letter. After nearly half an hour of deliberations, Judge Ramez Jomhur decided to postpone the hearing and accusations against journalists (Naela Khalil and Rami Samara) until 16/5/2018.

(AFP) - The Chief Editor of "Sky Press" news agency, Izz Abd Al-Aziz Abu Shanab (33 year-old), was wounded by an explosive bullet in the left foot fired by the Israeli occupation forces while covering the return marches in the eastern Gaza Strip. Abu Shanab told MADA "I was standing about 400 meters from the border fence (where the soldiers are stationed). My colleague journalists and I were about 200 meters behind the demonstrators and I was wearing



my full journalist uniform (the jacket and the helmet). At about 5:15 pm, I was injured by an explosive bullet in my right foot which entered through my left foot and exploded inside. The Journalist, Adham Al-Hajjar, was also injured by an explosive bullet in his foot before I got injured.”

Abu Shanab added “I was taken to the field medical center where I received first aid, and then I was transferred by an ambulance to Ash-Shifa’ Hospital around 6:00 pm to find out that I have fractures in the foot bones. I underwent a surgery continued for 5 hours. On Monday (8/4), I underwent another surgery which also continued for 5 hours and until today (Tuesday 9/4), I still lying in the hospital for follow-up.

(9/4) Israeli soldiers assaulted three journalists by beating and prevented them from covering the arrest of a student from the Palestine Technical College “Khadouri” at the Aroub branch in Hebron Governorate. The journalists were on their way to the university that day to cover the second student creative “Gravos” exhibition at the university.

The assaults targeted the correspondent and photographer of Watan Agency Sari Sharif Abdel Ghaffar Jaradat (32 year-old), photographer and correspondent of “Al-Hadath” Newspaper, Musab Abd As-Samad Hamed Shawar Tamimi (28 year-old), and photographer of “Zain” Agency Mohammad Izzat Mohammad Halaqa.

Jaradat said that when he began filming the arrest of one of the students (it was turned out later that the student is Qusay Ad-Darabeea’) by his mobile camera, a soldier asked him not to film. Sari told the soldier that he is a journalist, then

the soldier returned to the military jeep, put a black mask on his face and attacked him with another soldier. They prevented him from moving, put their feet on him and one of them took his mobile and deleted the photos Sari took. The soldiers stopped the journalist Musab Shawar and Sari tried to hide from the soldiers in the university guard room to photograph the assault on his colleague. However, one of the soldiers has run after him and punched him on the back during Sari’s attempt to go away.

Masab Shawar said that while he was standing 15 or 20 meters from the first soldier and about 50 meters from the military jeep to film (the arrest of a student) in front of the university, a soldier went to him and told him that “filming is forbidden.” He told the soldier that he is a journalist, showed him his card and wore the press uniform immediately and began filming. Two soldiers returned to the journalist Shawar, seized his camera and went back to the army jeep, then Shawar began filming by his mobile phone. The two soldiers quickly returned towards him and punched him on the face, abdomen and back.

Halaqa said he arrived in the university about 10:30 am and began filming the arrest of one of the students and some clashed took place simultaneously. Two soldiers approached him and asked him to stop filming. He showed them his card and told them that he is a journalist and he held his camera to film. The two soldiers began punching him on the head, face and back before a third masked soldier came and hit him on the head, caught his neck and dragged him to the military jeep. The soldiers tried to push him inside

the jeep but he resisted in order not to be arrested and beaten. He started screaming “I am a journalist. I am a journalist.” At this moment, one of the soldiers took Mohammad’s camera and took the memory out. The soldiers started firing sound grenades and gas canisters at the students who then started throwing stones at the soldiers. Mohammad used these events and ran away from the soldiers. Shortly, a military jeep arrived with one of the army officers who released the journalists and gave them their cameras (canon 5D, canon 7D) after deleting the material.

(9/4), the Preventive Security Force in Salfit summoned the freelance journalist Khaled Amin Maa’li (52 year-old) and interrogated him. “Ma”li told MADA: “on 9/4 at 12 noon, I received a phone call from the Preventive Security Force and they asked me to go to their headquarters in Salfit on Wednesday 11/4 at 10:00 am. At the beginning I rejected to go and considered it as an illegal summoning, but the security officer told me that it is a simple issue and does not require legal summoning. “I went to the preventive security headquarters in Salfit on time where my mobile and ID card were seized. I was waiting for about 20 minutes and then called for interrogation. They asked me ordinary questions that have been previously asked many times by security forces, such as where do you work? how is the situation of media and the press in the country? And other questions on the Electronic Crimes Law. The officer asked me how many times I had been arrested by the Israeli authorities and he asked about my degree and whether I am a journalist or just a social media activist. By

the end, he asked me to be more balanced in my articles. I told him that I am a journalist and I do not insult or underestimate anyone through my writings and that my critique is also within the rational limits. After about two hours, I was released and got my ID card and mobile phone.”

(12/4) An Israeli Border Guards soldier has fired rubber bullets at the journalist Samer Mohammad Thabet (33 year-old) who is the Director of Public Relations and Information at Shuqba village council. Thabet was wounded in his thigh while he was documenting a morning house demolition in the village of Shaqba in Ramallah governorate.” He told MADA that “in the morning of April 12, four army patrols accompanied by a bulldozer raided the western part of the village of Shuqba and began to demolish a house and agricultural facilities under the pretext of building without a permit. At approximately 8:00 am, a crowd of citizens were gathered about 150 meters from the army patrols and bulldozer. There were some confrontations between the citizens and the soldiers when they tried to prevent the demolition. The confrontations were escalated and some citizens started throwing stones at the soldiers who responded by rubber bullet and gas canister firing.”

Thabet added: “I was filming by a mobile phone without any indication that I am a journalist, but I told the officer who approached me that I am the media officer in the village council and I was documenting what was going on. At approximately 8:30, a soldier fired a rubber bullet at me from a 30-meter distance only hitting me in the right thigh and I was transferred to Palestine Medical Complex for treatment.”

(13/4) the occupation army snipers killed the journalist photographer of “Ein Media” Company, Yaser Abd Ar-Rahman Mortaja (30 year- old), while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march at the Gaza Strip borders. His colleague Hosam Hesham Salem (29 year-old), who works at the same company, told MADA: “on Friday 13/4/2018, we went to Khuza’a area in the southern Gaza Strip, namely to the return camp, to cover the activities of the second Friday of the peaceful return march and we filmed the Friday prayers and the citizens gathered there. After the prayers, demonstrators set fire to car tires and Yasser was filming the scene from behind, wearing protective shield and helmet and he was about 350 meters from the border fence (where the Israeli soldiers and snipers are deployed). The soldiers started firing metal bullets at the demonstrators injuring one of them at the beginning. Then Yasser was shot by an Israeli sniper in the left side of his lower abdomen and the bullet went out from the right flank leaving its remains inside his abdomen. “Yasser was transferred to Nasser hospital in Khan Younes, where he was taken to intensive care unit and then underwent a 4-hour surgery in which part of his liver was cut. It was found out that the bullet had caused damage to the spleen and ruptured some of the arteries, which resulted in losing much blood. The doctors had to provide him with 16 blood units, but his body did not accept this blood.”

He added: (after the surgery) he was taken to the intensive care room, where he was supposed to remain under control for 24 hours, but at around 12 midnight (about 10 hours

after his injury), his health situation was worsened and the doctors referred him back to the operations room to be announced dead after one hour.”

(13/4), freelance photographer, Mohammad Ali al-Hajjar (31 year-old), was wounded by bullet shrapnel in his hand and knee by Israeli soldiers while he was covering the peaceful return march in Gaza. Al-Hajjar told MAD: “on 13/4 at 10:30 am I went to cover the third Friday return march to the east of Malaka Square in Gaza and I was wearing the full press uniform. At about 2:30 pm, I and a group of journalists stood about 200 meters from the border fence to cover the demonstrations in that place, the Israeli soldiers began firing heavily, so I ran away to the north, but at that moment I was injured by a bullet shrapnel in my right arm and in my knee. It seems that the bullet hit a body next to me and exploded. At the beginning, I did not feel the injury except when the young men noticed that I was bleeding. I went to a nearby ambulance where its staff offered me the first aid. They cleaned and bandaged the wound and I left the place after about an hour.”

(13/4) the reporter of Al-Amwal As-Saghira satellite channel, Raghda Zeyad Yasin (23 year- old), was severely suffocated as she was covering the return march to the east of Jabalia. Yasin told MADA: “the freelance cameraman Mahmoud Ismael and I were in the Malaka area East of Jabalia to cover the return march on 13/4. I was standing near a gathering of journalists, ambulance and civil defense staff at about 600 meters from the border fence and I was wearing the press uniform. We (my colleague and I) were preparing a report on the violations

against journalists in the field. At about 4:30 pm, during my interview with Al-Jazeera staff (a reporter and cameraman, I do not know their names) for this end. We were targeted by three gas canisters, one of which fell between us, one to the right and the other to the left. This caused us severe suffocation. I felt suffocated and my face was burning for 30 to 45 minutes and I received first aid treatment in the field."

(13/4) The reporter of Iranian "Al-A'alam" channel, Esraa Al-Buhaisi (32 year-old) suffered from severe suffocation and convulsions as Israeli soldiers fired several gas canisters at a group of journalists while reporting on the peaceful return marches in Gaza. Buhaisi told MADA that: "on 13/4, I was in the Malaka area to the East of Ash-Shajaeya in Gaza to prepare a report on the peaceful return march. After I finished a (stand) and while I was waiting for the burning of the Israeli flag at 2:30 pm. The Israeli occupation soldiers began heavy firing of bullets and gas in the area, which caused my severe suffocation. At that moment, I was not putting the muzzle on (because the muzzle disturbs talking during the preparation of the report), but I was wearing a flak jacket, and I could not run like the others. I fell and had convulsions, but I was treated in the field. I was transferred to a field medical center in Malaka area and stayed there for about an hour, received further medical aid and left, but I had convulsions the same night for an hour during which my husband helped me."

Ahmad Abu Elbeh directly injured in the chest east of Jabalia/ Palestine TV staff (Fuad Jarada 0592600719) gas suffocation east of Gaza/ Odeh Marwan al-Ghoul, Al-Mayadeen

Agency cameraman 0599755010 simple gas inhalation east of Gaza (this is attached to Buhaisi report).

(13/4) Israeli soldiers prevented a number of journalists from covering the incident and arrest of a young man in Hebron. The two journalists Maamoun Wazzouz and Abd Al-Hafiz Diab Hashlamoun (54 year-old the European News Agency cameraman told Mada: "on Friday 13/4/2018 at about 1:30 pm, clashes broke out between Palestinian youth and Israeli soldiers in Bab al-Zawyeh area in the center of Hebron, which is about 100 meters from an army checkpoint located at the entrance to Al-Shuhada Street in Hebron. This is the boundary between the Palestinian Authority-controlled area and the Israeli-occupation-controlled part of what is known as the (H1 and H2) areas. The soldiers arrested a 15 year old young man, and during our covering to the arrest (we were about 20 journalists there), the soldiers pushed me, I Mamoun Wazzouz, with their hands and threatened to throw sound grenades. Al-Hashlamoun was also pushed by the soldiers some of whom put their hands on the cameras of journalists to prevent them from filming the arrest."

(17/4) On Tuesday evening 17/4/2018, the Palestinian Preventive Security Force arrested the Journalist Hazem Imad Hosni Naser (28 year old) from his house located between Ektaba and Shweika neighborhoods to the north of Tulkarm. His cousin, Amin Khuwailid, who was in the house at the time of arrest told MADA that 13 persons, ten were in uniform and three were in civil clothes, arrived in Hazem's house and asked him to go out. When he asked them about the reason, they told him/ we want you/

and they took him to one of their military jeeps.

“MADA’s lawyer has followed up Naser’s case, whose arrest was extended more than once, and succeeded on Sunday 6/4/2018 to have a decision from the court to release him and the decision was enforced at 09:00 pm the same day.

(18/4) Israeli occupation intelligence locked “Elia Youth Media” Foundation headquarters after raiding it at noon. The director of the foundation Ahmad Hussein Safadi (44 year old) told MADA “on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 12 noon, affiliates of the Israeli occupation intelligence and members of the police and army raided the headquarters of the foundation in Salah al-Din Street in East Jerusalem. None of the staff were present as they avoided to attend the headquarters that day because of a blog by the Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman two days earlier (Monday, April 16, 2018) on Twitter describing the Ilia Youth Media Foundation as a /terrorist organization/ and the intelligence and police members hanged an order at the entrance stipulating the closure of the foundation until further notice.”

“I filed a complaint to the court through the Jerusalem Legal Aid Center against the closure decision.

(20/4) The video cameraman of Gaza Media Center, Hamad Hassan Mohammad al-Sawalhi (40 year old) was wounded in the palm of his hand by an explosive bullet fired by Israeli soldiers while he was preparing a report on the return march east of Gaza. Sawalhi told MADA: on Friday at 10:00 am Gaza, to cover the peaceful return march of the fourth Friday and I was filming normally

until the end of Friday prayers as the number of demonstrators increased. At approximately 4:00 pm, while I was standing about 700 meters from the border fence far from the demonstrators filming and interviewing elderly women who were watching the demonstration distantly, I was shot by a metal bullet in the palm of my right hand. The bullet has hit my palm and exploded in the camera and damaged it.”

He added: “I was taken to the field medical center erected in that area and I received first aid there. At about 4:30 pm, I was transferred to al-Quds Hospital and stayed there for about an hour during which I received the necessary treatment.”

According to the Ministry of Information in Gaza, six journalist were also injured in the eastern part of Khan Younes, namely the British “Image Live” cameraman Ahmad Hasaballah, who was hit by a gas bomb in his right foot, cameraman of “Noor News Network” Du’aa Zoa’rob who was seriously unconscious, the camerawoman of “Balada” channel Salsabil Abed who was also unconscious as a result of tear gas, , the photographer of “Klakit Radio” Ala’ Ali Abu Ruqaa’who was suffocated and became unconscious by gas and the Cameraman of Klakit Radio and “Kinan” Agency Muatasem Ahmad Al-Khatib who was suffocated by gas as well as the freelance journalist Abdullah Ata Issa who was suffocated and became unconscious by gas in the Central Region.

(22/4) The occupation soldiers detained the journalist at “B’Tselem” organization Manal Al-Jabari in Hebron after assaulting her for several times. Al-Jabari told MADA:

"I went to the Ibrahimi Mosque area around 2:00 pm where there were (two policemen and one policewoman) of border guards at the checkpoint holding a woman and two young men. After I arrived at the checkpoint and because they know me in person and they know the place of my work, they left the people they hold and they held me.

The policewoman began inspecting me thoroughly so that she emptied my bag and threw everything on the ground, and she searched by her hands. She asked me to stand on the wall and raise my hands, but I did not respond to her orders. So she called an officer, who came with other five border guards, and shouted at me to obey police orders. When I refused, he assaulted me and forced my hand behind my back and pushed me hard against the wall. He asked the policewoman to inspect me in the upstairs room. When I went up to the inspection room, which was of glass, I refused to take off my clothes and she began pushing me with her hands because of my refusal to be inspected. From time to time, she used to turn my hands to my back strongly with another policeman and they insulted me.

Around 2:30 pm, the policeman asked the policewoman to take me to the mosque police station and I was actually pulled there after half an hour of inspection and humiliation. With another police woman who was there, she took me to a room and asked me to fully take off my clothes. When I refused, she went out to tell the officer in charge. At this time I made a phone call with Betselem organization. They became crazy when they knew that I called the organization and the officer asked the policewoman to

search me normally and release me. She took me out and then the officer decided to release me. I told him that I want to file a complaint, but he re-assaulted me and turned my hands to my back painfully, pulled me to inside the station and pushed me to the floor, handcuffed my hands and told me that I am detained. One hour later, I was transferred to Jaa'bara police station to arrive there at about 3:00 pm. Over the interrogation, there was no charge, but after telling all the incident details, the officer decided to prevent me access to the mosque area for 15 days and scheduled a court hearing for me to be on 6/9/2018. I was released at 9:00 pm.

Two days after my release and due to the strong pains I felt in my neck and shoulders, I went to the Shifa' Medical Complex in Hebron and received the necessary treatment as they found bruises on different parts of my body."

(27/4) Israeli occupation forces continued to target journalists for the fifth consecutive Friday, while covering the peaceful return marches along the Gaza Strip border, despite they were in press uniform. These attacks have resulted in wounding 14 journalists, one of whom was shot by live ammunition and the others were directly injured by gas canisters, suffocations and fainting by inhaling the tear gas fired by the occupation army targeted them and the participants in the peaceful demonstration.

According to investigations conducted by "MADA" field researcher, 14 injuries among journalists were documented in the five events of peaceful return marches to the east of Jabalia, Gaza,



Al-Bureij, Khan Younes and Rafah.

1. Freelance journalist Abdul Rahman Hani Abd Al-Qader al-Kahlout (22 year old), was wounded by an explosive bullet in the right foot while covering events in the area of Malka, east of Gaza City although he was in uniform.

Al-Kahlout has undergone three surgeries. The first was at Dar Ash-Shefa' Hospital where the wound was cleaned and decontaminated, the second was at Al-Quds Hospital where the wound was also cleaned and decontaminated, while the third surgery was at the Indonesian Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip to remove the shrapnel and treat nerve damage. He still at the Indonesian hospital because of the cuts the injury caused to the nerves.

2. Director of Al-Mayadeen office in the Gaza Strip Na'im Ragheb Shahin /Dghaish (44 year old) was severely suffocated while covering the peaceful march in the Khuza'a area east of Khan Younes.
3. A photographer from Hamas media office, Munib Samir Ahmad Abu Hatab (24 year old), was injured by a gas canister in the neck while covering events in Khuza'a area east of Khan Younes. He was transferred to the Algerian Military Hospital in Bisan area for treatment.
4. Journalist for the local "Hala Palestine" agency, Hashem Eyad "Mohammad Hashem" Hamada (25 year old), was hit by a gas canister in his head while he was covering the events of the return march in the Malaka area east of Gaza City.
5. Freelance journalist, Abd Ar-Rahim Mohammad Dib Al-Khatib

(39 year old), who was a former employee of several foreign and local agencies was hit by a gas canister in his left foot, east of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

6. Photographer of the "Al-Qala'a Media Network and correspondent of "Al-Hayat" Radio Station Nour Talal Salman An-Najjar (22 year old), was hit by a gas canister in her right foot that also caused her severe suffocation while covering the march in Khuza'a area east of Khan Younes. She was transferred to the Algerian Military Hospital in Bisan area and then to the European Hospital.



A photographer of the Al-Qalaa news network and a reporter for Al-Hayat newspaper, Nour Al-Najjar, during the gas inhalation east of Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip

7. Photographer of the "Palestine Today" Channel, Mohammad Abd Allah Mohammad Jouada (28) was hit by a gas canister while covering the events east of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip. He was transferred to the hospital. This is his third injury after being hit two times earlier by two gas canisters in the chest.
8. Al-Hurra Newspaper correspondent, Wesam Mohammad Hasan Yasin (42 year old), was severely suffocated by the Israeli occupation forces tear gas canisters fired while she was

- covering the peaceful march in the Malaka area east of Gaza city. This is the second time Yassin was suffocated as the first was in the fourth Friday of return marches in the same place.
9. Palestinian TV cameraman Mohammad Samir Salim al-Agha (29 year old), was seriously suffocated while covering the events of the return march in the Malaka area east of Gaza City. He was transferred to Ash-Shifa' Medical Complex for treatment.
  10. Palestine TV correspondent, Islam Imad Mohammad Az-Zaa'noun (28 year old), was severely suffocated while covering the events of the return march in the Malaka area east of Gaza City and was treated in the field.
  11. Photographer of "Shams News" local agency, journalist Hasan Hussein Hosni al-Jedi (25 year old), was seriously suffocated east of Gaza City and was transferred to Ash-Shifa' Hospital for treatment.
  12. Photographer and correspondent of "Fursan Al-Irada" radio station, journalist Nihad Fuad Ibrahim Abu Ghalioun (33 year old), was hit by direct tear gas canister in his back fired by Israeli soldiers during his coverage of the peaceful march in Tallat Abu Safiya area east of Jabalia refugee camp and he was transferred to the Awda Hospital for treatment.
  13. Photographer of the Chinese agency "Shenkuwa", journalist Wesam Samir Nassar (34 year old) was suffocated by gas while he was covering the events east of Gaza City. He was treated in an ambulance.
  14. EPA photographer, Saber Nour Ad-Din (38 year old), who was fainted due to tear gas inhalation while covering the events of the return march in the Malaka area east of Gaza City.
  15. Other journalists had less severe suffocation and did not receive any treated at medical points or hospitals.
- (25/4) A journalist in Sawt Ash-Shaab radio station and freelance photographer Ahmad "Mohammad Ashraf" Hasan Abu Husein (24 year old) was killed by an explosive bullet fired by an Israeli sniper on Friday 13/4/2018 while covering the events of the peaceful return march Abu Safiya area east of Jabalia refugee camp.
- According to the field investigations conducted by MADA Center with eyewitnesses, they stated that at approximately 02:15 pm on Friday, April 13, Ahmad Mohammad Ashraf Hasan Abu Husein (24 year old) was wounded by an explosive bullet in his left part of abdomen fired by the Israeli occupation forces while he was working in Al-Awda camp east of Abu Safiyya to the east of Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip. He was in press uniform (helmet with a TV sign and blue flak with "Press" sing on it) in what is known as the Jaker Street, which is about 300 meters from the border fence (where Israeli soldiers and snipers are deployed).
- According to eyewitnesses (Thaer Fadl Ahmad Az-Za'anin, Nour Ad-Din Abd As-Sattar and Ramadan Al-Kurdi), journalist Ahmad Abu Hussein was present on Friday, 13/4/2018, by 8:00 am in the area, filming the peaceful demonstrators and he was



waiting in the journalists' tent until 2:00 pm. When the demonstrators flooded the area simultaneously with the Israeli occupation army firing of gas canisters and live ammunition at them, he left the tent that is about 700 meters from the border fence and headed to the Jaker Street (approximately 300 meters from the border fence) and stationed near the ambulances and medical staff for filming. About ten minutes later, around 2:10 pm, he was busy in filming the demonstrators who were directly next to the border fence, he was wounded by a live bullet in the left abdomen and immediately fell on the ground. He was transferred by an ambulance to the Indonesian hospital in the northern Gaza Strip. He was admitted to the operation room immediately and underwent a life-saving surgery. He was suffering from internal bleeding as announced by the physicians who have been there and described his situation as serious.

Rami Ash-Shurafi, a member of the General Secretariat of the Journalists Syndicate, who has been following his condition since he was admitted at the hospital, stated that the following day, Saturday 14/4/2018, necessary arrangements were made by the hospital and the Ministry of Health to transfer him to treatment after his condition stabilized, but the Israeli occupation was slow to issue an urgent approval for his. After pressure by many jurist organizations and a follow up by the Journalist Syndicate, the Israeli occupation agreed, at 7:00 pm on Sunday 15/4/2018, to issue a permit to allow him access to the West Bank for treatment. He was transferred the same day by an ambulance to Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing in the

northern Gaza Strip at approximately 10:00 pm towards the Palestinian Medical Complex in Ramallah, where he arrived at around midnight.

According to Ash-Shurafi, Ahmad Abu Hussein underwent a surgery on Monday 16/ 4/2018 in the Palestinian Medical Complex in Ramallah as the Israeli hospitals refused to receive him. His position has stabilized until Thursday (19/4/2018), then his health has deteriorated. The Ministry of Health has again contacted the Israeli hospitals and only Tel Hashomer Hospital agreed to receive him. He arrived at the Israeli hospital at 12:00 midnight, but the doctors were on leave on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday 22/4/2018, the Israeli doctors met to assess his condition and the declared that he had no treatment as he suffers from brain damage and decided to send him back to the Gaza Strip, but his mother refused. He stayed at the hospital until he was announced dead on Wednesday night, April 25, 2018 at around 3: 35 am. The body was returned the same day to the Indonesian hospital in the Gaza Strip at around 6:30 pm, and his funeral was Thursday 26/4/2018 in Falluja cemetery of Jabalia refugee camp.



Martyrs of the press in 2018, Photographer of the Ain Media Agency Yasser Murtaja and Ahmed Abu Hussein journalist on Sawt Al-Sha'b radio station (30/4) The Palestinian Presidential

Office in Ramallah banned Al-Ghad TV correspondent Diyaa' Ahmad Saleh Hoshiyyeh (36 year old) from covering the proceedings of the Palestinian National Council (parliament) held on 30/4/2018. Hoshiyyeh told MADA that like other journalists and after the announcement of the opening of the registration of journalists who are willing to cover the conference as announced through a website circulated by the Palestinian Presidency Media on 20/4/2018, the correspondent of Al-Ghad TV, Diyaa' Hoshiyyeh has registered the same day and received an email from the Presidency Office after about 15 minutes stating that the process has succeeded and a reference number was attached to that email.

I continued waiting the approval and instructions usually sent by the Palestinian presidency regarding the access of journalists. 9 days late (on 29/4/2018) I found that all journalists received e-mails from the Presidency Office approving their entry to cover the sessions of the National Council, accompanied by instructions and details of entry, but I did not receive a similar message like my colleagues. After inquiries and phone calls made through friends who contacted some officials, I was assured that there was a decision to prevent Al-Ghad TV from entering the presidential headquarters for coverage without giving further details.

### **May:**

(1-5) the videographer of Al-Jazeera, Wael "Mahmoud Daoud" Al-Salaimeh (53 years old), was injured with rubber bullets by the occupation soldiers while he was covering events in Al-Issawiya in Jerusalem. Al-Salaimeh has reported

to MADA "on the 1st of May 2018, I went to Al-Issawiya in Jerusalem to cover a demolition far away from the main street, after it was completed; the Israeli forces which executed the demolition have withdrawn at around 12:00PM. The forces were far from the place where the demonstrators gathered to protest against the demolition".

Al-Salaimeh added "meanwhile, the demonstrators began throwing stones at soldiers, who in turn began throwing stun grenades against the demonstrators. While I was shooting these events, standing behind the demonstrators at least 150 meters away from the Israeli soldiers, I was shot with two rubber bullets in my upper right thigh in a sensitive area. The first aid was provided to me immediately in the Red Crescent ambulance. Then I was taken to the Emergency Work Injuries Center in Jerusalem and stayed there for two hours where I received the necessary treatment. The medical staff has made certain that my body was free from any fractions, but the doctor requested that I run an MRA without any deadline being set".

(3/5) The Israeli occupying forces have arrested the media student at Al-Quds University, Khaleel Mustafa Khaleel Kanaan, (20 years old), after raiding one of the dorm rooms in Al-Sawahra, Jerusalem. Omar Kanaan, Khaleel's brother, has reported to MADA Center "around 3:30 AM, on 3rd May 2018, an occupying force has raided the dorm room of one of Khaleel's friends in Al-Sawahra where Khaleel was at that night. The force brought police dogs, a number of which surrounded the nearby buildings of the dorm room. An eye-witness has also reported that the soldiers have bombed the

entrance of the building and went up to the dorm room, raided it and arrested Khaleel. The Complaints Unit informed us that currently he is at Moscobiya prison”.

(4/5) the photographer of Al-Aqsa TV, Sami Jamal Taleb Matran, (34 years old), was shot with a rubber bullet in his shoulder while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march, to the east of Bureij Camp, Gaza Strip, on Friday, corresponding 4 May 2018.

According to MADA field researcher, Sami Matran, along with his colleagues from Al-Aqsa TV, after Friday prayer, (around 1:30 PM), began preparing their imaging equipment to cover the demonstrators at the separating fence. Only few moments later, the Israeli soldiers shot a barrage of gas bombs against the demonstrators. The clashes began to escalate when the demonstrators approached the separating fence. After that, Matran started reporting these events live and directly using his “phone” camera. It was only a matter of moment before he was shot with a rubber bullet in his left shoulder, even though he was 300 meters away from the Israeli soldiers. After he was shot, he fell to the ground, the emergency personnel took him to the medical point of Palestine Red Crescent, where first aid was provided to him and then he was taken to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Der Al-Balah, to follow up his condition. The medical report stated that the bullet was a rubber bullet that has caused a hole in his left shoulder. An x-ray was taken for him for fear that the bullet might have caused fractures in the shoulder. After receiving the treatment, he was taken home.

(4/5) Gaza Strip, Friday, corresponding 4th May 2018, the security elements have detained Palestine TV staff: the programs producer, Sameer Rafiq Adam Iskaik (38 years old), and his colleague, the TV cameraman in Gaza, Shaheer Mueen Shaheer Al-Hilo, while they were interviewing citizens about their views on the Palestinian National Council meeting. They have also confiscated the video material they prepared before being released after about three hours of detention in the street.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher in Gaza, both: the programs producer, Sameer Rafiq Adam Iskaik, and the photojournalist, Shaheer Mueen Shaheer Al-Hilo, were assigned to interview the citizens about their views on the outputs of the Palestinian National Council meeting and the speech of the president, Mahmoud Abbas, on Friday, corresponding 4 May 2018.

Accordingly, around 11:00 AM, on Friday, corresponding 4 May 2018, the staff interviewed some citizens from various areas in Gaza Strip, and while working, the staff was holding the logo of Palestine TV. After interviewing one of the citizens against the Italian Tower, in Al-Nassir St., a man wearing a white robe, has approached them and asked them to show their “authorization for interviewing citizens”. When Sameer Iskaik asked the man to identify himself, he replied that he works in the Ministry of Interior, and asked him more than once to show his ID or any identification, but he refused. Soon, the situation escalated, and the man in the white robe asked the TV staff to remain in the same place until security elements arrive

to arrest them and take them to a security headquarters. Then there was altercation between the man and the staff, he called several persons, and indeed 3 civilians have showed up to the place within moments. In half an hour of this incident, Iskaik called the Media Relations and Publishing Officer at the Ministry of Interior in Gaza Strip, Bader Bader, and told him what has happened. Bader was surprised by the man's dress, and he spoke to the civilian (who interfered with the TV staff). Bader has confirmed to the staff that they should have obtained a prior authorization to interview the citizens. Subsequently, a black Jeep, marked "Central Operations", has arrived, 3 persons with black military dress got off the vehicle. Iskaik tried to speak with them to understand what is happening. Two and a half hours later, Bader Bader arrived to the place, as well as the Public Relations Director at Palestine TV, Mueen Al-Hilo. Both journalists have explained what has happened, after negotiations, they agreed not to arrest the TV staff and to take them to one of the centers in return for confiscating the video material. Indeed, they took the video material and asked the staff, orally and officially, to obtain an authorization before interviewing any of the citizens. By that time, it was 4:00 PM.

According to the documentation of MADA researcher, the Director of Public Relations in Palestine TV has emphasized that the Ministry of Interior in Gaza had officially requested him to obtain a prior authorization in the event of outdoor shooting by Palestine TV staff. He also pointed out that the Ministry of Interior, on the 9th of May, 2018, has

returned the confiscated material.

(5/5) denying access of the Palestinian political security officer in Jenin, the reporter of "Altra Palestine", the journalist Mohammad Ali Ateeq (26 years old), to Jenin Shopping Festival. Ateeq reported to MADA "around 10:00AM, on Saturday 5 May 2018, I went to cover Jenin Shopping Festival, and even though I was holding an authorization to cover this event, I was denied access. I tried to enter for the first time, but was surprised to be denied access by the Political Security Officer in Jenin (Maher Jaradat), not to mention that he asked the police components to frisk me and inspect my vehicle. After the inspection, the police components allowed me to enter, but Jaradat refused and prevented me to enter. He asked what I was doing and why I was there, and who the person in charge of me is.

"The photographer, Alaa Badarnah (in charge of the media coverage of the festival), has arrived after I called him, and when he came Maher told him that I, in particular, cannot enter, otherwise I will be arrested" he added.

For what I can see, Jaradat denied my access for personal reasons, especially he had investigated with me during my arrest in prior period while I was in the custody of the Palestinian Security Services".

(11/5) the Israeli occupation police have assaulted five journalists while they were covering a demonstration in Silwan, following Friday prayer, on 11 May 2018, to protest at the Israeli excavations and graves exhumation carried out by the Israeli Ministry of Antiquities and Nature in Al-Rahma cemetery adjacent to the wall of the Old City of Jerusalem, to establish

a garden on parts of the Islamic cemetery to serve the Israeli settlers. According to the investigations and documentation of the field researcher of “MADA” in Jerusalem, the Israeli police and security forces attacked the demonstrators violently and assaulted the journalists who were present to cover the protest, resulting in the seven injured journalists listed below:

1. The photographer of Al-Arz Media Production Company, Firas Fayeze Abdullah Hindawi (27 years old), who was assaulted by being beaten and pushed by the Israeli special units while recording a video report for Palestine TV, around 02:00PM. He was accompanied by the reporter, Christine Al-Renawi, in addition to his injury; damage was caused to his camera when the occupying forces withdrew the “microphone” which destroyed its portal.
2. Palestine TV reporter, Christine Khaled Waleed Al-Renawi (29 years old), who had been bruised as a result of being pushed and forced out from the place by the Israeli special units while she was directly reporting to Palestine TV at 02:00 PM about the ongoing protest at Al-Rahma Cemetery, where she was pushed by one of the Israeli security components to force her out from Al-Asbat Gate, while they were dispersing the demonstrators.
3. Al-Kufiya TV photographer, Ghassan Khader Abu Eid (35 years old), who was pushed and forced out while he was documenting the assaults of the occupying forces against Al-Rahma Gate cemetery at 02:00.
4. Al-Kufiya Reporter, Nawal Imad Ibrahim Hijazi (32 years old), who was pushed and forced out by the occupying forces which obstructed her work and prevented her from completing the media coverage.
5. Palestine Today reporter, Liwa' Abu Rumailah (27 years old), who had been bruised in her left hand as a result of falling to the ground after being pushed by the special units components while she was shooting the assaults of the special units against the demonstrators and journalists on her cell phone.

(11/5) The Middle East Monitor reporter, Motasem Ahmad Ibrahim Daloul (38 years old) shot with an explosive bullet in his back while he was covering the return march events, on Friday, corresponding 11 May 2018, in Malka, to the east of Gaza Strip.

Daloul has reported in his statement to MADA field researcher “while I was with a group of journalists 50 meters away from the border fence, in Malka, to the east of Gaza Strip, on Friday, corresponding 11 May 2018, I was shot with an explosive bullet in my back, and I was not wearing my press shield and helmet. The ambulance immediately came and took me to Dar Al-Shifa' Hospital. The nurses found that the injury was caused by an explosive bullet (I heard them talking about it while I was still conscious). As soon as I arrived at the hospital, the doctors immediately took me to the surgical operations room and performed a surgery to me. It showed that the bullet fragments have injured the kidney, lungs and liver. Then they took me to the intensive care unit, where

I stayed for five consecutive days. After my state of health improved, I was transferred to the surgery department for 10 days. After that, I left the hospital, but I continued reviewing my state of health with the doctors in the hospital every week given the pain and fatigue I kept feeling”.

(11/5) the freelance photojournalist, Mahmoud Bassam Ahmad Al-Jamal (24 years old), from Rafah, injured with a gas bomb in his right thigh while he was covering the events of the return march to the east of Khuza’a in Gaza Strip on Friday, corresponding 11 May 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Mahmoud Al-Jamal went to the east of Khuza’a, at about 1:15, where he and a number of journalists moved towards the fence, noting that he was wearing a shield and a helmet with the press badge on them. He stopped at a distance of about 250 meters away from the demonstrators to take pictures of the events in that area, and at about 3:30, he was shot with a gas bomb in the thigh. One of the journalists took him on a motorcycle (since there was no ambulance) to the Field Hospital, about 500 meters away from the separation fence. (There, he noticed that the journalists, Mohammed Al-Thalathini, a photographer at the Turkish Anatolia Agency and Yasser Qadih, a photographer at Palestine newspaper, were injured at the same time with gas bombs in their legs). The doctors have given him the necessary treatment, five minutes later he left the hospital and resumed work. When he returned to the house at 6:30 PM, he felt pain and went to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah to receive treatment, which indeed he received, and went back

home. He continued his treatment for a week until he stopped feeling any pain.

(13/5) The Israeli occupation forces have threatened a number of journalists and prevented them from covering an attack by the settlers against the Palestinian citizens while they were planting olive seedlings in a land threatened with confiscation in Turmosaya on the anniversary of Al-Nakba. Al-Hayat Al-Jadida photographer, Issam Al-Rimawi reported: “At 11:00 AM, on 13 May 2018, while a number of citizens were actively planting olive seedlings in the territories of Turmosaya, they were attacked by 10 Israeli settlers who have rooted out the olive seedlings which were planted and assaulted those who have participated in the event, in sight of the Israeli occupying forces, which were present to prevent the Palestinian journalists from covering the event. They threatened and prevented the journalists, Mohammad Turkman, a photographer at Reuters, Hisham abu Shaqra, a Photographer at the Turkish Anatolia Agency, and Issam Al-Rimawi, a photographer at Al-Hayat Al-Jadida newspaper, to cover this event”.

“There were no clashes, the event was very peaceful, and we were carrying our imaging equipment. We did not wear the press uniform since the event was peaceful. The soldiers, who were border guards (wearing dark green uniforms), forced us out, pushed us and threatened to destroy our cameras. Without any warning, they violently pushed our cameras (whenever any of us carried his camera to shoot), and they pushed us very hard. This has happened to me and my colleagues, Hisham abu Shaqra and Mohammad Turkman”,



Al-Rimawi added.

(13/5) Israeli security components have attacked a reporter of “Palestine Voice” Radio in Jerusalem, the journalist, Mohammed Khalil Abed Rabbo Fasfous (56 years old), when he was at Al-Misrarah Market entrance in Jerusalem to cover a march of the Israeli settlers. He was pushed very hard by the security components and fell to the ground resulting in bruises in his back which caused him to stay at home for one week under the recommendation of doctors. Fasfous has reported to MADA “me, and a group of my colleagues, were at the main entrance of Al-Misrarah Market, in Jerusalem, to cover the march of Israeli settlers organized annually. We were forced out and pushed more than five meters away from the main street. Prior to that, I had put my phone to be charged in one of the cell phone stores. Subsequently, the Israeli soldiers of the border guards forces came and ordered the owner to close the store, but he refused to respond to their orders and requested them to bring into view a court order that obligates him to close the store. Meanwhile I tried to take back my phone from the owner of the store, one of the soldiers rushed from behind and pushed me very hard, and when I turned round to him, he pushed me again more violently, I heavily fell on my back to the ground”.

“When I fell to the ground, I felt my back was broken in halves. I tried to stand up, but I couldn’t. A woman saw me and helped me to stand up; I walked slowly and crawled until I reached Al-Natshah Butchery. There I sat on a chair, but given the severe pain I felt in my back, I could not sit down, so I laid down on the floor

for half an hour until the ambulance of Nouran Association arrived after it was called upon by the butchery owner. The ambulance took me to Al-Maqased Hospital where I underwent medical examination, the place of injury was x-rayed, and I was heavily bruised. I left the hospital around one hour later, and the doctor recommended that I rest at home for one week without work” he added.

“After I fell to the ground, I suffered from intense nausea and sweating. When I was in the butchery, I suffered slurred speech and inability to speak. Today, about 10 days after my injury, I still suffer severe pain due to the trauma and bruises caused by the injury” Abderabbo added.

(14/5) the freelance photographer, Yasmin Akram Al-Na’ouq (24 years old), shot with a bullet in her back and a gas bomb while she was covering the return march events, to the east of Jabalia, on 14 May 2018.

Based on the investigations of MADA field researcher, Al-Na’ouq was wearing her press uniform, and she approached a distance of about 200 meters towards the border fence to cover the events of the return march, but as she continued to approach, she was unaware that she was about 50 meters away, while shooting dozens of demonstrators in that area. In the meantime, the soldiers stationed near the border fence fired a brutal barrage of live bullets. One of the bullets hit her in the back while she was shooting using a “tablet”. Shortly thereafter, the tablet fell from her hand and crashed. She hardly asked for help until a small drone fired about 30 gas bombs, two of which hit her in the back, (one in the back and the other in her side).

Al-Na'ouq reported that she lost consciousness and did not wake up until she reached the field medical point in the eastern part of Jabalia and heard the doctor saying that she needs to be taken to Al-Awda Hospital, but she soon lost consciousness and could not regain her consciousness until late at night in Al-Awda Hospital, where she found herself on the bed with her family surrounding her.

Al-Na'ouq was discharged from the hospital at 3:30 PM, on the following day, corresponding 15 May 2018, under the doctor's warning to avoid movement for fear that her injury in the back may aggravate. The doctor also asked her to make CT Scan for fear that there might be laceration in the bones. However, until 7 June 2018, she did not run the scan given the overcrowding at Al-Shifa Hospital with those wounded in the peaceful return marches. Yasmin Al-Na'ouq stated that she is still suffering from suffocation and headache due to gas inhalation, exhaustion, and back pain.

(14/5) In Rafah, to the south of Gaza Strip, the journalist, Farhan Hashem Abu Hadayd, 26 years old, was wounded by a live bullet in his left leg while he was covering the events of the return march to the east of Rafah in Gaza Strip on 14 May 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Abu Hadayd, at around 11:30 AM, on 14 May 2018, was in the east of Rafah, 300 meters away from the separating fence to cover the events of the peaceful return march. He was there with four other journalists, who were all wearing shields marked (Press). While he was trying to shoot some photos for demonstrators, he

was shot by the Israeli snipers with a bullet that caused a hole in his left leg, and he fell to the ground. He was immediately taken to the Field Hospital established by the Ministry of Health. He was then transferred to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Governmental Hospital in Rafah, where he underwent several operations to remove the bullet fragments from his injured leg. It was found that the bullet which injured him caused nerve damage, and he stayed nine days in the hospital. He still suffers from the effects of the injury, and cannot walk on his feet, except with a crutch. He needs another operation to remove other fragments which still in his leg. The doctors recommend him not to remove the fragments of the bullet at the present time for fear he might lose the ability to walk on feet, since they are lodged in a sensitive area.



Farhan Abu Hadayd, a journalist with the Safad Press network, while being taken to Abu Yousef al-Najjar hospital, after he was injured by a bullet fired by an Israeli sniper, east of Rafah

(14/5) the occupation soldiers have assaulted no less than 8 journalists (one of them was injured with two metal bullets) while they were covering a demonstration that was launched from Ramallah to Qalandya crossing at the entrance of Jerusalem City to protest to the



opening of the American Consulate in Jerusalem City on the occasion of Al-Nakba annual anniversary.

According to the investigation of the field researcher of MADA, the peaceful march was launched from the center of Ramallah to Qalandya crossing around 1:30 PM, on Monday, corresponding 14 May 2018. At the same time the march reached the crossing, the soldiers approached towards the entrance of Qalandia refugee camp adjacent to the mentioned crossing (where the march was passing). In the mean time, the border guards soldiers started to attack and assault the journalists who were covering the march, with the bayonets pointed at them and by kicking them with their legs. One of the journalists was not injured due to the beating as he was wearing a vest. The soldiers threw many stun grenades and tear-gas to force the journalists at gunpoint to leave the area.

These assaults and the attempts to prevent media coverage have affected: the freelance journalist, Iyad Salah Jadallah, (34 years old), was pushed and kicked, the photographer of Noor Photo Agency, Ahmad Hassan Tala't, (24 years old), the reporter of Arab Al-Ghad TV, Ahmad Saleh Housheya (34 years old), Al-Ghad TV photographer, Monther Mohammad Shehadeh Al-Khateeb (33 years old), the reporter of Al-Hurra American TV, Fatin Aref Abdullah Alwan (37 years old), and the Turkish Anatoli Agency photographer, Hisham Kamel Abu Shakra, (29 years old).

At the same time, the German TV photographer, Rajae Mahfouth Al-Khateeb, (37 years old), was injured with two metal bullets covered with

rubber, one of them injured his left leg, and the other injured his left hand. He also fainted and suffered suffocation during his coverage of the clashes between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers following the Israeli soldiers' suppression of the demonstration with tear gas, rubber and metal bullets. He was taken by the ambulance to the Palestinian Medical Complex. After his health stabilized, he was discharged from the hospital.

The reporter of Palestine TV, Khaled Salman Mutawea, (30 years old), was also suffocated due to inhaling tear gas and he received field aid following his injury.

(14/5) 11 journalists were suffocated and wounded by live bullets by Israeli occupation forces during their coverage of the return marches at the separating fence to the east of Gaza Strip on Monday, corresponding 14 May 2018, which is the day on which the opening of the US Consulate in Jerusalem was taking place, on the annual anniversary of Al-Nakba, 15 May 2018, even though all of them (the journalists) were wearing the press uniform (the shield and helmet) when they were injured.

According to the investigations and documentation of the field researcher of MADA, no less than 11 of the journalists, on that day, were injured by the Israeli occupation soldiers in the east of Gaza Strip, namely:

1. The photojournalist at Palestine Newspaper, Yassir Fathi Abdullah Qdaih, (35 years old), injured with an explosive bullet in the abdomen, shot by the occupation snipers while he was covering the events of the Return March which was taking place in

- Malka, to the east of Gaza. Qdaih was taken in the ambulance to Al-Shifa' Medical Complex, his state of health was diagnosed as critical, he immediately underwent a lifesaving operation, in which part of the spleen was removed, then he was taken to the intensive care unit, where he stayed until dawn of Tuesday, corresponding 15 May 2018. After that, he was taken to Al-Maqased Hospital in Jerusalem as his injury was very serious.
2. Al-Jazeera Office Director in Gaza, the journalist Wael Hamdan Ibrahim Al-Dahdouh, (48 years old), shot in his right hand, while he was getting ready to report directly to Al-Jazeera from the field in Malka, in the east of Gaza Strip where he was covering the events, he was 500 meters away from the separating border fence, he was in his press uniform (the shield and helmet), he was shot with live bullet in his right hand, which caused bleeding, and was treated in the field by the medical staff.
  3. Al-Kufiya TV reporter, the journalist, Suad Mohammad Kamel Akilah, (30 years old), suffered severe suffocation when Israeli drones fired a barrage of tear gas bombs, while Akilah was covering the events 500 meters away from the separating fence, and when she attempted to escape from the gas bombs, she fell to the ground, and twisted her ankle, she received field treatment by the medical staff where she was.
  4. The photojournalist at Zain Media, Mohammad Ismail Ateeq Abu Dahrouj, (29 years old), shot with live bullet in his right thigh around 10:00 AM, while he was in an area called "Jakar", 300 meters away from the separating fence, in Malka to the east of Gaza, he was standing, at that moment, between two ambulances wearing the press uniform (the shield and helmet). Abu Dahrouj was transferred to Shifa Hospital, where the bullet was removed from his thigh and he received the appropriate medical treatment. He was discharged from the hospital on the same day, due to the great number of injuries that were transferred to the hospital and the lack of space for him to stay.
  5. The photojournalist at Reuters, Ahmad Abdelfattah Atiyah Zaqout, (34 years old), injured with fragments of an explosive bullet in his thigh and armpit, his camera lens was also damaged because of the bullet fragments, while he was covering the return march events in Malka to the east of Gaza. He was taken directly by an ambulance to Al-Shifa Medical Complex. The doctors removed the bullet fragment from his lower right armpit, but they could not remove the fragment that injured him in the thigh. They took medical images for him, after making certain of his safety; he was discharged from the hospital with some medications. He is still following up his state of health with the hospital to remove the fragment that injured him in the thigh.
  6. The photojournalist at Palestine Today News Agency, Daoud Nimr Abu Al-Kas, (26 years old), who was injured by explosive gunshot fragments in the palm of his left

- hand, while he was covering the events of the return march in the area of Malka to the East of Gaza City, where he received first aid at the field medical point of the Palestinian Red Crescent, he was then taken by the ambulance to Al-Quds hospital in Tel Al-Hawa to the south of Gaza City, where he received the treatment and the fragments were removed from the palm of his hand, his wounds were cleansed and then he was discharged, the doctors recommended him to follow up with the orthopedic and neurology department.
7. The photojournalist at Wafa News Agency, Rafi Khatam Mohammad Al-Mileh, (41 years old), who was shot in his right hand in addition to an injury in his elbow by a bullet fragment, while he was covering the events of the return march in Malka to the east of Gaza City, he was transferred to Dar Al-Shifa Hospital, where the fragment was removed from his elbow while the bullet remained in his right hand, he needs a surgery to remove the bullet, he is still following up with the doctors to set a date for the required surgery to remove the bullet from his hand.
  8. The editor-in-chief of Naba News Agency, the journalist Yousef Mohammad Hassan Fares, (29 years old), he fainted when the Israeli drones fired a barrage of tear gas bombs on the demonstrators in Abu Safia, in the east of Jabalia, to the north of Gaza Strip on Monday, corresponding 14 May 2018, where a gas bomb fell between his feet, which made him suffer severe suffocation. First aid was given to him in the field. The journalist Youssef Faris was not in the press uniform, and was about 400 meters away from the separating fence.
  9. A reporter of Itehad Press, the journalist Mohammad Wael Abdeljawad Al-Dweik, from Sheikh Al-Radwan, suffered a wound caused by an explosive bullet fragments while he was covering the events of the return march on the occasion of Al-Nakba anniversary on Monday, corresponding 14 May 2018, in Malka to the east of Gaza City, the first aid was given to him in field, fragments has injured his hands as a result of the injury of another citizen who was standing next to him, even though Al-Dweik was wearing the press uniform and was about 100-150 meters away from the border fence.
  10. Palestine Newspaper reporter, the journalist Rabee Ahmad Sulaiman Abu Naqera, (29 years old), suffered severe suffocation, because of the gas bombs thrown by the Israeli occupation, he was given the first aid in the field by the medical staff there, he was in his press uniform among the demonstrators, about 50 meters away from the border fence east of Rafah to the south of Gaza, to cover the events of the return march in that area.
- (14-5) Two journalists were wounded by Israeli occupation forces during their coverage of the events of the return march and demonstrations to protest against the move of the American Consulate to Jerusalem on 14 May 2018, while they were in an area known as "Abu Raida Gate" southeast of Khuza'a in Khan Younis.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the field reporter of Khan Younes Media Network, the journalist, Abdullah Al-Shorbagi (how old is he ...) was injured with a gunshot that exited his thigh, shot by the Israeli soldiers positioned at the separating fence while Al-Shorbagi was shooting "live" from "Abu Raida Gate" via his cell phone, to the east of Kuza'a (east of Khan Younes), on 14 May 2018, even though he was 300 meters away from the separating fence (where the Israeli soldiers were) and he was in his press uniform.

The doctors have reported (who are the doctors... a name or source ...) that the gunshot which injured Al-Shorbagi who is still lying in Gaza Europe Hospital (3 June 2018), has wounded him in the colon and the femur and he needs a treatment that will last for several months.

On the same day, 14 May 2018, the photojournalist at Khan Younes Media Network, Khaled Jihad Hajjaj Shubair, was also injured with a gas bomb in his back, even though he was 350 meters away from the separating fence, in the east of Khuza'a, Khan Younes, and he was in his press shield and holding his camera. The bomb which injured him in the back has cut off part of the shield and caused burns to his back. He received treatment in the Field Hospital at the Al-Awda camp, and his injury was described as slight.

(14/5) the Technician at Amwaj Sport, Mahmoud Salman Ibrahim Al-Arini, (26 years old), who suffered a wound caused by a bullet through his right hand, on Friday corresponding 14 May 2018, while he was covering the return march events on the occasion of Al-Nakba anniversary in

Malka to the east of Gaza.

Al-Arini reported to MADA field researcher, that on Friday, corresponding 14 May, 2018, he was in Malka to the east Gaza City, he went to cover the events of Al-Nakba anniversary, about 300 meters away from the border fence, he reported "I felt something has injured my right hand, in a moment, I saw the blood coming out from my hand, and I began to feel pain, so I lift my hand to the paramedics who came and took me to the ambulance and found that I was shot with a live bullet that entered and exited, first aid was given to me in the ambulance, I was then transferred to Al-Quds Hospital, to the south of Gaza, the wound was cleansed and my hand was imaged, I was discharged on the same day". It should be noted that Al-Arini was not in his press shield at the moment he was injured.

(14/5) the photojournalist, Yahya Fuad Timraz, (30 years old), shot in his left thigh, the bullet injured him through the back and exited through the front, while he was covering the events of the return march east of Al-Burajj Camp.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, and the statements of Timraz, the photojournalist, Yahya Fuad Timraz, around 10:00AM, on Monday (14 May 2018), went to the east of Al-Burajj Camp, in the centre of Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the Return March, around 12:00PM, the demonstrators began approaching the separating fence, and stopped at 150 meters away from the fence, at that moment, the Israeli occupation forces heavily fired gas bombs and tear gas against them, which increased the number of injured

demonstrators. At around 02:30, the journalist Timraz decided to withdraw from the site, he was accompanied by a number of journalists and photographers, at that moment, the occupying forces randomly fired and shot him with a bullet that entered and exited his left thigh, he was taken to the field medical point by some demonstrators, there was no ambulance available at site when he was injured, he was given the first aid in the field, the bullet entered his left thigh through the back and exited through the front, given the growing number of the injured, he had to wait at the medical point about 20 minutes, he was then transferred to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital (every seven wounded persons were taken in one ambulance), in the hospital he received the treatment and his wound was dressed, it was found that there were 3 bullet fragments in his wound, which caused infection. On 20 May 2018, he underwent a surgery at Al-Shifa Medical Complex, the wound was cleansed, and one of the fragments was removed, while the other two fragments remained, one of them lodged in the pelvis, while the other in the thigh, until 7 June 2018, Timraz was still laying in bed, and he could not move except with a crutch, he suffered severe pain.

(15/5) Two photojournalists were injured with bullets by the occupying soldiers while they were covering a demonstration at Huwara Barrier, at the entrance of Nablus City, on the occasion of the 70 anniversary of Al-Nakba and to protest against the move of the American consulate from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem City.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a group of journalists were dressed as

journalists, while they were leaving the site; the Israeli occupation forces fired a barrage of gas bombs and rubber bullets, wounding two journalists:

1. Palestine Post reporter (A news site on social networks in Turkey), Nisreen Abdelkareem Shami, (28 years old), who suffered suffocation, as she was trying to escape, to get away and reach the ambulance, one of the soldiers shot and wounded her with two rubber bullets, one in the elbow of her left hand and the other in her shoulder.
2. An-Najah University TV Photographer, the journalist, Omair Jamal Lutfi Istaita, (24 years old), who was shot with a rubber bullet in his leg muscle ten minutes after the injury of the journalist, Nisreen, even though he was close to the soldiers and at their sight.

(15/5) On Tuesday, corresponding 15 May 2018, three journalists were injured while they were covering the return march demonstrations on the occasion of the 70 anniversary of Al-Nakba in the east of Khan Younes.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalists listed below were injured by the Israeli occupying forces:

1. The photojournalist at Reuters, Ibrahim Sulaiman Abdullah Abu Mostafa, (35 years old), who was injured with a gas bomb in his left hand while he was covering the Palestinian demonstrations on 15 May 2018, which caused him burns. Abu Mostafa was injured while he was shooting an Israeli drone throwing gas bombs on the Palestinian demonstrators, in the east of Khuza'a, Khan Younes,

even though he was 350 meters away from the separating fence, wearing a helmet and a shield marked "Press".

2. The photographer at Quds News Network, Omar Adel Abu Khater, (26 years old), who was injured with gas bomb in his right leg while he was shooting live through his cell phone to the News Network he is working with, he was 350 meters away from the separating fence, he was in his "Press" shield, he was shooting some demonstrators while they were burning rubber tires in the area, and he was treated in the Field Hospital, which was established by the Ministry of Health.
3. The photographer at APA Local Agency, Ashraf Mohammad Nassar Abu Amra, (33 years old), he was injured by a gas grenade in his hand (which hand...), which caused him surface burns, while he was shooting a drone which was throwing gas bombs on the demonstrators, even though he was in his "Press" shield and helmet. In the meantime, he was about 350 meters away from the separating fence (next to his colleague, Ibrahim Abu Mostafa, who was also injured, as mentioned above). He received field treatment from Palestinian Red Crescent paramedics who were in the area.

(18/5) The videographer at Reuters, Bassam Mahmoud Masoud, (40 years old), who was injured twice while he was covering the return march events and the Palestinian demonstrations, in the east of Khuza'a, Khan Younes.

According to the investigations

of MADA field researcher, Bassam Masoud was injured on Friday, corresponding 18 May 2018, with a gas bomb that was directly shot at his abdomen, which broke his phone, while he was near "Jakar" street, in the east of Khan Younes, 350 meters away from the separating fence, even though he was wearing a helmet and shield marked "Press".

About 20 minutes later, and few meters away from the same site, (even though he was 350 meters away from the separating fence where the Israeli soldiers were), Bassam Masoud was injured again with a gas bomb in the ear, which causes wounds and laceration (his wound needed 12 stitches), he received the treatment at the Field Hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent (established in that area), he was later transferred to Al-Amal Hospital of the Red Crescent in Khan Younes, where he stayed for one day, until 3 June 2018, he was still suffering from the injury.

(18-5) The freelance photojournalist, Majdi Fathi Sulaiman (38 years old), was shot with a bullet through his right leg while he was covering the events of the return march, to the east of Gaza, on 18 May 2018, even though he was far away from the separating fence where the soldiers were, and he was in his press shield.

According to the investigations of MADA filed researcher, the freelance photographer, Majdi Fathi Sulaiman (who was working at BURPHOTO Italian agency), on 18 May 2018, went with a number of journalists and photographers to cover the return march events in east Malka, to the east of Gaza City, and around 06:00 PM, noting that he was wearing his "Press" shield, and a muzzle to



protect himself from the tear-gas, he moved towards the demonstrators who were 150-200 meters away from the separating fence, he was standing behind them 300 meters away from the separating fence, when he moved towards them, he was injured in the right leg with a live bullet fired by the soldiers deployed at the separating fence, even though, at that moment, he was far away from the demonstrators, the photojournalist Sulaiman approached an ambulance and it took him to the Field Hospital. According to the paramedics, he was shot with a bullet in his right leg, it entered through one side and exited through the other. The journalist Fathi was taken to Al-Shifa Medical Complex after he received field first aid, in the hospital, he received the necessary treatment and stayed for three hours, and then he was taken to home after the doctors were determined that the bullet did not reach the bones.

(22/5) The Palestinian Public Prosecution has detained the Programs Producer of Palestine TV, Hassan Al-Najjar, under the charge of slandering employees, destroying the public authority's instruments, defamation and contempt of the public authorities and bodies, on the basis of a complaint filed against him by the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and one of the investigation committee members.

According to MADA's advocate, first of all, Al-Najjar was arrested on 22 May 2018, for 48 hours, and later an investigative file was referred to him. The Public Prosecution has sent a request for the extension of his arrest to Ramallah Magistrate Court on 24 May 2018. In the hearing (attended by MADA's advocate), his arrest was

extended for a period of 15 days, but MADA's advocate has presented, on Sunday corresponding 27 May 2018, a request for release to Ramallah Magistrate Court judge. Al-Najjar release decision was issued on 30 May 2018, on a bail of an amount of 1000 JD in cash. The execution of the decision was delayed (since the bail was not paid), until Sunday corresponding 3 May 2018, the day on which he was supposed to be released, he was re-arrested for a period of 15 days based on another (new) complaint, filed against him, this time, by the Chief of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation. As a result, MADA's lawyer presented again a request for his release. The court decided to release him on Wednesday 6 June 2018 on bail of 100 JD.

(25/5) The photographer at the Turkish Anatolia Agency, Ali Hassan Mousa Jadallah, (28 years old), was injured on Friday, corresponding 25 May 2018, with a gas bomb that was shot straight to his chest which caused him surface wounds even though he was in his shield.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist Ali Hassan Mousa Jadallah, on Friday afternoon, corresponding 25 May 2018, was in Malka to the east of Gaza, 70 meters away from the separating fence where the Israeli soldiers were deployed, he went there to cover the return march events in that area. The soldiers heavily shot a barrage of gas bombs and bullets against the demonstrators, and he was injured with a gas bomb in his chest, it penetrated the shield he was wearing (he was wearing a shield and helmet marked "Press"), which caused him wounds in the spot of injury. He was taken by an ambulance to Dar Al-

Shifa Medical Hospital, to the west of Gaza City, where he underwent examinations and medical images which showed that the wound was superficial and did not affect the internal organs. The following day he went to Al-Quds Hospital to follow up his state of health, and it was found that the wound was infected and needs therapeutic follow up.

(25/5) The photographer for the New York Times, Wissam Nassar, injured on Friday 25 May 2018 by gas bombs while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march in Malka to the east Gaza.

According to MADA field researcher, the photographer Wissam Nassar went to Malka to cover the events of the return march at about 1:00 pm on Friday 25 May 2018. He was wearing the press (shield and helmet). When he arrived, he noticed the large number of demonstrators about 50 meters away from the separation fence. He joined the crowd to take photos of the events; the Israeli occupying soldiers fired a barrage of live bullets and gas bombs. Two hours later, the Israeli soldiers fired live, explosive and rubber bullets and gas grenades at demonstrators, medical personnel and journalists. Then he tried to get away quickly, but his foot hit a gas bomb that fell next to him. He fell to the ground next to several other gas bombs, smoke was everywhere around him, the paramedic called Ali Housh "whom I already know, to help me after I felt that I was about to faint, after seeing him running towards me, I was not aware of what happened later and did not feel what he did to me. I woke up after I fainted for 40 minutes while I was asleep on my back inside an ambulance and the voices of children surrounded me screaming

from the gas bombs". After he was treated by the paramedics, he went home but his condition remained poor for several days. He was still suffering from difficulty in breathing, suffocation, pain and burn in the chest like the "pepper". Two days later, he went to the hospital for further examinations, but the doctors told him that his state of health was due to heavy gas inhalation. They assured him that anyone exposed to gas bombs will suffer the same symptoms for several days.

(30/5) The Israeli occupying forces have arrested the freelance journalist, a media student at Hebron University, Musab Abdel Khalek Qafisha, at dawn on Thursday 30 May 2018 from his home in Hebron "for incitement on his Facebook Page". "The Israeli soldiers broke into our house in Hebron at 2:30 AM, at dawn on Thursday, after they blew up the four doors of the house and searched the house, without damaging or confiscating anything, but they assaulted Musab's brothers," his father Khamis Qafisha reported.

"After about half an hour they arrested Musab and took him to Etzion Center. From there, he was transferred to Ofer Prison. As we learned later, the Prisoner Club's lawyer told us that a trial session was held for Musaab in Ofer Prison on 3 June 2018 and was postponed to next Wednesday, corresponding 6 June 2018 and they accused him of incitement through his Facebook page".

(30/5) The Israeli occupying forces have arrested the Palestinian Prisoners Director, and the reporter at "You Free" and "In the mind" in Britain, Osama Hassan Shaheen,



36 years old, after breaking into his house in Dura, Hebron, and transferring him to administrative arrest. His wife, Shaima Halaïqa reported to MADA “the Israeli occupation forces broke into our house in Dura, Hebron, at around 3:00 AM, at dawn on Thursday. They arrested Osama and took him to Ofer Prison where we received a call from him the same day. He stayed there until Sunday, 3 June 2018 when his trial session was held in Ofer. The judge told him that there was nothing against him and he was released. But the Shabak demanded his arrest, so his arrest was extended, and on 4 June 2018 a trial in absentia was held for him and Osama was sentenced to administrative prison for 4 months”.

(31-5) The Israeli occupation police assaulted the freelance photographer, Wahba Kamel Taher Makiya, (34 years old), by beating. They took him to the Police Center and arrested him for four hours.

According to investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photographer Wahba Makiya, at around 4:00 PM, on Thursday corresponding 31 May, 2018, was exposed to assault (he was pushed, beaten, punched, and kicked) by the Israeli police components, while he was at the stairs of Al-Amoud Gate in Jerusalem shooting a show about the city under the Hashtag #Quds Resistance, for the Fourth Dimension Media Production Corporation, which he works with as a freelance photographer. Makiya was assaulted and searched in the site, then he was taken to the Police investigation center, at Salah Al-Deen Street, in Jerusalem, where he was cursed and threatened to imprisonment by the investigation officer who said to him

“you want resistance!, do you think you’re in Gaza, you will rot in jail!”. Wahba Makiya remained arrested for four hours in the investigation room with no one of the occupation forces, before he was released at around 08:00 PM.

### June:

(1st June) The freelance journalist, Haitham Adnan Madoukh (24 years old), working for Local Sky Press Agency, was injured by a gunshot while he was covering the events of the peaceful Return March taking place in the east of Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, while the journalist, Haitham Adnan Madoukh (24 years old), who was working as a freelance photographer in addition to his job at Local Sky Press Agency, was covering the events of the peaceful return march in Malka, to the east of Gaza, on Friday, corresponding 1 June 2018, a group of demonstrators were able to cut part of the separating fence, an old woman entered to the other side of the fence, raising in her hand the Palestinian flag, accompanied with two young men. At that moment, Madoukh approached the fence (but remained within the Palestinian side) to take photos of the woman, and he was shot by the Israeli Occupation soldiers with a barrage of gas bombs. When Madoukh put on the muzzle on his mouth to avoid the gas, an Israeli sniper shot him with a bullet which injured his lower left knee (causing an entry and exit). He was taken to Dar Al-Shifa Hospital, and there it was found that the bullet has caused him laceration in the lower knee bone, and has cut two veins. Three surgeries were performed to him, and his leg was placed in plaster. The

journalist stayed for four days in the hospital. After he was discharged, he returned to the hospital five days later due to health complications. He stayed in the hospital again for a whole week. His blood tests showed that there was blood in his leg joint, which is why he had another operation and his leg was placed in plaster to heal the bone damaged due to the bullet injury, provided he followed up his situation later.

(3rd June) The Palestinian Preventive Security Service has arrested the reporter of Quds Net Network, Abdul Mohsen Al-Shalaldah, (25 years old), two consecutive times. He was summoned and questioned, and he reported in this regard “on 30 May, I received an official written subpoena to go to the Preventive Security Service in Hebron on 3 June 2018. On the scheduled day, indeed I appeared at the Preventive Security Council at 10:00 AM, on Sunday, corresponding 3 June 2018. Upon my arrival, I was detained in a cell and informed that I was arrested. After that, I was taken to the investigation room and I was questioned about my work in the field of media, my posts on my Facebook page, and about some of the reports I have once prepared on martyrs and prisoners. And then I was taken back to the cell. In the evening of the same day, and following the Iftar, I informed them that I was on a hunger strike. The officer came and asked me about the reason of my strike, and I replied that because I did not know why I was arrested, and I did not know if I would appear or not before the court. He informed me that my trial was scheduled on the following day, corresponding 4 June 2018. Indeed, on the following day, I appeared before Halhul Prosecution Office on

the charge of stirring up sectarian through Facebook. I was subject to another investigation session which has lasted for half an hour to discuss the same subjects I was questioned about in my previous investigation. My arrest was extended for 24 hours. On the following day, corresponding 5 June, I appeared before the court, and it decided to extend my arrest for another two days after denying the Public Prosecution’s request to extend my arrest for 15 days”.

“On Thursday, corresponding 7 June, I appeared before the court, and it decided to release me on bail of an amount of 2000 JD. After I left the building, and before even I got in the vehicle which was taking me back to the headquarters, the officer took me back to the court on the charge of another case filed against me on the subject of cybercrimes law. A schedule of another hearing was set out for me on 27 September, not to mention a request to change the bail to a personal guarantee was also submitted to the court. I was released at about 2:00 PM on the same day, corresponding 7 June 2018” he added.

“At around 1:30, on 27 June 2018, by the afternoon, four persons showed up to my house, located in Al-Shoyoukh Town, in Hebron. They told my mother that I leave with them. I noticed an official letter they were holding, but could not read it. They informed me that it was a subpoena and asked me to leave with them immediately. I told them that I visited the Service Headquarters on 3 June, and was arrested for 3 days. One of them told me to review the headquarters in the time I deem appropriate. At 11:00 PM, on Saturday, corresponding 30 June, I went to the headquarter

in Hebron. I was questioned by the officer, in general, about my work, the party I work with, the reason why the security service arrested me the last time during Ramadan, and the reason I was arrested by Israel in February 2018. He also inquired about the threats I was subject to through the Facebook and advised me to file a complaint. After that, I met the Director of the Preventive Security Service, and he actually spoke very friendly with me about the need for media professionals to dedicate their work for media issues only without addressing any other cases. I was released at about 12:00PM. Then I went to the Investigation headquarters in Hebron, filed an official complaint on the threats I was subject to through the Facebook”, he added.

(5 June) An Israeli occupation army force has arrested the journalist, Susan Abdelkareem Al-Owaiwi, (40 years old), from her house, in Hebron<sup>4</sup>.

According to the statement made by Susan Al-Owaiwi's husband, Osama Mohammad Al-Owaiwi, (46 years old), to MADA field researcher, three soldiers carriers, and an Israeli

intelligence vehicle have arrived to their house located in Hebron, at 4:00 AM. 10 soldiers have raided the house. They asked for Susan's ID and for her husband's. They searched the husband and the officer spoke to him alone. He told him that his wife “makes troubles”. He asked him about her activities, and the husband replied that Susan works in the Municipality only and does not do anything else. The officer seized both of her phones (her cell phone and her work phone), as well as her laptop. Then he asked a female soldier to search her. They asked her to say goodbye to her family and prepare herself to leave with them, and she was arrested. Following this, the husband received a phone call from an anonymous number. The caller introduced himself as an officer in the Israeli police. He informed him that Susan was in Ashkelom Prison, and he conveyed her recommendation to take care of the children. The husband contacted Issa Qaraqe' Office (the Minister of Detainees and Ex-Detainees) to follow up on her case. The advocate, Firas Al-Sabagh, informed him that her court hearing was scheduled on Thursday, corresponding 7 June 2018, but was postponed to 18 June 2018, and that the advocate was banned from visiting Susan until 10 June 2018.

Two years ago, Susan received a phone call from the Israeli intelligence, they asked her not to run for Hebron Municipality. This was followed by summoning her husband to Ashkelon to ask him to prevent his wife (Susan) from running for the Municipality elections which were to be held in that period but were postponed to 2017. She was appointed as a municipal council

<sup>4</sup> The journalist Susan Al-Owaiwi: a holder of Diploma in Journalism from Cairo University in 2011. She worked in Al-Sabeel Jordanian Newspaper as a journalist and writer, for a period of 5 years. She suspended her work with the newspaper when she earned the position of a member in the Municipal Council of Hebron Municipality in 2017. She is an activist in Palestine Prisoners Center for Studies, and she always gave special attention to the refugees and prisoners affairs. She is a holder of Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, and Masters in Human Development. She is a mother of three children the oldest is 17 years old and the youngest is 11 years old.

member in Hebron Municipality.

(5 June) The Occupation Police has arrested the Director of Elia, the journalist, Ahmad Hussein Al-Safadi (44 years old), from his house, located in Al-Sadiya Block, in the Old City of Jerusalem. An Israeli court has decided to ban him from taking part in any event (or covering any event) and to banish him from Al-Aqsa for one month. Al-Safadi reported to MADA "I was arrested at 2:30AM, on Tuesday, corresponding 5 June 2018, from my house, located in Al-Sadiya Block, in the Old City of Jerusalem. I was taken to the Mail Police Center, and then to the Maskobiyyeh Investigation Center, where the investigation lasted until 6:00AM. The questions addressed to me were about Elia and its nature of work, its Director, and the reason of its closure. The officer also asked me about what was going to happen in the Naksa Anniversary and my role in this regard".

Al-Safadi added "I was referred to the court on charges of complicity to contribute to the success of the Naksa events. The Public Prosecution requested an extension of my detention for six days, but the lawyer rejected due to the lack of evidences and the false accusations filed against me given the fact that I am a journalist and I have no role in the Naksa anniversary. The judge was convinced, and she released me on prohibitive conditions: paying a bail of 1500 NIS and a bail of 5000 (on paper), and being banished from the Al-Aqsa until 4 July, as well as prohibiting me from taking part in any sit-in or demonstration or march".

(6 June) The Preventive Security Service has summoned the journalists, Amer Abdelhakeem Abu Arafa, the reporter of Shihab Agency and Orouba Media Network, Musab Abdelsamad Al-Tamimi, the reporter of "Quds News" Network, and Amjad Shower, the Director of Hebron Radio. Abu Amer reported to MADA "I received a subpoena at my house on 27 May to go to the Preventive Security Service in Hebron. When I went there, the interview was more like an update of my personal data only. I was asked normal questions without addressing my work as a journalist, and the interview lasted for one hour approximately. On 6 June, I received another subpoena and so two of my colleagues: Musab Abdelsamad Shower Al-Tamimi (27 years old), an editor and reporter of Quds News Network, and Amjad Shower, the Director of Hebron Radio. We were summoned to go to the Preventive Security Service in Ramallah, at 10:00AM, on 11 June. I did not go noting that the Journalists' Syndicate was aware of this subpoena, and has likely reached an understanding with the Preventive Security Service. As I learned from the Journalists' Syndicate, the reason for the subpoena was posting about the death of President Abu Mazen in the previous period, although they apologized for this, knowing that I, Amer Abu Arafah, did not post anything about this subject".

(8 June) The photographer of Barq News Agency, Shireen Mousa Anees Saloul (29 years old), from the Nuseirat refugee camp, was injured with a tear gas bomb while she was covering the peaceful return march taking place in the east of Bureij refugee camp in Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, Shireen, at around 2:30 PM, on Friday, corresponding 8 June 2018, went to the east of Bureij camp in the center of the Gaza Strip, accompanied by a group of journalists to cover the events of the peaceful return march, and there were demonstrators located 150-200 meters from the separating fence. The journalists were at a distance of 50-100 meters away from the demonstrators to cover the march. About an hour later, after the journalist Shireen Saloul took pictures of five demonstrators who were wounded, and at about 3:30, the Israeli soldiers on the other side of the fence fired several tear gas bombs against the journalist Saloul, which made her suffer suffocation and loss of consciousness for about a quarter of an hour. The paramedics have taken her to the medical point in the location, when they saw her situation did not get better half an hour later, they took her to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, in Deir Al-Balah, in the center of Gaza Strip. She received the necessary treatment, and another injury was found in her foot caused by a gas bomb which resulted in wounds, burns and swelling. While she was waiting for the X-ray, she lost consciousness for about half an hour again. She stayed in the hospital for about three hours and returned home at about 7:00 PM, but she continued to suffer from severe shortness in breathing and headaches during the following two days. She also suffered severe itching, which left her unable to return to work for two days.

Photojournalist Shirin Sloul lying on the ground after being hit by a gas bomb in the foot east of al-Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip



(8 June) Palestine Today TV staff has suffered suffocation due to the 10 bombs fired against them by a small Israeli drone, on Friday, corresponding 8 June 2018. They were interviewing in Abu Safiya, to the east of Jabalia Camp, in Gaza Strip, even though they were far away from the demonstrators.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the staff, composed of: the reporter, Yousef Ahmad Abu Kuwaik, the assistant reporter, Mohammad Tawfiq Al-Najjar, the photographers, Osama Yasser Saleh, and Imad Al-Ajrami. They were interviewing an official from the Islamic Jihad Movement Office, Mr. Daoud Shihab, at a distance of 500 meters away from the border fence, in an area free from any clashes. A small Israeli drone has fired around 10 gas bombs directly above them, which made them suffer severe suffocation. The interview was suspended and the journalist walked away from the location. It should be noted that the staff were wearing the Press shield and helmet. After their injuries, they received the first aid by the medical staff.

(8 June) The photographer of AFP, Mohammad Abdelrazeq Abdullah Albaba (49 years old) was injured with a gunshot in his foot while covering the events of the peaceful

return march taking place in Abu Safiya, to the east of Jabalia camp.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer, Albaba, at around 11:30AM, on Friday, corresponding 8 June 2018, was heading from his house in Abu Safiya, to the east of Jabalia camp to cover the events of the return marches. He was carrying with him the equipment and wearing the Press shield and helmet. He stayed in the journalists' tent waiting for Friday prayer to end and the marches to begin. After the prayer ended about a quarter of an hour, the clashes erupted between the demonstrators and the Israeli occupation soldiers, who started firing gunshots and gas bombs sporadically at the demonstrators. Albaba was about 200 meters away from the separating fence near the medical staffs, watching the events. Few minutes later, a demonstrator was injured at a distance of 60 meters away from the separating fence, the paramedics went to take him, and Albaba went with them for filming (the time was around 2:00PM). In the meantime, the soldiers fired more gas bombs and gunshots directly against the demonstrators. Albaba was injured with gunshot in his right foot, and five other persons were injured as well. He was taken to the field hospital, and from there to Al-Awda Hospital, to the north of Gaza Strip. The doctors informed him that he was injured with wounds and fractures in his right foot caused by live bullets. He had to undergo a surgery (he is still there ... follow up. How long has he stayed in the hospital, were there additional details on his condition).

(8 June) The journalist, Israa Sameer Abdullah Al-Areir, (27 years old), a

reporter of Quds Media Agency, and Women for Palestine Newspaper, has suffered suffocation.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the journalist, Israa Sameer Abdullah Al-Areir, arrived at around 4:30PM, on Friday 8 June 2018, to Malka, located to the east of Gaza Strip, to cover a photo exhibition that was held in the area on the subject of Jerusalem and Naksa, and to film a media story with the demonstrator, Reda Abu Zuhair, who is participating almost permanently in the marches, as well as to cover the latest march of return that day. The Israeli border guards forces have fired a barrage of gas bombs randomly at the demonstrators and journalists. As a result, she suffered suffocation, shortness in breath, dizziness, and back pain. She was taken by the ambulance to the field hospital, which was the nearest. She received the medical aid to mitigate the side effects of gas, but with no use, therefore, she was taken to Al-Quds Hospital and arrived at 5:30. She was given the necessary treatment, and even though her condition became better, the symptoms were inevitable which has rightly prompted doctors to keep her under observation for two days.

(9 June) The Israeli Police has raided an Iftar ceremony organized by the Chamber of Commerce for the journalists, taking place in Jerusalem. The Director of Elia, Ahmad Hussein Al-Safadi, (44 years old), has reported to MADA Center "The Chamber of Commerce in Jerusalem has organized an Iftar ceremony for journalists on June 9, 2018 at Jerusalem Hotel. Fifty female/male journalists were invited, 30 of which have actually attended, including



(Ahmad Al-Safadi , Wehbe Makiya, Christine Renawi, Mohammed Abed Rabbo and others). 15 minutes after we arrived the hotel, an Israeli police force raided the place and prevented us from entering”.

(11 June) An Israeli Occupation Army Force has arrested the freelance journalist, Bilal Hamed Al-Taweel, (26 years old), after raiding his house, located in Hebron, noting that he was a member in Al-Anwar Arts Band for Islamic Chants and works in the montage of the band.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, an Israeli occupation army force, at 5:00AM, on Monday, corresponding 11 June 2018, has raided the house of the journalist, Bilal Al-Tawil. According to the statement of Bilal's brother, Mohammad Hamed Al-Tawil, about twenty soldiers have raided the house. The officer stood at the front door and told the family that they do not intend to search the house. He grabbed Bilal's phone from his hand and informed him that they came to arrest him. They did not allow him to change clothes in his room, and he had to change in front of all the soldiers then they dragged him to the jeep. Following that, Mohammad (Bilal's brother) has contacted the Head of the Prisoners Club in Hebron, Mr. Amjad Al-Najjar, and the Complaints Office in Jerusalem, to find out any information about his brother. The advocate Monther Abu Ahmad was appointed by the Prisoners Club to follow his case. A court hearing was scheduled for Bilal on 14 June 2018, but it was postponed to 20 June 2018, without characterization of the charge. On the same night, Bilal was arrested.

(12 June) the Palestinian Preventive Security Service has arrested the journalist of TRT Turkish TV, Majdoleen Reda Hassouna, (28 years old), at Karama Crossing, on her way back from Turkey. She was questioned about the case of arrival tracing order filed against her. Hassouna reported to MADA “upon my arrival to Palestine, through the bridge (Karama crossing), at around 6:00AM, on 12 June 2018, on my way back from Turkey, the Preventive Security Service Officer informed me that there is an arrival tracing order against me which means I have to be arrested as soon as I arrive. He took me to the office, and informed me that I need to go to the Operations Director at the Preventive Security Service in Betunia/Ramallah”.

“The officer tried to contact the Preventive Security Service in Betunia, but it was too early. In the meantime, he started asking me questions like: what do I do for living, where do I write, where do I publish my writings, what is my political belonging, and what investigation I was subject to by the Israelis in 2014. The officer insisted to transfer me to the Preventive Security Service in Betunia immediately. But after he contacted one of Ramallah officers and told him that I was very quit, he decided to release me provided that I go to the Preventive Security Service in Betunia (without scheduling an appointment) so I can remove the tracing order against me. I was released at 8:30 AM.

(13 June) Palestinian security agents in civilian clothes have attacked no less than 12 female and male journalists and prevented them from covering a protest sit-in, that was taking place in Ramallah, against the sanctions impose on Gaza and



to demand the payment of the employees' salaries. These attacks have affected dozens of citizens in the protest even though the Palestinian police officers were there.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the activists and civil society organizations have called for a sit-in, downtown Ramallah, in 13 June 2018, by the afternoon, to protest against suspending the salaries of employees in Gaza Strip by the Palestinian Authority. However, one day before the sit-in, WAFA News Agency has reported news about the circular issued by the Palestinian President to all the governorates for "prohibiting the issuance of permits to launch marches or gatherings which may hinder and confuse the movement of citizens, or impact the progress of normal life during holidays".

At 9:00PM, on 13 June, hundreds of Palestinian young people have gathered to demonstrate in downtown Ramallah. Journalists were there to cover the event, but were beaten and prevented from filming. Their cameras and phones were seized by the police, the Preventive Security, and the General Intelligence Service, who were in civilian clothes. These attacks have affected at least 12 female and male journalists. These attacks were as follows:

1. 10 of the Palestinian security agents, in civilian clothes have blindfolded the journalist, Hiba Hassan Erekat, (31 years old), who works for News Shasha Website, while she was live shooting with her phone. They handcuffed her even though she told them that she was a journalist and showed

them the press card issued by the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, they attacked her and she fell to the ground, not to mention that they tried to seize her phone.

2. The Head of Al-Arabi Al-Jaded Newspaper Office in the West Bank, the journalist, Naela Husni Khaleel, (40 years old), was covering the sit-in taking place downtown Ramallah, standing near Rukab Ice Cream, and she was attacked by dozens of young people who were in "civilian clothes and wearing hats of Fatah movement, they started beating and pushing us even though I have not used the phone for filming".

One of the security agents has hit her with his hand on her shoulder which caused her bruises and trauma. "The attackers were attacking us with sticks or their own hands. I spoke with the security man in the civilian clothes and said that it is not appropriate to attack women. Next thing I know, he started spraying pepper gas at my face without any reason. I fell to the ground, but then I was able to walk away from the location with the assistance of others. I went to the hospital, and after my condition got better, I went to inquire about some friends. Suddenly, the Palestinian Security agents in civilian clothes broke into the hospital, perhaps to arrest some of the injured demonstrators, at 12:00PM, on 14 June 2018".

3. The journalist, Jihan Hassan Awad, (35 years old), while she was covering the events with her cell phone, in Rukab Street, downtown Ramallah, one of the security men in civilian clothes pushed her, and then more

than one security agent have intervened (all in civilian clothes) and seized her phone. They asked her to unlock the phone and delete the photos. One of them held her Press card, read her name, and addressed her saying “Jihan, do not film troubles and publish our dirty deeds”, she replied, “who are you?”, and he answered “an officer in the Preventive Security Service”. When she refused to stop filming the events, he threatened her with arrest.

4. Arabi TV photographer, the journalist, Ethar Abu Gharbieh, (33 years old), has reported that security agents in civilian clothes have pushed, cursed and insulted him, and then seized the TV camera and prevented him from continuing his coverage of the events even two hours after recovering the camera. The same happened to his colleague, Yara Al-Amla, Arabi TV reporter, who stated that she was insulted while she was covering the sit-in, downtown Ramallah, by one of the security agents who was holding a transmitter/Walkie-Talkie, and addressed her saying “go to your home instead of roaming in the street”.
5. Al-Ghad TV photographer, Mohammad Al-Khateeb, (34 years old), has reported that when he arrived to Al-Manara Square, downtown Ramallah, at 9:00 PM, on 13 June 2018, the police officers who were in their usual uniform (including an officer ranked with three stars and another one ranked as a major), asked the journalists to walk away from Al-Manara Square and not to film any of the

events at all. Few minutes later, we went to cover the suppress taking place in Rukab Street (near Al-Manara Square), the next this I know, a number of security agents holding walkie-talkies started pushing me and taking down my camera, which is why I was unable to film and I had to return without finishing my job”.

6. The reporter and photographer of “Palestine Today”, the journalist, Jihad Barakat, has reported “I was carrying my camera, next to Al-Manara Square, and holding my Press card around my neck. I went to Rukab street, and around 9:00PM, the demonstrators gathered 10-15 meters away from me started shouting and cheering. We started filming, directly after that, the security agents have fired sound bombs. Two persons in civilian clothes approached us, while I was standing with my colleague, Saed Howari, a photographer of Reuters, and threatened us with seizing and smashing the camera. I continued walking towards Rukab street, and tried to film again, however, I was threatened again by agents in civilian clothes. After that, I returned and approached Al-Manara square, and there was a group of persons (dozens) shouting for the Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, and putting on their heads white hats the same as the Palestinian keffiyeh. I tried to film that, but more several persons have put their hands on the camera and prevented me from filming. I directly went to the Martyr Yasser Arafat square (Al-Sa’aa Square previously),

and it was around 11:00PM, to interview Mr. Omar Assaf, one of the demonstrators in the sit-in. The next thing I notice, an officer from the special police has asked me not to interview, and another masked military officer from the special police have warned me "Jihad Barakat, be careful!". I could not finish my job, I was prevented to complete it, in the full view of the police and the National Security Forces".

7. Al-Quds TV reporter, Alaa Hassan Al-Rimawi, (40 years old) has indicated that he was threatened by agents in civilian clothes. While he was at Al-Manara square, and Rukab street, at 9:35 PM, on 13 June 2018, a police officer asked him not to film. "a police officer approached us, and addressed us saying / walk away now!/after that, and while suppressing the march taking place in Rukab street, we were pushed and threatened with arrest by agents in civilian clothes" he reported.
8. The photographers, Saed Subhey Howari (42 years old), a videographer of Thomson Reuters, Qutaiba mohammad Hammad, (26 years old), Al-Quds TV photographer, Abbas Al-Momani, a photographer of AFP in the West Bank, and Mohammad Ali Turkman, (50 years), a photographer of Thomson Reuters in the West Bank, were prevented and banned from filming and covering the events, not to mentioned they were threatened with smashing their camera, by security agents in Rukab Street, downtown Ramallah.

(18 June) The Israeli police and intelligence have arrested the 59-year-old journalist, Rasem Obeidat from a ceremony held at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, under the auspices of the Russian Federation Embassy and in the presence of the High Representative of the Russian Federation to the Palestinian Authority Dr. Haider Aganin. The police raided the ceremony, prevented its continuation and arrested six Jerusalemites, one of them was the journalist and writer, Rasim Obeidat. The police hanged the decision issued to prevent the continuation of the ceremony on the grounds that it is under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority and "terrorist organizations".

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, on the evening of 18 June 2018, the Israeli occupation police and intelligence arrested the journalist and writer, Rasim Imad Ahmed Obeidat, (59 years old), a founding member of the Journalists Syndicate, while attending the national day ceremony of the Russian Federation at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem, on the charge of "attending an illegal ceremony organized for the interest of a "terrorist organization". He was held in detention and questioned for like an hour. The he was released at 6:00 PM, on a bail of 3000 NIS, provided he shall return at 10:00 on the following morning, 19 June 2018, to the Maskobiyeh Investigation Center to sign the investigation. His fingerprints, along with the other six detainees, were taken at 10:00AM, and then he was released. He was again contacted by the occupation forces, on Wednesday afternoon,

corresponding 20 June 2018, to come to the Investigation room No. 4. After this phone call, he was also contacted by the Israeli investigator “Taimour” to cancel the scheduled appointment on Wednesday, and to come on Thursday, corresponding 21 June 2018, at 10:00 AM. After he left the house, and after the phone calls with the occupation intelligence, on Wednesday afternoon, an occupation force went to his house where he was not staying and handed over his brother, Maslama, an immediate subpoena. Rasim Obeidat was also contacted at 5:20 and asked to immediately come in a maximum of twenty minutes, he actually went there. Since the moment of his arrival, the intelligence service (in the presence of three of its agents) has begun the investigation and questioning him about the same previous charge. The investigation lasted about two hours (from 6:00 to 8:00). Obeidat has denied the accusations and claims against him, and he was arrested until the court hearing on Thursday, corresponding 21 June 2018. The intelligence has requested to extend his arrest, and remained in detention until Monday, corresponding 25 June 2018. He was released on limited conditions: a bail of an amount of 1500 NIS to be paid in cash, in addition to a non-paid bail of an amount of 5,000 NIS, and to be house imprisoned until July 1, and not to participate in events and activities in various political, national, social and economic titles for one month, and not to communicate with any of the relevant parties on this case for a period of 40 days.

(18 June) Some persons deemed loyal to Hamas, along with security agents (in civilian clothes) have attacked at least 10 journalists while

covering a peaceful sit-in planned for by the Ministry of Detainees and Ex-Detainees, in cooperation with the Prisoners Committee for National and Islamic Forces. The sit-in took place at Al-Saraya Square, in Gaza Strip, at around 11:00AM, on Monday, corresponding 18 June 2018. It was titled (The peaceful movement to end division, lift the sanctions and recover the rights of the employees). They seized and destroyed some of the equipment of these journalists, deleted the materials they had filmed, and prevented them from covering. They also attacked the demonstrators in the sit-in and destroyed the stage which was built for the sit-in.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, and although the Ministry of Interior in Gaza has allowed the Ministry of Detainees and Ex-Detainees to organize a sit-in at Al-Saraya Square in Gaza, but once the sit-in began, with the participation of hundreds of citizens, a group of young people, some of whom came out of the mosque near the sit-in, wearing the keffiyeh and white hats, have raised signs and shouted slogans non-agreed upon according to the organizers of the event. For example, they were shouting /the people wants the fall of the President from power/ (President Mahmoud Abbas). They were also shouting “Get lost Abbas”. Which is why the organizers of the event have requested to unite the slogans, however, the group of young people refused, which caused a verbal altercation between them, which soon aggravated to attack with sticks and hands against the demonstrators in the sit-in and the journalists who were covering the event. It was later

found that security agents in civilian clothes were deployed among the demonstrators. The members of the “intruders” group broke into the sit-in, destroyed the stage and attacked the demonstrators. They pursued the journalists and all those who filmed the events, attacked some of them and deleted the photos and videos they had taken in their cameras, prompting the organizers of the sit-in to cancel it.

These persons have forced journalists, including, Shireen Khalifeh, Nahed Abu Herbid and Muthana Al-Najjar to delete the photos and videos they have filmed on their mobile phones.

The journalist, Shireen Hamed Khalifeh, who works at Nawa Media Network, has reported to MADA field researcher that she went with her colleague, the journalist, Nahed Abu Herbid, to cover this sit-in. When they arrived, they took some photos with their cell phones, after the attacks, and after destroying the sit-in stage by agents in civilian clothes, a person also in civilian clothes has approached her, and introduced himself as an agent from the General Investigation, but did not show any card to prove so. He asked the three persons standing behind her to go further back, and asked Abu Herbid to delete the photos and videos on her phone, when she told him that there are 4 personal photos only on her phone, another one replied “no problem, we have female agents who can search your phone”. He added “Only if you can film anything in the West Bank, you can then film in Gaza”. The journalist, Nahed Khaleel Abu Harbid, a reporter at “218 Media”, has reported that she was close to the sit-in stage, and after she documented the stage being destroyed, a huge, bearded man, in

black clothes, has approached her and asked her to delete the photos. He also asked her colleague, Shireen, “to take out her phone from her purse and delete the photos”. He introduced himself as an officer from the General Investigation without showing any card to prove so”. As to “Al-Hadath” Newspaper reporter, Muthana Sulaiman Ibrahim Al-Najjar, he reported that while taking pictures with his phone to a group of bearded people putting on hats, while shouting and holding up signs in the sit-in demanding to lift the sanctions imposed on Gaza, not to mention that they were also shouting and cheering against the President Mahmoud Abbas, one person of the group grabbed Muthana’s phone from his hand and prevented him from filming. However, the leader of the Democratic Front, Talal Abu Zarifa, who was near Al-Najjar, immediately intervened, and was able, after about five minutes, to return the phone back to him. However, all the photos he took were deleted, and the events came to an end. One of the persons who prevented him from filming approached Al-Najjar and introduced himself as an officer from the Public Relations of Hamas Movement Office, and he apologized for what has happened to him and informed him that they did know that he was the journalist, Muthana Al-Najjar.

After the events ended, the journalists Khalifeh and Abu Harbid were subjected to a smear campaign through the social media. They were accused of lying and treason after Khalifeh posted on her Facebook page the attacks she and her colleague Abu Harbid were subjected to at the sit-in.

The reporter of “Watan” TV, the

journalist Izz Al-Din Abu Eisha, has reported that he was prevented from covering the event and deleted the material he filmed after arriving at Al-Saraya Square around 11:30 to cover the sit-in. While he was preparing the camera to film the event and to interview some of the demonstrators in the sit-in, and while he was talking on his phone with the Administration of Watan News Agency where he worked, three men in civilian clothes attacked him and grabbed the phone and the camera out of his hands even though he has not filmed anything yet at that moment. They went in another direction, he followed them trying to know them or the authority they work under, but they asked him to remain silent. In the meantime, he saw Tawfiq Abu Naim, the Director General of the Internal Security Forces in Gaza, and he directly went to him and explained the attack he was subject to in details. After that, Mr. Tawfiq Abu Naim, called them and asked them to hand him over what they took from Abu Eisha. Indeed, they responded to Tawfiq and handed over the phone and camera. He then interviewed Abu Naim to explain the attacks against the journalists and the demonstrators to destroy the sit-in and left the location.

The reporter of Al-Taquadomi Media Team, Diaa Maliha, has reported that upon arriving at Al-Saraya Square, at around 11:45, along with his colleagues, Mohammad Al-Shirafi, Ammar Kiskeen, and Mohammad Salem, to cover the sit-in, and before filming anything or interviewing anyone, three individuals have approached and introduced themselves as agents from the Internal Security in Gaza. They took the equipment, the

camera and the cell phone, by force, under the pretext that a decision has been issued to prevent filming and documenting the event. This caused a verbal altercation among them, especially that they were in civilian clothes. It subsequently became a fight involving great number of security service agents in civilian clothes, who appeared after the withdrawal of the three persons mentioned above. They severely attacked Diaa, and his colleagues from the Team as they were trying to save him. They were all wearing the Press uniform with the name of the party they were working with shown. He managed to save himself, and found a large group of security men in civilian clothes attacking his colleague, Mohammad Salem. He approached them and tried to save him, they both hardly walked away. This is actually similar to the attack against the Director of Al-Taquadomi Media Team, Mr. Mohammad Al-Shirafi. He reported that the moment he arrived at Al-Saraya Square, with his other colleagues in the Team, and while he was trying to adjust the settings of the internet, a group of young men in civilian clothes approached him and introduced themselves as security men. They asked him and his colleagues to hand over their own phones and the camera he was carrying which belong to the Team, and after they refused to do so, they attacked them, and tried forcibly to withdraw their phones and camera. During that, the phone screen crashed after it fell on the ground as well as the camera's tripod. In the meantime, a number of persons in civilian clothes gathered and participated in the attack against the journalist, during which he was seen by one of his relatives

working with the security services, he approached him and asked them to move away from him, and saved him by force.

These attacks have also affected the photographer, Rashad Al-Amassi and Waseem Meqdad, who work for Khabar Agency. The agency's camera was destroyed about half an hour upon their arrival, a group of young men dressed in civilian clothes, who were shouting and cheering against the President Mahmoud Abbas, approached them and requested that Al-Amassi and Meqdad remove the memory chip from the camera and leave the area. However, they refused to do, so the camera was withdrawn from them by force, which is why it crashed, not to mention they were severely attacked.

(22 June) the photographer of Anatolia Turkish Agency, Ali Hassan Mousa Jadallah, (28 years old), was injured with a gunshot through the palm of his right hand while he was covering the peaceful return march taking place in the east of Khan Younes, on Friday, corresponding 22 June 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photojournalist at Anatolia Turkish Agency, Ali Hassan Mousa Jadallah, (22 June 2018), went to Malka border area, located to the east of Gaza, and at around 4:00, along with his colleague, Saber Noor Al-Deen, the photographer at the European Agency, approached the separating fence on the other side of which Israeli soldiers were deployed. He was wearing the Press shield and helmet, he stopped at a distance of 150 meters away from the demonstrators to take some photos.

At around 5:45, he was injured with a bullet in the palm of his right hand, fired at him by one of the Israeli soldiers. The bullet exited his hand and injured another demonstrator in the leg. The field first aid was provided to the photojournalist, Jadallah, and he was taken to the medical point in the location. The doctor stitched his wound, and then he was taken by the ambulance to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, where he was informed that his condition was reassuring. He stayed in the hospital until 8:30 PM, and was then discharge. He continued to feel pain, so on the following morning, Saturday, corresponding 23 June 2018, he went to Al-Quds Hospital, in Gaza, for follow up purposes, and it was found that his wound was stitched incorrectly, and that it needed five stitches not one only, not to mention that it was supposed to be stitched with a thin thread rather than thick. He received the necessary treatment, went back home, provided he continues his treatment. Until the moment, he needs to undergo a cosmetic surgery for the deformity caused to his palm due to the injury”.

(22 June) the journalist, Ahmad Mohammad Ahmad Al-Fayoumi, a reporter at 24 News Website and Al-Ghad website, has suffered severe suffocation while covering the events of the return march, taking place in Malka, to the east of Gaza, on Friday, corresponding 22 June 2018. He received the first aid in the field.

Al-Fayoumi has reported to MADA “while I was at Malka, near the border fence, at around 6:00 PM, on Friday, corresponding 22 June 2018, I tried to film the scene of young men who were attempting to cut the border



fence, (it should be noted that I was in my Press uniform), the Israeli occupation soldiers have fired a large amount of tear gas bombs, the next thing I know, I fainted because of the gas, the medical staff intervened and I received the field treatment”.

(23 June) The occupation soldiers have arrested a photographer at WAFA news Agency, named Mashhour Hassan Mahmoud Wahwah, (34 years old), and a reporter at Palestine TV, Azmi Waleed Banat, (28 years old). They threatened a number of journalists with arrest and prevented them from covering a protest sit-in against settlement, organized by Bani Naim, in the east of Hebron.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, Bani Naim Town families, at around 11:00AM, on Saturday, corresponding 23 June 2018, have organized a protest sit-in against the confiscation of the town lands for settlement purposes. Dozens of families went to the land above which the settlers have put a tent, inside of which, there were about seven settlers, in addition to the Israeli military jeep to guard them. Within a quarter of an hour, another military jeep arrived, an officer in the official Israeli uniform stepped out of the jeep, and ordered all the protesters to leave the area claiming that it is a “closed military area”. They refused to respond, and told the officer to get an official document which proves that it is a closed military area. In the meantime, a third military patrol arrived, from which a higher officer stepped out, and he seemed to be in charge, and ordered everyone (addressing them in Hebrew language), including the journalists, to leave the area immediately, claiming that it was

a “closed military zone”, where no one was allowed to enter without showing an official document that authorizes so. He showed them a photo on his phone claiming that it was the “military order”. Few minutes later, he arrested one of the protesters and threatened to arrest more if they do not comply with the order. The same officer began pursuing and threatening the journalists with arrest when they filmed the young man he arrested earlier. He addressed more than one journalist shouting, “If you will not leave, I will arrest you” and “if you film with the camera, I will arrest you”. These threats were also addressed to: AFP photographer, Hazem Jameel Bader, Reuter photographer, Yusri Mahmoud Al-Gamal, the European Agency photographer, Abdelhafeeth Al-Hashlamoun, Reuters photographer, working at the photography section, Mousa Issa Al-Qawasmy, Action Press Agency photographer, Wisam Abdelhafeeth Al-Hashlamoun, Anatolia photographer, Mamoun Ismail Wazwaz, Palestine TV staff, including Alaa Al-Haddad, and Azmi Banat, and WAFA News Agency photographer, Mashhour Wahwah. In the meantime, the soldiers began arresting a number of protesters, and the journalists continued filming carefully while walking away for fear of being arrested. The higher officer arrested the photographer of WAFA, Mashhour Hassan Mahmoud Wahwah (34 years old), and Palestine TV reporter, Azmi Waleed Banat (28 years old). They were taken to the military jeep, even though Azmi Banat was not carrying any cameras and he only carried the TV Microphone in his hand when he was arrested. It was found later

(as reported by Mashhour Wahwah to MADA researcher), that the soldiers have taken them, along with other protesters, to the Israeli police center, located in Kiryat Arba settlement, to the east of Hebron. Only the photojournalist, Mashour Wahwah, was questioned, and charged with “disobeying the Israeli army orders”, but he informed them that he does not know Hebrew, and could not understand what the officer said. The police has released them (Wahwah and Banat), five hours after their arrest and detention at the police station. The police investigator has informed Wahwah that they will review his case and see whether they could close his file or open a file for him. Before he was released, he signed on papers in Hebrew and was told that they were his statement. His fingerprints were also taken. As for journalist, Azmi Waleed Banat, he said he did not know why he was arrested since he did not film anything, especially since the soldiers deliberately insulted him and asked him to sit on the ground. The soldier who threatened him with abusive words, was the same soldier who accompanied them to the police station and continued insulting him.

The officer deliberately insulted and arrested the journalists violently so he prevents them from returning back to the area for fear of covering protests for the next few days. He used this kind of arrest and threat, believing that this would prevent journalists from coming back again.

(25 June) The Preventive Security Service has summoned the journalists, Musab Abdelsamad Shawer Tamimi, (27 years old), a reporter at Quds News Network, and Amer Abdelhakeem Abu Arafa, a reporter at Shihab News Agency, and

Orouba Media Network, both from Hebron, to review the Preventive Security Service headquarters in Ramallah. Musab Shawer Tamimi reported to MADA “on 25 June 2018, at 10:15AM, I received a phone call from the Preventive Security in Ramallah requiring my attendance to the headquarters. On the following day, corresponding 26 June 2018, at around 10:15AM, I went to the headquarters in Ramallah. After I introduced myself, the officer began asking me questions like: what do I do for living, where do I work as a journalist, how do I receive and verify the information. I was charged with incitement through the Facebook, for posting mockery posts about the health situation of the President. I denied the charge and asked to be confronted with an evidence. However, given the lack of evidence, the officer started bringing up some old writings I have posted once to protest against the blocking of some websites. He accused me of incitement against the Authority. He told me explicitly that I had the freedom to write, but without causing incitement against the Authority, or causing harm to the citizens or the community security. I signed a pledge not to incite as it is considered a breach according to the Cybercrimes Law, otherwise I will be held accountable. I left the office at 12:30 PM.”

Amer Abu Arafa has reported “I went to the Preventive Security Service headquarters in Ramallah, at around 10:30AM, on 26 June 2018. My interview there lasted for half an hour approximately. It was just a directive meeting, in which the officer has emphasized the need that we all have to take one stand before the deal of the century! And that I

have to stay away from any protest or march taking place these days as they are considered foreign agenda. I was also asked about my media work and the funding mechanism in my work. I signed a pledge to adhere to the amended cybercrimes law, and left the location”.

(26 June) Palestine Post<sup>5</sup> TV reporter, Nisreen Abdelkareem Al-Shami (28 years old), was injured with a rubber bullet in the thigh while she was covering clashes which have erupted after the army and settlers have broken into the eastern area of Nablus. Al-Shami reported to MADA “at around 10:30 AM, on 26 June 2018, the Israeli occupation forces have stormed the eastern area of Nablus, particularly, Yousef’s Tomb, to secure the entrance of settlers for prayer purposes in the tomb since they believe it’s a sacred place for them. Due to this, clashes have erupted between the citizens (in this densely populated area) and the occupation forces. I directly went to cover these events from the beginning. At around 12:30 PM, while I was covering the clashes and events, I was shot by a rubber bullet fired by a soldier. It injured my left thigh. There were some young men standing in the place, took me to the ambulance which transported me to father distance. I received the field treatment for less than half of an hour, and then returned back to home”.

(29 June) The photographer and journalist at Palestine Hadath Network, and Al-Awda Media Network, Madeline Issam Abdel-Aqraa (20 years old) has suffered

severe suffocation during her coverage of the peaceful return march taking place in Khuza’a, to the east of Khan Younis, in Gaza Strip.

According to the investigation conducted by MADA field researcher, The photographer and journalist at Palestine Hadath Network, and Al-Awda Media Network, Madeline Issam Abdel-Aqraa (20 years old), from Deir Al-Balah, around 2:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 29 June 2018, went to the east of Khuza’a. she was wearing the Press shield, and carrying a Nikon camera. Around 4:00PM, she approached the separating fence by a distance of 50 meters. She was live broadcasting the events through her phone directly to the Facebook page of Palestine Hadath. She was standing next to her colleague, Mohammad Shahine, who works in the same network. They were at a distance of 10 meters away from the demonstrators, and her colleague was filming with his phone. At around 4:15, three gas bombs were fired directly at her by a soldier after he stepped out a military jeep in the opposite side the separating fence. She suffered severe suffocation, and lost her consciousness for about 15 minutes. Then she was immediately transferred to the Red Crescent field hospital. About 300 meters away from the fence where she was standing. Until 1 July 2018 she continued to suffer from shortness of breath as a result of her injury.

5 “Palestine Post Agency” – a Palestinian news website operated through the social media, based at Turkey.



Journalist Madeleine Al-Aqra receives first aid while injured in the field in the town of Khuza'a, east of Khan Younis

(29 June) The freelance photojournalist, Ayed Zakaria Fadel Baker, (20 years old), was injured with two gas bombs shot at his hand and foot while he was covering the peaceful return march taking place in the east of Gaza.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the journalist, Ayed Zakaria Fadel Baker, (20 years old), who works as a freelance photojournalist, on Friday, corresponding 29 June 2018, went to Malka, located in the east of Gaza, to cover the events of the Return March. He was holding a sign that says (Press) on his chest. When he arrived, he saw hundreds of demonstrators raising flags and setting fire to rubber tires. Dozens of demonstrators have approached the fence, while Zakaria was live broadcasting the events directly to the Facebook page of Hadf News website, at a distance of 50 meters away from the separating fence. The soldiers fired a barrage of gas bombs, and Zakaria, consequently, suffered suffocation. However, he continued working, but he was injured with two gas bombs fired directly at him. One of them injured his right hand, while the other injured his left foot. He received field treatment by the medical staff in the location".

(30 June) Some agents from the

Preventive Security Service has attacked the freelance journalist, and field researcher of MADA, Lara Sameer Kanaan, while she was covering a march that was taking place in Nablus. They seized her phone and deleted all the photos and materials.

The journalist, Lara Kanaan, has reported to MADA "at 6:00 PM, on Saturday, corresponding 30 June 2018, I went to the Martyrs square, downtown Nablus, with my colleague from Ultra Palestine, to cover a protest against the sanctions imposed on Gaza. The protest was called for by factions from the Liberation Organization, as well as national institutions and events in the Governorate. I was wearing my Press shield, which also showed the logo of the journalists' syndicate in which I am a member. After about an hour, the gathering was divided into two parts. I followed the march, while my colleague (from Ultra Palestine) filmed the gathering in the square. There were a number of other journalists in the area. While I was filming the events, one of the Preventive Security Service agents, whom I personally know, approached me and tried to take my phone by force, after he shouted at me / quit filming/but I refused to give him my phone and tried to resist him. I was surprised by someone else, and I did not personally know him. He hit me hard with his hand elbow on my left hand, then he managed to grab my phone, while at least two other persons (all of them in civilian clothes) were standing behind me. One of them pulled my hair back and tried to pull me which harmed my neck. The other one hit me on my left shoulder and walked away. A number of police officers were there.

About two hours later, my phone was brought back to me, after they had deleted the material on it and on the Chip (the phone memory). I went to Rafidya Governmental Hospital and imaged my neck and shoulder where I had various bruises”.

## July

(3rd July) the freelance photographer, Zaki Yahia Awadallah, (27 years old), from Yabna Camp, Rafah, south Gaza Strip, was injured by a gas bomb in his head and suffered severe suffocation. It was shot at him by the occupation soldiers while he was covering the women march organized under the slogan “Palestinian women towards the peaceful Return and breaking the siege” in Malka, east of Gaza City, as part of the peaceful return marches taking place since the 30th of March close to the separating fence east of Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist Zaki Awadallah, was injured in Al-Awda Camp, east of Gaza, at around 4:30 PM, on the 3rd of July and he was not wearing the recognized press vest. He was holding a Canon Camera (D360, Mark 3), and he started filming the influx of participants on the road to the Camp while he was at a distance of 700 meters away from the border fence. Then he went with some freelance photographers, namely: Mohammad Qandeel, and Bader Al-Najadi, to cover the burning of rubber tires by some of the female and male demonstrators, near the border fence, at around 5:30, while he was at a distance of 150 meters away from the border fence. Awadallah stopped with his colleagues at a distance of 30 meters away from

the demonstrators (totaled to few dozen) who were setting fire to the rubber tires. He started filming, and while he was filming an Israeli military jeep (located on the other side of the fence) fired more than ten gas bombs from a platform installed on the front of the jeep towards ?, the jeep fired a similar amount of tear gas at him and the group of journalists with him. He tried to escape but fell to the ground after he felt that one of bombs injured the back of his head (near the neck). He noticed heavy smoke around him caused by five bombs which fell near him. This has led to his loss of consciousness due gas suffocation, and he did not wake up until about (15 minutes) post his injury. He was transferred by the civil defense staff to the field hospital in Malka, and stayed about 45 minutes receiving treatment in the field hospital. He was discharged at about 7:00 PM. On the following day, 4th July (on which he was interviewed), he was still suffering pain in the place of injury, redness, and a superficial wound not to mention his pain in the back. It should be noted that the shutter of his camera was damaged after it fell to the ground due to his injury.

(3rd July) at around 5:00 PM, on 3rd July, thousands of women and men began to arrive to Malka, east of Gaza Strip, to take part in the event “Palestinian women towards the Return and breaking the siege”, as part of the ongoing peaceful return marches taking place since 30th of March. With the arrival of the participants, the occupation forces began firing gas and tear gas bombs at the demonstrators. Around 134 of the demonstrators were injured, 43 of which were women, including

the journalist, Safinaz Allouh and four other journalists, according to the Ministry of Health, in addition to the injuries of: *Thaer Abu Rayash, injured by a gas bomb in the head, the photojournalist, Zaki Awadallah, injured by a gas bomb in the neck, the journalist Mohammad Al-Zaghnoun, injured by fragments in the shoulder, and the reporter of "Amad Media Agency", Safinaz Allouh, injured by a gas bomb in the face.*

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the journalist Safinaz Baker Magmoud Allouh, arrived at around 5:00 PM on the 3rd of July, to Malka, east of Gaza to cover the events of the women march organized that time. She was wearing the PRESS vest and at around 5:30 PM, while Safinaz Allouh was conducting interviews with the demonstrators at a distance of 150-200 meters away from the separating fence, the occupation forces fired a barrage of gas bombs, and one of the bombs has injured a young man standing near Safinaz and then it bounced back to the face of the journalist and she suffered suffocation.

Due to the intensified firing of gas bombs, she fainted and did not realize what was happening near her. She found herself at around 7:30 in Jerusalem Hospital in Tel Al-Hawa. According to the doctors, the bomb injured Safinaz's nose, which caused bulge in the nose. Oxygen was used for her suffocation. She stayed in the hospital until about 11:00 PM (on the same day). She was discharged even though she was still suffering from bulge and itching in the nose.

Concerning the freelance photographer, Thaer Khaled Fahmi Abu Rayash, he was injured by two

gas bombs in his head and foot while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march on the same day and in the same area (Malka in the east of Gaza). Even though he and a group of journalists were approximately 200 meters away from the separating fence, they, along with the demonstrators, were exposed to a barrage of gas bombs automatically fired by an Israeli military jeep on the other side of the fence, which forced them to escape. After the jeep stopped firing gas bombs, a soldier approached the fence and did the same manually and directly at the photographer, Abu Rayash, where the first bomb injured his foot and another one injured his head. This injury caused hemorrhage and he was transferred in an ambulance to the field hospital in that area. In the hospital, his wound was stitched and he received the necessary treatment.

(3rd July) the freelance photojournalist, Mohammad Imad Al-Zaghnoun, (32 years old) was injured by fragments of an explosive bullet in his hand and feet while he was covering the women demonstration organized near the separating fence in the border area east of Gaza.

According to the field investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, at around 4:30 PM, on Tuesday, corresponding 3 July 2018, Al-Zaghnoun went to Malka, east of Gaza, wearing the PRESS vest and helmet, to cover the women demonstration accompanied by a number of journalists. The area was crowded with women demonstrating at a distance of 700 meters away from the border fence. While some young men were a few meters away from the border fence, the Israeli soldiers were fired tear gas bombs



at the demonstrators by drones that have reached Al-Awda Camps. As he approached 200 meters from the separating fence, where ambulances and civil defense were present, Israeli soldiers fired a number of gas bombs at him, and he became surrounded by gas from all directions and could not move. One of the demonstrators rushed to rescue him but the Israeli soldiers fired an explosive bullet at that demonstrator and wounded him on the right side of the abdomen. Fragments of the bullet projected into the right hand, and both knees of the journalist, Al-Zaghoun. This happened at around 6:00 PM, immediately after this, the civil defense rushed towards the demonstrator and Al-Zaghoun, and transferred them through the ambulance to the medical point where they received first aid. Then Al-Zaghoun was transferred to Al-Shifa Hospital, west of Gaza where he stayed until 10:00 PM and was discharged after making some images and receiving the necessary treatment.

(4th July) The Bedouin community of Khan Al-Ahmar is located to the east of Jerusalem, on the highway, near Ma'ale Adumim and Kfar Adumim settlements. It is one of several Bedouin communities in the same area. Its population is approximately 41 Palestinian families. It is located within the territories targeted by the Israeli occupation authorities for the implementation of the settlement project titled E1. The population living in this area are exposed to the risk of displacement after the Israeli occupation authorities have notified them with deportation and demolishing their homes based on the decision issued by the Israeli Supreme Court of Justice which

requires the evacuation of the area before 25 September 2018. The demolition includes all the houses, a mosque and a school built of rubber tires and clay, serving about 180 students.

Since 4 July 2018 and over the following three weeks, Khan Al-Ahmar has witnessed a lot of sit-ins and various peaceful protest activities to prevent the demolition and displacement of population. As a result, a relatively large number of journalists were present on a daily basis in the area to cover these activities. The Israeli occupation forces, in various ways and means, have prevented journalists from covering these activities by not allowing them to reach the area sometimes and by attacking some of them or detaining them or taking other actions against them.

On 04 July 2018, at 7:00 AM, a large number of Palestinian journalists went to Khan Al-Ahmar after the Israeli authorities decided to implement the deportation and demolition decision of all the houses there. The population who were trying to prevent the implementation of this decision resisted this which is why the Israeli soldiers attacked the citizens. The soldiers also attacked some journalists by beating and preventing them from covering the levelling of streets conducted by the Army as a prelude to demolish all houses of citizens in Khan Al-Ahmar. Below are some of the journalists affected by these attacks:

1. The journalist, Mohammad Ali Abed Turkman, (50 years old), a photographer of Reuters, went to Khan Al-Ahmar at 7:00 AM, to cover the events and when he arrived the area, he was denied



- access by the soldiers. After several attempts, he was able to enter the area, he immediately began his work as a journalist and started filming the levelling of the streets surrounding Khan Al-Ahmar carried out by the occupation authorities. They also prevented the citizens to reach their houses. At the time, a large group of the Israeli patrol unit, called "Yassam", with their dark blue uniforms and light arms, pushed all the demonstrators in the area, including Turkman, who was close to the demonstrators to document what was happening. Soon after that, two Israeli soldiers pushed him back and he fell on his back. He was unhurt, but his 1DX camera with 16/35 lens, Mark III crashed.
2. Al-Awda TV reporter, Mohammed Jarir Tawfiq Hamdan, (29 years old), injured with bruises and scratches in his right foot and lower back, after an attack by a group of the Israeli army. One of them hit him with an electric baton on his chest, and he became unable to move. The Palestinian Red Crescent crew provided him with initial treatment and he was transferred to the Palestinian Medical Complex in Ramallah. After the necessary medical examinations were conducted, it was found that Hamdan was suffering from shortness of breath and a simple fracture (hairline fracture) in one of the thoracic cage ribs. He stayed in Palestine Medical Complex for 7 hours under observation. Hamdan was also attacked while he was near a group of his fellow journalists, carrying a camera and a microphone and doing his job. It should be noted that he was not wearing the PRESS vest.
  3. The Journalist, Hafez Mahmoud Hafez Abu Sabra, 28 years old, a reporter for the Jordanian TV, ROYA, was deliberately pushed more than once by the soldiers while he was reporting live. An Israeli soldier pushed him and prevented him from coverage. His colleague, ROYA photographer, Ashraf Mohammed Dar Zeid Al-Nabali, was also pushed.
  4. The journalist of Associated Press (AP), Imad Mohammad Hashim Saed, (50 years old), was pushed by the Israeli soldiers and fell to the ground which caused him bruises in his right shoulder and right foot. He received the field treatment by Palestine Red Crescent staff.
- After that, Saed went to his vehicle (after receiving the necessary treatment) to send the photographed material to the agency he works for. When he finished sending the material, and prepared himself to leave Khan Al-Ahmar, one of the Israeli police officers stopped him and asked for the official papers of the vehicle. He wrote him a ticket of an amount of 250 NIS under the pretext that he has parked his vehicle in a spot where parking was not permitted, while Saed has emphasized that he has parked his vehicle in a spot dedicated for parking.
5. The journalist, Hisham Kamel Khalid Abu Shara, (30 years old), works for Anatolia Agency, was deliberately pushed by the Israeli occupation army soldiers who also threatened him with arrest if he did not leave the site.
  6. The photojournalist, Khalid Ali Sabarnah, (48 years old), was

- threatened by soldiers with arrest if he did not leave Khan Al-Ahmar (which is where Sabarnah works).
7. Palestine Radio reporter, Fathi Khalil Issa Barahma, 55 years old, was prevented by soldiers from entering Khan Al-Ahmar area to cover the events.
  8. Palestine TV reporter, Kristin Khaled Waleed Renawi, 29 years old, was deliberately pushed by the soldiers during her live coverage. After completing her work, she went to her vehicle and found a 250 shekel ticket placed by the Israeli police on the windshield of the vehicle.
  9. On the following day, the sit-in of dozens of citizens continued in Khan Al-Ahmar to stop the demolition. Furthermore, the journalists continued to cover these events, which means that the attacks continued. The reporter of Ma'an TV, Mohammed Abdul Nabi Atallah Al-Lahham, 51 years old, was beaten by Israeli soldiers while he was getting ready at 8:05 AM, on 5 July 2018 to send a voice message to the TV by phone, but soon after that he was surprised by a soldier kicking his knees three times, and hitting him with the fist on his chest. Which is why he fell to the ground, where a number of people rushed to the tent near Khan Al-Ahmar to receive field treatment. The Israeli police has also issued him a ticket of 500 shekels for parking his vehicle. This became a procedure by the Israeli police which has affected another number of journalists who were ticketed while they were crossing the street or for parking their vehicles near Khan

Al-Ahmar under the pretext that they have committed traffic violations. Furthermore, the vehicle of WAFA agency, holding plate No. (1576) was seized given that the driver, Alaa Ali Allaham, (47 years old), at around 11:50 AM, on Thursday, corresponding 5 July 2018, was inside the vehicle waiting for the staff assigned to cover the events in Khan Al-Ahmar after parking the vehicle in a place containing at least, 12 vehicles. At around 12:30 PM, Allaham stepped out of the vehicle and went to a nearby place to drink some water, when he returned after fifteen minutes approximately, he did not find the vehicle. The journalist, Sulaiman Abu Sorour has told him that he had seen the Israeli police seizing it. After informing the official authorities, the vehicle was returned to the driver, Allaham, at 4.30PM without issuing any tickets to him by the Israeli police.

The traffic tickets issued by the Israeli police have also affected the journalist, Hiba Mohammad Kareem Aslan, (30 years old), works for "Al-Jazeera Net" Website, as she was ticketed with an amount of 250 NIS, while she was walking on foot and denied access to Khan Al-Ahmar. Furthermore, a ticket was issued to a reporter of Palestine TV, Dana Ghazi Mohammad Abu Shamsiya, (27 years old), with an amount of 250 NIS (for her vehicle).

At 6:15PM, on Wednesday, corresponding 18 July 2018, the photographer of Reuters, Mohammad Zaki Abu Ghaniya, (45 years old) went to Khan Al-Ahmar to cover a solidarity-based sit-in with the population of the area. When

he arrived the place, and before stepping out of the vehicle, an Israeli police officer has issued him a traffic ticket with an amount of 250 NIS, under the pretext of parking the vehicle on the yellow line in street adjacent to Khan Al-Ahmar.

(4th July) a court in Gaza, on 4 July 2018, has issued a sentence of six-month suspended imprisonment and a fine of 200 NIS against the journalist, Amer Awni Mohammad Ba'lousha, due to a post he published on his Facebook page a year ago even though he was arrested then and detained for a period of 12 days. Ever since that time, several hearings have been held for his trial which ended on 4 July 2018 with the issuance of this sentence.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the internal security in Gaza has arrested on 4 July 2017, Amer Awni Mohammed Ba'lousha, (26 years), a resident of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza, works for the newspapers "Al-Badeel" and "Al-Hadath" on the charge of "abuse of electronic devices" after he was summoned due to the post he published on his Facebook page on 3 July 2017 (that is, one day before arrest), which reads "Do their children sleep on the ground as our children sleep? Do they use the rice trays as our mothers use them? The post highlighted the extreme heat experienced by the population of Gaza Strip in the absence of electricity. The post has received great reaction on the Facebook. He was also threatened by an officer of the Internal Security through commenting on the post asking him to delete it, and then sending him a message on the Facebook asking him to withdraw the post. On the following day, corresponding (4 July

2017), Balousha went to the Internal Security Center in Jabalya refugee camp in the northern of Gaza Strip and handed himself over at around 10:00 AM. He was immediately placed in a cell and later questioned about his posts, to whom he addresses his writings, and who pushed him to publish the post. He remained in detention for a period of thirteen days in Beit Lahia prison under the charge of abusing the electronic devices. He was released on 16 July 2017 after concluding an agreement (deal) between him as a citizen and the internal security officer under which he will be released provided he shall not "speak about the circumstances of arrest in the case, in addition to not returning to incitement against the government". However, his case remained pending before the court which deferred hearing the case eight times until 4 July 2018 on which this sentence was issued against him.

(6 July) the Israeli soldiers have attacked the Palestinian TV staff and fired two bullets at them while the staff members were inside their car marked with "TV", while they were in Urif village in Nablus governorate to cover the settlers' attacks there.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Palestine TV staff working in Nablus, consisting of the reporter, Baker "Mohammad Sabah" Mamdouh Abdelhaq (28 years old), the photographer, Samer Mustafa Habash (32 years old), and the driver, Abdullah Rida Abdullah Sawalma (46 years old), at around 4:50 PM, on Friday, corresponding 6 July 2018, went to cover the attacks carried out by the Israeli settlers in Urif, located 12 kilometers to the Southwest of Nablus. When they arrived the eastern area of Urif

through the vehicle marked with TV, a Hyundai, h1, silver, and despite the soldiers were at a distance of 100 meters, they fired rubber bullets at the staff and hit the front section of the vehicle. The TV reporter, Baker, shouted from the window "Press, Press ..". However, the soldiers fired another metal bullet, which is why they quickly drove the vehicle away from the soldiers' sight. This attack caused only material damage to the front of the car. The staff continued to cover the events for about an hour and a half.

(7th July) A number of settlers, protected by the Israeli Occupation Army, have confiscated 20 Donums of the lands of Al-Hamra, located in Bani Naim, east of Hebron, where they placed mobile homes and brought their livestock. On 7 July 2018, the owners of the confiscated lands at Al-Hamra went along with foreign activists to plough their lands, and a number of journalists went to cover this activity including the photographer of Palestine TV, Iyad Abdelhafeeth Al-Hashlamoun (28 years old), and his colleagues from the staff, namely Samia Abu Sharkh, Fadi Khlaf, and the photographer, Wisam Al-Hashlamoun. Due to the rugged terrain of the area, the journalists parked their cars about half a kilometer away from the lands they intend to plough, to which they arrived at 11:20 PM, where seven tents were set up for the settlers. Al-Hashlamoun began filming the arrival of citizens to their land. At the same time, approximately four jeeps of the Army arrived, in addition to soldiers' carrier and an Israeli police car. The soldiers began demanding the citizens to leave the place immediately, and they were speaking in Hebrew, out loud. The soldiers

started pushing the citizens and indeed the citizens began to retreat. In the meantime, an Israeli soldier went to Iyad and shouted at him in Hebrew. Iyad did not understand what he had told him. He ended his filming and left the site towards Palestine TV Vehicle which was parked half kilometer away from the site. When he arrived to the vehicle, three soldiers approached Iyad, grabbed him tightly from his hands and neck. He told them he was a journalist and asked them why they were doing this. One of them asked him in Arabic to keep quiet and took him to the military jeep even though he was carrying his camera, Tripod and microphone. It was found that the Israeli army arrested seven of the foreign and Jewish activists, a Palestinian activist and the journalist, Iyad Al-Hashlamoun, and took them in the army's jeep to the investigation center, located inside Kiryat Arba settlement in the center of Hebron. When they arrived, the soldier asked them to turn off their phones and not to speak at all. Iyad stayed with the group in the waiting room for about 4 hours. During this time, Iyad spoke with the lawyer Haya Abu Asfour. He was then brought to the investigation room where the interrogator told him that he was in a closed military zone and did not obey the orders of the soldier who asked him to leave the site, even though the soldier showed him a paper explaining so, Iyad replied that the soldier spoke in Hebrew and he did not understand what he said to him as he did not see any papers, and he does not understand Hebrew. The interrogator asked him who had called for the activity, and Iyad explained to him that he is the official reporter of Palestine TV and that he

went to the site under the instructions of the television and showed him a TV card. The interrogator asked him about the days or times when he goes to Alhamra and Iyad replied that he may go to any Palestinian area where events are taking place, since his job is a photojournalist. The interrogation lasted for about half an hour with Iyad. Then his fingerprints were taken as well as his signature on the investigation papers and statements, which were written in Hebrew, the language Iyad does not understand. The interrogator then told him that he was banned to enter Bani Al-Naim or the bypass road for a period of 15 days as of its date. He was released at the entrance of Kiryat Arba at around 7:00 PM after he was detained for six hours and a half (between 12:30 PM, and 7:00 PM).

(9 July) the occupation forces prevented Palestine TV staff from covering the levelling operations conducted by the Israeli occupation forces to establish a Caravan (mobile homes) near Abu Dis to deport the residents of Khan Al-Ahmar after being displaced from their village which was besieged a month ago, and which the Israeli authorities decided to demolish and deport its residents.

According to the investigations of MADa field researcher, Palestine TV staff, which consists of the reporter, Christine Khaled Walid Al-Rinawi, 29 years old, and the photographer, Firas Fayez Abdullah Al-Hindawi, 27 years old, went to the site where the bulldozers were setting up for the caravans to evacuate the residents of Khan Al-Ahmar near Abu Dis. While the journalist, Christine Al-Rinawi, at around 12:06PM, was reporting live to the program "Reporters in

the Field", broadcasted on Palestine TV at 12 o'clock, the occupation forces approached the TV staff and forced the photographer to place the camera on the ground and pull out the sound cables to prevent live coverage. They also threatened the reporter, Christine Al-Rinawi, who continued reporting to the program for several minutes with arrest if she continued the coverage, and they forced them to leave the site.

(9th July) the Israeli authorities have prohibited "Al-Quds" TV from working within the occupied city of Jerusalem and Israel. They also prohibited a media production company from working with "Al-Quds" TV through providing media services after it summoned the company's director and two of its staff members and informed them to stop working with the TV Channel under any circumstances. The channel reporter was arrested and informed to stop working with the company as well.

On Monday morning, corresponding 9 July 2018, the Israeli police handed over the director of Al-Bashir ProMedia for Television Production and two of his colleagues in the company in addition to the reporter of "Al-Quds" TV inside the Green Line territories and in Jerusalem official summonses for investigation purposes, and notified them with the prohibition of "Al-Quds" TV within Jerusalem and the Green Line territories and to stop working with Channel as Al-Bashir ProMedia provides it with media services just as it does with other media organizations.

The director of Al-Bashir ProMedia, Iyad Al-Nael Jabareen, 42 years old, from Um Al-Fahm, stated that he and

his colleagues from the company, the broadcast engineer, Mohammad Abu Yousef Jabareen, 23 years old, and the video photographer, Ali Nael Jabareen, 24 years old, have received official summonses in their homes demanding them to go directly to the investigation centers “I and Mohammad went to Wadi Ara Investigation Center, while Ali went to Kishon Prison Center. The Reporter of Al-Quds TV, Anas Mousa Ighbariya, 33 years old, was arrested from his house and was present in the investigation, where he was not allowed to go alone. After they told him that they need to interrogate him for 10 minutes, they took him to Um Al-Fahm Center, and from there to Haifa Center, and he was returned to Kishon Prison”.

“I arrived at the interrogation center at about 9:30AM and stayed in the investigation for about three hours during which I was asked questions about the nature of our work and the work of the production company (a television production company that provides media services to several TV channels). I explained to them that it is a private and non-partisan company and that it works with all TV channels and provides services. The interrogator asked in details about our work with Al-Quds TV, and I told him that it is basically providing media services. The officer told me that the TV channel belongs to Hamas and incites terrorism, and that its work is prohibited in Jerusalem and the Green Line territories. Therefore, we should not work with it under any circumstances. He asked me to stop all forms of work and services with the TV channel because we are a licensed Israeli company and that this prohibition does not fall within a specified period - that is, it is open or

permanent”, he added.

Jabareen stated that “all the employees of the company were asked the same questions and were released at the same time, except for the reporter, Anas Ighbariya, who was released provided he shall not exit the house for a period of five days, communicate with the company for a period of 30 days, and travel for three days”.

(13th July) the freelance journalist, Adel Ibrahim Salman Al-Hawajri, (24 years old) was injured by a fragment of a bullet in his calf muscle while he was covering the events of the return march, east of Bureij Camp, Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the freelance photographer, Adel Ibrahim Al-Hawajri, at around 3:30 PM, on Friday, corresponding 13 July 2018, went to the east of Bureij Camp to cover the events of the peaceful return march. At around 5:00PM, and while Al-Hawajri was at a distance of 300 meters away from the separating fence, wearing his PRESS helmet and vest and filming some of the demonstrators, he felt an injury in the leg (calf muscle from the back). A number of young men took him to the medical point established in the place where the paramedics found that he was injured by a fragment of a bullet that caused an entry and exit. He received the necessary treatment. He felt no need to transfer him to Al-Aqsa hospital and then he was discharged and went back home”.

(13th July) By the afternoon on Friday, corresponding 13 July 2018, the journalist, Muein Tayseer Al-Dabba, 30 years old, was injured with a bullet in his right hand while



he was covering the events of the peaceful return march east of Gaza, in front of Karni crossing, by the soldiers stationed on the other side of the separating fence. He was transferred to Al-Quds Hospital of the Red Crescent in Gaza for treatment and there, it was found that the bullet went through his hand (causing an entry and exit) not to mention serious laceration in the hand, as well as snapped tendons in his fingers and some fractures in the hand. He underwent more than one operation to heal the wounds and fractures. He stayed in hospital for four days, but still needs another operation.

(13th July) The Israeli Occupation Forces continued its targeting of journalists while covering the peaceful return march on the sixteenth Friday since the launching of these events.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the freelance photographer "Mohammad Omar Qandeel", 29 years old, went to the eastern borders of Rafah, to the south of Gaza Strip, on 13 July 2018, to cover the events of the return march. At around 5:30PM, he, alongside his colleagues, Mahmoud Al-Jamal, and Abdelraheem Al-Khateeb approached the border fence. He was wearing the PRESS vest and holding a photographic camera, Nikon 7100, standing 30 meters away from the demonstrators' gathering, taking photos of the events, that is when the Israeli occupation forces started firing gas bombs heavily at the demonstrators. About half an hour later, the journalist Qandeel was severely suffocated and fell to the ground. An ambulance crew provided him with the necessary treatment, and he returned home at

7:30 PM. He felt some pain and went to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital, in Rafah, and received the necessary treatment. In the same place, about half an hour after Qandeel's injury, the journalist, Alaa Abdelfattah El-Namla, 35 years old, works for Al-Quds Media Network, also suffered severe suffocation even though he was wearing the PRESS vest and a muzzle to avoid the gas. He was carrying a photographic camera, Nikon D90, taking photos and shooting live through his mobile phone the events to upload it on his Facebook page. He fell to the ground as a result of inhaling a lot of gas. A number of paramedics in the area approached him and provided him with the necessary field treatment. When he returned around 7:00PM to the house, he suffered headache and exhaustion and therefore, went to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah, received the necessary treatment and then got back home.

(13th July) the freelance photographer, Nihad Khalil Mohammad Abdelnabi, 24 years old, was injured with an explosive bullet in the left thigh while he was covering the events of the return march taking place in Abu Safiya, on Friday, corresponding 13 July 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the freelance photographer, Nihad Khalil Abdelnabi, before the Maghreb prayers (between 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM), was near the medical staffs and ambulances, at a distance of 200 meters away from the separating fence, in Abu Safiya, to the north of Gaza, where he arrived in the afternoon, to cover the events of the return march in the area. In the meantime, the soldiers fired bursts of bullets at the demonstrators and



everyone present in the area which caused his injury by an explosive bullet in the left thigh. Furthermore, his colleague, Abdelkareem Hamdouna, who was standing near him, was also injured in his right thigh. His camera screen crushed and the camera's lens of his colleagues, Hamdouna, were also crushed due to falling to the ground after their injury. They were immediately transferred by the ambulances to the field hospital established in that area. After they received the first aid there, they were transferred to Al-Awda Hospital close to the event to complete his treatment and take out the fragments.

Abdelnabi stayed in the hospital for two days, while Hamdouna stayed for one day. After they were discharged from the hospital, they continued to follow up their conditions on a daily basis to clean the wound and change its dressing.

(13th July) the photographer of "North Online" Network and Al-Aqsa TV Facebook Page, Anas Jamal Mahmoud Al-Alsharif, 22 years old, was injured with burns and dislocation in the left shoulder by a gas bomb fired by the occupation soldiers while he was covering the events of the return march in Abu Safiya, east of Gaza, on 13 July 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photographer, Anas Jamal Mahmoud Al-Sharif, went on the afternoon of Friday, corresponding 13 July 2018, to Abu Safiya, east of Gaza, to cover the events of the return march. He was wearing the PRESS vest and helmet, and after about three hours of walking around and doing his work there, and while he was, at around 6:30 PM,

200 meters away from the fence, the Israeli soldiers fired gas bombs manually and automatically (from one of the launchers). He tried to escape from the site, but one of the bombs injured him in the left shoulder which caused him dislocation and burns. He was then transferred immediately to the field hospital in the area. After he received the first aid, he was taken to the Indonesian hospital for additional examinations and treatment and stayed there for one day as he was discharged from hospital the next day.

The photographer, Anas Alsharif was injured on 6 July 2018 while he was covering a similar demonstration with severe suffocation due to a gas bomb which caused him seizures and shortness in breath which is why he was transferred to the Indonesian Hospital.

(13 July) the photojournalist working for Xinhua News Agency and Anatolia News Agency, Nidal Shafiq Taher Ishtaya, 49 years old, was injured by a rubber bullet in his foot fired directly at him by the soldiers while he was standing in front of him covering the events of the weekly demonstration organized in Kafr Qaddum against the settlement.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the journalist, Nidal Shafiq Ishtaya, at around 1:15 PM, on Friday, corresponding 13 July 2018, was in Kafr Qaddum to cover the events of the weekly march (in seven years, each week, a march is launched against settlement and to call for opening the village closed road for over than fourteen years for the interest of Kedumim settlement established above Kafr Qaddum sixteen kilometers to the west of

Nablus City. He is a photojournalist who works for the Chinese news agency and Anatolia news agency, and while he was at a distance of 40 meters, in a very close area to the Israeli soldiers to cover the events taking place there, about half an hour later, a group of three soldiers approached the journalist Ishtaya on the main street, where the clashes were taking place, at about 15 meters away from him, and Ishtaya was waiting for an opportunity to film a shot for the soldiers who were firing bullets at the demonstrators. While he was looking at them through his camera, he noticed that one of the soldiers was pointing the gun towards him, indeed, the bullet was fired but did not injure him. Therefore, he changed his spot to make it visible for the soldier that he is a journalist wearing the blue PRESS vest and helmet. The demonstrators were to the left side of the journalist Ishtaya while the soldiers were in front of him. He moved a distance of two meters, but the soldier fired bullets again at Ishtaya and injured him by a rubber bullet in the left foot. Which is why he shouted out loud at the soldier / I am a journalist and I am in my PRESS vest and helmet with the cameras in my hand, you can clearly see me, and still you are firing bullets at me;/ however, the soldier ignored him, and Ishtaya retreated from the site and moved away from the demonstrators' gathering. He kept waiting until the soldiers retreated from the site and went towards the ambulance where he received treatment by the paramedics who have sterilized the wound and put some ice on his foot. It should be noted that this is the 35th injury, approximately, of Ishtaya caused by rubber bullets fired by the soldiers

since the beginning of covering the events .... Before ....".

(14th July) The Preventive Security Services has arrested Mohammed Saeed Jahaysheh, 34 years old, a programs presenter at Al-Marah local radio in Hebron, on the road, after he left the radio station to buy some stuff. His arrest came three days after he received a summoning which he ripped and did not respond to.

At around 12:00PM, on Wednesday, corresponding 11 July 2018, and while Mohammed Saeed Jahaysheh, 34 years old, was in his house in Idna, Hebron, he heard knocking on the inner door of his house (the house has two doors, one of them is an inner door which a person can reach only if he/she entered the main door, through the house yard, up to the stairs). He was in his bedroom and the window looks out into the inner door, he saw a man in civil clothing knocking the door, which surprised and provoked him as the man in the civil clothing was basically trespassing.

Mohammad opened the door and the man told him that he was from the Palestinian Preventive Security Services. He handed him over a notification stating that he must go to the Services headquarters. Mohammad took the notification, ripped and threw it in front of the man. He said to him that he had no right to enter the house in this way (he said he ripped the notification because of the way the man entered the house, and because he was exhausted, with no concentration since he did not sleep for long hours at that time and because he has not published any political posts on the Facebook two years ago). Three days

later, on Saturday, corresponding 14 July, 2018, after Mohammad finished presenting his program via Al-Marah Radio in Hebron at 9:30 AM, he went out to buy cigarettes, and he was surprised by a man he did not know approaching him and had a firm handshake with him. Soon after that, another two men joined him, grabbed Mohammad from his hands, and told him that they were from the Preventive Security Services. They took him to a white car of the Preventive Security Services, and asked him to turn off his phone and take off his sunglasses. When he arrived to the Preventive Security Services headquarters in Hebron, he was manually searched. He put everything in his possession in the safe and was transferred to a cell that smells so bad inside of which there was a blanket that smells stinky, not to mention that the ventilation inside the cell was almost absent. They closed the air vents of the door and he stayed in the cell around ten hours. Then he was taken to the investigation at the same time of the Maghreb prayers (at 7:50 PM). One of the officers who were with him in the room asked him why he ripped the notification and why he published a post about the security services on his Facebook page. He was also asked about an old post he has published previously about the Water Authority “which caused anxiety in Idna, and a post he has published two years ago because of which he was accused of attacking the Attorney General concerning the closure of Safa Agency”. After this investigation, they took him back to another cell upon his request. On the following morning, corresponding 12 July, he refused their request to sign his statement, and at around

10:00AM he was transferred to Dura Prosecution Office handcuffed with another accused person. There, he met his lawyer (Shaker Al-Tmaizi) who was appointed by MADA center. He spent two to three hours with the civilian detainees in the court waiting room before appearing before the chief prosecutor, in the presence of the representative of the Journalists’ Syndicate in Hebron, Jihad Al-Qawasmeh, who requested to speak with him and told him that he was detained for the charge of “blackmailing a girl”, and that this subject was closed and he has to open his Facebook page to release him immediately. Mohammad refused to open his Facebook page “as long as there is no order from the Public Prosecution to do so”. After that, the journalist Mohammad was brought to the chief prosecutor, and he requested the presence of the investigation lawyer. Indeed, the advocate Shaker Al-Tmaizi was summoned and initiated the investigation in the presence of the Journalists’ Syndicate representative, Jihad Al-Qawasmeh. He was questioned about ripping the notification and about his Facebook posts only. His detention was extended for 48 hours, and he was taken to a cell in the Prosecution office in Hebron. During the 48 hours, Mohammad was questioned seven times about ripping the notification and his Facebook posts. At one time, the interrogator repeated the same questions and suddenly asked him “Whose the girl you’re talking to? Mohammad replied that he is a journalist and he speaks with so many people. The interrogator asked “the girl you disrespectfully talk to?” Mohammad replied that even if there was someone he speaks with, what

does the Public Prosecution has to do with this? The interrogator cursed him “you are rude and disrespectful”. On the third day of his detention (On Monday afternoon), about 12 hours before the expiry of the detention extension ordered by the Public Prosecution, Jihad Al- Qawasmeh met him again and told him that the Syndicate wants to help him, but his case is not a journalist’s case, rather it is a “blackmailing case of a girl through the Facebook”, which is a very sensitive type of cases. He asked Mohammad to open his Facebook page during the investigation for five minutes on the same day. Mohammad refused again and he was presented to the interrogator again who asked him the same questions. Al- Qawasmeh asked the interrogator to properly detain Mohammad, accordingly, he was taken to another room in which there were other accused persons (one of them was charged with armaments while the other was a drug addict who continuously was smoking, then attacks Mohammad and tells him that he will kill him, in other sense, he was hallucinating). Mohammad stayed in the room about 12 hours, on Tuesday morning, corresponding 17 July 2018, he was transferred to Dura Court after he was charged by the Public Prosecution with contempt of a public servant and a security service. The judge heard the lawyer’s response and decided to release the journalist, Mohammad, under a bail of an amount of 500 JD, but it was late (2:00PM and the funds were closed), so Mohammad was taken again to the same cell. On the following day, Wednesday, corresponding 18 July 2018, he was released after the bail requested from him was changed to a personal

guarantee. The interrogator has informed Mohammad to return to the Services headquarter on Sunday. Mohammad was not informed with the reason of the notification he received in the first place, he did not know why the representative of the Journalists’ Syndicate addressed the case of blackmailing a girl while he was arrested. But he was asked so many times and more than once throughout the investigation about the posts he published on his Facebook page. He was charged with contempt of a public servant. A hearing session was scheduled for his trial on 26 November on which the witnesses will be brought (the employee from the Preventive Security Services who delivered the notification to identify the reason why he ripped it).

(17 July) the Israeli Occupation Forces prevented the reporter of “Quds Net”, the journalist, Abdulmohsen Tayser Shalaldeh from travelling and sent him back from Al-Karama crossing. On the following day, he was summoned for investigation where he stated to MADA “on the morning of 17 July, I went to Amman and when I arrived the Israeli side at Al-Karama crossing, around 8:30, I presented my passport, and they kept me waiting until 12:30 PM. The Israeli soldier gave me back my passport marked with a label that says I am banned from travelling “banned for security reasons”. On the following day, corresponding 18 July, I went to the Israeli Military Liaison Office to find out the reason of my travel ban for security reasons. However, they did not help me other than explaining that it was a “police ban” without any reasons or justifications. They handed me over an official summoning paper

for interview in Etzion Center on Thursday, corresponding 26 July 2018”.

In a later statement he added “at 10:30AM, on Thursday, corresponding 26 July, I went to Etzion Prison, as scheduled, and kept waiting after my personal card was seized until 1:30PM. Then I entered the room of an officer called Captin “Kedim” (who is in charge of Sa’ir, Ash-Shuyukh, and Al-Arroub) for investigation purposes. He first asked about what I filmed on the day my uncle was released free from detention four years ago, and then moved to question me about the reasons why I want to travel and I answered for study purposes but the specialization I wanted to study was not available, he replied that I was banned for security reasons because I am a /terrorist / and that this ban was decided personally by him. He threatened me with arrest right from my house in the future. He also turned on my phone, opened my personal page of Facebook, checked the posts and noticed one post I have published about Khan Alahmar in which I described the occupation as Nazi for assaulting a child. He asked me about the post and I replied that he had to watch the video and after watching the video, he threw the phone hard on the ground. Finally, he told me that the ban is existing and I will not travel. They released me at about 3:30 PM”.

(20th July) two journalists were injured, one with a bullet through both of his legs, and the other with severe suffocation while they were covering the events of the peaceful march east of Rafah, in Gaza Strip, on 20 July 2018.

According to the investigations

conducted by MADA field researcher, the freelance journalist, Zaki Yahya Awadallah, 27 years old, went to east Rafah, south of Gaza Strip, in the afternoon, on Friday, corresponding 20 July 2018 to cover the events of the peaceful return march there. At around 6:30 PM on that day, he alongside the journalists, Tuqa Al-Zamli and Riwa Khalid, approached the separating fence, carrying a photographic camera, Canon 5D Mark, he was not wearing the PRESS vest, and stopped at a distance of 50 meters away from the separating fence. He started taking photos of the demonstrators when the Israeli occupation forces at that time began firing gas bombs heavily at the demonstrators. About half an hour later (at around 7:00PM) Awadallah was injured with a bullet through both of his legs (causing an entry and exit – the same bullet went through one leg and then exited from the other). He fell to the ground, and was taken then by the ambulance staff of the Palestinian Ministry of Health immediately to the field hospital at a distance of 700 meters away from the demonstrators’ gathering. He was given the first aid and then he was transferred in an ambulance to Gaza European Hospital in Khan Younes. The moment he arrived the hospital at around 7:30 PM, he was taken to the operations room and underwent an operation that has lasted for two hours in which the Calf was removed due to serious laceration. Furthermore, one of the veins which got cut off due to the bullet was connected, and both of his legs were placed in cast. He remained under anesthesia until around 11:00AM the following day. He suffered several new complications and a severe

hemorrhage which required fifteen blood units and hospitalization for two weeks.

On the same day, the photojournalist, Mohammad Samih Abu Sultan, 24 years old, works for “Rowad Al-Haqiqa” Network, was injured with severe suffocation due to firing a barrage of gas bombs by the soldiers while he and some of his colleagues, at around 5:00PM, approached the demonstrators’ gathering who were at a distance of 40 meters away from the separating fence. It should be noted that he was wearing the PRESS vest and helmet, and carrying a photographic camera Nikon D300. Due to his injury, he fainted as a result of inhaling large amount of gas and fell immediately to the ground. Volunteers and paramedics rushed to take him to an ambulance that was nearby and transfer him to the field hospital, about 700 meters away from the border fence. In the hospital, he received the necessary treatment, but later on, he continued to suffer from complications such as, redness in the face and shortness in breath. At around 7:30 PM, when he returned to the house, he had to go back to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah where he received more treatment as a result of suffering from some complications such as throwing up and pain.



Journalist Zaki Awadallah was wounded by a live bullet in the right and left legs, East of Rafah

(20th July) the Israeli occupation forces continued targeting the journalists while covering the peaceful return marches which have erupted four months ago. This targeting has affected the journalist, Hiba Awad, on Friday, corresponding 20 July 2018, east of Khan Younes.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the journalist Hiba Sami Mohammad Awad, 21 years old, works for PalHadath Agency, from Khan Younes, went to Khuza’a, east of Khan Younes, to cover the events of the return march on Friday, corresponding 20 July 2018, and at around 3:30 PM, she went with her colleague, Madeleine Aqra, who works for the same Agency, towards the border fence to cover the protests of dozens of demonstrators and stopped at a distance of 100 meters away from the separating fence. She was carrying a D-9 Nikon Camera, and wearing the PRESS



vest and helmet. She started taking some photos of the demonstrators in the area where three Israeli military jeeps were stationed in addition to the soldiers on the other side of the fence. The jeeps and the soldiers began firing gas bombs at the demonstrators and after about half an hour (at 4:00PM) she was injured by a gas bomb in the left shoulder, the bomb stuck to her shoulder due to its overheat, which confused and frightened her. A young man grabbed the bomb, removed it and threw it away from her. The gas bomb caused her superficial burn. The civil defense transferred her to an ambulance which was at a distance of 300 meters approximately and she received the first aid.

(22nd July) The Palestinian Intelligence Services has arrested the graduate student, in the Media Faculty / Al-Quds Abu Deis, Huthaifa Ali Jamous, 26 years old, was arrested after he was summoned for investigation. Huthaifa's mother, Najah Abu Zeina, reported to MADA that Huthaifa "went on Sunday, corresponding 8 July 2018, to the Preventive Security headquarters in Ramallah and stayed there from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. He was questioned about his posts on the Facebook, most of which were about the same topic which is lifting penalties imposed on Gaza. They tried to make him sign on a pledge to commit to the Cybercrimes Law, and on a declaration not to incite. But he refused to sign both documents and signed only his statements. On 19 July, and while he was in the University, he received a phone call from a strange number. Later on he found out that the number belongs to the Palestinian Intelligence Services. In the phone

call, he was told that he is requested to go to the Intelligence Services headquarters on the following day, corresponding 20 July, but he told them he was preoccupied with his studies at the University and will not go. On Sunday morning, corresponding 22 July, at around 7:00 AM, he went to the Intelligence services headquarters, but did not return until Tuesday corresponding 24 July. As we learned - from the phone calls - he was brought before the Public Prosecution on Monday, corresponding 23 July and his detention was extended to 24 hours without knowing the justifications of the arrest".

Huthaifa was brought before the court and his arrest was extended for 15 days to complete the investigation under the charge of "possessing a weapon" based on a photo saved on his phone he has published once on his Instagram three years ago, in which Huthaifa appears carrying a weapon that belongs to one of the employees at the Palestinian Authority.

(24 July) the Israeli occupation forces have arrested the journalist author, Lama Abdulmutaleb Deeb Khater, 24 years old, after raiding and searching her house located in Hebron, at dawn, on 24 July 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, an Israeli military force, at around 1:30 AM, on Tuesday, corresponding 24 July 2018, has raided the house of the Eng. Hazem Khader Nimer Al-Fakhouri, 45 years old, located in Luza, Hebron, and informed him that they will search the house. They asked him about his wife, Lama Khater, who was in her room, and asked him to call her immediately.



The moment she left her room and came, the Israeli officer informed her that she was under arrest, and asked her to bring her phone, and computer. They seized the hard disc of her computer as well as her personal phone. A female Israeli soldier has searched her and asked her to say goodbye to her family. Indeed, she said goodbye to her family and started crying especially when she saw her little kid, aged 18 months. They took her to the jeeps parked in front of the house. According to her husband, Hazem, Lama's lawyer has informed him on 26 July 2018 that Lama's detention was extended until the investigation is completed with her.

The occupation forces have raided Lama's house two years ago to arrest her, but her husband informed them that at that time she had a baby, two months old, and that he cannot stay away from his mother, she insisted to take her baby with her to the prison, which forced the occupation forces to suspend her arrest at that time according to her husband's statement. However, the Israeli intelligence services summoned her husband, Hazem, to Gush Etzion and asked him to tell his wife to stop publishing inciting posts, not to mention that he literally asked him to disconnect the internet to prevent Lama from publishing inciting posts as the Israeli officer described them to her husband.

(27th July) the photographer of Al-Aqsa TV, Alaa Fayez Mohammad Al-Hindi, 40 years old, from Ar Rimal block in Khan Younes, was injured with severe suffocation while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march in Khuza'a, east of Khan Younes.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, at around 3:30 PM, on 27 July 2018, the journalist, Alaa Fayez Mohammad Al-Hindi, arrived on the motorcycle (Dayon 40), accompanied by the reporter of Al-Aqsa Radio, Ismail Abu Omar to Khuza'a, carrying a video camera (Sony 175) belonging to Al-Aqsa TV, which he works for. He went to the vehicle reporting live which arrived before him to the site and stopped at a distance of 400 meters away from the separating fence, and 500 meters away from the border fence. He was wearing the PRESS vest and helmet, and carrying his camera. Due to a problem in the vehicle reporting live, he had to report live through his Facebook page to the TV channel. At around 5:30 PM, he alongside the reporter, Wisam Al-Ghalban, began working on the events report using a Galaxy J7 Camera for the TV Channel. At around 6:10, and while he was near his colleague, the reporter, Mohammad Qaoud, suffered severe suffocation by gas bombs thrown by a drone at the demonstrators and journalists. One of the bombs fell two meters away from him, in conjunction with the firing of gas bombs by the Israeli military jeeps stationed on the other side of the fence. The injury caused him shortness in breath, which is why the Red Crescent Ambulance staff has to put him under the oxygen concentrator. They transferred him to the field hospital at a distance of 300 meters away from their location, and gave her the necessary first aid.

(27th July) the occupation forces attacked two journalists while they were covering demolitions taking place in Kubar, Ramallah Governorate, noting that the Army was using a shield for protection

from the demonstrators' stones.

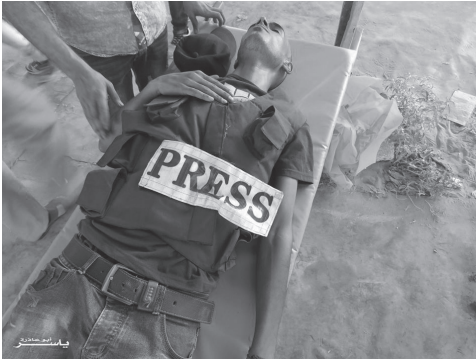
According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, 25 Israeli military patrols raided Kubar (10 kilometers to the north of Ramallah), at around 4:00AM, on 27 July 2018, at dawn. They closed the village and prevented its population from leaving or entering. However, they retreated temporarily from the village at around 9:00AM, and came after about an hour and a half to raid the family house of the martyr, Tareq Yousef, who has allegedly killed an Israeli settler in "Adam" settlement, north Jerusalem. After that, at around 2:00PM, while Al-Ghad TV reporter, Diaa Houshia, was reporting on the army's raiding of the house, five soldiers, including officers known to the journalists such as "Raja", approached him and searched the TV Channel vehicle. They requested the personal and journalism cards. During the search, Houshia, continued to cover the event live, and one of the soldiers grabbed the microphone from him and turned it off.

However, it seemed they knew he was reporting live, so the known officer "Raja" intervened and returned his cards and microphone back to him. He ordered him to leave the site immediately under the pretext that it is a closed military zone. At around 2:00PM on the same day, the soldiers detained the photographer of Associated Press Agency, Majdi Mohammad Ishtaya, 35 years old, while he was attempting to enter Kubar from the northern entrance of the village. One of the border patrol officers grabbed the car keys and ordered him to turn off the engine of the car. When the officer saw he was about to use his phone, he shouted at him asking him to turn

off his phone and tried to take the phone by force. He threatened him with spraying the pepper gas at him. Furthermore, the soldiers tried to use his vehicle as a shield for protection from the stones thrown by the demonstrators at them which subjected him to serious danger as he "was between the stones of the demonstrators and the bullets of the soldiers" as he stated.

(27th July) the journalist, Sobhey Mousa Abu Al-Hossain, 45 years old, works at the Media Office of the Ministry of Interior in Gaza, was injured with a bullet in the right thigh while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march, east of Rafah, on Friday, corresponding 27 July 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, while Sobhey Mousa Abu Al-Hossain was with a number of journalists at a distance of 150 meters away from the border fence, he was injured with a bullet in the right thigh causing and entry and exit. Immediately after his injury, the paramedics transferred him to the ambulance to take him to the field hospital in the same area, at a distance of 700 meters, where he received first aid for about five minutes. The doctors transferred him to Gaza European Hospital in Khan Younes, and the moment he arrived the hospital at around 5:30 PM, he was admitted to the E.R. for treatment and dressing the wound after stitching as a result of rupture in the muscles caused by the bullet exit wound. About an hour after he entered the ward, the doctors decided to discharge him. He left the hospital heading to the house. At about 7:00 on his way to his home, he felt severe pain and hemorrhage, which is why he returned to the hospital.



Mohmoud Shata Photographer of Safad Press Website severely suffocated by the Israeli occupation forces tear gas

On the same day, the photographer of Safad Press Website, Mahmoud Mohammad Shata, 25 years old, has suffered severe suffocation while he was at a distance of 100 meters away from the separating fence filming the events of the demonstration noting that he was wearing the PRESS vest and helmet, carrying a photographic camera, due to firing gas bombs heavily at the demonstrators, at around 6:00PM, he was transferred by an ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent to the field hospital where he received the necessary treatment for about 15 minutes.

(27th July) seven journalists suffered severe suffocation due to firing gas bombs by the Israeli occupation forces heavily at the demonstrators while they were covering the events of the return marches in the border area, east of Gaza.

The journalist, Attiya Mohammad Ali Darwish, 30 years old, from Nuseirat Refugee Camp, works as a photographer for Al-Ray Agency, was wearing the PRESS shield and helmet, putting a piece of clothing on his mouth and nose to avoid being severely suffocated by gas as he did not have any muzzle. He was standing at a distance of 300 meters

away from the separating fence, and while he was taking some photos for the clashes, he suffered suffocation due to inhaling gas and received field treatment. Furthermore, the journalist, Hind Osama Hassan Al-Khudari, 23 years old, from Gaza, a reporter of Kuwait TV English and Russian Today, has also suffered severe suffocation while she was at a distance of 150 meters away from the separating fence covering the events of the return march. It should be noted that she was wearing the PRESS shield and helmet without a muzzle. The field first aid was given to her by the medical staff in the site.

Moreover, the journalist, Ghalya Ali Mahmoud Hamad, 27 years old, from Gaza, a reporter of Al-Jazeera Mubasher, has suffered severe suffocation at around 7:30PM, while she was preparing herself to leave the border area accompanied with the staff after she finished working. At that time, she was inside the live reporting vehicle at a distance of 500 meters away from the borders. She was not wearing the (helmet, shield, and muzzle) because she was about to leave the place. Israeli drones started firing gas bombs heavily which made her suffer severe suffocation. She was transferred in an ambulance to the medical point in the site where she received field treatment.

The journalist, Mustafa Amer Mohammad Salah, 27 years old, from Al-Shati Refugee Camp, works as a photographer for Al-Manara Media Agency, was injured with his colleagues from the staff members, including the reporter, Hajer Harb, and the photographer assistant, Ali Al-Attar, who were at a distance of 150 meters away from the separating fence, when an Israeli jeep heavily

fired gas bombs. It should be noted that Salah was wearing the PRESS shield, and was transferred with his colleague, Al-Attar to the medical point in the area and received the necessary treatment.

The journalist, Hajar Mohammad Harb, 33 years old, has stated to the field researcher of MADA, that she went on 27 July 2018, accompanied by Al-Maseera TV staff, composed of the photographer, Mustafa Salah, and the assistant Ali Al-Attar, to her officer in Malka, east of Gaza, wearing the PRESS shield to cover the events of the peaceful return march. She approached a street called "Jakar", 300 meters away from the separating fence, and while she was there, an Israeli drone fired a barrage of tear gas bombs in a circle, which is why she could not move because she passed out for inhaling large amount of gas. Immediately, the Red Crescent staff came and transferred her to the field hospital in the area where she received first aid and treatment until she regained consciousness. It should be noted that the journalist, Harb, was suffering from Cancer and recovered a short while ago. Until Tuesday, corresponding 31 July 2018, she was still suffering from gas suffocation.

(28th July) the photographer of Palestine TV, Loay Abdelhafeeth Aref Samhan, 39 years old, was injured with a metal bullet in his left leg, fired at him by one of the occupation soldiers while he was covering the weekly march to protest settlement and closure in Kafr Qaddum on 28 July 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, three soldiers approached an abandoned house where the

journalists, Mahmoud Fawzi, the photographer of Ramsat Agency, and Ahmad Shawer, the reporter of Palestine TV, were standing near him (at a distance of 10 meters approximately), and asked them to leave the site immediately and threatened them with shooting. This has caused the journalists, Shawer and Fawzi to retreat towards the village and walk away 100 meters away from the abandoned house. The journalists continued to cover the events, and at around 5:20PM, the journalist, Loay Samhan was suddenly injured with a metal bullet in his left leg (an eye-witness has likely stated that the soldiers stationed in the abandoned house have fired the metal bullet). He fell to the ground and was immediately transferred by the ambulance to Darwish Nazzal Governmental Hospital in Qalqilya, where an x-ray was taken for him and where he received treatment for his injury.

(28th July) after the announcement of the Palestinian President in March, 2018, penalties were imposed on Gaza Strip as a result of the dead end the reconciliation has reached between Hamas and Fateh. Several demonstrations and marches have erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip demanding to lift the penalties. The journalist, Iyad Abdelrahman Ahmad Al-Rifae, 26 years old, from Anata, east of Jerusalem, works at the Public Relations Department at Al-Wataniya Mobile, in Al-Bireh, has participated more than once as a journalist and young activist in some of the marches organized in Ramallah. Recently, he was subject to a series of threats and incitement by some people Iyad believes belonging to the Palestinian Authority services and using nicknames.

On 24 July 2018, the journalist, Iyad Al-Rifae, received a phone call from a person who has identified himself as an intelligence officer, without saying his name. The officer informed him to go to the intelligence services headquarters in Ramallah, Jerusalem Intelligence services department, at 10:30AM, on Saturday, corresponding 28 July 2018, when Al-Rifae arrived the headquarters on the scheduled time, he was searched and his personal phone was seized, he was taken to one of the investigation offices by three persons (who did not identify their names) for five continuous hours. Al-Rifae was exposed to threatening with dismissal from Al-Wataniya Mobile Co. as well as with beating and shabeh during the investigation as he stated. The investigation focused on his activities in Al-Quds University, Abu Deis, five years ago, and his work as a journalist in addition to his involvement in the action towards lifting the penalties over Gaza Strip. After the completion of the investigation, one of the interrogators said to him before leaving that "the director was not available as he went to Farah", and therefore, they kept Al-Rifae in detention in the same room and closed the door. He remained in detention for four hours and was not released until at about 8:30PM on the same day without taking any procedure against him or informing him with anything except for leaving. Iyad confirmed that on the day he was summoned, on 24 July 2018, he received messages on the Facebook threatening him, his wife and his little son with murder, from anonymous persons known by nicknames, one of the messages was sent under the name "Shireen Mousa" in English.

The text of the threatening message contained a photo of his wife and little son that says: "imagine when you look at this photo and start crying instead of laughing". The journalist, Iyad, stated that he has filed a complaint to the Investigations Police Services, without any reply so far. Furthermore, he was subject to incitement campaign via the social media about a month ago under which he was accused that he "works for Al-Qassam intelligence", belonging to Hamas and that he "runs" webpages against the Palestinian National Authority.

(30th July) the occupation forces, at dawn, on 30 July 2018, have arrested the director of Al-Quds TV, Alaa Al-Rimawi, 40 years old, and the photographers, Qutaiba Mohammad Hamdan, 25 years old, who was arrested from a house in Betunia, west of Ramallah, and Husni Hassan Injas, 32 years old, who was arrested from his house in Kharbatha Bani Hareth, in Ramallah, in addition to the journalist, Mohammad Sami Aref Alwan, 34 years old, who was arrested at 3:00AM, at dawn, in Sateh Marhaba, al-Bireh.

According to the follow up of MADA field researcher, all of the above mentioned journalists were arrested from their houses, handcuffed and blindfolded, after their journalism equipment were seized from them. The seized equipment included Hyundai Santa Fe, a computer, the shields and helmets of the journalists, in addition to the filming and imaging equipment which were seized from the house of Al-Quds TV director, when he was arrested from his house as his wife stated. Moreover, three computers, four various cameras, imaging equipment in addition to four cell phones, the PRESS vest and

helmet were seized from the house of the journalist, Qutaiba Hamdan, before he was arrested and taken to the Israeli Camp, Ofer. He was handcuffed and blindfolded as his mother stated. Additionally, the vehicle of the photographer, Husni Hassan Injas, Fiat 2008, was also seized when he was arrested from his house in Kharbatha Bani Hareth, in addition to two computers, imaging equipment, press cards, hard discs, and his archive before he was taken to Kiryat Sefer settlement, close to the village as stated his sister. Furthermore, the computer of the journalist, Mohammad Sami Aref Alwan, in addition to his camera, storage devices (hard disc), and cell phone before he was arrested from his house in Al-Bireh. He was taken to Psagot Settlement close to Al-Bireh, as his sister, Faten Alwan, stated to MADA field researcher.

The arrest of the four journalists came after the Israeli occupation authorities banned Al-Quds TV from working in Israel several days ago, and pursuing a journalist staff working with it inside Israel, although the occupation authorities did not officially announce the ban of Al-Quds TV even though they have already arrested a number of journalists under the pretext that they were working with the TV channel and brought some of them to trial on the grounds that they were working with “an organization belonging to Hamas”.

(30th July) the Preventive Security Services in Salfit has summoned the freelance journalist, Khalid Amin Maali, 52 years old, on Monday, corresponding 30 July 2018, to question him about his posts on the Facebook. His personal card and cell phone were taken and

he was threatened with closing his Facebook page. Maali (from Salfit) stated to MADA “on Monday, corresponding 30 July 2018, I received a summoning through the phone by the Preventive Security Services in Salfit, on the following day (Tuesday, corresponding 31 July 2018), I went to the headquarters, and the investigation was initiated by questioning me about my posts on the Facebook, and that I have to be careful with my posts. The questions in the investigation were general, they did not disclose anything specific in this regard. They took my personal identity card and my phone, and threatened me with closing my Facebook Page”.

“on the following day, Wednesday, corresponding 1 August 2018, I went again to the headquarters in Salfit and stayed from 10:00AM until the afternoon waiting to take my personal identity card and phone” Maali added.

## August

(1st August) At around 12:00 on Wednesday, 1 August, a number of settlers broke into Balata village in the east of Nablus, an overcrowded residential area, under the pretext of praying at the Yusuf Mosque (a religious historical site) under the protection of Israeli occupation forces., In one of a series of incursions usually carried out by the settlers to this site, leading to outbreaks of confrontations in the area.

(1st August) at around 12:00 midnight, on Tuesday/Wednesday, corresponding 1st August 2018, a number of settlers have broken into Balata camp, east of Nablus, which is a densely populated residential area, under the pretext of praying at Joseph's Tomb (a religious historic



site), under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces, in one of a series of incursions usually carried out by settlers to this site, leading to clashes in the area.

According to MADA researcher's investigations, a group of journalists, including the journalist, Mutasem Sameer Hamdi Saqf Al-Heet, a 29-year-old media student at the Modern College and a reporter for Quds News Network, have went to the site to cover the storming and clashes which have triggered. He was wearing the press shield and helmet, and while he and his colleagues were at a distance of about 100 meters away from the location where the soldiers were, at the junction leading to Joseph's Tomb, a number of soldiers approached the journalists and asked them to move away. The journalists told them that they were doing their job, but few minutes later, the soldiers fired gas bombs, causing the journalists to retreat a few meters. A soldier came and asked the journalist, Mutasem, to leave the site so that he would not be harmed, so he replied in Hebrew that he was doing his job. About three minutes later, the journalist Mutasem was injured by a rubber bullet in the right thigh, another in the bottom of his left leg, and a third in the chest area, but he was wearing the shield. For about three hours she stayed in the hospital. At around 1:00AM, the journalist was taken to Rafidia Hospital and there he was treated for about three hours.

(1st August) a force of the occupation army, on Wednesday dawn, corresponding 1st August 2018, has raided the house of the journalist, Mohammad Anwar Muna, (36 years old), located in Zawata/5 kilometers away from east Nablus,

and he was arrested.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA researcher, about 15 soldiers have raided the house of the journalist Mohammad Anwar Muna, who works as the director of Hawa Nablus Radio and a reporter of Quds Press Network at around 2:30 AM on Wednesday, corresponding 1st August 2018. They asked him to put on some clothes and take his objects he might need. He was not questioned, but rather was informed that he was in detention. Within 15 minutes, he was taken to Hawara military camp, south of Nablus. The following day, Thursday, corresponding 2nd August 2018, the Israeli military court "Salem" extended the detention of journalist Mohammad Muna for a week without disclosing any details to his family. On Sunday, 12 August 2018, the journalist Mohammad Anwar Muna was transferred to administrative detention for six months in Megiddo prison. It is noteworthy that the journalist Mohammad Muna was arrested several separated times (5 arrests), the most recent of which was in 2013.

(1st August) The Investigations of the Ministry of Tourism of the Ministry of Interior in Gaza Strip, on Wednesday, corresponding 1st August 2018, has prevented the seminar on "The role of the media in activating the issue of Palestinian prisoners", which was scheduled at Abdullah Al-Hawarni Center in Gaza City.

According to the director of Abdullah Al-Hawarni Center, Nahed Zaqout, as he stated to MADA researcher, the seminar was organized in cooperation with the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and the Commission of Martyrs,



the Wounded and Prisoners in Fatah movement, in the center, on Wednesday, corresponding 1st August 2018, and following the distribution of invitations to participants and attendees, the Center received a call from the Investigation Department at the Ministry of Tourism in Gaza, one day before the seminar, (Tuesday, corresponding 31st July 2018), warning to hold the seminar, on the grounds that no prior authorization was obtained from the competent authorities. This has prompted Al-Hawarni, at around 9:00 AM, on the following day, (Thursday, corresponding 1st August 2018) to contact the headquarters of the Investigation Department at the Ministry of Tourism in Al-Maqusi Tower in Gaza City to find out the reason for this prevention. He was informed that the Investigation Department at the Ministry of Tourism is the party in charge of any event taking place in the hotels and that he had to obtain a prior authorization. When he told them that the seminar would be held inside the center hall and did not require prior authorization as it was not a public act according to the law, they told him to transfer it to the tent of prisoners located opposite the Council of Ministers in Gaza City, but he refused.

Abdullah Al-Hawarni Center used to hold various seminars in the center hall for twenty years without obtaining authorizations or prior authorizations from any party. The center hall is also given to various NGOs to hold workshops without any financial fees in return.

The intervention of the Investigation Department at Ministry of Tourism of the Ministry of Interior in preventing

seminars inside the centers is contrary to the Palestinian law, since it is not the competent party on the one hand, and given the absence of legal provisions obligating the organizing party to obtain authorization to hold activities in closed places inside centers and institutions.

(3rd August) The journalist, Hiba Sami Mohammad Awad, (21 years old) has suffered suffocation while she was covering the events of the return march, taking place east of Khan Younis, on Friday, corresponding 3rd August 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA researcher, Hiba Sami Mohammad Awad, a resident of Khan Younis refugee camp, working for the Misk News Network, went to the Khuza'a area, east of Khan Younis, on Friday, corresponding 3rd August 2018, to cover the peaceful return march organized to take place at the separating border since 30 March 2018. She was wearing the PRESS shield and helmet, and at around 6:00 PM, while she was filming the events that were taking place, which included firing tear gas bombs and bullets at the demonstrators, without event recording any bullet injuries. At the time, two Israeli military jeeps, with small rocket launchers to shoot tear gas bombs installed on their tops, stopped in front of them. She went to photograph a 14-year-old boy holding high the Palestinian flag over the separating fence at the opposite side of the soldiers. She approached the fence at a distance of 50-70 meters, 20 meters away from the demonstrators, and the military jeep fired a number of gas bombs which landed around her, until she became completely surrounded with gas bombs, in every direction,

which caused her to suffer severe suffocation until she could not move. A team of volunteered paramedics came and took her to Jakar Street, located at a distance 300 meters away from the fence, where she received the necessary first aid.

(6th August) The Israeli occupation forces continued to target journalists in the West Bank. A week after arresting five journalists, the Israeli occupation forces arrested Ibrahim Ahed Khalaf/Al-Rantisi, a reporter for TRT in Ramallah, after raiding his house in Rantis village, northwest of Ramallah.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, and based on the statement of Eman Shalash, the wife of the journalist, Ibrahim Al-Rantisi, an Israeli force has raided the house at 2:00AM, at the dawn of 6th August 2018, after breaking the main door. They requested the personal identity card of Ibrahim, seized his cell phone, and dragged him outside the house. They then took him on foot to the main street next to the village where the military vehicles were waiting for them, as the family later found out. Three days later (August 9, 2018), the military court in Ofer decided to release four journalists on the condition that a bail of 5,000 shekels has to be paid, namely: Mohammad Sami Alwan, Qutaiba Hamdan, Husni Injas, and the journalist, Ibrahim Al-Rantisi, who stated to MADA researcher after he was released ““I was taken from the house, handcuffed, and on foot and was harassed by the soldiers until we reached Rantis Barrier, which is about 5 km from the village. It was about 8:00 AM”. From there he was transferred to Ofer Prison in Betunia, blindfolded

and handcuffed. And when he arrived Ofer, he was subjected to a thorough search. After about two hours of waiting, he was taken to a room inside of which there were two interrogators. He was questioned for about three hours for the charge of “incitement” through his work with media outlets in the past. But he “proved to the interrogators” - as he said, that his previous arrest was triggered by “retaliation” motives from the Palestinian journalists and the attempt of Israeli authorities to charge him with “incitement”. At the end of his interrogation, he was transferred to the Etzion detention center near Bethlehem and arrived at 8:00 PM. On the following day, (corresponding 7th August 2018), he was transferred again to Ofer Center in Beitunia, Ramallah. He was subjected again to another investigation session which has lasted for two hours. They displayed to him videos they captured for the journalists while covering the events taking place at Beit El barrier. He was released on bail of NIS 5,000 and was threatened by the investigator that he will summon him at any time after his release.

Al-Rantisi, the sixth Palestinian journalist arrested by the Israeli occupation forces since July 30, as they have arrested on July 30, Alaa Al-Rimawi, the Director of Al-Quds TV channel in Beit Rima, northwest of Ramallah, and the journalists: Mohammad Alwan (Ramallah), Husni Abdeljalil Injas (Kharbatha Bani Hareth, west of Ramallah), Qutaiba Hamdan (Betunia, west of Ramallah) and the journalist, Mohammad Anwar Muna, the reporter of “Quds Press” International Agency in Nablus, after his house was raided in Zawata, west of the city, on 1st

August, bringing the total number of journalists held in Israeli jails to 28; including two patients, seven sentenced to actual imprisonment, 5 administrative detainees and 16 still in interrogation cells.

(9th August) a journalist with Al-Aqsa TV, Yousif Ziad Mohammed Labad (29 years) was injured by Israeli planes following the bombing of Said al-Mishal Cultural Centre as he was there to cover the initial threats to bomb the center. Based on the center's field worker in Gaza Strip investigations; photojournalist of Al Aqsa TV channel, Yousif Ziad Mohammad Labad (29 years), based in Gaza Strip, headed to Al-Mishal Cultural Center western of Gaza at around 17:30 On Thursday (09/08/2018), after the channel learned that civilians of the neighborhood were informed that the IOF are willing to bomb the center and all civilians are to evacuate their homes, hence, Yousif headed to the scene to cover the bombing, afterwards, IOF launched warning missiles in the crowded area, similar to civilians in the area Yousif moved away from the building, IOF bombed the center, Yousif was injured with shrapnel in his left hand, internal bleeding in his ear and bruises in his shoulder he was immediately transferred to the hospital.

(10th August) Three journalists were suffocated and wounded by Israeli occupation bullets during their coverage of a march that took place east of Rafah in Gaza Strip on Friday, corresponding 10th August 2018, as part of the return marches which were launched in Gaza Strip on 30 March.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher,

the journalist, Alaa Abdel-Fattah Al-Namla (35 years old), working for Al-Quds Media Network, went to the east of Rafah at about 4:00AM, on Friday, corresponding 10th August 2018 to cover the return march organized there. He was wearing the PRESS shield, and carrying in his hand a photographic camera. At approximately 5:30, the journalist, Alaa, approached the fence and stopped, along with two other journalists, at a distance of 200 meters away from the separating fence while the demonstrators were setting in fire the tires and throwing stones at the soldiers who were firing live bullets, gas bombs, and smoke bombs at the demonstrators from place where they were stationed to the other side of the fence. The shooting increased by the soldiers as a number of demonstrators tried to approach the fence and become closer, which resulted in injuring a number of demonstrators. One of them (the volunteer paramedic, Abdullah Al-Qatati) was martyred. The journalist, Alaa Al-Namla then retreated to a distance of about 400 meters away from the fence, and at around 7:00, the journalist, Al-Namla, was injured by a bullet in the left knee which caused him a minor wound before injuring his right leg (causing an entry and exit). He immediately fell to the ground and a number of volunteer paramedics provided him with some first aid at the medical point established about 700 meters away after he was taken by an ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent, where he received more treatment. At around 7:30, he was transferred to Abu Yusef Al-Najjar hospital, located to the east of Rafah, where an x-ray was taken for him, and it showed that his injury

was not that serious. He received the treatment and returned at around 8:00 to his house.

On the same day and the same place, the freelance photographer, Mahmoud Bassam Al-Jamal, (24 years old), at around 6:30 PM, was injured by a fragment of a live bullet, in the ear, which caused him a head wound, while he was covering the events of the march at approximately 200 meters away from the border fence where the soldiers were deployed. Immediately, the paramedics in the area took him by ambulance to the field medical point where he received some aid and was taken to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital, to which he arrived at around 7:00 PM. At the hospital, an x-ray was taken for him, and the wound in his ear caused by the fragment was stitched with four stitches in addition to three stitches for the wound in his head. After about an hour and a half, he was discharged from the hospital.

At approximately 06:30 on the same day, and the same place, the freelance photographer, Mahmoud Mohammad Shata, (25 years old), was severely suffocated while he was covering the events of the march. He fell to the ground and was carried by an ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent to the field medical point where he received the necessary first aid for a quarter of an hour.

(15th August) The Israeli occupation forces has continued targeting the Palestinian journalists in the West Bank, and arrested, on Wednesday, at dawn, corresponding 15 August 2018, the official reported of Palestine TV, Ali Dar Ali, from his house, located in Burham village, in Ramallah. It is noteworthy that during July, seven

other journalists from the West Bank were arrested: Lama Khater, Alaa Al-Rimawi, Qutaiba Hamdan, Husni Injas, Mohammad Muna, Ibrahim Al-Rantissi and Mohammad Sami Alwan.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA researcher, an Israeli occupation force, at dawn, on Wednesday, corresponding 15 August 2018, has raided the house of Palestine TV official reporter, Ali Dar, (34 years old), at Burham village, 13 km to the north of Ramallah. His wife heard a loud knock on the door of the house which woke her husband Ali and he went towards the door from the back of the house and opened it after they introduced themselves, loudly, that they are the Israeli army. When he opened the door, around fifteen one entered the house. One of them asked him to bring his personal identity card, the laptop and the cell phone. They began to search everything in the house. After twenty minutes of searching the house, seizing his cell phone and lab top, the soldiers handcuffed Ali, arrested him and took him to one of the three patrols and a military soldiers' carrier that his wife saw parking in the area. At the evening on the day he was arrested, the Prisoners' Affairs Committee informed Ali's family that he had been transferred to Ofer detention center in Betunia in Ramallah. On the following day, Thursday, corresponding 16 August, 2018, his detention was extended to question him. The court was later postponed until 4 September 2018. The Israeli Army has announced the arrest a Palestinian citizen (the night before) for the charge of incitement against Israel, in reference to the journalist, Ali Dar Ali. The spokesperson

of the Israeli army for the Arab media, Avichay Adraee, claimed in a tweet he published on his Twitter account that “under the framework of a large operation last night to arrest terrorist activists engaged in incitement, the Israeli border forces detained a Palestinian who systematically published incitement materials through the social media against Israel and the Israeli army”. He also claimed that “the detained Palestinian has filmed and edited videos for the Israeli Army soldiers during their duty in the field, not to mention that he encouraged violence against them, as well as attacking the Israeli army forces and Israel”. He also stated that “the Israeli Army sees the seriousness of such acts, and will work by all means to eliminate the incitement acts in the West Bank”. It is noted from the army’s statement that the intended was the reporter of Palestine TV, although it was not disclosed or mentioned that the detainee was a journalist or a reporter working for Palestine TV, but the official account of the so-called “The Coordination Unit of the (Israeli) Government’s Action” in the occupied Palestinian territories, has published explicitly a comment with the photo of journalist, Dar Ali, which reads “During the night, a number of Palestinians who regularly incite through the social media were arrested in recent months. Among the detainees was the journalist Ali Dar Ali from Burham. Words have power, incitement through the social media may kill and negatively affect stability! Do not be part of this! He incited, therefore he was arrested”. This is not the first time that the Israeli army has arrested journalists or activists on charges of “incitement”. It is evident from the statements of

journalists who have been arrested and released recently that the investigation was conducted about their work and about what they publish on social media websites, including any materials or comments that may be used against them as “inciting” material in many cases.



Palestinian TV reporter Ali Dar Ali in the Israeli court after being arrested on charges of inciting Israel

(24th August) Three journalists suffered suffocation while they were covering the peaceful return march on the 22nd Friday ... when, in Malka East Gaza.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the reporter of Thaqaalayn TV, the journalist, Fatima Jabr Al-Atawna, (38 years old), and her colleague, the photographer working for the same TV, Midhat Adnan Hajjaj, (30 years old), while they were interviewing one of the field paramedics during their coverage of the weekly return march, at around 6:00M, on Friday, corresponding 24 August 2018, have suffered suffocation due to firing gas bombs by an Israeli drone at the demonstrators in the march, although (Al-Atawna and Hajjaj) where wearing the PRESS shield, and they were 150-200 meters away from the separating fence where the Israeli soldiers were deployed. They were given the field first aid by the medical staff. On the same

day and place, according to field ambulance staff in the location, the journalist, Mahmoud Al-Ajrami, a BBC photographer, was also injured by a gas bomb causing a shake in his left hand, although he was treated on the ground, it lasted for three days.

(25 August) The Palestinian Security Services in Gaza Strip have summoned four journalists working for Palestine TV, a few hours later after reporting on TV about some of Hamas members who attacked and severely beaten the kid, Mohammad Abu Anza, in one of Khan Younis mosques.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the General Directorate of Investigation has summoned to its headquarters in Bani Suhaila east of Khan Yunis, on Saturday, corresponding 25 August 2018, four journalists working for Palestine TV, upon complaint filed by Hamas, concerning the report broadcasted on Palestine TV which covers the attack and severe beating by Hamas members against the kid, Mohammad Abu Anza, from Absan, east of Khan Yunis. The Director of Palestine TV in Gaza Strip, Rafat Hammad Abdel Majeed Al-Qudra, (50 years old), from Al-Qarara, Khan Yunis, received at about 10:30AM on Saturday, corresponding 25 August 2018, a phone call from a person who has introduced himself as one of the investigation police officers at the Eastern Area center in Khan Yunis, and asked him to come to the headquarters. Indeed, he responded, and at around 12:30 PM, he arrived at the headquarter, where he was questioned without any threat or intimidation, about the report televised on Palestine

TV about the kid, Mohammad Abu Anza, and the attack against him at one of the mosques on 20 August 2018, without being charged with anything. They heard his statement about what has happened, and he informed them that he was assigned by the TV office to interview the kid and his family and talk about the attack. Accordingly, they sent a photographer and producer to film the interviews, and he sent the filmed material to the TV office in Ramallah, where the entire report was finalized. Subsequently, they asked him to contact the photographer, Mu'min Mohammad Hashim Al-Shobaki, (42 years old), from Gaza City, and the producer, Yousef Mohammad Ahmed Abu Maghsib, (38 years old), from Deir Al-Balah, and inform them to come to the investigation department at the police headquarters in the eastern area. Indeed, they arrived at the headquarter at around 3:30PM on the same day. Mu'min Al-Shubaki was interrogated in the same room where Al-Qudra was present, without intimidation, threatening or charging. Furthermore, Yousef Abu Maghsib was interrogated in another room. After the investigation was completed, they were informed that a complaint filed by Hamas against the TV office for the charge of "falsification and fabrication", based on the report, and that there is an order to detain them but they will be released provided they return at 8:00 AM the next day, Sunday, corresponding 26 August 2018. Separately, their colleague, the photographer, Mohammad Samir Salim Al-Agha, (29 years old), from Al-Satr Al-Gharbi, Khan Yunis, who works for Palestine TV, has received a phone call at around 9:00AM on



Saturday, corresponding 25 August, from a person who identified himself as an officer from the investigation department, and asked him to come to the headquarters of the investigation services in the town of Bani Suhaila east of Khan Yunis. Al-Agha informed him that he was “busy now and will come at noon”. Indeed, he actually went there and arrived at the headquarters at around 1:00 PM, where he saw the television director, Rafat Al-Qudra, and one of the police officers told him that he was not wanted. Accordingly, he left the headquarters about 10 minutes after his arrival without being subjected to any interrogation. On Sunday, corresponding 26 August 2018, upon the request of the investigation department the previous day, the staff consisting of Rafat Al-Qudra, Yousuf Abu Maghsib and Mu'min Al-Shubaki, have returned to the police station east of Khan Yunis at approximately 8:00 AM, where their statements were registered again by the police investigators not the investigation department. After about three hours, they released them after they were told that their file will be transferred to the Public Prosecution, and that they have to go there for follow up purposes at 10:00AM on Tuesday, corresponding 28 August 2018 and that they will be released on bail. On Tuesday, the three journalists arrived at Khan Yunis Prosecution Office at around 9:30AM, accompanied by the legal advisor of the TV office, Hazim Abu Sha'ban. The statements of the entire staff were taken individually by the prosecutor. However, the TV Director, Rafat Al-Qudra, and the prosecutor in Khan Yunis, Ibrahim Al-Dabbari got into a verbal altercation, in the presence of the

lawyer of MADA Center in Gaza Strip, Ihsan Abu Shraikh, due to the prosecutor's loud voice when he asked the journalist Al-Qudra, why they did not get a prior authorization for filming, and that the filmed material about the kid Abu Anza must be presented to the regulatory authorities before televised. The prosecutor decided to question Al-Qudra after the altercation, after he asked all the staff to leave, including the lawyer of MADA Center and the legal advisor of the TV Office who were following up with this case. He remained alone in the office of the prosecutor, and 20 minutes later, the TV legal advisor was allowed to enter the room. At approximately 11:00AM, the TV director signed his testimony at the end of the interrogation, as did his colleagues, Yousef Abu Maghsib and Mu'min Al-Shubaki. At around 12:00PM they all left, after the prosecutor told them to come back on Sunday, corresponding 2nd September 2018 to meet the chief prosecutor, who wanted to “know them and drink a cup of coffee with them”. Al-Qudra replied this has taken a very long time and it may cause media escalation.

The lawyer of MADA Center, Ihsan Abu Sharakh, has attended the interrogation sessions twice, one at Khan Yunis Eastern Police Station on Sunday, corresponding 26 August 2018, and the second in the Khan Yunis Public Prosecution Office on Tuesday, corresponding 28 August 2018. He considered what happened to Palestine TV Staff for reporting on the child who was attacked in Absan, Khan Yunis, on 22 August 2018, has no legal basis, and that it falls under the scope of political rivalries due to internal division, intimidation of journalists, and restricting their



journalistic work. He said that it was a legal violation when the lawyers of MADA Center were prevented from attending the interrogation session in Khan Younis Prosecution Office on Tuesday, corresponding 28 August 2018, not to mention allowing him and the legal advisor, to enter the prosecutor's office only few minutes later, given that in the room, there was the Director of Palestine TV in Gaza Strip, Rafat Al-Qudra, without again allowing MADA's lawyer to enter, despite his right to do so, even if there is more than one lawyer with him (the accused).

(27th August) Joseph's Tomb, located near Balata Refugee Camp, east of Nablus, is considered a very hot area, as the Israeli frequently enter this densely populated residential area, claiming to perform religious rituals in the place they consider sacred. The area is usually crowded with clashes and attacks by soldiers against the Palestinian civilians. On 27 August 1988, the journalist, Hafeth Abu Sabra (29 years old) was targeted.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA researcher, the journalist, Hafeth Abu Sabra, (29 years old), who works as a reporter for ROYA TV in the West Bank, on his way to his house in Nablus, at 11:18 PM, on Monday, corresponding 27 August 2018, in the main street, next to Nablus Municipality building, in the direction of Al-Quds Street junction, Balata refugee camp, where Joseph's Tomb is located, was surprised by a force of about ten soldiers from the Israeli army, where they started firing live bullets towards his car without causing any material or physical harm, forcing him to quickly turn around and return to search for an alternative

way. His car was carrying a badge that says PRESS, in both English and Arabic. While searching for an alternative way, he was stopped by an Israeli military vehicle, and one of the soldiers informed him that the area was a closed military zone and that he had to take another road, endangering his life due to the firing of live bullets at his vehicle. On the following morning, corresponding 28 August 2018, the spokesperson of the Israeli army for the Arab media, Avichay Adraee, has stated "the entry of 750 settlers to Joseph's Tomb near Balata refugee camp, in Nablus, to the northern West Bank was secured, and that troops from the army entered the city of Nablus in order to secure the entry of the Jewish worshipers to what they call Joseph's Tomb, the clashes erupted and the live bullets were used not to mention a Palestinian vehicle was suspected" and this appeared to be a sign to shoot the vehicle of the journalist, Abu Sabra.

(27th August) Mefuot Arkhu Settlement is located to the northwest of Jericho, where the Israeli occupation forces have established a military outpost in which the soldiers are constantly present to protect the neighboring settlements. One settler, called Aumar, has seized more than 500 dunums of Palestinian land and planted them with palms, pomegranates and olives. This settler spread a state of terror in the area, and he was shooting the shepherds to intimidate them, he even killed a number of the sheep owned by Bedouin families living in the area.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, Palestine TV staff, consisting of: the journalist, Ahmad Abdelmalek Ibrahim Sjawer, the journalist

Mohammad Mahmoud Hassan Enaya, the journalist Omar Ahmad Abu Awad, the journalist Watan Bassam Balas, and the drivers, Samer Asad Abu Salman and Ayman Mohammad Harash, went on Monday, corresponding 27 August 2018, to the Bedouin gathering of the Zayed family northwest of Jericho, to film a new episode of "Not a neighbor" show. After they completed filming the episode, an Israeli military patrol consisting of three soldiers and an officer called Sophie, have detained the staff and seized their cell phones, deleted all the filmed materials from their cameras and took the keys of their vehicles belonging to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation. This detention lasted for more than two hours and took place in Al Mu'Rajat Street, before the Israeli officer called another military force including four female soldiers. They handcuffed and blindfolded all of the TV staff and took them in a military jeep to the military outpost located near the Bedouin gathering. It should be noted that this is the closest military outpost to the region, and their transfer to the mentioned outpost did not take time but few minutes according to the staff members. At around 02:30PM, the TV staff members were handed over to the Israeli camp blindfolded. One of the soldiers told them that "it is now 02:30 and you will be released within an hour". Then journalist Omar Abu Awad asked the rest of his colleagues whether they were all there with him in the place, and everyone answered yes. At that exact moment, a female soldier asked him to be quiet, and Abu Awad answered that he will not be quiet until he makes sure that his colleagues in the staff are all fine. She

grabbed him by his hand and asked him to get up, and he did. She took him away from his colleagues and put him under the sun, and said "you can sit here and talk all you want". Abu Awad did not know how long he remained under the burning sunlight, but he said, "When I felt a pain in the head, I spoke and said that my head hurts me. One of the soldiers replied that he was a paramedic and said to me: "Drink some water", and when he drank some water he felt a severe headache and lay down on the ground. When the soldiers saw him lying on the ground, a female soldier came and said to him: "Hey! Good Morning, the punishment is over, come on! Get up". She took him to his colleagues and sat with him, he asked again "Who's here?", his colleague Ayman Harsh answered "I'm here Omar, and we are all here fine", Abu Awad replied that he was tired and wanted some water. One of the soldiers brought water and chocolate sandwiches to all the staff except for Abu Awad because he was unable to eat anything due to the severe pain he felt in his head. At around 7:12 PM (the staff members heard the Maghreb prayers" and they were still in detention. Abu Awad then lost his ability to move or talk due to the fatigue and exhaustion he felt. At that moment, Ayman Harsh said to the occupation soldier "What did you do to him? take off my blindfold, I want to see Omar". An argument was heated between Harsh and the soldiers. The soldiers released the entire staff except for Abu Awad, who was mentally conscious but unable to move and talk. A brown-skinned female soldier removed the blindfold from his eyes as well as the handcuffs. He was unable to move, talk, or even see well even though

he was fully aware of what was happening around him. The Israeli soldiers put a needle in his left hand to enter the fluids to his body and provide him with the first aid. One of the soldiers addressed him saying “Do you want us to take you to your home to see your children? Come on! Wake up! Because we cannot take like this”. He continued talking to him, but Abu Awad could not stand up or talk. The soldiers took him by ambulance from the camp to the main street, which is about 700 meters away. His colleagues were waiting for him. A Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance was in the area, but the soldiers refused to hand over Abu Awad to the Palestinian medical staff, and asked them to wait until the Israeli medical staff comes and check his condition. However, the Palestinian official paramedic refused to wait since Abu Awad’s condition was serious and the oxygen content in his body did not exceed 60% which is why he had to be transferred to the hospital as soon as possible, according to the paramedic, Ahmed Al-Alami, of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. Abu Awad was taken to Jericho Governmental Hospital and he remained in a complete coma for two days according to medical reports. He received the initial treatment at Jericho Governmental Hospital on the first day without any signs of improvement. On the following day, he was transferred to Istishari Awab Hospital in Ramallah, and according to the medical reports, Abu Awad was suffering from lack of vision, severe mineral deficiency, a severe sunstroke and severe dryness as a result of being detained under the direct sunlight.

(28th August) Within the targeting

of Palestinian journalists, especially photographers who work in the field and cover the attacks against the Palestinians, their property and lands, the occupation forces have arrested the photographer of the Palestinian news agency “Wafa”, Bahaa Nasr, not to mention attacking other journalists during their coverage of the resistance of Ras Karkar population to the levelling operations conducted for establishing settlements which the settlers began to implemented above the territories of the village.



Wafa news agency photographer Bahaa Nasr was attacked by a soldier from the Israeli Border Guard unit in the village of Ras Karkar west of Ramallah

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, at around 13:33 PM, on 28 August 2018, and while the population of Ras Karkar, located to the west of Ramallah, were trying to resist the Israeli bulldozers which were building a street for the settlements, in the area of “Al-Risan” Mountain located to the west of the village. The Israeli occupation forces attacked a number of journalists and photographers: Hisham Abu Shaqra, Anatolia Agency photographer, the freelance photographer, Abdel Rahman Younis, and Palestine TV staff, which included the reporter Khalid Mutawe, and the photographer Mohammad Al-Aroui, not to mention attacking

the photographer of Al-Hayat Al-Jadida newspaper, Issam Al-Rimawi, the photojournalist, Mohammad Turkman, with beating, pushing and forcing them to leave the site as well as obstructing their work. A soldier from the Israeli Border Police has pushed the photographer of the Palestinian news agency WAFA, Bahaa Mohammad Mahmoud Nasr, (34 years old), and asked the other soldiers to help in arresting him. A number of soldiers have beaten the photographer Mohammad Nasr and dragged him on the ground, took his cameras and beaten him all over his body. They then tied his hands behind his back and threw him on the ground under the sun for more than two hours, in the area where he was arrested by a military vehicle and taken to an unknown location. After six hours of detention, the photographer, Bahaa Nasr, was released. Later, he stated to MADA researcher that he was subject to torture and humiliation by the occupation soldiers while he was detained under the sunlight for more than two hours. He stated "I remained under the sun for more than two hours before they took me in the jeep, I remained for fifteen minutes lying on the ground on my stomach, then they searched me and took me in the jeep. They hit my head inside the vehicle and took me with two other detainees (from the demonstrators). This is in addition to the profanity and threatening with imprisonment". At about 1:00PM, some officers arrived and had a discussion with the soldiers and decided to arrest him. He was taken with his cameras and his stuff. They forced him to enter the jeep and sit in a very difficult position with his head down. He was forced to close

his eyes so he did not know where he was. Halfway, while he was being transferred as a detainee, he began screaming from the severe pain he felt in his foot due to sitting in a difficult position. One of the soldiers slapped him on the face and asked him to be quiet. He was taken to Benjamin Investigation Center and when he was removed from the military jeep, they pulled his feet, but he did not feel them as a result of the severe pain, while the soldiers were laughing and cursing. Then his handcuffs were changed and he was taken to the hall of the investigation center accompanied by two soldiers, where he stayed for about an hour and a half, until a police officer asked him, "Why did you hit the soldiers". He then asked him what had happened to him. Nasr told him that while he was filming he informed the officer that he was a journalist and would leave the place but the officer in the army got angry and attacked him with a number of soldiers. About an hour later, the same officer (investigator) returned and asked him the same question. Nasr told him that he was filming a video, and that he could see if anything of what the soldiers have claimed was true. They informed him that he will be handed over to the DCO. Then another officer came, took some information from his personal card, and registered the same on a laptop that he had. After about six hours of detention, the soldiers transferred the journalist Nasr from "Benjamin" investigation center to the settlement of "Beit El" located in Al-Bireh - specifically to the liaison department where he was handed over to the Palestinian liaison department.

(31st August) On Friday, corresponding 31st August 2018,

six journalists suffered severe suffocation after they were targeted by the occupation soldiers with gas bombs while they were covering a peaceful protest organized by the population of several villages in Ramallah against a settlement project that is targeting their lands, even though they were all dressed as journalists.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, on 27 August 2018, the occupation army has submitted to the population of Ras Karkar, to the west of Ramallah, a military decision stating that “Al-Risan” Mountain owned by the population of Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Hareth, and Kufr Neima, is a military closed zone, to which the Palestinians are prohibited to have access, as a result of the protests against the settlement project implemented by the occupation authorities in that area to build a settlement road. On Friday, corresponding 31 August 2018, hundreds of villagers from Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Hareth, and Kufr Neima, have gathered and prayed above the lands targeted by the settlers and the occupations forces. Moreover, several journalists went to the site to cover what was taking place (especially since other protests were organized in the previous days there). Following the end of the Midday Prayers at around 1:00PM, clashes broke out between dozens of Palestinians and the Israeli soldiers. While the journalists were covering these clashes, one of the soldiers has threatened, Ethar Ibrahim Abu Ghraibah, the photographer of Al-Araby TV, (35 years old) and asked him to stay away from the area, otherwise “he will be treated in another manner”. It

should be noted that the soldier who told him that was wearing the dark green uniform that is known as the uniform of the “Israeli Border Police” forces, and the word “Makaf” was written in Arabic on his military shirt. Few minutes later, at around 1:10, the reporter of Al-Arabiya TV, Abdul Hafiz Zuhair Jawan, (38 years old), and the photographer, Salem Nasr Hamdan (39 years old) were both targeted while they were reporting to the TV with more than ten gas bombs, even though they were far away from the soldiers deployed at Al-Risan Mountain between Kharbatha and Ras Karkar. During the clashes which were taking place 70 meters away, the reporter, Abdul Hafiz, suffered severe suffocation and fell to the ground because he could not put on the muzzle. He was given the field first aid through the Palestinian Red Crescent Medical staff at the site. Moreover, Al-Ghad TV photographer, Munther Mohammad Shihada Al-Khateeb, has suffered suffocation after he was targeted with tear gas bombs while he was filming the events at a distance of 70 meters away from the clashes. This is in addition to the reporter of Baladna Radio, of MAAN News Agency, the journalist, Safiya Omar Qowar, (32 years old), who suffered suffocation more than once while she was covering the clashes taking place on Al-Risan Mountain. She stated “I was wearing a phosphoric vest, marked with PRESS in Arabic and English, and while I was approaching the clashes, the occupation soldiers heavily fired gas bombs. After that, I could not breath, one of the young men helped me out and pulled me to another area, where the Red Crescent medical staff provided me with the first aid. I stayed for about

15 minutes sitting on the ground and could not complete my work”.

(31st August) The photojournalist of “Rowad Al-Haqiqa” Network, Mohammad Samih Hassan Abu Sultan, (24 years old) was injured by a gunshot in his knee while he was covering the events of the weekly return march.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photojournalist of Rowad Al-Haqiqa Network, Mohammad Samih Hassan Abu Sultan, (24 years old), at around 4:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 31 August 2018, was with his colleagues from the Network inside the tent of the journalists located 500 meters away from the separating fence, waiting for the march to begin. At around 5:00PM, he approached the separating fence area and stopped at a distance of 50 meters away, near the gathering of the demonstrators who started setting in fire rubber tires, while the soldiers on the other side of the fence where firing bullets and gas bombs at the demonstrators. While he was taking photos for the demonstrators, he was injured at around 5:15PM, with a gunshot in his left knee causing “an entry and exit”, and immediately fell to the ground. A number of volunteered paramedics approached him and provided him with the first aid by dressing the injury to stop the bleeding. He was then transferred with an ambulance for the Palestinian Ministry of Health to the medical point established 700 meters to the west of the separating fence. He arrived at 5:30PM, and received more necessary aid. Five minutes later, he was taken by an ambulance to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital, in Rafah. He arrived at the hospital at around 6:00PM, where it

was found that there was a fracture in his left knee, and that he needs a surgery. But he had to wait for an hour due to the preoccupation of the only operations room in the hospital. This caused the bleeding to start again and he was given four blood units. He went to the operating room and underwent an operation that has lasted for about one hour. The fracture was set in and the wound was dressed. On the following day, the bleeding started again and he needed two blood units. Abu Sultan remained in the hospital until the present report was prepared on 2 September 2018.

## September

(2nd September) The Public Prosecution Office in Khan Younes, located to the north of Gaza Strip, has again summoned the director of Palestine TV in Gaza Strip, the journalist, Rafat Hammad Abdelmajeed Al-Qidra (50 years old), to complete his questioning, against the backdrop of broadcasting a report on 22nd August 2018 about a child named Mohammad Abu Anza from Absan, who was extremely beaten by some of Hamas members in Gaza Strip, at one of the mosques.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the Public Prosecution Office in Khan Younes, north of Gaza Strip, has summoned again Palestine TV Director in Gaza, the journalist, Rafat Rafat Hammad Abdelmajeed Al-Qidra, (50 years old), from Al-Qarara area in Khan Younis, on Sunday, corresponding 2nd September 2018, to complete his questioning, against the backdrop of broadcasting a report on 22nd August 2018 about a child named Mohammad Abu Anza, from Absan, who was extremely beaten by some



of Hamas members at one of the mosques. This was followed by filing a complaint by Hamas against the TV Office accusing it of counterfeiting and fabrication. Based on this complaint, Palestine TV Director was prosecuted as well as some of the staff members at the office. This has happened again on 2nd September 2018 as Rafat Al-Qidra has arrived to Khan Younes Prosecution Office alone at around 10:00AM on that day. Upon the request of the public prosecutor, Ibrahim Dabari, who has asked him in a former questioning session that took place on Tuesday, corresponding 28 August 2018, to come and see him again in person (for a cup of coffee), along with the producer, Yousef Abu Maghsib, and the photographer, Momen Al-Shobaki, who have attended with him three questionings, at the police, the public prosecution office, and the general investigation department. When Al-Qidra arrived to Khan Younes Prosecution Office, he waited for half an hour outside the prosecutor's office, until he was allowed to enter the office, he stayed for five minutes without any questioning, but he was asked about his colleagues, Momen and Yousef, and why they did not show up with him. He replied that they were at work and that he expected the entire relevant matter was about to end, which is why he came alone. The prosecutor asked him to inform Yousef to come on Monday, corresponding 3rd September 2018. He left at 10:35AM, and informed his colleagues, Yousef Mohammad Abu Maghsib (38 years old), from Der Al-Balah, to go to Khan Younes Prosecution Office, along with the Legal Adviser of the TV, Hazem Abu Shaban, at 10:00AM, on 3rd

September 2018. Abu Maghsib went along with the Adviser to the prosecutor's office, and he was questioned in the presence of Abu Anza's father (the child who was assaulted). The prosecutor asked him whether he has introduced himself as a journalist to the child's father and whether he showed his Palestine TV Card. He replied that he contacted the child's father on phone, and arrived to a mosque close to his place of residence. He sent two persons to his house to take him and interviewed him/the TV logo was very visible on the microphone. The prosecutor asked the child's father whether he could recognize the journalist's face or not, but he answered "No", justifying that he could not remember very well, since so many people have come to his house after the incident of his son. He was not in a state where he could focus, he declared that the TV staff has interviewed him about the incident, and the questioning ended with this. The prosecutor asked the presence of the journalist, Momen Al-Shobaki, on the following day, corresponding 4 September 2018, and they left at 10:20AM. The journalist, Al-Shobaki did not come on the following day due to family circumstances, until the end of September, and he was summoned again. Through its researcher in Khan Younes, and lawyer in Gaza Strip, Ihsan Abu Sharkh, MADA Center has followed up with the TV staff that was summoned to be questioned, as it was summoned three times by the General Administration of the Investigation, Police and the Public Prosecution, and the statements of the journalists were taken.

(4th September) Near Ofer Prison located in Betunia/seven kilometers



away from Ramallah city center, the Palestinians frequently organize protests and demonstrations against the Israeli occupation practices, especially that the Prison includes a military court (Ofer Court) where the trial sessions are held for Palestinian detainees before being detained and arrested in Ofer Prison or other Israeli prisons.

On the same day (4th September 2018), the occupation forces have suppressed a peaceful sit-in of journalists by gas bombs and sound bombs which led to the injury of six female and male journalists at least with severe suffocation.

According to MADA field researcher, the Journalists Syndicate and the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation have called to organize a stand in solidarity in front of Ofer Prison, at 11:00AM, on Monday, corresponding 4 September 2018, in conjunction with holding a trial session for Palestine TV reporter, the journalist, Ali Dar Ali, who was arrested by the Occupation Army from his house located in Burham, Ramallah, at dawn, on 15 August 2018 for incitement through the social media. More than 30 of the journalists and the staff of **فانت** Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation have responded to the sit-in and attended it in front of Ofer Prison and Court, where they raised the Palestinian flags and the photographs of the journalist, Ali Dar Ali. At 11:25, around eight soldiers of the Israeli Border Police and two military vehicles of the occupation soldiers have approached the metal gate of Ofer Prison and Camp. One of the soldiers addressed those in the sit-in in Arabic and threatened them with the use of force if they do not leave the place. Less than

ten minutes later, the Israeli soldiers began throwing sound bombs and tear gas bombs at the protesters which led to the injury of the Anatolia Agency photographer, Hisham Kamel Abu Shaqra, (29 years old), with severe suffocation. Furthermore, the journalist, Loren Tareq Zeidan, (30 years old), who works for WAFA News Agency, has suffered suffocation and received necessary field aid. This is in addition to Palestine TV reporter, the journalist, Maysa Ayed Ayad, (28 years old), who stated “the soldiers have suppressed the peaceful sit-in of journalists and attacked them with suffocating gas bombs even though there were no clashes in the area”. Moreover, the photographer of Palestine TV, Oday Nimr Harbeyat, (28 years old), and Palestine Today TV reporter, Jihad Barakat, (29 years old), have stated that the intensive shooting of gas bombs at the protesters has pushed them to move back and prevented them from covering the event. The photographer of Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Newspaper, Issam Al-Rimawi, (35 years old), has stated that he has suffered suffocation and that “the army knew he was a journalist standing in the peaceful sit-and covering what was happening, especially that there were no clashes, but the soldiers suppressed the journalists and dispersed them at around 11:50”.

(5th September) Some Palestinian intelligence officers have arrested Mohammad Saed Khalil Jahaysha, (32 years old), the presenter of Marah Radio in Hebron and the reporter of Arab Weekly Newspaper, on the morning of 5 September 2018, in front of his house in Hebron. Jahaysha stated to MADA “the

intelligence services has called me by phone on 29 August 2018, but I did not respond, and at 09:20AM on 5 September 2018, after I left my house, I saw four persons in civil clothing standing in front of the house and they immediately approached and arrested me. They took me to the intelligence services headquarters in Hebron. When I arrived, I was surprised that the matter was related to a dream (an actual dream I saw in my sleep) and published it as a post on my Facebook page. The post was as follows/I dreamt that the National Security has placed artillery near Bab al-Zawiyya, and fired missiles at the settlers/. The officer asked me about the first time I was summoned and did not respond, and I replied that the summons was illegal. Most of the questions were about the dream. The officer said to me /not all dreams have to be posted or published/. In general, they were respectful with me, and they took me back home after about an hour and a half, at around 11:00AM”.

(7th September) The photographer of Safad Press Website, Mahmoud Mohammad Saed Shatta, (25 years old), from Rafah, south of Gaza Strip, was injured by a gunshot in his thigh while he was covering a demonstration east of Rafah.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer, Mahmoud Mohammad Shatta, went along with some of his coworkers, at around 4:00PM, on 7 September 2018, to one of the tents set up east of Rafah, around 500 meters away from the separating fence, waiting the events of Friday to begin. At around 5:00PM, Shatta approached the fence and stopped at a distance of 50 meters against an Israeli military tower. He was

wearing the Press shield and was taking photos of the demonstrators who started setting the rubber tires in fire, while the soldiers were firing gunshots and gas bombs at them. After around one hour, (06:15PM), he was injured by a gunshot in the anterior part of his left thigh “causing an entry and exit”, he fell to the ground, and three minutes later, some volunteer paramedics took him in the ambulance to the medical point established 700 meters away from the separating fence. He stayed there for 40 minutes where he received the first aid and treatment. Then he was taken to Abu Yousef An-Najar Hospital, where he arrived at 7:30. In the hospital, he was imaged, and his wound was stitched ten stitches. Fifteen minutes later, he started bleeding and was two blood units.

(10th September) the photojournalist of Al-Manara Agency, Attia Nassir Ahmad Hijazi, (28 years old) was injured by a gunshot above the knee (causing an entry and exit) and by fragments in his knee, while he was covering a demonstration organized at Zikim Beach, northwest of Beit Lahia, to the north of Gaza Strip as part of the return peaceful marches which first erupted in Gaza Strip in March.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer, Hijazi, arrived at 6:00PM, on Monday, corresponding 10 September 2018, to Zikim Beach, to the north of Beit Lahia, to cover a demonstration organized as part of the return peaceful marches. While he was standing on the beach at a distance of 200 meters away from the separating fence where the Israeli soldiers were stationed, wearing the Press uniform, he was injured by a

bullet (that caused an entry and exit) above his right knee. He was also injured by a gunshot fragment in his knee which the doctors refused to remove as it lodged in a very serious part. The moment he arrived, he was taken by the paramedics to the closest medical point established in the area. He was given the first aid, and transferred by an ambulance to the Indonesian Hospital, to the north of Gaza Strip, where he received the necessary treatment and his wound was dressed. He was discharged on the same day due to the great number of injuries which exceeded the capacity of the hospital. During the night, his wound started bleeding, and as a result, he went to Al-Karama Hospital (a private hospital), where his wound was cleaned, stitched, and dressed again. His foot was wrapped, and he left the hospital even though he needed a surgery to remove the fragment that lodged in the joint of his right knee.

(14th September) The freelance photographer, Bilal Loay Abdelaziz Al-Abadsa, was injured by a gunshot in his right foot and by a fragment in his left foot, while he was covering a demonstration as part of the return marches taking place in Khuza'a, east of Khan Younes, on 14 September 2018.

According to the investigations conducted by MADA researcher, the freelance photographer, Bilal Loay Abdelaziz Al-Abadsa, (23 years old), from Al-Amal Camp in Khan Younes, has arrived at around 4:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 14 September 2018, to east of Khuza'a, to cover a demonstration taking place there. At around 6:10PM, and while he was taking pictures of the demonstrators at a distance of 50 meters away

from the separating fence, he was injured by a gunshot in his foot. He was taken by the paramedics in the ambulance to the medical tent of the Ministry of Health pitched in that area. When he arrived, it was found that he was injured by an explosive bullet which shattered the bone of his foot. Fragments from the same bullet have injured his left foot, and fractured his big toe, not to mention that another fragment went through his other foot. Around twenty minutes after he received the first aid in the medical tent, he was taken at around 6:30 in the ambulance to Nasser Medical Complex, to the west of Khan Younes. When he arrived, he was admitted in the Operating Room, his wound was cleaned and more first aid was given to him at around 9:00PM. He was discharged at 12:00 midnight after he underwent an operation of reassembling the bone in his right foot operated by a medical team, chaired by Dr. Abdelrahman Al-Farra. A platinum plate was inserted in his foot, and his feet were placed in casts. He stayed in the hospital until Wednesday, corresponding 19 September 2018, but he continued to follow up with the hospital.

(14th September) According to the investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photographer of the Chinese News Agency, Shafiq Taher Ishtaya, (49 years old), on Friday, corresponding 14th September 2018, was in Kafr Qaddum to cover the protests. When the families launched the usual march after Friday prayer in the town's mosque, towards the closed gate separating Kafr Qaddum from Kedumim settlement, at around 1:15PM, clashes erupted in the main street of the town, and about eight

or nine Israeli soldiers started firing gas bombs, tear gas bombs, and rubber bullets at the demonstrators who in turn were throwing stones at them. While the journalists were visible by the Israeli occupation soldiers, far from the demonstrators, the journalist Ishtaya was standing with three coworkers, all wearing the press uniform and the helmet. They were about 10 meters to the right side of the soldiers, while the demonstrators were on the other side of the street at a similar distance. However, the journalists, demonstrators and soldiers were standing in the shape of a triangle and they were watching each other. At about 2:00 PM (half an hour after the demonstration began), and while Ishtaya was filming the demonstrators and soldiers, he was injured by a rubber bullet in the chest. However, since he was wearing the press shield, he was slightly injured (trauma and minor wound). Right after his injury, he shouted to the soldiers that he was a journalist; his coworkers gathered around him ten minutes later and took him to the ambulance away from the clashes where he received field treatment.

It is worth to mention that almost since seven years ago, Kafr Qaddum town, located 16 km to the west of Nablus, has been witnessing weekly rallies (every Friday) protesting against settlements and the closure of the town street by the Israeli army 15 years ago for the favor of the settlers living in Kedumim settlement established in Kafr Qaddum lands which attracts the attention of the media constantly.

(15th September) the Israeli Occupation soldiers have detained a volunteer who works for Quds Net Network, named Omar Ahmad

Amour, (23 years old), and the freelance photographer, Imad Issa Jabareen, (38 years old), while they went to the city on the evening of 15 September 2018. Amour stated to MADA “me, and my coworker, the freelance photographer, Imad Issa Jabareen, at around 6:30PM, went to Hebron, when we arrived the entrance of Ras Al Jora, there was a barrier by the occupation army. They stopped our vehicle out of all the vehicles on the barrier. They held us for half an hour inside the vehicle after they seized our personal identity cards. After that, they asked my coworker, Imad, to step out of the vehicle and searched him thoroughly. They forced him to lift his shirt several times to search underneath it. He was forced to stand for half an hour. Then they asked me to step out of the vehicle and searched me in the same manner. I was held for fifteen minutes outside the vehicle. After that, the soldier told us that they were waiting the completion of checking our names with the Intelligence Services which lasted until 8:30PM, then they released us”.

(15th September) On 15 September 2018, one of the Israeli Special Units members has attacked the photographer of Alarz Production Company, the journalist, Mohammad Shukri Akram Asho, (32 years old), while he was covering the ongoing sit-in at Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, the town threatened with demolition and population deportation.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the protesters at Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, against which Israel has issued a decision of demolition and population deportation have attempted on 15 September 2018 to get in the way of the Israeli bulldozers, with

their bodies, to prevent them from destroying the town within the preparations of Israel to execute the demolition decision. The photographer of Alarz Production Company, which provides media services to several TVs, including Palestine TV, Mohammad Shukri Akram Asho, (32 years old from Jerusalem), was at Al-Khan Al-Ahmar to cover the events, and while he was filming the attempt of some protesters to get in the way of the Israeli bulldozers with their bodies, he was attacked, beaten, and pushed by an Israeli police from the special units which caused him bruises in his hand not to mention crashing the viewfinder. He was also chased by other police officers to keep him away from the location and prevent him from covering the event.

(16th September) The photographer of Sawt Al-Ribat Radio, Mazin Sulaiman Mahmoud Qudaih, (25 years old), from Abasan Al-Kabira town, east of Khan Younes, to the south of Gaza Strip, was injured by a gunshot fragment.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the photographer, Qudaih, at around 9:00PM, on 16th September 2018, arrived to east of KhanYounes, to cover some events there, where dozens of demonstrators (around eighty) were letting off fireworks at the separating fence where the Israeli soldiers were deployed. At around 9:40PM, he received a phone call from the radio, and while he was on the phone a gunshot was fired at him and the fragment hit his phone while he was holding it to his ear. His index finger in the left hand was injured. Immediately after that, Qudaih was transferred by an ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent to

the Algerian Hospital in Abasan Al-Kabira, where he stayed for two hours and received the necessary treatment at the Emergency Reception Ward. It was found through a CT scan taken for his hand in the hospital that a fragment has lodged in his injured index finger. He was discharged at 12:00 midnight, and the doctors advised him to follow up with his condition on 25 September 2018.

(18th September) The Israeli Occupation police has called the journalist, Diala Jwehan, and questioned her claiming that she obstructed the police work, while the later has prevented a number of journalists to cover the invasion of Al-Aqsa mosque by hundreds of settlers on the Sukkot Day (Feast of Tabernacles) corresponding 18 September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, and in conjunction with the “Feast of Tabernacles”, corresponding 18 September 2018, hundreds of settlers invaded the squares of Al-Aqsa Mosque from the Dung Gate (Mughrabi Gate) with tight police guard, which obstructed the entrance of the Islamic Waqf Department staff to the mosque, and prevented journalists from covering the settlers’ violations. Furthermore, the journalist, Diala Nayef Jwehan, the reporter of Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Newspaper received summons for questioning at Al-Kashla Center in Hebron. Indeed, Jwehan went at 9:00AM, on the following morning, corresponding 19 September 2018 to Al-Kashla Police Center where she was detained for six hours and a half (from 9:00AM until 3:30PM) claiming that she has “disrupted the public order and obstructed the police

work". However, Jwehan denied the claim. She explained that she was doing her job and she showed her press card to the police officer to be allowed to film the event. But he took her card and threw it on the ground, and addressed her saying "beat it" (in other words, he expelled her from the place). After completing the investigation, the fingerprints of Diala Jwehan were collected and she was released after they checked the security camera tapes which confirmed Jwehan's version of the story.

(19th September) The photographer of the Turkish Agency (HIA), Thaer Khaled Fahmi Abu Rayash, (24 years old), was injured by a gas bomb in his head, fired by one of the occupation soldiers while he was covering a demonstration taking place east of Gaza Strip, on the afternoon of 19 September 2018.

According to MADA field researcher, the Turkish Agency photographer, Thaer Khaled Fahmi Abu Rayash, (24 years old), from Beit Lahia, located to the north of Gaza Strip, has arrived around 5:15PM, on Tuesday, corresponding 19 September 2018, to Beit Hanoun Barrier "Erez Crossing" to cover a demonstration under the title "together towards protecting the rights of refugees and breaking the siege", called for by the Supreme Committee for the Return Marches and Breaking the Siege in Gaza Strip, to protest against the decisions of the American Administration concerning the refugees and Jerusalem. Hundreds of demonstrators came to participate in the event. The soldiers began firing gunshots and fire gas bombs at them. While Abu Rayash was taking some pictures of the demonstrators at a distance of 500 meters away from the Israeli soldiers,

one of them fired gas bomb at him and injured him in the left side of his head, even though he was wearing the Press uniform. The injury caused him severe bleeding. The blood stained his clothes and he fell to the ground, then he was taken by some paramedics in the ambulance to stop the bleeding, and he was taken to the nearest hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, where his wound was stitched with 6 stitches. The check-ups and blood tests were made to him, and after he received the necessary treatment, he was discharged from the hospital on the same day. However, he continued to develop headache, dizziness and poor vision in his left eye. He was advised to review his condition three days later (on Sunday, corresponding 23 September 2018).

(21st September) In the past few weeks, a number of journalists were injured while they were covering protest marches organized by villagers in West Ramallah (Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Harith, Kafr Ni'ma) to protest against the confiscation of Al-Risan Mountain lands by the Israeli occupation authorities for the purpose of establishing a new settlement in that area.

According to the investigation of MADA field researcher, the villagers in West Ramallah have organized a demonstration to take place on Friday, corresponding 21 September 2018, after the Friday prayers, near the confiscated lands of AlRisan Mountain by the settlers. Clashes broke out with the Israeli soldiers, during which the Iranian TV reporter and photographer, Khaled Ali Sabarneh (47 years old), was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in the right leg, while he was covering the clashes. It should be noted that



the moment he was injured, he was at a distance of 40-50 meters away from the soldiers who fired the bullet at him directly and deliberately. It was very visible and clear to them that he was a journalist. He was given the first aid and transferred by an ambulance the moment he was injured. Then he drove his car to Ramallah Medical Complex where he received more treatment and left the hospital after he stayed for one hour as it was found that he had bruises only.

It is worth to mention that in the same site, on 4 September 2018, three other journalists were injured, namely: the photographer of the French Press Agency AFP, Abbas Al-Momani, the photographer of Anatolia News Agency, Issam Al-Rimawi, and a French photographer were injured similarly by rubber-coated bullets fired by the Israeli soldiers while covering clashes in Ras Karkar. These journalists have stated that the soldiers deliberately fired the bullets at them.

(22nd September) The photographer of Shamal Online Network, and Al-Aqsa TV Facebook Page, Anas Jamal Mahmoud Al-Sharif, (22 years old), from Abu Safia, east of Jabalia, was injured by an explosive bullet in the abdomen while he was covering events east of Jabalia at around 9:30PM, on Saturday, corresponding 22nd September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer Anas Jamal Mahmoud Al-Sharif, (22 years old), at around 9:30PM, on Saturday, corresponding 22nd September 2018, was in east Jabalia, at a distance of 500 meters away from the separating fence to cover the clashes between the

Palestinians and the occupation soldiers stationed on the other side of the separating fence. The occupation soldiers fired the live and explosive bullets randomly and heavily which resulted in injuring Anas by an explosive bullet fragment through his abdomen. The remaining fragments of the bullet scattered to injure another number of demonstrators. The camera was also damaged after falling to the ground. He was given the field first aid and taken in an ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent to the Indonesian Hospital where he stayed for an hour and a half until he received the necessary treatment.

(22nd September) The photographer of Nour News Network and Palestine Breaking News Network (two local platforms on the social media), Akram Ramadan Anas Shaber (19 years old), from Khan Younes, south of Gaza Strip, was injured by an explosive gunshot in both his thighs, while he was covering a demonstration on Sunday, corresponding 22nd September 2018, near the security fence in Khan Younes.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, at around 7:15PM, on Sunday, corresponding 22nd September 2018, Shaber has arrived to the border fence in Khuza'a, east of Khan Younes, where about eighty demonstrators were letting off fireworks at the border fence where the Israeli soldiers stationed. At around 10:30PM, a number of demonstrators approached the separating fence and set the tires on fire. The demonstrators continued to shoot fireworks in the air. At around 11:30PM, Shaber was injured with an explosive bullet that wounded both of his thighs (the left and the right).



He was transferred to the European Hospital in Khan Younes where he underwent a surgery from 12:00 midnight until 2:30AM. A platinum plate was inserted to his right thigh. On Tuesday, corresponding 25th November 2018, he underwent another operation to clean the injury and adjust the platinum plate.

(24th September) The volunteering photographer of Al-Risala Newspaper in Gaza, Ismail Maher Khamees Al-Ghoul, (22 years old), was injured by gunshot fragments in his right hand fingers, while he was covering a demonstration as part of the peaceful return marches taking place in the east of Gaza Strip.

According to MADA field researcher, while Al-Ghoul was covering the demonstration taking place east of Gaza, on 24 September 2018, by shooting the event live to his Facebook page, he was injured with several fragments of a gunshot in the palm of his left hand and the lower abdomen, even though he was 200 meters away from the border fence where the Israeli soldiers were deployed. Not to mention he was wearing the Press shield. He received first aid in the field medical point and then he was transferred to Al-Shifa Hospital, where x-rays were made to him and he received the necessary treatment, and was discharged on the same day.

(24th September) The videographer of Anatolia Turkish Agency, Montaser Mustafa Husni Al-Sawaf (28 years old), was injured by a gas bomb in his left foot while he was covering a demonstration in the east of Gaza Strip on 24 September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer of Anatolia Turkish

Agency, Montaser Mustafa Husni Al-Sawaf (28 years old), from Gaza, around ten minutes after he arrived and started covering the demonstration taking place on the opposite side of the Israeli military area, Zikim, to the east of Gaza Strip, at around 4:54PM, on Monday, corresponding 24th September 2018, was injured by a gas bomb in his left leg. The moment he was injured, he was at a distance of 500 meters away from the soldiers. The injury resulted in wounds, bruises and rupture in the muscles of his leg (muscle strain). When a group of journalists and citizens gathered around him, an Israeli sniper fired a bullet at him and hit the camera. He was given the first aid by the paramedics in the place, and they told him that he needed to go to the hospital. He preferred to go to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza by himself to check on his leg, and the doctors there informed him that his leg is fine and there is no need for any additional check-ups or tests.

(24th September) On Monday, corresponding 24 September 2018, four journalists from Al-Ghad TV were injured while they were covering events across the Israeli Military Site, Zikim, to the north of Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the TV staff consisting of the TV reporter, the journalist, Nivin Waleed Islaim (29 years old), the broadcast engineer, Mohammad Abdullah Abu Al-Qomsan (35 years old), the photographer, Ahmad Abderabo Salman (37 years old), and the assistant photographer, Yazan Ammar Al- Zweidi (22 years old), suffered severe suffocation due to firing gas bombs directly at the staff

by the occupation soldiers, at around 7:00PM, on Monday, corresponding 24 September 2018, as the staff was getting ready to stream live from Zikim, to the north of Gaza Strip, after the Israeli occupation forces pointed at them yellow laser light three times (apparently to keep them away from the area). Nivin fainted as a result of the gas bombs, her coworkers suffered suffocation and difficulty in breathing as well and they were transferred by the Red Crescent Emergency personnel to the medical point established in the area, where they received the necessary first aid and left the area.

(25th September) On Tuesday, corresponding 25 September 2018, the Israeli occupation soldiers have closed Bab Al-Zawiyya, located in the center of Hebron, to secure the arrival of settlers to visit Athenaeus Tomb, in Beersheba street. As a result, the journalist, Manal Numan Shukri Jabari, went to film the Israeli occupation procedures in closing the said area and commercial shops, as the Israeli Civil Administration officers have informed the shops' owners there to close their shops under a decision by the army at 9:00AM until 5:00PM.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the journalist, Manal Al-Jabari, (41 years old), who works as a researcher for the Israeli Human Rights Organization, B'Tselem<sup>6</sup>, has arrived to the area of Bab Al-Zawiyya at around 2:00PM, and joined a group of journalists

there. She started filming the closed shops, and the detention of a group of Palestinians by the Israeli soldiers and the Israeli border police to prevent them from passing through. A male and female police officers from the Israeli border police approached Manal. They were speaking in Hebrew, but she was able to understand from their hand signs that they wanted her to leave the place. The police officer showed her a journalist card asking her whether she carried one, but she told them that she works for B'Tselem Organization and has a card and authorization which allow her to film. She showed them the cards, but the police officer ignored her, and started pushing her while grabbing her hand. She pulled her hand and told the police officer not to touch her and that she will leave the area immediately. Manal walked away from Bab Al-Zawiyya area towards Wadi Al-Tuffah street (about 200 meters away). In her way leaving the area, she stopped to chat for few minutes with a youth activist there, but was surprised with three officers of Israel Border Police approaching her quickly from Bab Al-Zawiyya area, one of was holding a camera and filming with it. He addressed her in Hebrew which she could not understand. He started pushing her so hard several times. She asked him why was he pushing her, and was able to understand from another police officer with them who spoke very well Arabic, that they wanted her to leave the area. She told him that she left the area indeed but they followed her. However, the police officer with the camera started pushing her so hard and holding the camera close to her face, which forced her to push the camera with

6 Manal Al-Jabari (41 years old) – field researcher at the Israeli Human Rights Organization, B'Tselem, since eight years. In charge of B'Tselem project "Video Channel: Camera Project" which includes 50 female and male volunteers living in areas of interactions with the occupation.

her hand away from her face. Only then, the police officer grabbed her arm so hard that she was in pain as she stated, and addressed her saying “you are under arrest for attacking a police officer and obstructing his work”. Two female police officers grabbed her from both of her hands and pulled her towards Al-Shuhada Street. Then she was taken by the Israeli Border Police vehicle to Kiryat Arba Police Center, located in Kiryat Arba settlement established in Hebron. An hour later, she was taken to the Investigation Room. The investigation officer, named Tamir, accused her of assaulting a policeman and obstructing his work. Manal denied the charge and told him what happened. After about half an hour of interrogation, she was photographed, her fingerprints were collected and she was released. She left the police center at around 5:30PM.

(25th September) The Palestinian Intelligence Services has summoned the freelance journalist, Musab Khamees Qufaisha, and forced him to shut down and delete a newsgroup that included about 1700 followers, noting that he has started the group a month ago.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a number of the Palestinian Intelligence Services members in Hebron arrived to the house of the freelance photographer, Musab Khamees Qufaisha (24 years old), at around 11:00PM, on 25 September 2018, under a search warrant of the house and an arrest order. But they could not get it done when Musab's father told them that he son was not in the house. On the following day, corresponding 26 September 2018, Musab went to the Intelligence Services headquarters,

where the investigation officer told him that he will not be arrested if he deleted the group “people of Hebron” immediately, which is a newsgroup involving 1700 followers, created by Musab to post breaking news, as well as political, economic and social news. Musab told them closing the group requires deleting all of its members which requires time. The investigation officer told him that there will be no problem detaining him at the Intelligence headquarters until he finishes the process. In the end, Musab promised the investigation officer that he will delete the group, but in his house. Accordingly, he was released provided he shall come back to the headquarters on 30 September 2018. Indeed, Musab deleted the group but did not come back to the Intelligence headquarters on that date.

(26th September) The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Nablus city at around 11:00PM, on Wednesday, corresponding 26 September 2018, to secure the entrance of settlers to Joseph's Tomb established in Balata Camp, east of Nablus, so they can perform their religious rituals in the place, which is quite infrequent every Wednesday which leads to clashes in the area.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, clashes erupted, on Wednesday, corresponding 26 September 2018, in Balata Camp, after the army and settlers invaded the area. The clashes increased in the midnight, when some Palestinian young men started throwing stones at the occupation soldiers while the later started firing gunshots and gas bombs randomly. Meanwhile, a group of journalists, including the freelance photographer, Mahmoud

Fawzi Abdelghani (33 years old), and the photographer of An-Najah TV, Omair Jamal Lutfi Istaita (25 years old), were standing at a distance of 100 meters away from the soldiers, wearing their Press uniform which distinguished them clearly. They were far away from the young men throwing stones at the soldiers. A soldier has fired rubber bullet at the journalists and injured the photographer, Mahmoud Fawzi Abdelghani, below his left knee, and when his coworker, the journalist Omair Jamal Lutfi Istaita, tried to help him, the soldier fired another rubber bullet at him, it injured Istaita in the left thigh directly. Only few seconds later, the journalist, Mahmoud Fawzi, was injured again by a rubber bullet, in his face under his left eye. It is worth to mention that both of the journalists, (Mahmoud and Omair) were wearing their Press uniforms, and gas masks. The mentioned journalists were taken by an ambulance to Rafedia Governmental Hospital, where their bleeding was stopped and they were given the necessary treatment. They stayed at the hospital until 2:00AM.

(26th September) An occupation army force has arrested the author and blogger, Isra Khader Ahmad, (34 years old) after raiding her house located in Souref town in Hebron, West Bank. Her father stated to MADA “a force of the occupation army has raided our house located in Souref, in Hebron, at around 2:40AM, on Wednesday, corresponding 26 September 2018. I woke up by the loud knocking on the house door, and after opening the door, some army members entered the house and asked everyone in the house to step outside. They asked to see the identity cards of Isra and her sister,

they returned her sister’s identity card and took Isra with them. Several female soldiers entered and searched the house quickly. They also made a video of the entire house and its rooms inside before Isra was arrested and before they left the house, after around fifteen minutes of raiding the house”.

“On the following day, as we were told by the Palestinian Society Prisoner’s Club advocate, Isra was presented before the court, her trial was postponed to eight days. On Wednesday, corresponding 3 October 2018, she was presented to the court, but her trial was postponed as well for another eight days until an indictment was submitted against her. Currently she is in Hasharon prison” he added.

(27 September) A force of the Palestinian Intelligence has raided the studio of the freelance photographer, Nidal Mahmoud Abdelhafeth Al-Natsheh (30 years old), in Hebron, to search the studio and summon him. Al-Natsheh stated to MADA “at around 5:00PM, on 27 September 2018, a force of the Palestinian Intelligence Services has raided my studio in Hebron. It has a search warrant and an official summons. I received the summons from the intelligence officer, Adnan Abu Eisha. As the summons stated, I had to go to the headquarters at 9:00AM, on Sunday, corresponding 30 September 2018. I tried to talk to the officer and convince him that there is no need to question me and open a file in my name at the intelligence headquarters because I did not do anything that requires so. As I told the officer, that if I was arrested, I will let all of the human rights organizations know about this arrest. On the evening of the same

day, at around 10:00PM, I received a phone call from the same officer telling me not to come”.

(27th September) The Palestinian Intelligence Services arrested the journalist of Al-Hadath Newspaper, Musab Abdelsamad Shawer Al-Tamimi, (27 years old), from Hebron, after he was summoned through the phone, on Thursday, corresponding 27 September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the journalist of Al-Hadath Newspaper, Musab Abdelsamad Shawer Al-Tamimi, at around 4:00PM, on Thursday, corresponding 27 September 2018, received a phone call from the Palestinian Intelligence Services in Hebron, asking him to come to the headquarters. Indeed, he went to the headquarters in the city. Immediately after arriving at the headquarters about 10 minutes after the call, he was informed that he was under arrest, under the “security campaign” as one of the officers told him. the same officer also told him that they had a number of detainees in the West Bank in exchange for a number of others being detained (by Hamas) in Gaza. While Musab was at the headquarters, he was subjected to a limited “light” interrogation as he described it. He was asked about his personal information and remained in detention until the following day (Friday, September 28, 2018). He was released at 2:00PM, but he was informed that he need to come back to the Intelligence headquarters on Tuesday (corresponding 2nd October 2018) “to complete the investigation with him”.

It is worth noting that as a result of the internal Palestinian division, the Palestinian security services have

carried out a security campaign in the West Bank, under which a number of citizens were arrested in parallel with similar arrests carried out by Hamas security services in Gaza Strip.

(27th September) Al-Risan Mountain, located on the lands of Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Harith, Kafr Ni'ma, in Ramallah governorate, has become a place for Palestinian protest demonstrations against the Israeli occupation army following the construction of a settlement road by the Israeli occupation into the Palestinian lands, threatening 2,500 Dunums of the villagers' lands to be confiscated according to the Head of Ras Karkar Village Council.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, the Israeli occupation army has announced on 27 September 2018 that Al-Risan Mountain area, located near Ras Karkar, to the West of Ramallah, as a closed military zone. At around 5:30PM, on 4 September 2018, a number of journalists went to cover a Palestinian peaceful march there, called for by activists from Ras Karkar, Kharbatha Bani Harith, and Kafr Ni'ma, to protest against the confiscation of their lands. The soldiers have suppressed the march with the use of gas and sound bombs, leading to clashes between the demonstrators and soldiers, as the later continued to fire tear gas bombs, rubber-coated metal bullets and sound bombs at the demonstrators.

At 6:30PM, the photographer of Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Newspaper and Anatolia Turkish Agency, the journalist, Issam Huda Al-Rimawi (35 years old), was injured by a metal bullet in his right leg/lower knee,

even though he was wearing all kinds of protection equipment, including the helmet and the shield. He was standing at the mountainside and the clashes were about to end. Al-Rimawi stated: “while the soldiers were arresting one of the young men, I filmed the arrest which took place at a distance of 10 meters. There were no clashes, and while I was standing, without any warning, an Israeli soldier from the Border Police fired gunshot directly and deliberately at me. This soldier was with another group of officers and soldiers who witnessed the fire shooting. After I was injured, I could not feel my leg and I fell directly to the ground. A number of young men took me in a private vehicle to a red crescent ambulance which took me to Ramallah Medical Complex. The doctors told me that the injury has caused pressure to the nerves of my leg, and that I had bruises. I was discharged at 8:30PM”.



Al-Hayat Al-Jadida photographer Essam Al-Rimawi was hit by a rubber-coated metal bullet under the knee while covering the clashes in the village of Ras Karkar

On the same day, the photographer of the French Press Agency AFP, Abbas Abdelwahab Al-Momani (45 years old), was injured by a metal bullet in his left leg. This clearly reflects the deliberate targeting of the journalists by the occupation

soldiers during the clashes which erupted between the young men and the Israeli occupation army. Al-Momani reported to MADA “we were walking in the mountainside to film the arrest of one of the young men, the Israeli army was walking towards us. I was wearing all of the Press safety and protection equipment. In the beginning, my coworker, the journalist of the French Press Agency (AFP), the reporter Joseph Dick was targeted with a rubber bullet from a distance, but he was unharmed. A few minutes later, my other coworker, the journalist, Issam Al-Rimawi was targeted. After that, one of the soldiers fired a gunshot from a distance of only 5 meters at me. All of this happened in less than fifteen minutes. The army knew we were journalists and we did not pose any danger to them. Due to my injury, I was unable to walk and was taken in my personal car to the Palestinian Medical Complex in Ramallah, where the doctors told me that the injury has caused blood congestion under the skin, which resulted in swelling between the knee and the posterior foot. I stayed in the hospital for about three hours and left home at 9:45PM and the doctors advised me to rest for three days”.

(27th September) The Palestinian Intelligence Services in Hebron has summoned Thaer Ziad Al-Fakhouri, who works as the Monitor officer for Al-Quds TV, the person in charge of Palestine social media presences at Al-Jazeera Channel, the Director of Space Media Production, and a staff member in the Media Department at Hebron Municipality.

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Quds News TV, the person in charge of Palestine social media presences at Al-Jazeera Channel, and the Director of Space Media Production, has received a phone call at around 9:00PM, on Thursday, corresponding 27 September 2018, from the Palestinian Intelligence Services, and he was told to go to the headquarters immediately or Saturday morning, corresponding 29 September 2018. He said that if it was about his work as a journalist, they have to contact the Syndicate of Journalists first, and if it was about his other work, they have to contact Hebron Municipality. On Saturday, Thaer contacted the Syndicate of Journalists, and he learned from them (as he said) that the Palestinian Intelligence Services has a list of 150 persons to be arrested in the West Bank for 48 hours and will be released and that his name was on that list. Therefore, Thaer spoke on the phone with the Director and Deputy Director of the Intelligence headquarters in Hebron, and both of them confirmed to him that his meeting will be friendly and amicable and they will only converse with him for half an hour. They also informed him that he could come whenever he deems appropriate. At 10:00AM, on Thursday, corresponding 4 October 2018, Thaer went to the Intelligence headquarters, and the questions were about his opinion on the speech of the President, Mahmoud Abbas, before the UN, as well as the speech of the Political Office Member of Hamas, Ahmad Bahr. He was also asked about his opinion on the arrests carried out by Hamas in Gaza Strip and why he was arrested by Israel formerly. After the interview which lasted for half an hour, he was released.

(28th September) The photographer of Al-Majidat Media Network, Hanin Mahmoud Salman Baroud (23 years old), from Al-Shate' Camp, located to the west of Gaza Strip, was injured by a gas bomb in her head fired directly at her while she was covering a march taking place in Malka, east of Gaza Strip, on Friday, corresponding 28 September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer of Al-Majidat Media Network, at around 3:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 28 September 2018, went with her coworkers, Zainab Al-Bawab, a photographer, and Fatima Abdullah, Al-Majidat Team Leader, to cover the above mentioned march, and while she was wearing a vest marked "Al-Majidat Media Network", and holding a camera (she was not wearing the Press shield and helmet), and at around 5:00PM, while she was filming at a distance of 300 meters away from the separating fence, she was injured by a gas bomb in her head fired directly at her. She was given the field first aid at the medical point of the Palestinian Red Crescent established in that area. Then she was transferred by ambulance to Al-Quds Hospital where an x-ray was made to her injury. The doctors stitched her wound with eight stitches and then it was dressed".

(28th September) The Israeli Occupation Police has issued two tickets against journalists in a series of arbitrary measures aimed at preventing the arrival of journalists to the town threatened with demolition, Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, located in Al-Aghwar area, in which hundreds of solidarity activists have been protesting since 100 days to prevent the deportation



of population and the demolition order based on the decision of the occupation authorities ratified by the Israeli Supreme Court.

According to investigations of MADA researcher, the Israeli occupation forces, especially on Fridays, always announces Al-Khan Al-Ahmar as a closed military zone and intensifies its arbitrary measures against journalists and citizens to prevent their access to the town threatened with demolition, forcing them to take mountainous and steep roads. Among the arbitrary measures, is issuing tickets for unjustified and flimsy reasons. Just as happened on Friday, corresponding 28 September 2018, with the photographer of Associated Press (AP), the journalist Iyad Nimr Hamad (60 years old), who went on that day to Al-Khan Al-Ahmar to cover the Friday prayers which the Commission against the Wall and colonization called to be performed in Al-Khan Al-Ahmar threatened with demolition. The moment he arrived to Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, and before getting out of his vehicle, an Israeli police officer issued him a ticket with an amount of 250 NIS, under the pretext that he parked his vehicle on the yellow line of the street adjacent to Al-Khan Al-Ahmar. On 22 September 2018, Reuters Agency photographer, Adel Ibrahim Abu Nima (50 years old) suffered the same incident as he was heading to the parking near Al-Khan Al-Ahmar at about 11:00AM after completing his journalistic work waited for one of his coworkers to hand him over the filmed material. Before he arrived, and as he was walking on foot by the road, an Israeli police officer issued him a ticket of 250 NIS, which was paid by Abu Nima four days later.

(8th September) According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a force of the Occupation police and the Israeli Border Police, at around 10:30AM, on Friday, corresponding 28 September 2018, has detained the staff of Al-Ghad TV, consisting of the reporter, Raed Al-Sharif (29 years old), and the photographer, Jamil Hashem Salhab (27 years old), while they were heading to cover Friday prayers performed in Al-Khan Al-Ahmar after their personal identity cards and the vehicle license were seized, and they were asked not to get out of the vehicle. It is worth noting that they showed the police officer their press cards, not to mention the visible press logo marked on the vehicle. After about 25 minutes of their detention, the Israeli police officer told them that the area of Al-Khan Al-Ahmar is a closed military zone and that they are prohibited to be there or even try to access the area or park their vehicle anywhere near the area. He threatened them with issuing them a ticket, which prevented them from completing their work as they were getting ready to cover the eleven o'clock news.

(28th September) The photojournalist, Mueen Tayseer Al-Dabba, was injured while he was covering a demonstration taking place in Malka east of Gaza Strip on 28 September 2018 as part of the return marches.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer, Mueen Tayseer Al-Dabba (31 years old) went to Malka, east of Gaza Strip, on Friday, corresponding 28 September 2018, to cover the events of the return march and post it live on his Facebook page. Some young men started

setting the tires on fire in the area, and he immediately began shooting live these events. By degrees, the clashes between the demonstrators and the occupation forces on the other side of the separating fence intensified. Meanwhile, Al-Dabba was injured by a fragment in his shoulder, and he was taken by the paramedics and volunteers to the medical point established in the area. Then he was taken to Dar Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza Strip where he received the necessary treatment.

(30th September) The photographer of Reuters Agency, Mohammad Turkman (51 years old) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in his leg while he was covering the invasion of a force of the occupation army to Batn Al-Hawa in Ramallah City, in the afternoon, on 30 September 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA researcher, a force of the Israeli occupation army, has invaded Batn Al-Hawa area in Ramallah city, under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, in the afternoon, on 30 September 2018, and arrested two young men and a girl, after the residential premises were surrounded, and several roads leading to the mentioned area were closed. After that, groups of Palestinian young men started throwing stones at the army patrols and the soldiers began firing rubber bullets, gas bombs and tear gas bombs. There were several injuries of suffocation which urged the journalists to go to the place and cover the events. The photographer of Reuters Agency, Mohammad Turkman, went to the place and he was wearing the vest that was clearly marked PRESS. While he was at a distance of 50 meters away from the

soldiers patrols taking pictures of the events, one of the soldiers fired rubber bullets at him directly, and injured his left leg. He was given the first aid in the field and then he was taken to Ramallah Medical Complex where he received the necessary treatment. He was discharged from the hospital two hours later.

## October

(1st Oct.) Some Israeli police officers have assaulted the freelance journalist, Yazan Haddad, while he was covering some events taking place in the city of Jerusalem.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, on Monday, corresponding 1st Oct. 2018, it was a general strike in the West Bank, Jerusalem, as well as some cities and towns within the green line, to protest against the National-State Bill approved by Israel which states that the right to self-determination in Israel belongs only to the Jewish people, in addition to other discriminatory provisions against the Arab Palestinians. This strike coincided with Shavuot Holiday where large numbers of settlers have taken part in provocative celebratory tours across the occupied Jerusalem, repeating racist chants against Arabs and Palestinians. Between 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM on that day, Yazan Ahmed Mohammed Haddad, (22 years old) a freelance journalist, lives in Al-Thawri neighborhood, in Silwan, Jerusalem, was near Damascus Gate, a main and vital area of Jerusalem, to cover the strike, when a large group of Israeli occupation forces detained a number of young Palestinians in that place, even though they did not raise any flags or yelled any chants. As he was reporting live through his cell phone, some soldiers wearing

green uniforms have suddenly attacked the demonstrators with pepper gas spray in the faces (in a matter of minutes), as he stated, which is why he lost concentration for a little while. He was beaten by some Police officers, one of them has raised an iron barricade and hit him, which caused him a wound in his hand, not to mention that his cell phone has smashed.

(1st Oct.) At the northern entrance of Al-Bireh, specifically, in the road leading to Beit El Military Barrier, located to the northeast of Ramallah City, where the clashes between the Palestinian and Israelis usually erupt, following the general strike in most of the Palestinian cities and towns, on Monday, corresponding 1st Oct. 2018, protesting against the Nation-State Bill (enacted by the Knesset in 19th July 2018), clashes have erupted at Beit El Barrier on that day, attracting several media and journalists to cover the event. At 3:42 PM, RAYA FM Radio photographer, Shadi Hatem Imtairiya (25 years old) was injured by a stone in his left leg while he was covering the clashes which have erupted between dozens of the Palestinian demonstrators and the Israeli Occupation forces. While he was covering the event, Imtairiya was wearing the Press helmet and vest, standing behind an iron caravan to protect himself from the gas bombs fired by the soldiers at the demonstrators as the latter were throwing stones at the soldiers, which led to the injury of Imtairiya by a stone in his left foot. He could not stand up post to his injury, he went to one of the paramedics at the area to dress the wound of his injured foot. He was taken in the ambulance which arrived directly after one of the Red Crescent paramedics dressed

his wound. He was transferred to Al-Mostaqbal Hospital located in Al-Bireh City, where he ran some tests before being transferred to Palestine Medical Complex where x-rays were made to him and they showed some bruises only. He was discharged at 5:20 PM, and was recommended by the doctors to have 3-days rest.

Note: MADA researcher has witnessed what happened and how the above mentioned journalist was injured as he, along with the photographer, Munther Al-Khateeb, were standing next the photographer, Shadi Hatem, the moment he was injured. There are photos taken by the researcher of the first moment of the injury of Shadi Hatem.

(3rd Oct.) The injury of Xinhua News Agency photographer, Mohammad Dahman (30 years old) by a gas bomb in his thigh while he was covering a demonstration taking place in Beit Hanoun "Erez Crossing", to the north of Gaza Strip, as part of the weekly return marches.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photographer, Mohammad Dahman (30 years old), from Al-Nasr neighborhood in Gaza, at around 06:30, on Wednesday corresponding 4 Oct. 2018, was in Beit Hanoun "Erez Crossing", to the north of Gaza Strip, covering a demonstration taking place as part of the return marches. He was injured by a gas bomb in the right thigh fired at him directly by one of the Israeli Occupation soldiers, even though he was wearing the Press helmet and vest, and he was at a distance of 300 meters away from the separating fence. Since he did not feel much pain, he thought it was a minimal injury. He did not went to the field medical point

established in the area, he continued his work for two more hours, until 8:30, upon completing his work, he checked the injury and found that its color has changed, and its extent had increased. He went to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, where the doctors reassured him that there was no internal hemorrhage or muscle damage.

(5th Oct.) The injury of the journalist, Doaa Fareed Hamed Zarab, by a gunshot in her right leg, while she was covering the peaceful return march taking place on Friday, corresponding 5 Oct. 2018, in Khuza'a, east of Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the volunteer journalist at Noor News Agency, Doaa Fareed Hamed Zarab, from Khan Younis, 25 years old, has arrived around 4:00 PM, on 5 Oct. 2018, to Khuza'a, east of Khan Younis, wearing the Press shield, with a camera to cover a demonstration that was taking place as part of the return peaceful marches. While she was there, she saw some demonstrators getting off buses, she also saw around 400 demonstrators at a distance of 300-350 meters away from the security separating fence, and around 100 demonstrators setting tires on fire 100 meters away from the fence. She also noticed some Israeli soldiers go up sandy hills, and around three Israeli military jeeps parked on the other side of the fence firing gas bombs at the demonstrators which caused several injuries and suffocation. Meanwhile, she was standing in "Jakr" street, 300 meters away from the separating fence, and she started filming the demonstrators who were increasing gradually. Some of them

approached the fence to a distance of 30-50 meters, started setting in fire rubber tires, chanting and throwing stones at the Israeli military jeeps. At around 5:00, she moved along with a number of journalists and approached the separating fence to a distance of 30-50 meters. Half an hour later, she retreated back 300 meters away from the fence, and at around 5:45, she was injured by a gunshot fired directly at her right leg, lower the knee "causing an entry and exit". Immediately, members of the Civil Defense and volunteer paramedics transferred her by an ambulance to the field hospital, which is about 800 meters away from the separating fence, where she received first aid and was transferred to Nasser Medical Complex, west of Khan Yunis, where she arrived at 6:30, and it was found that the gunshot has caused her leg fracture, torn ligaments, intravenous cutting, hemorrhage, and inability to move the injured toes. On Saturday, corresponding 6 Oct. 2018, she underwent a clean-up operation, an exploratory operation to stop the bleeding. According to the doctors at Nasser Medical Complex, in the coming days, she will undergo another one or two operations as Zarab stated to MADA researcher.



The journalist Du'aa Zo'rob was wounded by a live bullet in the right leg in the town of Khuza'a, east of Khan Yunis

(5th Oct.) The injury of the photojournalist, Osama Shareef Mahmoud Al-Kahlout, by fragments in both thighs while he was covering the events of the return peaceful marches taking place at the separating fence, east of Bureij Camp, Gaza Strip.

According to MADA researcher, the photographer of Donia Al-Watan, Osama Shareef Al-Kahlout (34 years old), from Deir Al-Balah, has arrived on the afternoon of 5 Oct. 2018, to the separating fence area, east of Bureij Camp, in the central Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the peaceful return march. He was wearing the Press vest, when he started taking some photos of the demonstrators while he was at 300 meters away from the separating fence. He took some distance away when the Israeli soldiers on the other side of the fence started firing large amounts of tear gas bombs at the demonstrators. At around 06:00 PM, while he was covering the events, a man standing next to him was injured by a gunshot, the fragments of which have injured another three persons. It was right in this moment when he felt some heat in his leg, and found that he was injured with minor wounds in both of his thighs. On his way home in the evening, he went to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where he made an x-ray, and it showed that there were five fragments of a gunshot in his thighs. He stayed in the hospital until 11:15 PM, and then was discharged with some medications.

(7th Oct.) The reporter of Shihab News Agency, Amer Abdelhai Mohammad Abu Arafa (35 years old) was arrested by the Palestinian Intelligence Services in the West Bank, interrogated and questioned several times about his work.

According to MADA researcher, the reporter of Shihab News Agency<sup>7</sup> in the West Bank, Amer Abdelhai Mohammad Abu Arafa (35 years old), from Hebron, was summoned by the Palestinian Intelligence Services, at 10:00 AM, on Sunday, corresponding 7 Oct. 2018. Indeed, he went to the Intelligence Services headquarters, on the scheduled day. About half an hour after his arrival, he met the investigator “Abu Saddam” who asked him to open his Facebook page, and asked him about his work for Shihab News Agency, the resources of his news, how does he contact the Agency and how do the Agency sends him assignments. Amer refused to disclose his Facebook password, unless they bring him an order to do so from the Public Prosecution or the Court. The investigation session continued with him for about half an hour, during which Amer saw an arrest warrant in his name since he did respond. The computer expert tried more than once to hack and open his account in front of him. After the investigation, Amer stayed in the waiting room until about 5:00 PM, when the Officer “Abu Saddam” asked him to hand over his stuff and took him to a cell. Amer spent a full day in the smelly cell (2m/1m). He was questioned seven times. In each time, the interrogation lasted about half an hour. Amer did not notice any hostility in the interrogators’ methods, but once, one of the officers was carrying an M-16 and began moving it to make sounds as if he was preparing to shoot, Amer considered this a kind of intimidation. He also noticed that the officers and

7 Shihab News Agency is a Palestinian news agency stationed in Gaza Strip, locally recognized and known as one of the largest news Facebook pages.

investigators have agreed that if he did not disclose the password of his Facebook account, his detention will be extended 15 days. In the investigation sessions, he was asked about his work with Shihab Agency, why he was arrested by the Israeli Occupation 15 years ago (when he spend six years in the Israeli prisons), what was his categorization in the prison, he was also asked about a post he published on his personal page for which he was accused that he is attacking and cursing Jamal Nazal, a member in the Revolutionary Council, the spokesperson of Fatah Movement. In the post, he criticized the speech of Jamal Nazzal against Hamas, wondering why he did not attack the Occupation instead. Amer was not brought before the Public Prosecution or the Court, he was released at around 4:00 PM, on the following day, Monday, corresponding 8 Oct. 2018.

(8th Oct.) The Occupation Forces have seized the television equipment of Roya and MAAN TV Channels, and prevented them from covering the events of the raids implemented by the Occupation Army in Shweike neighborhood in Tulkarm.

According to MADA researcher, the day following the shooting in which two Israeli settlers were killed in "Barkan" settlement, near Salfit, in the West Bank, on Sunday, corresponding 7 Oct. 2018, which the Israeli claimed that the young man, Ashraf Naaloah, from Shweike, is the person in charge of the shooting, but he escaped, on Monday, corresponding 8 Oct. 2018, at around 12:00 PM, MAAN staff, including the photographer, Rami Rouhi Darwish Swedan (42 years old), his coworker, the reporter, Islam Masoud Hussein Hamad (46 years old), the reporter of

Roya, Hafeth Mahmoud Abu Sabra, and his coworker, the photographer, Wisam Abderabo Hajjouj (26 years old) went to interview the parents of Naaloah, the person accused of implementing the shooting against the settlers, in his house located in Shweike neighborhood, 2.5 kilometers to the north of Tulkarm. During the interview, the occupation forces raided the area, around six soldiers entered the house, asked the staff to stop the interview, and leave the house immediately on the grounds that they unlawfully entered a military zone. However, the four journalists could not get out due to the military jeeps parked in a manner blocking the road in front of their vehicles. The soldiers seized the staff's equipment, placed them in the journalists' vehicle, and asked them not to film anything. They were detained half an hour at the entrance of the house, guarded by four soldiers, while one of the soldiers took Naaloah's father to another house for questioning.

(9th Oct.) The Palestinian Security Services have summoned several citizens in connection to the peaceful poplar sit-in protesting against the Social Security Law, including three journalists, namely: Ihab Al-Jariri, Director of FM 24 RAdio, Fadi Al-Arouri, the photographer of Xinhua News Agency, and the freelance journalist, Jehan Hassan Awad, (34 years old).

Al-Arouri stated to MADA "On 9th Oct. 2018, I received an oral summons from the Preventive Security Services in Ramallah. Indeed, I went to the headquarters at around 1:30 PM, the discussion was mainly about the need for/the popular mass movement against the social security law/to obtain



an authorization for the sit-in intended to take place on Monday, corresponding 15th October 2018. After they found that we indeed applied to obtain an authorization, the tone of the discussion changed and moved on to address the need to adhere to the law. I commented that the Preventive Security is not the negotiating or the competent party to discuss the authorization for the sit-in with us. Especially that we have applied for an authorization to the competent party, which is the governorate, and it will get back to us on this regard, not to mention that we have no intention to confront the police. They asked me to sign on a pledge not to incite, but I refused to sign”.

As to Al-Jariri, he stated “the Preventive Security Services in Ramallah has called me by telephone, and asked me to immediately come. Indeed, I went to the headquarters at around 12:00 PM, where I stayed for an hour and a half, the discussion was about “us – the group responsible for the popular mass movement against the social security law – and how we incite against the law, threatening the civil peace, disregarding the present circumstances of the country which cannot stand such acts, and that the march has no authorization (even though the group in charge of the sit-in has applied for an authorization to the Governorate). They indicated that they know about the groups/ inciting against the Authority and trying to take advantage of the current protests of citizens for their interest. I was asked to sign a pledge not to incite, in its former version, which I did not hesitate for a second to sign as I know for sure that I do not incite indeed”.

The Journalist Jehan Awad stated

“I received a phone call from the Preventive Security in Ramallah, on 9th Oct. 2018, asking me to come to the headquarters for ten minutes for an interview. When I asked about the reason or the subject of the interview, they replied that it was about my Facebook posts on the social security law. But I did not respond or go as the summons was not official, and if they want to question me, the Syndicate has to be notified”.

(12th Oct.) The injury of the journalists, Bilal Bassam Odeh Al-Sabagh, and Yasser Zuhair Al-Taweel, by the occupation soldiers bullets, while they were covering a demonstration as part of the return peaceful marches in Malka, east of Gaza, on Friday, corresponding 12 Oct. 2018.

According to MADA researcher, the freelance photographer, Yasser Zuhair Al-Taweel (21 years old), has went to Malka, east of Gaza, on Friday, corresponding 12 Oct. 2018, to cover a demonstration as part of the return marches. At around 5:00 PM, while he was taking some photos at a distance of 30 meters away from the separating fence, he was targeted by a gunshot fired by one of the Israeli soldiers stationed on the other side of the separating fence, causing him an injury through the mid-chest out of the right shoulder, shattering the bones of the right humerus and causing nerve damage in the right hand as it turned out later, even though there were only groups of demonstrators in the area carrying banners and yelling to condemn the aggression and siege and demand return and self-determination in ways that pose no threat.



On the same day, Friday, corresponding 12 Oct. 2018, the photographer of Zain for Media Production, and the freelance photographer of the French News Agency, Bilal Odeh Al-Sabagh (27 years old), went at 4:00 PM, to the same place (Malka, east of Gaza), while he was wearing the Press shield (the helmet, the vest, and the muzzle marked "Press" to cover a demonstration as part of the return marches, and at around 5:30, while covering these events, Al-Sabagh noticed the escalation and consistency of the Israeli targeting of demonstrators, and the intensive shooting of gunshots and gas bombs, which is why he retreated back towards the west, to a safer area, 80-100 meters away from the separating fence, while he was moving back, he felt an injury in his leg. It was found later that the injury was caused by an explosive bullet fragment, causing him a one-centimeter wound, as it turned out later after he was taken to Al-Shifa Medical Complex, where he arrived at 6:30 PM. The fragment was not removed as the doctor supervising his condition deemed appropriate, unless after two days, on Sunday, corresponding 14 Oct. 2018, as it was removed in the Patient Friend's Benevolent Society.

(14th Oct.) An Israeli occupation army force has raided the house of the journalist, Musab Mohammad Dbeigh, at dawn, on 14 Oct. 2018, questioned and threatened him.

According to MADA field researcher, the family of the journalist, Musab Mohammad Ibrahim Dbeigh, born on 19 September 1996, works for Kol Alnas TV, also a reporter for MAAN News Agency, lives in Al-Sonawbar area in Bala'a, east of Tulkarm, at

around 2:15 AM, at dawn, on Sunday, corresponding 14 Oct. 2018, has heard the sound of artillery parking in front of the house, and the sound of someone opening the main gate of the house's front yard. This was followed by knocking the front door of the house, when they opened the door, around five soldiers were there, they asked them to stay inside the house, they took out Musab's father to an exterior room in the house's yard, and asked Musab to stay among his family members in a room with no lights on. Meanwhile, they started questioning the father and it lasted for 30 minutes, then they asked Musab to step out, and come to the same exterior room. He came accompanied by three soldiers, including a tall intelligence officer, wearing the military uniform and helmet on his head, carrying a gun on his side, he started yelling at Musab and asking him: how did you go to Ashraf Naaloah's house, who asked you to prepare a television report? What is the kind of relationship you have with Ashraf Abu Sheikha (who is currently wanted by the occupation for the charge of executing Barkan operation), in Shweike neighborhood in Tulkarm. Musab clarified in his answers that he is a journalist working for Kol Alnas TV in Tulkarem, and a reporter of MAAN Radio Network; therefore, he follows orders to prepare media reports. He stated that he has no relationship with Ashraf except that three years ago, Ashraf and his brother Amjad, have installed an air conditioner in Musab's house, and he did not meet him ever since or contacted him. The Israeli officer has cursed Musab, yelled at him and threatened him with imprisonment and destroying his house if it turned

out that he concealed information or helped Ashraf even if only by providing him with a drink or food or shelter. His questioning continued for 30 minutes, his phone was seized, and its contents were accessed, they gave it back to him before they left the house.

(14th Oct.) The Palestinian Police has handed over the journalist, Ayat Farhat Abdullah, a subpoena (imprisonment order) in connection to the case initiated by the Director of An-Najah National University Media Department against a number of journalists.

According to MADA field researcher, at around 5:00 PM, on the evening of 14 Oct. 2018, some police officers from Aqraba Police Center, which is the closest police center to Beita town where the journalist, Ayat Farhat Abdullah (27 years old) was, have arrived to the electrical shop of Ayat's uncle and handed him over a subpoena. They told him that she has to immediately come to the police and that the notification was an imprisonment order and only because she was a girl they did not arrest her directly from her house. With immediate effect, Ayat contacted the Syndicate of Journalists and informed them with what happened. She also contacted the Police Public Relations Department to enquire about the issue. They told her that "it is either about debts, or promissory notes or a bail she has signed to someone", but she was certain that she has no debts or any obligations of this kind. Ayat's brother went to the Police Center on the evening of that day, where he learned that the issue was connected to the "Facebook" and the defamation case initiated by An-Najah University Media Department

Director, Ghazi Murtaja, against her. Ayat contacted the Police Public Relations Director, Colonel Loay Zreiqat, and the latter contacted Nablus Police and the Public Relations Director, Amjad Farahta, and told her that he suspended the imprisonment order, but she has to go on the following day and issue a pursuit abstention, that is a prosecution prevention. On the following morning, corresponding 15 Oct. 2018, Ayat contacted the Syndicate' lawyer and he told her that he will put an end to this matter. She also contacted ADDAMEER Organization and they informed her that as long as her file is with the Public Prosecution, it would still under ongoing processing. Then she contacted MADA's lawyer, Firas Karaja, gave him her I.D. Card number and he assured her that the imprisonment order is connected to the case of the Media Department Director, Ghazi Murtaja. Firas informed her that the case is still in process and that they both have to go to the Public Prosecution. On 16 Oct. 2018, it was posted on the Facebook that the cases initiated by Ghazi Murtaja have been dropped. However, on 22 Oct. 2018, Ayat, along with MADA's lawyer, Firas Karaja, and ADDAMEER's lawyer, Mohannad Karaja, went to Nablus Prosecution Office, where they learned that the cases were not actually dropped. The chief prosecutor told her that he will not question her on that day, because there might be "reconciliation", and she knew that if the case was dropped, there is "public right" and the case will remain ongoing. On the same day, Ayat issued a pursuit abstention and went to the Police Center to prevent further prosecution against her and

to suspend the imprisonment orders issued against her.

On the morning of 28 Oct. 2018, MADA's lawyer, Firas Karaja, has accompanied the journalist, Mada Mohammad Yazeed Fathi Shalbak (24 years old) to Nablus Prosecution Office, note that Shalbak used to work for Al-Najah News Website over a period of one year and three months, in respond to the subpoena issued by the Prosecution Office in connection with the case initiated against her by An-Najah National University Media Department Director, Ghazi Murtaja. When they arrived, Shalbak signed a power of attorney to authorize the lawyer Firas Karaja. The Chief Prosecutor was not there, and he refused that the file be opened by someone else, but after contacting him and some of the lawyers at the Prosecution Office, they took the subpoena, they also copied some of her documents, including the personal identity card, and her place of residence, in order to proceed with the due procedures to appear before the Prosecution Office and the court.

(15th Oct. ) The injury of the freelance photographer, Thaer Abu Rayash, by an explosive gunshot while he was covering a demonstration as part of the return marches organized in Zikim Beach, Gaza Strip.

According to MADA field researcher, the freelance photojournalist, Thaer Khaled Fahmi Abu Rayash (24 years old), from Beit Lahia, north of Gaza Strip, has arrived at around 4:30 PM, on Monday, corresponding 15 Oct. 2018, to Zikim Beach, northwest of Lahia, to the north of Gaza Strip, wearing the Press uniform, to cover a demonstration organized there as part of the return marches. While

he was standing on the beach at a distance of 300 meters away from the separating border fence where the Israeli soldiers were deployed, half an hour after he arrived, he suffered suffocation due to the excessive firing of gas bombs at the demonstrators. He moved a few meters to the back while he was filming the events, but as soon he was injured by an explosive bullet fired at him by the Israeli soldiers through his right hand. One of the fragments of the bullet settled in his hand bones while other fragments have injured his lower jaw causing him severe bleeding, more fragments have even injured two other young men around him. The moment he was injured, Abu Rayash was taken in an ambulance to the field medical point established in the area and from there he was transferred to Al-Awda Hospital, where the bleeding was stopped and his wound was stitched 17 stitches. A pressure bandage was dressed to the wound without removing the fragment or casting the fracture given the hazardous consequences of removing the fragment from the sensitive place it settled in.

(15th Oct.) According to MADA field researcher, and eye-witnesses, at around 7:30 AM, on Monday, corresponding 15 Oct. 2018, the students of Al-Lubban Al-Sawiya Secondary School, located in Ramallah-Nablus Street, to the south of Nablus, went to their school, in the presence of the Minister of Education & Higher Education, Dr. Sabri Seidam, Nablus Governor, Major General Akram Al-Rjoub, alongside a number of the families from Al-Lubban Al-Sawiya and the neighboring villages, to protest against a military decision issued

by the Israeli occupation forces to close the said school. Meanwhile, a number of journalists from several press agencies came to cover the event, including Nasser Ishtaya, a representative of Epa Agency, Ayman Al-Nubani, a representative of WAFA News Agency, and the photographer, Alaa Badarneh.

At around 8:10 AM, while the students were entering the school, the occupation forces have suppressed the demonstrators by gas bombs and rubber-coated bullets until they managed to evacuate the school. An eye-witness has stated to MADA researcher that the occupation forces have deliberately targeted the photographer of the French News Agency, Jafar Zahed Hussein Ishtaya, (51 years old) by a gas bomb that injured his head on his way out of the school main door, and at close range. Ishtaya was taken in an ambulance to Yasser Arafat Hospital, in Salfit, and after running the tests, he was transferred to Rafidia Governmental Hospital in Nablus. Following the medical tests and radiography, it was found that he is suffering a fracture in the skull and a concussion. Currently, he is lying in bed, in the ICU, and the doctors described his situation as moderate. Until the moment, there is no complete medical report on his injury and health condition.



Photographer of the French Agency Jaafar Ashtayeh after he was hit by a gas bomb in the head fired by soldiers of the occupation army.

(15th Oct.) The Israeli occupation forces have prevented the journalists and the media from covering the ongoing sit-in taking place in Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, located in the Valleys area, West Bank, protesting against the Israeli decision of demolishing the village and displacing its population. It is noteworthy that Al-Khan Al-Ahmar is one of the 46 Bedouin communities the occupation authorities are seeking to demolish and displace their population to implement its settlement project "E1" which urged dozens of the Palestinian and foreign activists to call for an open sit-in in the village starting from 20 July 2018 to prevent the demolishing and displacement of population. In the meantime, the Israeli occupation forces closed most of the roads leading to the village and placed gates to open and close whenever they deem appropriate, and carried out a series of measures to pressure the population and displace them. This has taken place in parallel with a series of attacks against the media and journalists to prevent them from covering what is happening on the ground. It is noteworthy that several journalists and press agencies are staying, almost permanently, in the village

to cover any dramatic or surprising updates that might take place.

According to MADA field researcher, an Israeli occupation army force, at 7:00 AM, on 15 Oct. 2018, has raided Al-Khan Al-Ahmar with three bulldozers to level the roads adjacent to the village and dispose the waste water launched by the settlers. However, the demonstrators in the sit-in went to the entrance of the village to prevent the bulldozers from entering the village, and so did a lot of journalists and press agencies staying almost permanently in the village to cover the events since the beginning of the open sit-in which started on 20 July 2018 to prevent the execution of the demolition decision and displacement of population. When the Israeli bulldozers approached the entrance of the village, the activists sat in front of the bulldozers to prevent them from moving forward. The soldiers prevented the journalists from approaching the site to cover the event, and they assaulted some journalists even though all of them were wearing Press uniforms or holding Press cards. This has affected the following:

1. The photojournalist of Ekha Turkish Website and Al-Hadaf Online Magazine, Sari Sharif Abdelgaffar Jaradat, (32 years old), was banned from media coverage and threatened by soldiers with arrest.
2. The photojournalist of Al-Ghad TV, Jameel Hashem Jameel Salhab, (31 years old), prevented from approaching the events while he was at Al-Khan Al-Ahmar since 35 days filming the leveling actions, during which one of the Israeli Police Yasam Unit officers

pushed and prevented him from covering the event.

3. The photographer of WAFA, Sulaiman Mahmoud Sulaiman Abu Srou, (33 years old), prevented from media coverage, as one of the Israeli force elements has pulled a gun on his chest and threatened him with arrest if he did not leave the site right before one of the other soldiers sprayed pepper gas directly at his face. Abu Srou received the field treatment by the medical staff at the location.
4. Reuters journalist, Mousa Issa Al-Qawasma, (35 years old), pushed by some of the Israeli Army officers deliberately to prevent him from covering the event.
5. Palestine TV photographer, Ali Yaseen, (26 years old) prevented from entering the area, his personal card was seized and so his driving license, for 40 minutes.

At 7:30 AM, on the following day, corresponding 16 Oct. 2018, the Israeli occupation bulldozers came back to continue the leveling of the streets adjacent to Al-Khan Al-Ahmar, and again, prevented the press agencies from filming and covering the event. This has affected the journalists below:

1. PalPress Agency photographer, Mohammad Jawad Issa Zaghab, (30 years old), prevented from entering Al-Khan Al-Ahmar to cover the event.
2. Palestine TV reporter, Christine Khaled Waled Rinawi, (28 years old), deliberately pushed by some of the Israeli police officers during her direct coverage of what was happening there. When she left Al-Khan Al-Ahmar,

one of the Israeli police officers has chased her vehicle, asked for her personal card but did not issue her any tickets.

3. The Iranian TV photographer, Khaled Ali Sabarneh, (47 years old), deliberately pushed by the Israeli Occupation soldiers in front of his colleagues from other Press agencies.

(18th Oct.) The injury of the photojournalist, Mahmoud Khaleel Mahmoud Bader, by a gas bomb in his leg fired at him by one of the occupation soldiers while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march, at Beit Hanoun, Erez Crossing, on 18 Oct. 2018.

According to MADA researcher, the Palestinians in northern Gaza Strip, particularly in Beit Hanoun (Erez Crossing), used to organize protest demonstrations as part of the peaceful return marches, every Tuesday, along the road leading to Beit Hanoun-Erez crossing. On Tuesday, corresponding 18 October, 2018, the photojournalist, Mahmoud Khalil Mahmoud Bader, a 21-year-old staff member of the Palestinian Information Center, went to cover the events in the area as he used to do every Tuesday. The demonstrators, as usual, were setting on fire the rubber tires and chanting against the occupation. The photographer, Mahmoud Bader approached the front area of the protests and began to take pictures for the Palestinian Media Center, which he works for as a photographer and journalist, wearing a full press uniform (blue helmet, blue shield marked Press and holding a camera). At approximately 5:00 PM, the Israeli occupation forces fired a barrage of gas bombs at the demonstrators, especially in the front

area of the protests, which is not more than 100 meters away “Erez Crossing” gate in the street in front of the gate where the photographer Mahmoud was standing. The demonstrators dispersed away from the gas bombs and Mahmoud went to the west side of the street where the gas was less. After a short time he returned to stand in the same spot around a small number of civilian demonstrators and at that time he was targeted with a gas bomb directly fired at his right knee, he fell to the ground and got help from some of the demonstrators who took him to the ambulances which were in a farther location. He was taken to Al-Awda Hospital for treatment. After radiography, he was found to have suffered minor burns to the skin, bruises due to the injury and tissues rupture. He said that this was the third time he had been injured by gas bombs fired directly at him.

(19th Oct.) The injury of the freelance journalist, Fadi Waheed Hammad Thabet, by a bullet in his left leg, below the knee, while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march, taking place on Friday, corresponding 19 Oct. 2018, east of Bureij Camp.

According to MADA field researcher, the freelance photojournalist, Fadi Waheed Hammad Thabet, (27 years old), from Juhor Ad-Dik, in the central Gaza Strip, has arrived at around 3:30 PM, on Friday, corresponding 5 Oct. 2018, to the east of Bureij Camp, in the central Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the return peaceful march. He was wearing the Press vest, and at around 4:00 PM, the citizens started arriving to the site and setting in fire rubber tires. He started filming the demonstrators, at



a distance of 200 meters away from the separating fence, on the other side of which the Israeli soldiers were deployed. At around 5:00 PM, he was posting live the events through his Facebook account, and noticed a threatening comment on the live video he was posting. The threat was in sent in Hebrew “take one step forward so you can get your penalty ... the person posting this has to be killed”. Only then he decided to stop the live posting and started taking photos. Not long after this, at 5:18 PM, Fadi was injured by a gunshot directly fired at his leg and he could not move as a result. He was taken by the paramedics to Al-Aqsa Hospital, located in Deir Al-Balah, where it was found that he was injured by an explosive gunshot which led to bone fracture and tissues laceration. Platinum was placed to his leg and he stayed in hospital for four days. Fadi is still laying at home because he cannot move due to the severe pain he feels, provided he should go to the hospital on 5 Nov. 2018 for follow-up.

(19th Oct.) The injury of the volunteer journalist of “Palestine Al-Hadath”, Mahmoud Abu Muslim, (20 years old), by an explosive gunshot in the right ankle, while he was covering the events of the return march taking place in the east of Bureij, Gaza Strip. According to MADA researcher, the volunteer journalist of “Palestine Al-Hadath”, Mahmoud Abu Muslim, from Al-Maghazi, in the central Gaza Strip, at around 3:30, on Friday, corresponding 19 Oct. 2018, went to the east of Bureij Camp, in Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the return march. He was wearing the Press vest and helmet, and while he was getting ready to start his work, at a distance of 300 meters away

from the separating fence, before taking any photos as the events of the march have not yet begun, he was injured by an explosive bullet in his right ankle. Immediately after that, he was taken by paramedics to the field medical point in the area, and from there, he was transferred to the hospital where he ran tests and radiography which showed that the bullet has injured his right ankle in the “lateral malleolus” specifically, which caused him a deep wound requiring stitches.

(19th Oct.) The injury of the photographer, Yahya Waled Hals, by a gas bomb in his face fired by an Israeli soldier while he was covering a demonstration taking place in Malka, east of Gaza Strip.

According to MADA researcher, the photographer of Palestine Today News Agency, Yahya Waled Hals, (21 years old), at around 3:00 PM, on Friday, corresponding 19 Oct. 2018, went to Malka, east of Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the weekly return march. As soon as he arrived, he began to take photographs, live posting to the Agency’s Facebook page, and at about 4:00 PM he approached the separating fence to film the demonstrators there, when the Israeli occupation soldiers began randomly firing a barrage of gas bombs at the demonstrators. Half an hour later, that is, at around 5:30 PM, he was injured by a gas bomb in his face fired directly at him by one of the soldiers. It is noteworthy that he was wearing the Press uniform, and was standing at a distance of 70 meters. Immediately, he was taken by some young men to the field medical point in Malka where he received the first aid, and then he was transferred to Al-Shifa Medical Hospital where he ran some tests.



Then he was transferred to the Eye Hospital in Al-Naser neighborhood, in Gaza Strip, where his slight wounds were cleaned and he stayed for two hours approximately. Then he was taken back to Al-Shifa Medical Hospital where he stayed until 10:00 PM before the doctors discharged him and he returned home.

(19/10) Journalist Madeleine Essam Al-Aqra was hit by a tear gas grenade, fired directly at her while covering a demonstration east of the Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. According to investigations conducted by MADA field researcher, the photographer and correspondent in the Philistine Al-hadath news Agency Madeline Essam Al-Aqra, (20 years), a resident of Deir Al-Balah arrived at about 3 pm on 19/10/2018 East Boreij area to cover a demonstration within the activities of the peaceful return march. She was wearing a protective jacket and a helmet with a press signal and began broadcasting live events on the mobile phone after she stood about 300 meters from the separation fence where the Israeli soldiers stand. At about 5:00 pm, soldiers fired a large number of tear gas at the area where she was stand; one of the bombs hit her directly in the right hand, specifically in the wrist. Several other bombs fell next to her, which blocked her vision and caused her to faint because of gas and injury. After a short period of time (several minutes) Madeline wake up and found herself at the field medical point, where she received the necessary treatments and went home, and two days later she felt dizzy which make her stay at home.

(24th Oct.) The injury of “Misk Press” photographer, Anas Rouhi

Abdullah Al-Ghoul, on the evening of Wednesday, corresponding 24 Oct. 2018, while he was covering a night demonstration near the separating fence, east of Rafah.

According to MADA field researcher, “Misk Press” photographer, Anas Rouhi Abdullah Al-Ghoul, 23 years old, at around 9:30 PM, on Wednesday, corresponding 24 Oct. 2018, went to east Rafah to cover a night demonstration, where dozens of demonstrators were in the “Jakr Street”, and while he was at a distance of 500 meters away from the separating fence, in his Press vest, holding a photographic camera, he started filming the demonstrators setting rubber tires on fire. After around half an hour (at 10:00 PM), the occupation soldiers deployed on the other side of the separating fence, started excessive firing of tear gas bombs and gunshots. Anas was injured with an explosive bullet fragments in the ankle and knee of his left leg, after the bullet injured another demonstrator near him. Al-Ghoul immediately fell to the ground, and then he was taken by some demonstrators to Abu Yousef Hospital, where he arrived at 10:30 PM, after some x-rays were made to him, it was found that there were no fragments in his leg, the injury was stitched with four stitches in the knee and one in the ankle. The wound was dressed, and two hours later, he was discharged. But on the following day, he returned to the hospital as he felt pain and suffered a light bleeding.

(27th Oct.) The Israeli occupation forces have seized thousands of the donums surrounding Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya and Al-Janiya, to the west of Ramallah, in the central West Bank. Since the beginning of 2018,

the settlers have been attempting to establish a settlement road that would surround the villages of Nabi Saleh, Deir Nizam, Deir Ammar, Beitelu, Umm Safa, Kobar, Jibiya and Burham. This raises the concerns of the Palestinians, especially the population of these villages, that the new settlement road will serve as a prelude to connect 11 settlements altogether to result in an outpost as part of settlement blocs, and this will lead to separating northwest Ramallah, and west Ramallah from the entire city of Ramallah, which will result in complete isolation of these villages, which is why their population have organized popular mass protests and demonstrations to take place every Friday, near their confiscated lands, which will attract most of the press agencies for media coverage.

According to MADA field researcher, clashes erupted between the families who have demonstrated on Friday, corresponding 27 Oct. 2018, and the Israeli. The clashes grew more severe at around 5:30 PM, when the Israeli Border Police officers have fired live bullets from a distance of 30 meters at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, which led to the death of the young man, Othman Ahmad Ali Ladadweh, (33 years old) and the injury of eight more, one of which was described as extremely critical, which is an injury by a gunshot in the head. Among those injured due to this shooting, is the freelance photojournalist (also works for Al-Quds Open University Media Department), Mohammad Hassan Shreiteh, 23 years old, injured by a gunshot in his right thigh. His wounds were described as moderate and he stated to MADA researcher “luckily, the bullet went through my

cell phone, and my thigh area was wounded by the fragments”. He was transferred to Al-Istishari Hospital, in Al-Rihan neighborhood, in Ramallah, by an ambulance, where he received the necessary treatment and the doctors informed him that he needs five days rest in the hospital until he recovers. Furthermore, the occupation forces, on the same day, have assaulted the press agencies, fired tear gas bombs at them, and prevented them from media coverage. This has affected Palestine TV reporter, Ali Mohammad Dar Ali, (35 years old), and the photographer, Shamekh Jareh Al-Jaghoub (35 years old). They also detained Al-A'lam TV staff for more than one hour, including the photographer, Mohammad Aref Al-Tamimi (43 years old), and the reporter, Samah Mahmoud Kahla (29 years old), and they seized their press cards. They also forced the photographer “Al-Tamimi” to lie face down throughout his detention.

(27th Oct.) The Preventive Security Services in Ramallah has arrested the journalist, Mohammad Shukri, after he was summoned.

The journalist, Mohammad Shukri Awad, born in 1987, works for Al-Quds TV, has received summons at his house, in Bodros, west Ramallah, from the Preventive Security Services asking him to come to the headquarters in Al-Balou, Al-Bireh, on 30 Oct. 2018. Indeed, he went to the headquarters, and after he arrived, his press card issued by the Journalists Syndicate was seized and he was searched the moment he entered the headquarters. Then he was taken to the investigation room at 11:00 AM, the questioning session lasted for 20 minutes, and the questions were about his work

and participation in the field events and his frequent visits to Al-Bireh Childhood Development Center where he organizes press training courses. The investigator asked him to stay in the room alone for an hour and a half, then four officers came and took him by a green van of the Preventive Security Services to the headquarters in Betunia, located 4 kilometers away from Ramallah. His cell phone and everything he was carrying were seized, he was asked to untie his shoes and it was taken from him. At 3:00 PM, one of the investigators came and asked him questions about a person, named “Mohammad Mustafa Awad”, at odds with his father (Mohammad Shukri Awad’s father) concerning the inheritance, and that this person has claimed that amounts of money were transferred to him through Awad from Gaza Strip considering him the son of a martyr. The person claimed that he received the money, but Awad denied all of these charges and told the investigator that this man is at odds with his father, and that he already threatened his father a week before his arrest with preparing a report against the journalist Awad to imprison him.

Awad asked the investigators to bring any evidence of such claims, after that he was taken to a cell (2 meters width, 80 cm). Only then he realized that he was indeed arrested, so he announced his hunger strike and returned the meal. He stayed for an entire night in that cell, and on the following day, corresponding 31 Oct. 2018, the Legal Advisor of the Preventive Security Services came and asked him about the number of times he was arrested by the Palestinian and Israeli security agencies, then he asked

him to sign on that. Meanwhile, the Legal Advisor received a phone call informing him to cancel the procedures of transferring him to the court, and as a result, one of the officers came and said to him “we’ve confirmed that you have no relation with the case of transferring funds from Gaza to the West Bank and that the man who claimed that is a liar”. Few minutes before he was released, at 3:00 PM, he was informed by the Services Administration to come to the Preventive Security Services headquarters in Al-Balou neighborhood, on 4 August 2018, at 11:00 AM.

It is noteworthy that the journalist Mohammad Awad, was arrested eight times since 2008 until 2018 and he spent nearly 16 months in Palestinian prisons between the Preventive Security Services and the Palestinian Intelligence Service, the longest of which was 6 months in 2011.

(30th Oct.) An Israeli Army force has invaded the house of the journalist, Thaer Ziad Al-Fakhouri (12 Sep. 1989), who is responsible for Al-Jazeera Palestinian page on the social networking sites and a staff member in the Public Relations Department of Hebron Municipality, located in Wadi Qatila in the north of Hebron under the full control of the Palestinian Authority within Area (A).

According to MADA researcher, the journalist, Thaer Al-Fakhouri, at around 1:00 AM, at dawn, on 30 Oct. 2018, has heard loud knocking on the door of his house, where he, his wife, and two children live. He also heard the sound of soldiers asking him to open the door “it’s the army, open your door”. Thaer opened the door,

the officer who was wearing civilian clothes started talking in Hebrew, loudly and nervously, addressing Thaer and telling him that they want to search the house. Thaer asked them to wait a minute until he informs his wife and children, but the officer told him that he wants to speak with him. In the meantime, 10 female and male soldiers from Israel Border Police entered the house. The officer asked Thaer of his point of view on the Foreign policy of Donald Trump and about his 6 years of imprisonment. He told him that he has a file on Thaer that it is not closed yet, and it needs to be closed, and that there is a new Israeli officer in Hebron who wants to meet Thaer in the coming days. Meanwhile, the soldiers have already searched the house, took photos of the rooms, and Thaer's car, and left the house at 1:45 AM.

## November

(1st Nov.) The Israeli occupation forces recently have carried out successive arrests in Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya, Ramallah, apparently in connection with protests and demonstrations organized by its residents and several neighboring villages for several months against Israeli settlements targeting their lands and threatening to isolate their villages and turn them into cantons. These arrests have affected the journalist, Thaer Mohammad Shreiteh.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a force escorted with several patrols, and around 50 soldiers of the occupation army, at 2:30AM, on Thursday, corresponding 1st Nov. 2018, has raided the house of the journalist, Thaer Mohammad Shreiteh, (33

years old), located in Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya, north-west Ramallah. The soldiers asked all of his family members to gather in the outside of the house and began to search the house, which lasted about two hours. Then they arrested the journalist Shreiteh, his father and his brother and took them to a camp close to the village of Janniyah (also west of Ramallah). After about 4 hours, they took them to Ofer camp in Betunia, Ramallah. They were interrogated by the Israeli intelligence and the district officer known as Diab for about two hours. The journalist Shreiteh, his father and his brother were brought together and threatened to destroy their home if their third brother Maher did not surrender to the Israeli army. At 7:00PM on the same evening, about 14 hours after they were arrested, they were released. They were also asked to go to the occupation intelligence in Ofer Camp, on Sunday, corresponding 4 Nov. 2018, they indeed went on the scheduled day and waited about 3 hours until they met the district officer, Diab, "3 hours until we met the officer, "Diab," who re-threatened them to arrest them and raid the house. They were released after about two hours.

It should be noted that the journalist, Shreiteh was arrested by the Israeli Occupation on 28 March 2018, and he was detained for several days in Ofer prison.

(1st Nov.) An occupation force has arrested the journalist, Nidal Naem Abu Aker, (50 years old), the presenter of Al-Wihda Radio programs, in Dheisheh Camp, attacked and beaten him and his family members, at dawn, on the 1st of Nov. The journalist, Abu Aker, stated to MADA "at 5:00AM, at dawn,

on Thursday, corresponding 1st of Nov. 2018, an occupation army force composed of about 80-100 soldiers has raided Dheisheh Camp, where I live. Part of the force were deployed on the roofs adjacent to my house and across the neighborhood, while around 12-15 soldiers have attacked the building where I live, smashed the door of the first floor, and after I heard the sounds of breaking-in, I opened the door and waited for them in the third floor, where I live. They entered the house brutally and assaulted all of my family members (my wife, my daughters, me and my son) with their weapons. My daughters' hands were wounded, and my head was hit against the wall three times. Some of the house furniture was broken while they were trying, by force, to get my wife and daughter in the bathroom. I tried to find out why they were attacking us and if they wanted to arrest me or my son Mohammad, but they did not answer and they kept beating us. After about 20 minutes in the house, they handcuffed our hands by plastic bands, blindfolded us, and took me and my son, Mohammad, out of the house on foot for a distance of 300-400 meters while the beatings and insulting continued and we were taken in separated jeeps to Etzion Center, where we arrived at about 6:30. We stayed there until 09:00, during which we were taken to another place inside the detention center. At around 09:30AM, I was handed over to another army unit and stayed there for half an hour. After that, I was sent to the nearest point to area (a) in a jeep, and I was released. I arrived home at 10:00AM, while my son, Mohammad, remained in detention".

(2nd Nov.) Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya,

located 10 kilometers to the northwest of Ramallah, has been witnessing demonstrations every Friday, each month, to protest against the establishment of a settlement road in Na'alan Mountain (part of the neighboring village, Al-Mazra'a Al-Sharqiya) to connect Talmon Settlement with a settlement outpost called Kerem Ra'em, as part of the settlement of Talmon.

On Friday morning, corresponding 2nd Nov. 2018, dozens of activists from Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya went to the lands threatened with confiscation and reached the peak of Na'alan Mountain. At approximately 10:30AM, vast forces of the Israeli army, border guards and Israeli intelligence officers arrived and asked everyone to leave the area, including the journalists. One of the occupation officers (speaking in English and Hebrew), addressed Palestine Today TV reporter, the journalist, Jihad Ibrahim Barakat, (29 years old), and Al-Ghad TV photographer, Mohammad Al-Khateeb, to leave Na'alan Mountain area considering it a "closed military zone", and he showed them a decision issued by the occupation army and asked them to show their personal identity cards. He threatened them to arrest anyone who does not leave the area (did they leave or not .. what has happened). After Friday prayers, at around 12:50PM, clashes erupted between a group of Palestinian demonstrators and the occupation forces in that area. The soldiers fired tear gas bombs and rubber bullets at the demonstrators. A group of journalists, wearing the press vests and helmets, and holding the press badge, were standing at a distance of 100 meters away from the soldiers to cover the events. Three soldiers

of the border guards, in their dark green uniforms, approached them, while the smoke of the tear gas bombs was covering the area. They started pushing the journalists to the back and prevented them from covering the events. In other words, they hampered their work and did not allow them to leave where they came from. The journalists were left in a middle ground between the demonstrators and the soldiers. This has affected the journalists: Munther Mohammad Shahadeh Al-Khateeb, the photographer of Al-Ghad TV, Abbas Abdelwahhab Al-Momani (47 years old), and the photographer of "Al-Hayat Al-Jadida" Newspaper, Issam Huda Al-Rimawi (35 years old), Anatolia Agency photographer, Hisham Kamel Abu Shaqra (30 years old), Al-Ghad TV photographer, Daa Ahmad Housheya (36 years old), Palestine TV photographer, Shamekh Jareh Al-Jaghoub (38 years old), Iran TV photographer, Khaled Ali Sabarneh (47 years old), Ayat Khaled Arqawi (29 years old), Al-Quds Net Website photographer, Abdalrahman Mohammad Mousa Younes (32 years old). Iran TV photographer, Khaled Sabarneh stated "the soldiers violently and aggressively pushed us away, until they left us in the middle ground between the tear gas of the occupation army and the stones of demonstrators".

(4th Nov.) Some security elements of Hamas in Gaza Strip have prevented Palestine TV staff from covering the release of prisoners from Israeli jails when they left Beit Hanoun Erez checkpoint at the entrance to Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the Director of Reporters of the Palestinian

Broadcasting Corporation "Palestine TV", the journalist, Fuad Kamal Masoud Jarada (35 years old), the TV photographer, Mohammad Ziada Issa Nassar, and the producer Yousef Ahmad Mohammad Abu Maghsib, on the afternoon of 4 Nov. 2018, have went to Beit Hanoun checkpoint to cover the moment of arrival of prisoners released from the Israeli occupation jails. At around 03:00PM, the reporter, Fuad Jarada, has asked for a permission from those at gate 4/4 to have access to gate 5/5 to capture and film the moment when the prisoners meet their families closely. However, Hamas police officers refused; therefore, the producer, Yousef Abu Maghsib, contacted the Media Department Director at the Ministry of Interior, Bader Al-Deen, who promised to facilitate the process. However, this did not happen, and the producer again contacted Bader but the later did not respond to his repeated calls, so he sent him a text to his phone, and he replied that he is trying to communicate with the officer in charge of the gate. A few minutes later he went back to Hamas security officers at Gate 4/4. Their response was that the entrance of the Palestinian TV staff to gate 5/5 to film the prisoners was subject to the approval of the PA intelligence services on the entry of Al-Jazeera photographer. Abu Maghsib contacted Palestine TV Administration in Ramallah to contact the intelligence services, and the later approved to allow Al-Jazeera photographer to enter the gate. But Palestine TV staff was not allowed to enter Gate 5/5. Therefore, the staff returned after waiting about two hours without covering the event.



(5th Nov.) The Israeli occupation forces detained the reporter and the photographer of Al-Ghad TV in Hebron and deleted the press report they were preparing and working on. According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, on Monday, corresponding 5 Nov. 2018, after Al-Ghad TV staff, including the reporter, Raed Mohammad Sameer Rateb Al-Sharif (35 years old), and the photographer, Jamil Hashim "Mohammad Jamil" Salhab Al-Tamimi (26 years old), completed and finished shooting north of Hebron, to prepare a report on the detainees of Hebron Governorate, three Israeli soldiers have stopped the staff at the Israeli Military Tower located to the northern entrance of Hebron, separating Hebron from Halhoul, at around 2:40PM, on that day (Monday, corresponding 5 Nov. 2015), and addressed them in Hebrew and English "shooting in that area is prohibited", and they forced them to turn on the camera, claiming that the photographer has taken pictures of the military tower. The soldiers checked the identity cards of Al-Tamimi and Al-Sharif, and seized them to get them to leave the site. After one hour and 40 minutes of detention, the soldier deleted the filmed material off the camera, gave them back their cards, and allowed them to leave at 4:20PM.

(7th Nov.) Israeli forces raided the house of the volunteer journalist working for WAFA News Agency, Ibrahim Mohammed Awadallah, (30 years old), at midnight, searched the house and interrogated him. Awadallah said: "I was surprised at 12 o'clock in the middle of the night on (7th Nov. 2018) that our house in Al-Walaja, which is a few meters away from the Apartheid Wall in

Bethlehem, is surrounded by six Israeli patrols. At first, an intelligence officer dressed in civilian clothes, wearing a military vest, came to my uncle's house and introduced himself in the name of Adnan. He asked him about me and told him that he knew I live in the first floor and immediately went to the first floor and asked my father about me. The officer entered our house with no less than ten soldiers. They searched the house, in particular my room and my brother's room, and messed around with all of the rooms' objects. They also seized a collection of my books, including my books of Bethlehem Bible College, and a scenario of documentary films for my brother, who works as a journalist for the American TV, DeepDesh, and he is on a visit at the present time. They wanted to seize a set of hard discs but did not do so after I told them that they belong to my brother. They also wanted to seize my brother's American identity card. I was asked to start up the laptop, they searched it and accessed the files on it as well as some videos, some pictures of the Scouts, some of my pictures while volunteering in the Civil Defense and some of my media coverage. I was questioned by the officer about my previous job at MAAN Network and my former PNN job. He also told me that they had been tracking me for two years. He accused me of encouraging citizens in Al-Walaja to take part in marches, so I can cover some events even though I told him that I am a volunteer only at WAFA.

Awadallah stated that six months ago he received a phone call from the Israeli intelligence against the backdrop of a post on his Facebook account which stated that "After the intransigence of the Zionist



occupation for three months to prevent the paving of the main and only entrance of Al-Walaja, Al-Walaja Village Council, with the support of the families of the village and its foundations, has paved the road against the will of the occupation”, and that “after discussion about this post, I hanged up the phone on the officer at the time, so the officer told me today, after taking all of my phones’ numbers, that I must go meet them at any place whenever they ask, and about an hour later, they left the house”.

(10th Nov.) The journalist of the Palestinian Center for Media Production, Ahmad Issam Shaqoura, was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in his head, fired by an Israeli soldier, while he was covering a demonstration as part of the peaceful return marches, east of Beit Lahia, in Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Ahmad Issam Shaqoura, a single man, born on 24 July 1993, from Al-Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, Gaza Strip, a holder of Press and Public Relations Certificate through a training completed with Palestine Today TV, works for the Palestinian Center for Media Production P.M.P., has arrived at the afternoon of ..... to the area located against Zikim military site, northwest of Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, accompanied by his coworkers, the photographer, Ramzi Abu Amer, and the reporter, Huda Hijazi, staff members of the Media Production Center, to cover the events of day 15 of the “Maritime March/Al-Maseer Al-Bahri”, taking place there as part of the peaceful return marches, which have erupted several months ago in Gaza Strip. It should be noted that Shaqoura has

been covering these events since last July. At around 3:35, while he was covering the event, located at a distance of 230 meters away from the separating fence, to the other side of which the Israeli soldiers were deployed, and while he was shooting the events with a Nikon Camera, the occupation soldiers fired a barrage of tear gas bombs and rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstrators, which led to his injury by a rubber-coated bullet on the top of his head. Immediately, he fell to the ground, some paramedics transferred him to the field medical point of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, established to the north of the demonstration, where he received first aid and then he was taken to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia. He arrived the hospital in few minutes, where his head was imaged, and the doctors found that his injury was moderate. He was discharged at 4:25PM.

(11th Nov.) Some Israeli soldiers have prevented Reuters photographer, Mousa Issa Al-Qawasmeh and the European Agency photographer in Hebron and Bethlehem, Abdel-Hafiz Diab Al-Hashlamoun from covering a demonstration in Al-Fawwar camp, detained and threatened them with arrest if they covered the demonstrations.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, on 11th Nov. 2018, several marches and demonstrations were witnessed in some of the Palestinian cities, towns and camps, throughout the West Bank, for the purpose of commemorating the death of the Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat. As part of these demonstrations, there was a march taking place in Al-Fawwar Camp, Hebron.

Reuters photographer, Mousa Issa Al-Qawasmeh, and the European Agency photographer in Hebron and Bethlehem, Abdel-Hafiz Diab Al-Hashlamoun, at around 02:00PM, on 11 Nov. 2018, went to Al-Fawwar Camp to cover the march. Few minutes after their arrival, the occupation army prevented them from shooting, seized their personal identity cards, and their press cards, and took them behind the military tower, located at the junction of Al-Fawwar Camp, south of Hebron. The Israeli soldier returned the identity to the photographer Mousa, about ten minutes later, but kept the photographer, Abdel-Hafiz in detention down by the tower for more than an hour and a half, after he asked them how they knew about the clashes in the region (the demonstration). At approximately 02:00PM, the soldier returned the identity of the photographer Abdel-Hafiz, where the demonstration and clashes have ended in the area, and threatened them (in English) with arrest in the event of “taking part in any acts of disrupting order”.

(12th Nov.) The Israeli army has bombed the headquarters of Al-Aqsa TV in Gaza with several missiles fired by Israeli warplanes, a few minutes after a telephone call from an Israeli army officer informing them with the army’s intention to destroy the headquarters, and asking them to evacuate it.

According to the statement of the journalist, Saleem Muhsen Al-Sharfa, the presenter and producer of programs at Al-Aqsa TV, to MADA field researcher, the journalist (Al-Sharfa) has received a phone call from a private number (did not show the caller number), at around 8:20PM, on Monday, corresponding

12 Nov. 2018, on his way back home from work at the TV headquarters, the caller introduced himself as “Abu Daoud” from the Israeli Intelligence, and asked him where he was? The journalist Al-Sharfa replied that he was at home, as he has just arrived home then. The Israeli officer asked him to tell his coworkers to evacuate the TV headquarters as it will be bombed by the Israeli warplanes in ten minutes. Al-Sharfa asked him about a proof of his sincerity, the officer replied “when you see the missiles of the aerial reconnaissance aircraft you will be certain, and bear the liability of your coworkers’ lives if you do not tell them, now you go and step by each room and tell them to evacuate the headquarters”. Immediately after the phone call, Al-Sharfa contacted his coworkers and indeed told them to evacuate the headquarters, and he found that the same caller has contacted some of his coworkers at the headquarters as well, namely: the Programs Director, Imad Zaqout, the anchor, Islam Bader, and informed them to immediately evacuate the headquarters as it will be bombed. Immediately, the staff of the headquarters began to leave. Before leaving, the “warning” reconnaissance missiles were fired at intervals around 8:30PM. About eight “warning” missiles were fired at the headquarters in about half an hour. At 9:00 an F16 aircraft began targeting the headquarters with four missiles fired intermittently until 9:25PM, which led to the full destruction of the headquarters, including the equipment, as the staff could not take out anything. Furthermore, the destruction of the headquarters caused damage to the citizens’ houses near it. The TV transmission interrupted completely

for few minutes, but Al-Aqsa TV soon began to resume broadcasting from elsewhere. MADA researcher who witnessed the bombing of the headquarters from the very beginning has monitored that a reconnaissance plane targeted the headquarters with eight missiles and about two minutes between each missile and the other, before the F16 war planes fired four missiles which completely destroyed the headquarters. The director of Al-Aqsa TV, Ibrahim Thaher, has stated to MADA researcher that the headquarters “consists of five floors with a total area of 1000 square meters (half of which is the studios), and that about 220 staff members are working in it. He estimated the losses incurred as a result of the destruction of this headquarters by about four million American Dollars. He emphasized that the time given to evacuate the headquarters was not sufficient. Not to mention the great number of staff members who were not able to take out any of the heavy equipment and machinery, which led to their destruction and damage as well”. This is the second time in which Al-Aqsa TV headquarters is destroyed, as the last time it was bombed was during Gaza War 2014.



The headquarters of al-Aqsa satellite channel after being hit by Israeli missiles in the Gaza Strip

(14th Nov.) Some Palestinian security officers in civilian clothes have prevented journalists from covering a sit-in in solidarity with the Yemeni people, organized in the center of the city of Ramallah, not to mention that they broke the equipment of a group of female journalists, while the police officers who were present refused to intervene and protect them.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, on Wednesday, corresponding 14 Nov. 2018, some activists have organized a sit-in in Al-Manara Square in central Ramallah in solidarity with the Yemeni people, against the war waged by the Arab coalition led by Saudi Arabia three years ago and the resulting humanitarian tragedies. The demonstrators have raised signs condemning what they called “the aggression against the Yemeni people” and that it has to be stopped. While a number of journalists went to cover this sit-in, including the journalist, Nizar Adimoun Habash (34 years old), who works as a reporter for WATAN Agency, with its headquarters in Ramallah. While the journalist, Habash was live broadcasting to WATAN TV page, two persons in civilian clothing approached him and prevented him from doing his work or continue broadcasting and they asked him to switch off his phone. He immediately asked them who they were and they told him that they were security officers, even though they had forcibly prevented him from filming and continuing to do his job. As to the media students of Birzeit University, Lama Ayman Samhan (20 years old), Siwar Abed Rabbo (20 years old), and Maha Al-Sheikh (20 years old), they have arrived to the area to prepare a TV

report as required by one of their courses. A person in civil clothing approached them and asked them not to film anything (at that moment, they were about to film/using a stand/in front of the camera to cover the event), he threatened to destroy their camera. When Lama asked him who he was, he refused to answer, and again he asked them to do what he said. They then went to a police officer who was at Al-Manara square in his official uniform and told him that someone had harassed them while they were filming a training report. The police officer told them to do what that person asked them to do. They moved 30 meters away from the area, close to the parking near Palestine Bank and tried to set up the “stand” again, “but immediately the young man, in the civilian clothing, returned back to us and broke the camera and the tripod (This has caused damage to the camera lens, completely, as well as the microphone which fell to the ground), and then he quickly left”. The student, Lama, followed him and asked the police to stop him because he had destroyed their journalistic equipment. One of the police officers, in his official uniform, addressed her “I do not want to hear anything, and asked one of his colleagues to take him - the person who assaulted them - away from the area very quickly” as Lama stated. At around 5:30PM, “we asked the police present in the area, at Al-Manara square to protect us, and they told us to go to the police headquarters, in Ein Musbah, near Ramallah, to file a complaint”. When they went to the police headquarters, the police officers “kicked us out and told us to go to the general investigation office to file the complaint”.

(16th Nov.) The journalist, Ibrahim Ahmad Darwish Al-Madhoun, was injured by a rubber bullet in his face fired at him by one of the Israeli occupation soldiers while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march in Malka, east of Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Ibrahim Ahmad Darwish Al-Madhoun, (23 years old), a single man, Palestinian and holding I.D. Card No. (400884227), a freelance journalist, has arrived at around 2:30PM, on Friday, corresponding 16th Nov. 2018, to Malka, located on border (with Israel) east of Gaza, to cover the events of the peaceful return march, organized each Friday, since the 30th March 2018, to break the siege on Gaza Strip. He was wearing a blue vest marked “Press”, he has borrowed from one of his colleagues, and he was carrying his own camera. When he arrived, he saw a crowd of unarmed citizens, arriving to the place to take part in the march. Immediately after the afternoon, around 3:00PM, as usual, the number of demonstrators increased significantly. Al-Madhoun began taking photos of the demonstrators and kept pace with their approach towards the border, while the Israeli occupation forces were randomly firing gas bombs, rubber and live bullets at the demonstrators and staff (...does this include the journalist as well). At around 04:00PM, while he was covering the events at a distance of 100 meters away from the “first” spiral metal wire and around 200 meters away from the second wire, behind of which the occupation soldiers were deployed, dozens of meters behind earthen berms, he heard the sound of gunfire coming

from the occupation soldiers, and suddenly his vision went blank and he felt imbalanced which is why he leaned on a young man next to him while others gathered around him and realized at that moment that he was wounded in the face. Later it turned out that he has been injured by a rubber bullet. The young men then took him to the ambulance which was close to the site where he was, and immediately transferred him to the field hospital, located about 500 meters away from the border, where his injury was examined by the doctors and they assured him that his eye was not injured, and there are no fractures, and that the injury is basically below the left eye (left cheek) and that the lack of vision in his eyes is caused by the swelling of the injury. He was given some painkillers, and his injury was dressed with bandages. He stayed about 20 minutes in the field hospital under health supervision and then he was discharged to have some rest at home provided he shall continue dressing the injury. Indeed, at around 4:30PM, he left to home, and he was still suffering from blurry vision and pain. On the following day, corresponding 17 Nov. 2018, the vision improved and returned normal and most of the swelling disappeared, but he continued to feel pain in the place of injury for several days.

(17th Nov.) Palestine TV staff members have suffered suffocation as a result of the gas bombs fired by the Israeli occupation forces at the staff while covering the event of planting olive trees in lands threatened with confiscation in Urif in Nablus on 17 Nov. 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Palestine

TV staff, including the Director of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation Office in Nablus, Abdelnasser Sadat Ahmad Ibrahim (52 years old), the TV reporter, Baker Mamdouh Mohammad Abdelhaq (29 years old), and the photographer, Loay Abdelhafeeth Aref Samhan (38 years old), have went, before the afternoon of 17 Nov. 2018, to Urif, located 12 kilometers south of Nablus, to cover a peaceful demonstration called for by the Commission against the Wall and Colonization, and the Coordinating committees for the cultivation of olive trees (is there a party concerned with the olive trees planting activity in the lands threatened with confiscation in Urif) whose lands and residents are constantly subjected to settler attacks. When they reached Urif, the staff was surprised with the occupation army surrounding the area where the event is planned to take place and preventing them from approaching. However, the TV staff approached to cover the gathering, and the occupation army began to fire a barrage of tear gas bombs at all demonstrators and towards the journalists and media crews who were close to Urif School, as well as towards those taking part in the planting of olive trees. This has resulted in the injury of the Director of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation Office in Nablus, Abdelnasser Sadat Ahmad Ibrahim with suffocation and severe shortness of breath, especially since he already suffers from asthma. He was immediately transferred by an ambulance and treated in the field by giving him muzzles and voltaren for breathing. He remained in the ambulance for about half an hour. In addition, his colleague, the

photographer, Loay Samhan, was injured at the same time and he was given the first aid by a number of paramedics near him who ran and gave him oxygen and other materials to reduce gas suffocation. His third colleague, Baker, was able to leave the area immediately after the soldiers fired gas bombs which reduced the chance of his injury.

(17th Nov.) Nine journalists, including the president and vice president of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and the chairman of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, were severely suffocated as a result of the Israeli army's repression of journalists at the entrance of the City of Jerusalem to emphasize their right to movement and to protest against the Israeli attacks on media freedoms in Palestine.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the International Federation of Journalists (with its main headquarters in Brussels) decided this year to transfer its annual meeting to the city of Ramallah to hold it as a kind of solidarity with the Palestinian journalists. Therefore, the members of the International Federation's executive board arrived to the city for this purpose and to participate in a conference prepared by the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate to take place in parallel with the meeting of the International Federation under the title "Journalists in the crossfire". At about 12:00 PM, on 17 November 2018, (one day before the annual meeting of the International Federation of Journalists), the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate organized a peaceful march at Qalandia Israeli military checkpoint, which separates Jerusalem from the West Bank, to

protest against the Israeli attacks against media freedoms and to emphasize the right of journalists to movement. More than 40 journalists, including a number of Arab and foreign journalists who arrived to Ramallah to take part in the meeting of the International Federation and the scheduled conference, went to Qalandia checkpoint at the northern entrance to Jerusalem, and they were wearing blue press vests and carrying international press cards in their hands. At Qalandia refugee camp, adjacent to the barrier, a press conference was held in which it was explained that the march was aimed at protesting against the Israeli attacks and crimes targeting journalists in Palestine and to emphasize their right to movement. After about 15 minutes, at 12:15PM, they proceeded in a march holding the international press cards in their hands, the president of the IFJ Philip Lorient, took part as well in the march, in addition to the vice president of the IFJ, Younis Mujahed, and the chairman of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, Naser Abu Bajer, with the participation of dozens of Palestinian journalists and members of the IFJ's Executive Board. When they were about 300 meters away from Qalandia checkpoint, soldiers from the Israeli border guards began firing a barrage of tear gas bombs by means of a launcher installed on an Israeli military vehicle. The soldiers also fired a number of tear gas bombs at the journalists in the demonstration. Injuring at least nine journalists with severe suffocation, namely:

1. Philip Lorient, the President of the International Federation of Journalists.
2. Younis Mujahed, the Vice



- President of the International Federation of Journalists.
3. Nasser Abu Baker, the Chairman of the Palestinian Syndicate of Journalists.
  4. Abdel Wahab Zghailat, the Head of the Freedoms Committee of the International Federation of Journalists.
  5. Adriana / member of the International Federation's Executive Board as a representative of Colombia
  6. Manal Khamees/ a member in the General Secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
  7. Mohammad Allaham/ Head of the Freedoms Committee of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
  8. Omar Nazzal/ a member in the General Secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
  9. The journalist, Ayed Owemer, Palestine TV.

"I had an interview with one of the Arab media agencies and we were at least 300 meters away from the checkpoint. The soldiers fired a barrage of tear gas bombs at us. We were in a peaceful march aimed at delivering a clear message, but there was a decision to suppress us. I was injured by a gas bomb in my right shoulder and I suffered suffocation" as stated by the Chairman of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate commenting on what happened and his injury. While Manal Khamees, the member of the General Secretariat of the Journalists Syndicate, stated that she has suffered severe suffocation, and could not move. She was transferred in a private vehicle to a nearby medical center where she underwent examinations and received the necessary treatment.

(18th Nov.) Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya, located 10 kilometers away from Ramallah City, is subject to Israeli settlement procedures, since several months, aimed at connecting several settlements altogether and turn them into a single settlement bloc called "Talmonim". According to the Commission against the Wall and Colonization, the Israeli settlers and authorities are working on establishing a settlement road to connect the settlements of Nahlael, Talmon, Erem Karem, with the settlement blocs, Modi'in Illit, Kiryat Sefer.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, one of the American journalists, Stephon Lamont, 45 years old, works for TeleSUR News Website, at around 1:00PM, on 18 Nov. 2018, has arrived with one of his friends, the activists of the International Solidarity Movement, called Baldwin Carnegie, to Na'lan Mountain hill (subject, along with the surrounding lands, to the settlers assaults), accompanied with a number of activists from Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya, to film the attacks and assaults of the settlers, including damaging the water tanks, electricity wires, and the water network of the park located at the hill of Na'lan Mountain. When the journalist Stephon was filming, an Israeli settler riding a horse and putting a Kippah above his head, a small hat worn by religious Jews above their heads, arrived and began yelling at everyone there that this land was "the land of Israel" and asked them to leave the area at gunpoint. He was carrying a Colt 45 and deliberately fired at them willing to kill and wound them. He fired eight live bullets within 15 minutes. All of the persons in the area (including



the journalist, Stephon) ran to find a shelter from the bullets behind a concrete wall. “However, the settler fired two gunshots directly at me, even though I did not pose any threat. I was carrying my camera in my hand, and the press card was hanged around my neck. After that, the Israeli settler retreated, and we quickly left the area” as stated the American journalist, Stephon. This would have ended in tragedy, if they had not rushed to take shelter behind a concrete wall as stated Wassim Ahmad Ladadwa, an employee at Al-Mazra’a Al-Gharbiya Municipality, who was with the American journalist. “What happened could have claimed the lives of a number of us, especially the journalist Stephon. The settler who did this is a well-known extremist settler who constantly threatens us and kicks us out from our land. He fired the gunshots at the journalist and we began to shout so that the journalist would quickly find a shelter. We were surrounded by a concrete wall, the bullets fragments were evident in the wall”.

(19th Nov.) On the afternoon of Monday, corresponding 19 Nov. 2018, hundreds of Palestinian citizens have gathered against Zikim Israeli Military Site, located on the coastal borders separating between Gaza Strip and Israel, to the west of Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, concurrently with the Palestinian boats right across the mentioned gathering, in order to take part in a maritime march called for by the High Leadership Commission of the Return Marches and Breaking the Siege, as part of the peaceful demonstrations which erupted several months ago to break the siege imposed on Gaza.

According to the investigations of

MADA field researcher, the journalist, Talaat Osama Talaat Mushtaha, a single man, born on 28 August 1997, holding a personal identity card No. (403059504), lives in Ahmad Yasin St., Gaza Strip, (media student in Gaza Community College), works for Misk Press Network, has arrived, in the afternoon of Monday, corresponding 19 Nov. 2018, with his coworker, the journalist, Mohammad Al-Khaldi, to cover the events of the “16th day of the maritime march/ Al-Maseer Al-Bahri”, organized as part of the peaceful return marches, launched on the 30th of March 2018, in Gaza Strip. Like other journalists, Mushataha makes sure to always cover such events. At approximately 03:00PM, while he was about 50 meters away from the separating fence, on the other side of which the Israeli soldiers were deployed, and while he was filming this march with a “Canon” camera, behind the demonstrators, the occupation soldiers fired a barrage of tear gas bombs and rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstrators. He was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in his left leg (below the knee). Immediately, he fell to the ground, the paramedics who were there, rushed and carried him to the field medical point of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, established to the south of the demonstration, where he received the first aid, and then he was taken to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia, where he arrived 20 minutes later. In the hospital, his leg was imaged, and the doctors found that his injured was moderate. He was discharged at around 08:00PM after he received the necessary treatment. At the same time, the journalist, Rashid Saed Khalil Rasheed, married, born on 27 Dec. 1970,

holding I.D. Card No. (421448110), from Sheikh Ajleen Neighborhood, west of Gaza, a photographer of Associated Press Agency, was also injured by a gunshot in his left leg while he was 50 meters behind the demonstrators, away from the separating fence. Furthermore, the journalist, Ahmad Khamees Jassir Hasabbalh, a single man, born on 28 February 1994, holding I.D. Card No. (804566545), from Tal Al-Hawa, Gaza, a photographer of Images Like Agency, was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in his left arm, while he was 50 meters behind the demonstrators, away from the separating fence. Both photographers (Rashid and Ahmad) were taken to the Red Crescent Society medical point, where they received the first aid, and then they were taken to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia. Rashid's wounds were described as serious. He underwent a surgery immediately, given the snapped tendons, slashed arteries, and fracture in the tibia as a result of his injury. A platinum plate was placed to his leg in the surgery. While the injury of the journalist, Hasabbalh was described as slight. On the morning of the following day (Tuesday, corresponding 20 Nov. 2018), Rashid was transferred to one of the hospitals in the occupied city of Jerusalem to complete the treatment there.

(21th Nov.) At 08:00 on the morning of Wednesday, a large force of the Israeli occupation army and police stormed the area of Ras Khamis neighborhood, adjacent to Shufat refugee camp, north of occupied Jerusalem. Israeli bulldozers started demolishing more than 16 shops there, under the pretext of building without a license.

Hazem Emad Nasser, 28, a freelance photographer working with several satellite channels and media organizations, went to the scene to cover the event. During his filming, several soldiers approached him and drove him out of the place. He went through other roads between the buildings to approach the scene of the demolition. he walked about 3 kilometers to reach the site of the demolition where groups of youths were throwing stones at the soldiers. When he was seen by Israeli soldiers at the scene, he was attacked by a group of Israeli border guards who beat him on the head and chest, although he was wearing a hat and a jacket with a press badge. He fell to the ground during the attack and had bruises in his chest.

(22nd Nov.) Some of Hamas security officers in Gaza Strip have prevented Palestine TV staff from capturing shots of children who were selling at Al-Saraya conjunction to use such photos for a report on the suffering of children in Gaza Strip. The staff was taken to the investigation headquarters, the passports department in Gaza. They were detained and questioned. The camera memory was seized.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, some of Hamas security officers in Gaza Strip, at 03:00PM, on Thursday, corresponding 22 Nov. 2018, have prevented Palestine TV staff, including the Director of Reporters of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation "Palestine TV", the journalist, Fuad Kamal Masoud Jarada (35 years old), the TV photographer, Mohammad Ziada Issa Nassar (42 years old), and the producer Yousef Ahmad Mohammad Abu Maghsib (38 years old) from

capturing footage of children selling at Al-Saraya conjunction in Gaza. While the staff was inside the vehicle to capture the footage of the children selling in the streets to be used in a report on the suffering of children, two person arrived on a motorcycle, approached and introduced themselves as the Supply Investigation Department of Hamas Police. They asked the journalists to identify the agency they are working for and the reasons why they were there, and what are their justifications of the children's photos. After showing the press cards and answering all of the questions, they were asked to hand over the camera memory, but the staff refused to do so. As a result, the staff were taken to the Investigation Department for investigation purposes. They were then taken to the office of the director, Manar Al-Haddad, who justified for the supply investigation officers that capturing such photos is inappropriate in Gaza. Once the camera memory was checked, their names were registered as well as their addresses, they were released but the camera memory was seized. The staff was informed that they can have the memory could be recovered on Sunday, from the Governmental Media Office. However, this did not actually happen, as the staff, on Monday, contacted the person in charge in the mentioned Office, Salama Marouf, who informed the staff that he has no idea about the memory and does not what has happened.

(25th Nov.) The Israeli occupation authorities have arrested An-Najah National University media student, Laith Yousef Jaarneh, on his way back from travelling, at Al-Karama bridge, after he participated in a

media conference in the Republic of Turkey.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Laith Basem Yousef Jaarneh (21 years old), a third-year media student at An-Najah National University, from Alar, north Tulkarem, holding I.D. Card No. (402399505), has travelled on Thursday, corresponding 15 Nov. 2018 from Tulkarem to the Republic of Turkey, and arrived the later on Friday, corresponding 16 Nov. 2018, to attend a media conference there. On his way back from Turkey to Jordan, on Friday, corresponding 22 Nov. 2018, he went to Irbid to visit some relatives. On Sunday, corresponding 25 Nov. 2018, Jaarneh left Jordan heading to Palestine. At around 10:30AM, he contacted his mother and informed that he was detained by the Israeli Intelligence at the border bridge between Jordan and Palestine (Al-Karama Bridge). His mother tried to contact him over and over again, but his phone was unreachable. At approximately 06:00PM, on the same day, Sunday, corresponding 25 Nov. 2018, she received a call from a person who identified himself as Adv. Naseem Abu Ghosh, from Israel, and informed her that her son Laith was detained by the Israeli occupation and was transferred to Petah Tikva interrogation center. On Tuesday, 27 Nov. 2018, the Jaarneh family was informed that their son was brought before a military court in Petah Tikva on the same day and that his detention was extended until Wednesday, corresponding 4 Dec. 2018. His mother, Amneh Najih Ahmed Jaarneh, stated that her son "suffers from back pain (spinal disc) and the Irritable bowel and that he needs medical follow-up." He was

arrested last year for a month by the Israeli occupation and was arrested by the Palestinian Preventive Security for 23 days in Ramadan of 2018.

(23rd Nov.) At around 02:15PM, on Friday, corresponding 23 Nov. 2018, hundreds of citizens gathered in Al-Awda Camp, established by the High Leadership Commission of the Return Marches and Breaking the Siege in area (Abu safiya), northeast Jabalia, north Gaza Strip, as part of the peaceful return marches, launched on the 30th of March 2018 against the continuing siege on Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Ismail Khalil Ismail Hamadeh, married, born on 1 June 1987, holds a personal ID Card No. (800771842), from Sheikh Radwan, Gaza City, a holder of diploma in journalism and media from the College of Palestine, a photographer and broadcast engineer of Media Group Agency, has went to cover this demonstration. At approximately 03:00PM, the Israeli occupation forces fired tear gas bombs and metal bullets at the demonstrators. He was about 300 meters away when he was directly injured by a tear gas bomb in the face (left cheek). The injury caused him bleeding inside the mouth, which resulted in a wound inside the mouth. He was taken to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society medical point, west of Al-Awda Camp, to receive the first aid. Then he was transferred to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia, where the doctors described his injury as moderate. He was discharged at around 06:00PM.

(25th Nov.) The Israeli occupation police has arrested the director

of Wadi Hilwa Information Center, Jawad Siam, while he was covering a peaceful protest, at Salah Al-Deen St., Jerusalem, and decided to take him away from Salah Al-Deen and Al-Sultan Sulaiman streets in Jerusalem and prevent him from taking part or appearing in any event in "Israel" for 15 days.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the Director of Wadi Hilwa Information Center, Jawad Jamil Siam, born on 1st Oct. 1968, from Silwan, Jerusalem, at around 05:15PM, on Sunday, corresponding 25 Nov. 2018, was in Salah Al-Deen St., Jerusalem, where a peaceful protest was taking place against the arrest of Jerusalem Governor, Adnan Gaith, by the Israeli Occupation authorities. Less than five minutes after his arrival to the peaceful protest, his colleague from Wadi Hilwa Information Center asked him to carry her mobile phone while she was live shooting to the Center's Facebook page. Meanwhile, Siam noticed that the Israeli police officers in the area began to point at him, knowing that he is not one of the demonstrators and has nothing to do with the protest. After two or three minutes, one of the officers, Captain Sloan, approached him and told him that he wanted to arrest and take him to the police headquarters in Salah Al-Deen Street. He seized his mobile phones and asked him to turn them on. But Siam refused this without a court order. On their part, the police officers refused that he contacts, especially that he lives alone with them at home. But he demanded that he contacts his children, as he was supposed to take them home with him in that evening. Siam was taken to the police center in Salah Al-Deen street, and after three

hours, he was under investigation for the charge of incitement and calling for participation in illegal acts. He was also questioned about his Facebook account and his work as the Director of Wadi Hilwa Information Center, as well as about some of the demonstrations he has taken part in. The investigation and interrogation continued for about two hours and ended up with a decision to keep him away from Salah Al-Deen and Sultan Suleiman streets (two main streets in Jerusalem where most of the demonstrations take place) and to prevent him from appearing in any activity within the "State of Israel" for 15 days and to pay a personal bail of 3,000 NIS in addition to a third party bail of 3,000 NIS as well.

It is worth mentioning that the Director of Wadi Hilwa Information Center, Jawad Siam, has been liable to ongoing prosecutions and has been arrested about 42 times between 2007 and 2012, all under the pretext of "defaming" brokers who sell houses to the occupation and "endangering their lives" and "leaking" news to the Palestinian security services. This may range from actual imprisonment to house arrest until 11 Months. Since then, Siam has been arrested, detained, and house arrested and expelled from Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Old City and some places in Jerusalem from time to time.

(25th Nov.) At around 11:00AM, on Sunday, corresponding 25 Nov. 2018, the citizen, Tahreer Mohammad Abu Rajelah, received summons, at her house located in Khan Younes- Al-Bayuk, for her husband, Ihab Omar Yousef Fafous, 46 years old, who works as a journalist, a father of five children, under which he must go to the Internal Security Headquarters,

west of Khan Younes, on the following day, corresponding 26 Nov. 2018, at 09:00AM, in particular, the investigation department.

Fafous works as a freelance journalist. He is a member in the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, and the Head of the Palestinian Human Rights Journalists Group, formed by him in collaboration with a number of his colleague journalists. It has a Facebook Page under the name of the Group, posting some materials on defending human rights and freedoms.

On Monday, corresponding 26 Nov. 2018, and on the specific scheduled date in the aforementioned summons, Fafous arrived the Internal Security Headquarters, west of Khan Younes, and when he reached the external gate, he handed over his personal cards and pack of cigarettes. After that, he was taken by some of the security officers to a detention room, with an area of 10m\*10m, with two beds inside it, a very small toilet. He remained inside the room for several hours without investigation, until one of the officers, at around 01:00PM, came and asked him to escort him to the investigation room where an officer in civilian clothing was waiting. The investigation lasted for fifteen minutes "without documentation". The investigator, apparently displeased, asked him about a number of subjects, including the video posted on the Human Rights Journalists Group Page on the case of his nephew, Saif Amin Fafous, 15 years old, who was beaten and detained earlier by the General Investigation Police of the Khan Younes, his political criticism of the State of Qatar and Hamas, and post on his Facebook account about the return marches where he

wrote "Praise be to Allah that my blood is not traded in the return marches". After the investigation was completed, he was taken back to the room where he was detained first. They gave him food but he did not eat and kept him in the room until late. At approximately 19:00PM, one of the security officers came and informed him that he was released. When he left the gate, they kept his identity card and press card and orally informed him that he must come the following day, Tuesday, corresponding 27 Nov. 2018, at 9:00AM without stating the reason for the summons. When he arrived home, Fasfous contacted the Journalists' Syndicate and informed them about what had happened with him and the Syndicate contacted the concerned agencies and assured him that he would go the next day to receive his belongings only. At 9:00AM on Tuesday, 27 November, Fasfous arrived at the Internal Security headquarters in western Khan Younes for the second day in a row. At the outer gate he was accompanied by one of the officers who took him to a small office with a desk and chair where an officer in civilian clothes was sitting. The officer asked him to hand over his cell phone, but he did not have it with him, he left it home. He was then surprised to be taken to the same detention room where he spent 15 minutes the earlier day before being taken to investigation. Again, at around 09:20AM, he was investigated and questioned about his Facebook posts criticizing the political situations and return marches. The investigator had a file in front of him including some copies "screen shots" of Fasfous's Facebook posts. He was also questioned about

his political affiliation, and here Fasfous confirmed that he does not belong to any political faction. The interrogator then forced him to write down his personal email address, Facebook account and the passwords thereof, and after about half an hour, one of the officers entered and asked the interrogator to speak to someone outside the room. Five minutes later, he returned to tell him that he would be released today provided that next time he would not be treated the same way and neither the "human rights nor the syndicate" would assist him. He also told him "to speak of good or shut up" and then he placed before him a pledge form that he forcibly filled and signed. Then he was taken back to the detention room where he remained until 1:30PM, until he was released.

(26th Nov.) A female and male journalists were injured by the occupation soldiers' bullets while covering the peaceful maritime march, northwest of Beit Lahia, as part of the return marches and protests in Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Safinaz Baker Mahmoud Allouh, born on 17 March 1989, married, holding I.D. Card No. (802249342), from Al-Sheikh Radwan, Gaza, works for AMAD Media Agency, has arrived, on the afternoon of Monday, corresponding 26 Nov. 2018, to the coastal border area between Gaza Strip and Israel, northwest of Beit Lahia, where the citizens gathered in parallel with some Palestinian boats in the sea, against the gathering, to cover the maritime march. At around 3:20PM, while she was doing her work (behind the demonstrators), at a distance of 200 meters away



from the separating fence, on the other side of which the Israeli soldiers were deployed, and while she was filming the march with her camera, the occupation soldiers fired a barrage of tear gas bombs and rubber-coated metal bullets, at the demonstrators. She was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in the palm of her left hand. Immediately, the paramedics took her to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society medical point, established to the south of the demonstration, where she received the first aid, and then she was transferred to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia, where she arrived 37 minutes later. In the hospital, her hand was imaged, and the wound was stitched (3 stitches). The doctors described her injury as moderate, and she stayed in the hospital until 08:00PM. At the same time, the journalist, Mohammad Hazem Sami Al-Masri, single man, born on 17 August 1998, holding I.D. Card No.( 404129082), from Beit Lahia/Al-Manshia, north Gaza Strip, a photographer of Shihab News Agency, was injured by a gas bombs fired by one of the soldiers at his face (right cheek), while he was at a distance of 100 meters away from the separating fence (behind the demonstrators). He was transferred to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society medical point, where he received first aid, and then he was transferred to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia, where his injury was described as slight.

(26th Nov.) An occupation army force has arrested the journalist, Ahmad Al-Khateeb, after it has raided his house, located in Betunia, west of Ramallah, at dawn, on 26 Nov. 2018.

According to the investigations of

MADA field researcher, the journalist, Ahmad Fathi Al-Khateeb (33 years old), from Qaffin town, Tulkarem, lives in Betunia, Ramallah, married, has two children (Lial 8 years old, and Joury 4 years old), was surprised by a phone call from the Israeli occupation intelligence, at around 3:00AM, at dawn, on Tuesday, corresponding 26 Nov. 2018, asking him to immediately hand himself over. As his wife stated to MADA, the officer said to him “I will meet you downstairs, I do not want to raid the building, disturb your children, family and neighbors”. AL-Khateeb inquired whether they only want to meet him or arrest him, and the officer informed him that he will be arrested and the army is downstairs and he must come down. The journalist then hanged up the phone and looked out the window of the house. Indeed, he saw several Israeli army patrols under the building. He immediately left the house and went to the soldiers. When he arrived, they handcuffed him, and took him to Ofer Camp, not far from Beitunia, approximately two kilometers away from his house.

It is worth mentioning that the journalist Ahmad Al-Khateeb was arrested by the Israeli occupation in 2009 and the another time on 6 July 2014 while passing through the Za'tara checkpoint between Nablus and Ramallah, where he was then arrested for administrative detention until 17 July 2015.

(28th Nov.) The General Investigations in Gaza has summoned MAAN Agency reporter, the journalist Abdullah Issa Ibrahim Miqdad, and questioned him on the background of a case filed against him by the Governmental Media Office in Gaza, for the charge of “misusing the

technology means". He was asked to sign a pledge of "respecting public morals and not publishing false news or misusing the technology means".

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, MAAN Agency reporter in Gaza, the journalist Abdullah Issa Ibrahim Miqdad, 34 years old, holding I.D. card No. (800859621), at around 08:00AM, on Wednesday, corresponding 28 Nov. 2018, has received a phone call from a person who identified himself as an officer from the General Investigations. He asked the journalist Miqdad to urgently come to the Passports Headquarters/ Technical Resources Department, in Gaza. The journalist Miqdad, went to the Passport Headquarters immediately, the moment he arrived, he was taken to a room in which an officer called "Abu Alnour" was waiting for him. The investigation was initiated with him, and he was asked about publishing the names of martyrs of children during the recent escalation in Gaza Strip on the website of MAAN Agency, the journalist Miqdad responded that he does not remember the incident. The officer then placed a judicial file against him, prepared by the Public Prosecution to the General Investigations to question him on the basis of a case filed against the MAAN Agency by the Government Media Office in Gaza. Abu Alnour gave Miqdad the choice either to cooperate or he will transfer the file to the Public Prosecution. Then he started asking him about the resources of news at MAAN Agency, and whether he had a work authorization? The investigation was completed by Miqdad signing a statement and a pledge to "respect public morals, and never publish

false news or misuse the technology means". After Miqdad's signature, he was transferred to another room, where he was asked to hold a sign against his chest with his full name on it, his identity card number, and the charge of "misusing the technology", a picture of him holding this sign was taken. While his picture was being taken, the photographer told Miqdad "move your face to the right, defendant, now to the left, defendant". Then he was released, and he left the headquarters at around 09:30AM.

(30th Nov.) The freelance journalist, Mohammad Yousef Mohammad Mohawesh, was injured by gunshot fragments fired by the occupation soldiers while he was covering a demonstration taking place east of Bureij camp, Gaza Strip.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the freelance journalist<sup>8</sup> Mohammad Mohawesh, (30 years old), at around 2:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 30 Nov. 2018, went to east Bureij Camp, in Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the weekly return march. A number of journalists were there as well, at around 2:30PM, the demonstrators began to increase, and the soldiers stationed on the other side of the separating fence began firing gunshots at the demonstrators. Mohawesh was at a distance of 200 meters away from the fence, on the other side of which the soldiers were deployed. He was wearing the Press helmet and vest, and carrying in his hand the camera and cell phone capturing photos of the events and live broadcasting the events through his cell phone. At around 3:30PM, while he was filming the events, he was injured in his right

<sup>8</sup> Works for Al-Yaman Media Center

leg by gunshot fragments fired by the occupations soldiers near him. He could barely walk on his other leg with the assistance of a group of demonstrators until he reached the first ambulance. The paramedics found that there were fragments in his right leg which caused him wounds. He was transferred to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where his leg was imaged and showed 3 large fragments as well as a number of small fragments but did not affect the bones. He was given a syringe and treatments to help remove the fragments. He was discharged provided he shall follow-up with the doctors to complete his treatment. Due to his injury, he had to stay home.

(30th Nov.) The journalist, Abdelraheem Abu Mahadi, single man, born on 28 February 1998, from Beit Lahia, north of Gaza Strip, a holder of Journalism and Media Diploma from Al-Aqsa College, a volunteer photographer of the Palestinian Ministry of Health, was injured by a gas bomb in high right arm (elbow) fired at him by the occupation soldiers while he was covering the events of the return march, on the afternoon of Friday, corresponding 30 Nov. 2018, even though he was 250 meters away from the separating fence. Immediately after his injury, he was taken to the field medical point of the Red Crescent Society, and then he was transferred to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia where he received the necessary treatment. He was discharged at around 06:00PM, and his injury was described as slight.

(30th Nov.) The American journalist, Stephon Lamon, was injured by a rubber bullet in his leg, and suffocation while he was covering a

peaceful march against settlement in Al-Mughayyir, Ramallah.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, at around 11:00AM, on Friday, hundreds of citizens of Al-Mughayyir village, and some of the Popular Resistance activists, have taken part in a peaceful march towards the lands threatened with confiscation by the Israeli occupation authorities for military training. The demonstrators, upon completing Friday prayers, began marching towards “Elon” street connecting the town with the north of West Bank. An IDF force arrived and dispersed the demonstrators using gas bombs and rubber-coated metal bullets leading to the injury of the American journalist, Stephon Lamont, 45 years old, works for TeleSUR News Website, even though, between 1:200PM – 2:00PM, he was standing 200 meters away from the demonstrators, and he was near his colleagues the moment he was injured. A group of demonstrators (around 8) who were throwing stones at the soldiers were 20 meters away from them. The soldiers fired a barrage of gas bombs using a special launcher installed on a military vehicle firing more than 15 bombs at once. When Stephon saw this, he went to the other side of the street, and immediately was injured by a rubber bullet below his left knee. He began to shout with pain and two Red Crescent paramedics rushed to him, and provided him with first aid, put some cold bandages and drug on the injury and then he left Al-Mughayyir heading to Ramallah.

The journalist Stephon stated that he thinks the injury may not be deliberate. That is, the army did not target him directly, and that he might be injured by mistake while the

soldiers were firing at the Palestinian demonstrators.

## December

(1st Dec.) The Palestinian Intelligence Service has seized the financial transfer of the staff salaries of the Jordanian TV “Al-Haqiqa” at the TV office in Bethlehem.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, on 1st May 2015, an office for Al-Haqiqa Jordanian TV was opened in Bethlehem. The office is managed by Wael Mohammad Mahmoud Taqatqa (39 years old), Akram Ali Allan Deireih (40 years old) as a photographer and montage, Nour Al-Din Mohammad Mahmoud Banat (25 years old) a field reporter. The staff member Akram was summoned in November by the Palestinian Intelligence Service, five times, (between 6th - 22nd November 2018). Wael Taqatqa was also summoned on 20th November 2018 and on 2nd December 2018. They were questioned about their political belonging, the nature of their work in the TV office, the political belonging of the TV owner (Zakaria Al-Sjeikh, who is a former deputy in the Jordanian parliament). Since the start of this team in Bethlehem office, their salaries are transferred from the administration of the TV through Abdeen Exchange. It should be noted that the Palestinian Intelligence and Preventive Security have allowed this transfer. During the previous period, the Office did not face any problems in receiving the money. On 1st Dec. 2018, the money transfer from the Administration arrived at Abdeen Exchange. As usual, Wael Taqatqa went to receive the amount. However, Abdeen told him that the money transfer has been

seized by the Palestinian Intelligence (an amount of 1240 JD). On the following day, it was confiscated on the grounds that Al-Haqiqa office did not receive a permit to work in the West Bank. Wael Tqaqqa says that he sought a permit from the Palestinian Authority to operate the TV in the West Bank and began the necessary procedures after six months of starting work. He went to the Ministry of Labor in Ramallah and collected the required documents and papers, except for one file related to the tax papers. The procedures were “impossible” as he described it. He had to sign every paper in three different ministries in addition to the Jordanian embassy. The procedures cost him “about 6,000 JD”, he stated. After a long time, Wael felt he had reached a deadlock.

(3rd Dec.) The occupation soldiers have deleted video clips made by Al-Hadath Newspaper reporter, while he was covering the army incursion of Birzeit.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Al-Hadath Newspaper reporter, Mohammad Mohammad Ghafry (28 years old), at around 10:00 AM, on Monday, corresponding 3rd Dec. 2018, has arrived Birzeit, north Ramallah, to cover the army incursion of Birzeit. Ghafry, who was wearing the Press helmet and uniform, approached the area and stopped at a distance of 50 meters away from the soldiers. He started filming them live through the Facebook, until two soldiers approached him and started shouting at him to stop filming the events. When they arrived him, they took his phone and deleted the video clip he filmed. They threatened him with a sound bomb if he did not

leave the place.

(6th Dec.) An occupation army force has raided Al-Noor Printing shop and seized several of its equipment and machinery. It is worth mentioning that this is the third attack against Al-Noor printing shop within 13 months.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, an occupation army force of around 25 military patrols, at around 3:00 AM, at dawn, on Tuesday, corresponding 6th Dec. 2018, has raided Al-Nahda street in central Ramallah, where Al-Noor printing shop is located. It is worth mentioning that the citizen, Khalid Hussein Musfir (44 years old) owns the shop. The soldiers bombed the main doors and raided the shop. After half an hour of staying inside, they started seizing the files, equipment and machinery. They seized six printers of different models and a computer. Khalid Hussein Musfir, the owner of the shop, estimated the losses by about 32,000 Sheikels, as follows: Xerox with a price of 18,000 USD, cutter machine with a price of 3,000 USD, 2 Exon machines with a price of 3,200 NIS, hp machine with a price of 2000 NIS, 2 hp color machines with a price of 3500 NIS, a computer with a price of 2500 NIS. The owner, Khalid Musfir, confirmed that no decision has been issued or that he received the same to close the shop which made describe what has happened as "a sabotage without any security grounds". It should be noted that this was the third the shop was raided and sabotaged. On 30th Dec. 2017 it was raided by the Israeli army and all of the printers and computers were seized then. It was also raided another time and around 25 printers and computers

were seized and damaged on 30th Jan. 2017.

(8th Dec.) The programs presenter of Palestine TV, the journalist, Dana Ghazi (Mohammad Saed) Abu Shamsiya was subject to incitement and defamation with the participation of several media agencies.

According to the investigation of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Dana Ghazi (Mohammad Saed) Abu Shamsiya, (26 years old), from Jerusalem, the programs presenter of Palestine TV, has received, on Monday, corresponding 10 Dec. 2018, a message from a friend containing an article link published on MEMRI website, defaming and inciting against her. On the following day, corresponding Tuesday, 11 Dec. 2018, she found that the Magazine "Times of Israel" has published the same article. This is in addition to the tenth Israeli TV which also published the same as she was told by her friends. These articles and news reports included an episode Palestine TV has broadcasted on Friday, 23rd Nov. 2018, in "Good Morning Jerusalem" Show, presented by Abu Shamsiya. The introduction to this episode included poems by the martyr Abdulrahman Abu Jamal, where the Israeli media agencies have translated the words of the poem in English as incitement to terrorism. "The incitement practiced by the Palestinian Authority and Fateh movement glorifying the martyrs is broadcasted from the heart of eastern Jerusalem" as they stated, in reference to Palestine TV Office in Al-Sawwanah, in occupied Jerusalem. The journalist Dana Abu Shamsiya, as a result, contacted the Administration of Palestine TV and the lawyer. While she was initially told

that she was “not subject to any kind of risk or liability”, another lawyer called her to file a defamation case, as he name was all over the social media and Facebook pages, while a third lawyer explained to her that there is a possibility of being subject to arrest in light of the campaign launched by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian Authority for arrest on the pretext of incitement<sup>9</sup>.

(9th Dec.) The journalist, Mutasem Saqf Al-Hait, was subject to two separated attacks by the Army and settlers on his way back from Ramallah city to Nablus where he lives.

According to the investigations by MADA field researcher, the journalist, Mutasem Saqf Al-Hait, (29 years old), who works for “Quds News Network”, at around 10:30PM, on Monday, corresponding 9th Dec. 2018, on his way back from Ramallah City to Nablus where he lives, was surprised by the closure of the road near Ofra settlement located east of Ramallah by the army and learned that there were injuries, and immediately he started covering the events for the Network for which he works and continued about half an hour before the soldiers approached him and expel him and all Palestinian cars and forced them to return to Ramallah. Saqf Al-Haith returned and took the road of Beit El barrier, known as the DCO. Near the checkpoint, a soldier stopped him, took his car keys and held him there for more than two hours (although he told the soldiers that he was a journalist), without interrogating him or questioning

9 Following his incident, incitement has also affected Palestine TV, on a continuous basis, very now and then, on the ground that it incites against Israel through its programs.

him, they then released him. In a separate incident, at approximately 08:00PM on the following day (Tuesday, 10 December, 2018), on the way back from Ramallah to Nablus, the journalist saw a group of settlers assaulting Palestinian cars near Hawara checkpoint at the entrance to Nablus. He began to film it. One of the settlers attacked and beat him and broke his phone before the soldiers at the checkpoint intervened and helped the settlers. They expelled the journalist Mutasem, who went to the Israeli police station in Ariel and filed a complaint against the settler who attacked him.

(10th Dec.) The Israeli occupation forces, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, has arrested 26 Palestinian all around the West bank and Jerusalem after a shooting attack targeting Israeli settlers near the city of Ramallah the previous day (9th Dec. 2018). The arrests included three journalists: Sameh Mahmoud Mohammad Abdullah, the author at Quds Network, who was arrested from his home in Izbat Al-Jarrad in Tulkarem, the journalist Hussein Shujaia who was arrested from his home in Deir Jreir, and the journalist Samer Abu Eisha from Jerusalem (he was released the following day).

According to investigations of MADA field researcher, the family members of the journalists, Hussein Hashim Shujaia, born on 26 January 1987, works for Quds Net as a reporter, in addition to his work at Al-Quds Legal Assistance Center, with its headquarters in Ramallah, have heard, at around 4:00AM, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, strong knocking on the door of their house located in Deir Jreir, east of Ramallah, Est Bank, as well



as the sounds of soldiers asking them to open the door, shouting (open the door, its army). The father, Hashim Shujaia went and opened the door, around 20 soldiers entered the house with their weapons and detained everyone inside a single room (the father, mother, brothers, and littler sister). They arrested Hussein directly from his room, two soldiers took him, not handcuffed or blindfolded, after they were certain who he was. Then they seized two cell phones belonging to him. The journalist, Hussein Shujaia, has posted on his Facebook about three hours before his arrest, that “an Israeli drone might land on the roof of the house” indicating the intensive movement of the Israeli army that followed the shooting in an area close to Deir Jreir where he lives.

From Izbet Al-jarrad, Tulkarem, an Israeli occupation army force, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, has arrested the journalist, Sameh Mahmoud Mohammad Abdullah, an author at Quds Net, from his house.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, an Israeli occupation force, at around 02:35 AM, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, has besieged a residential building, located at the entrance of Izbet Al-Jarrad, east of Tulkarem, where the journalist Sameh Mahmoud Mohammad Abdullah lives. It should be noted that he is married, with two children, both on 3rd July 1985, holding I.D. Card No. (946453263). Soon later, the soldiers began knocking on the door of his father's apartment on the second floor of the building, he quickly opened the door for them, and around 12 soldiers entered the apartment (one

of them masked) and asked the father about his identity and about his children. When he mentioned the name Sameh, they asked where he stays, and he told them that his apartment is on the fifth floor of the building. Around four soldiers remained in the father's apartment. The remaining soldiers went upstairs heading to the apartments of the three sons (Saed, Fadi, and Sameh) and entered their houses. When they entered Sameh's apartment, they asked for his ID and his cell phone, he told them that he has lost it. They searched the house and found it in a bag and seized it. They also seized another phone, and his wife's phone. They arrested him, and left the building at around 04:00AM. During the same day, Sameh's sister, Samah Mahmoud Mohammad Abdullah, 30 years old, received a phone call from the Israeli Intelligence Service, and was told that he brother Sameh is at the investigation center of Petah Tikva, at around 11:00PM, on Monday, and that an attorney named Jalal Mahamed was appointed for him by the Prisoner Club to follow up with his case.

At the same time, according to MADA field researcher, a force composed of the Israeli police and occupation intelligence, has raided, at around 03:00AM, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, the house of the freelance journalist, Samer Hussam Saleh Abu Eisja, 30 years old, located in Wadi Al-Jouz, Jerusalem. It searched the house under an order from the Israeli Prosecution, missed up the house, and stayed in it until 5:00AM (that is for two hours). He was arrested without even mentioning his charge. He was taken to Nahal Oz investigation center, in Sour Baher,

north Jerusalem, a center dedicated to investigation with Jerusalemites only. Upon his arrival at the center, his investigation began and he was accused of carrying out activities for the Jerusalemite Movement. The interrogator asked him general questions about his political affiliation and his social and political relations with a number of Jerusalemites. The investigation continued till 9:00 Am, and he was threatened to be referred to the occupation court. At 3:00PM on that day, he was released on the condition that that he be transferred to house arrest for 5 days, and to sign a 10,000 NIS financial guarantee by the mother and father of his wife, and to be present if summoned again to the investigation center or the Israeli courts.

For his part, the Israeli Army spokesperson, Avichay Adraee, in a statement following the arrests, including the three journalists, stated “the army forces have arrested 16 wanted Palestinians in Judea and Samaria – West Bank – and the valleys on the suspicion of being involved in terrorist activities and violent riots against civilians and security forces”.

(10th Dec.) An occupation army force has raided the headquarters of the Official Palestinian News Agency “WAFA” in Ramallah, and fired a gas bomb at Al-Tahrir Hall balcony, and seized camera records.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the occupation soldiers have raided Ramallah, and a force was stationed near WAFA Agency, located in Al-Masayef. Furthermore, clashes have erupted in the area for several hours. At around 4:00PM, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018,

while the videographer of WAFA, Ihab Yousef Al-Rimawi, was filming these events from Al-Tahrir Hall balcony, on the second floor of the premises composed of five floors, one of the soldiers directed his gun at him and the soldiers fired a sound bomb and a tear gas bomb directly at him in the balcony. As a result, the staff members in the Hall were injured, totaled to 15, with severe suffocation. An army force (10 soldiers) has raided the premises, as they attempted first to break in through the roof, but could not do so. They damaged the fourth floors of the Agency where the computers section is located (the computers rooms in which there is a DVR with the surveillance camera records), asked for the personal ID cards of the staff members and questioned them there. They also forced them to open the room with the surveillance cameras around the building so they watch the situation through these cameras. They seized the video records of the period between Sunday evening and Monday evening, went downstairs to the third and second floor, to the Editors and Photograph Sections, and prevented the staff members there to leave their desks, they asked for their IDs and detained them. Not to mention that they abused them with cursing and pushing, especially the photographers, Shorouq Zaid, and Maan Yasine, while they were trying to film and document the incursion of the soldiers to Al-Tahrir Hall and the Agency offices. They took Maan’s camera and seized his phone for an hour, threatened to destroy the equipment of the headquarters. Meanwhile, they detained all of the staff members at Al-Tahrir Hall inside it, namely: Maan Yasine Ali

- photographer, Mohammad Al-Omary - editor, Yazan Nidal Taha - editor, Shorouq Zaid - photographer, Khalil Rabaia, Haitham Al-Rifaei, the proof reader, Isaac Ali Al-Ammarin, Ihab Youssef Al-Rimawi, as well as the IT engineers and drivers.

(10th Dec.) The journalist, Mohammad Wael Abdeljawad Al-Dwaik, was injured by a gas bomb in his forehead, while he was covering the sea march organized in Gaza as part of the return marches which were launched in 30th March 2018, to protest against the ongoing siege on Gaza Strip.

According to the investigation of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Mohammad Wael Abdeljawad Al-Dwaik, (28 years old), from Al-Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, Gaza Strip, married, born on 17th April 1990, holding an ID card No. (802724294), a photographer of Al-Ittihad Press News Agency, continuously covers the events of the return marches to break the siege on Gaza Strip, at around 2:15PM, on Monday, corresponding 10th Dec. 2018, wearing the Press uniform and helmet, holding a camera, has went to cover the events of the sea march called for by the High Leadership Commission of the Return Marches, to take place at Gaza sea port, against Zikim Military site, north Beit Lahia. The land march taking place in parallel with the sea march was very crowded. The Israeli occupation forces stationed behind concrete walls and in the watchtowers located along the separating fence, started firing metal and rubber coated metal bullets, tear gas bomb intensively at the demonstrators which resulted in several injuries, including the injury of the journalist, Al-Dwaik, at around 3:10PM, by a gas bomb in his forehead,

while he was 100 meters away from the separating fence. Upon his injury, some of the demonstrators took him to the ambulance, which was located 400 meters to the south of the separating fence. He was taken in the ambulance of the Palestinian Red Crescent to the field medical center, one kilometer away from the demonstration, where he received the first aid, and then he was taken to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia, where his injury was imaged by the doctors, and his injury was described as minor. He was discharged from the hospital at around 4:30PM on the same day.

(13th Dec.) Following the shooting, near Giv'at Asaf, located in Burqa, east of Ramallah, on Thursday, corresponding 13th Dec. 2018, which resulted in killing two Israeli soldiers, and injuring others, the Israeli occupation forces have imposed military cordon and closure at all of the checkpoints and entrances of Ramallah and Al-Bireh, especially the eastern side, several journalists tried to access the operation site to cover the event but the army prevented them from even getting close to the military checkpoints and threatened them with being shot.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a number of journalists took rough roads in the area between the villages of Deir Dibwan and Ein Yabrud east of Ramallah in order to approach the scene of the shooting to cover the incident. One of them was US Associated Press photographer Nasser Hussein Al-Shuyukhi, 51 years old. After Al-Shuyukhi finished filming the events, on his way back from the same rough road to Ramallah, at around 1:00PM, he was surprised by a military checkpoint of

the soldiers near Beitin, where five soldiers put their weapons at him. They threatened to shoot him if he does not stop his vehicle. They asked him to stop the engine and put the key on the roof of the car after they forced him to block the road by his car. One of the soldiers took the car keys and put it in his pocket. They would not even talk to him. He told them that he was a journalist and photographer in an international agency, and they prevented him from leaving or using his phone. He was also held for about an hour and a half and then they returned the car key and allowed him to leave for Ramallah.



Freelancer photographer Ribhi al-Koubary was wounded by a rubber-coated metal bullet fired by Israeli occupation soldiers at the northern entrance to al-Bireh

(14th Dec.) On Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, clashes have erupted among dozens of the Palestinians and the Israeli occupation soldiers at the entrance of Al-Bireh, West Bank, where a barrier is established for the Israeli Army, adjacent to Beit El settlement, a location that usually witnesses Palestinian demonstrations.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the Palestinian demonstrators have thrown stones at the Israeli occupation soldiers,

while the soldiers have thrown tear gas bombs through launchers installed on military vehicles, and also fired rubber-coated metal bullets and reinforced sponge bullets. The freelance photojournalist, Ribhi Abed Al-Koubary, (48 years old), was also there with other journalists covering the events. At around 1:10PM, Al-Koubary, who was wearing the Press uniform, filming the events, while standing at Al-Balou conjunction, near Al-Huda gas station, 40 meters away from the (soldiers or demonstrators), was injured by a rubber bullet in his left arm fired at him by one of the soldiers. The rubber bullet first hit the ground and then bounces and injured his arm. Immediately, he was taken by some paramedics and he was given the first aid. He was told that the bullet did not cause him any fractures, only some bruises.

(14th Dec.) The Israeli occupation forces have arrested the journalist, Mousa Sarhan, from his house located in Alluban Al-Gharby, northwest Ramallah.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a foot force of Israeli special units and soldiers estimated at 40 soldiers, at about 2:00PM (Friday afternoon) corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, forcibly entered the house of the freelance journalist Musa Salah Samhan, 30 years old, located in Alluban Al-Gharby, Ramallah, after they surrounded the house and smashed its main doors. They asked for the ID card of Samhan, detain him, with his wife and three children for an hour inside one of the house rooms. Meanwhile, they searched the house, handcuffed Samhan and blindfolded him. they arrested and took him to the military patrols which arrived

the house fifteen minutes after surrounding the house and breaking into it. Then they went towards the settlement of Beit Aryeh, which is only hundreds of meters away from the village. Samhan was released two months ago after he served four months of administrative detention in the occupation prisons.

(15th Dec.) With the expiration of the deadline given by the Israeli occupation authorities (12th Dec. 2018) for the demolition of the family house of the detainee Islam Abu Humaid (arrested in May 2018) in Al-Amari camp within the boundaries of the Al-Bireh Municipality in the West Bank, dozens of foreign and Palestinian solidarity activists have gathered (including Palestinian officials, headed by the Head of the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission, the Minister, Waleed Assaf). They pitched a tent for solidarity with Abu Humaid's family and to prevent the planned demolition of the building composed of four floors.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, an occupation army force, composed of 30 military vehicles, accompanied by a bulldozer and infantry units, at around 1:30AM, on 15th Dec. 2018, has raided Al-Bireh city, until they arrived the building where Abu Humaid's family live and they expelled the demonstrators to start the demolition. More than 10 journalists were in the place covering the event, including the journalist, Majdi George Banoura, Al-Jazeera photographer, born in 1969. His colleagues were on the roof of a building 150 meters away from the building where Abu Humaid's family live, to film the demolition. All of the journalists were wearing the Press uniforms. The soldiers began firing

tear gas bomb on the roof where the journalists were, they fired around 15 bombs at them, even though there were no clashes among the demonstrators and the army. This resulted in the injury of the journalist by a gas bomb in his left hand and the left side of his head, causing a fracture to one of his fingers and a deep wound in the palm of his hand, stitched by the doctors with four stitches, in addition to the swelling of the left side of his head. He was taken by a group of journalists and volunteers to an ambulance. Later, he took a private car to the Arab Society Hospital in Bethlehem in the south of the West Bank where he stayed for about 3 hours. The doctors imaged his head and dressed his wound and placed special bandages around his hand and finger. They recommended him not to do any effort for ten days due to the fracture in his finger.

The journalists who were there as well, namely: the journalist, Monther Mohammad Al-Khateeb, the photographer of Al-Ghad News TV, Ashraf Al-Nabali, the photographer of ROYA TV, Ismail Khader, the photographer of Reuters, Hisham Abu Shaqra, the photographer of Anatolia News Agency, Saed Howary, the photographer of Reuters, Faleh Faleh, Palestine TV reporter, the freelance photographer, Ayat Arqawi, and Ali Sawafta, Reuters journalist, have tried to find a shelter behind a wall on the roof of the building due to the heavy shooting of the bombs.

(14th Dec.) The journalist, Musab Shawer, was injured by a rubber bullet fired by one of the soldiers at him while he was covering events in Hebron.

According to the investigations

of MADA field researcher, Al-Hadath Newspaper reporter, Musab Abdelsamad Shawer Al-Tamimi, (27 years old), married with two children, lives in Hebron, has arrived, on Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, to Bab Al-Zawiya, central Hebron, to cover the events of throwing stones at the soldiers by the Palestinian demonstrators. He was wearing the Press uniform, and at around 2:00PM, while he was filming and broadcasting the events through his phone to Al-Hadath Newspaper, he was injured by a rubber bullet in his left hand finger, fired at him by one of the Israeli army snipers "deliberately" as stated Musab to MADA researcher, especially he was relatively far away from the demonstrators who were throwing stones at the army and he was wearing the Press uniform.

(14th Dec.) The journalist, Mustafa Hasouna, was injured by a rubber bullet in his leg while he was covering a demonstration organized by the separating fence, east of Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Mustafa Mohammad Al-Badri Hassouna, (37 years old), married, born on 29th September 1981, holding ID Card No. (906769328), a photographer of Anatolia Agency, at around 3:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, took his Canon D5 Mark 4 Camera (2), and went to cover the return march to break the siege, called for by the High Leadership Commission of the Return Marches, east of Gaza. The occupation forces on the other side of the separating fence started firing metal bullets and rubber coated metal bullets as well as gas bombs which resulted in the injury of a number of citizens, including

the journalist, Hasouna, injured by a rubber bullet in the right leg, at around 3:15PM, on that day, while he was at a distance of 200 meters away from the separating fence. He was then taken by ambulances to the Al-Shifa Medical Complex where he received the necessary first aid and treatment. He was discharged at around 7:00PM.

(14th Dec. 2018) The Journalist Hassan Islaih was injured by a gas bomb in his right leg fired at him by one of the Israeli occupation soldiers, while he was covering the events of the peaceful return march taking place in "Sarij" northwest of Khan Younes.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Hassan Abdelfattah Mohammad Islahi (29 years old), married with three children, a photographer of Al-Quds TV, has arrived, at around 2:10PM, Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, to Al-Awda Camp, near the separating fence (the border fence with Israel), northeast Khan Younes "Sarij" to cover the events of the return peaceful marches organized each Friday. It should be noted that he was wearing the PRESS helmet and uniform. There were crowds of citizens, with thousands of unarmed Palestinians taking part in the return marches that have been held near the border fence with Israel since March 30 this year. Since his arrival, Islaih began his work in the field by covering the events and broadcasting the news via Al-Quds TV. He was watching the demonstrators walking towards the border fence, and the occupation soldiers were firing gas bombs, rubber coated metal bullets, and live bullets at the demonstrators, randomly and intensively, which resulted in the injury of 25



demonstrators with various wounds, in Khan Younes, some of them were injured by live bullets. At around 4:10PM, near “Jakar” street, 100 meters away from the border fence, a gas bomb injured the journalist, Islaih, in his right foot, which made him fall and resulted in the swelling of his foot without any fracture. He was then transferred by an ambulance to the field hospital in the area, where he received the necessary treatment and then he was discharged to his house. Before his injury, Islaih received field treatment five times due to inhaling tear gas fired by the occupation soldiers intensively at the demonstrators.

(14th Dec.) The journalist, Attiya Darwsih, was injured by a gas bomb directly fired at his face by one of the Israeli occupation soldiers while he was covering the events of the return peaceful march taking place in “Karni” east of Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Attiya Mohammad Ali Darwish (27 years old), a single man, works as a photographer for Al-Ray Agency, has arrived at 2:20PM, on Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, to Al-Awda Camp, near the separating fence (the border fence with Israel), east of Gaza, to cover the events of the peaceful return march organized each Friday. It is worth mentioning that he was wearing the PRESS helmet and uniform, and that there were dozens of citizens. Since his arrival, Darwish began his work by transmitting the details of the events, where thousands of the defenseless Palestinians were taking part in the return marches right across from the border fence with Israel since 30 March. The occupation soldiers were firing gas bombs, metal bullets,

rubber coated metal bullets and live bullets at the demonstrators, intensively and randomly, which resulted in the injury of a number of demonstrators with various wounds, some of whom were injured by live bullet. Among these injuries is the injury of the Turkish Agency Anatolia journalist, Mustafa Hasouna. At around 3:20PM, at a distance of 400 meters, in a high area behind the demonstrators approaching the border fence, where the journalist Darwish and the rest of his fellow journalists were present covering the events, a direct gas bomb fired by an Israeli soldier injured him in the left cheek and made him fall to the ground, wearing his helmet and carrying his equipment. His colleagues and the medical staff ran quickly and took him to the ambulance which transferred him to Al-Shifa Hospital directly given the seriousness of his condition as the bomb caused him severe bleeding in the place of injury. When he arrived Al-Shifa Hospital, downtown Gaza, Darwish was taken to the ICU. According to the medical report, he was diagnosed that the gas bomb has penetrated 7cm of the face bones which resulted in causing him damage to the jaw, left eye and ear. After his condition stabilized, he was taken to one of the hospital wards waiting for a date for his surgery which he underwent on Sunday, December 16, 2018, in which platinum was placed to his face to set the injury, with the need to undergo a cosmetic surgery later. The journalist, Darwish, has done other tests in hospitals specialized in ophthalmology (Saint John Eye Hospital Group) in Gaza City, and the tests showed that Darwish situation requires an operation for the eye

due to his injury. He is suffering from temporary loss of hearing and sight in the left side of the head and difficulty in speech as a result of injuring the jaw.

(14th Dec.) The occupation soldiers have seized the equipment of three journalists, and deleted the material, and prevented them from covering raids implemented by the Israeli Army in Hebron, at dawn, on 14 Dec. 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, a force of several military jeeps entered Hebron, at dawn, on Friday, 14th Dec. 2018, and it raided and searched several houses and arrested Bilal Salhab from his house. At approximately 02:00PM, the journalists: Ra'ed Al-Sharif, the reporter of Al-Ghad TV, Thaer Al-Fakhouri, the reporter of Space Media and Al-Jazeera, and the freelance journalist Musab Shawer, were filming the arrest events. In the meantime, in Ein Sara Street in the center of Hebron, the Israeli soldiers stopped Al-Ghad TV vehicle carrying the three journalists, which was marked "TV press". An Israeli intelligence officer seized 4 phones, including a camera for the journalist Thaer Al-Fakhouri, and another camera for the journalist, Musab Shawer. The officer threatened them to leave the place immediately, and informed them that it is prohibited to photograph the soldiers, and for this reason "he seized their cameras and phones". Due to seizing the equipment, the three journalists continued following the soldiers as they moved to recover their confiscated equipment, and soon the soldiers stopped again, and another officer approached the journalists and asked them why they were following the soldiers. He informed

them again that the law punishes filming the soldiers on their duty and allows arrest, and in order to give them back their equipment, he asked them to readjust the cameras (that is, to delete the material on the camera). The journalists indeed did that before taking back the cameras. The officer made sure that the cell phones do not contain any photos of the soldiers, and the entire filmed material was deleted from the camera memory.

(14th Dec.) On Friday, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, a peace march was launched from Al-Hussein Mosque, central Hebron, to revive the 31st anniversary of Hamas movement. Immediately after the march, the Palestinian security forces were alert and prevented the citizens from going to Ibn Rushd square as planned in the announcement of the march. The freelance journalist Abdul Mohsen Shalaldeh, 26 years old, was next to journalists who were told by the security forces that it was forbidden to photograph the march. A few minutes later, the security forces began to circle around the citizens, knocking with the sticks at their shields (the security elements). Demonstrators were determined to launch the march, and as a result there were attacks by the security forces against some of the demonstrators. The journalist, Abdul Mohsen, approached more to photograph the events by his cell phone, and then he was severely beaten on the back, neck and stomach, and pulled by three masked members of the special forces to Al-Hussein Stadium (10 meters away from the events of the march) and left him there.

Meanwhile, the trainee journalist of "Alam" Radio, Malek Al-Jabari, was surprised with the events

after he finished Friday Prayers, he approached to film the events by his cell phone, and then three security officers approached him and pulled him to their jeep. One of them punched him with his hand on the shoulder and neck. He told them that he was a journalist and his name; they stopped beating him, arrested him and took him to the province. About two hours later, he was released.

(14th Dec.) The Palestinian Security has arrested the reporter and photographer of AltraPalestine Website, Abdelkareem Mseitef Mseitef, while he was covering a march that took place on the evening of 14th Dec. 2018, following the death of the child by the Israeli Occupation bullets.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, and following the announcement at the Palestinian Medical Complex in Ramallah of the death of the child Mahmoud Yousef Mahmoud Nakhla (16 years old) from Jalazoun camp on Friday evening, corresponding 14th Dec. 2018, who was shot by the occupation, hundreds of demonstrators marched in the streets of the city towards the headquarters of the Palestinian Presidency. The journalist Abdelkareem Mseitef Mseitef, born in 1984, a photographer and reporter of AltraPAlestine, went to cover the march where the demonstrators were throwing stones at the Palestinian security and the security officers prevented them from reaching the Presidency Headquarters and dispersed them by sound and gas bombs. After the march was dispersed at around 5:30PM, the journalist Mseitef continued filming and live broadcasting through the Facebook page of the organization.

He also continued following the demonstrators in the march who returned towards the city center after they were dispersed. When they arrived Al-Bakri building, 30 meters away from Ramallah center, while he kept filing the events, a group of young men approached him and asked to stop filming and informed him that he has no right to do so. He replied that did not capture anyone's face in the march, and stopped the broadcast. He took a taxi and went to the place where he parked his vehicle near the tomb of the President, Yasser Arafat (where the march had arrived). Once he placed his photography equipment in the vehicle to go home, four security officers in civilian clothing approached and asked him that they were from the intelligence service and that he is under arrest. They took him to the intelligence headquarters, in Al-Balou, Al-Bireh, in a dark blue civilian vehicle. When he arrived the headquarters, at around 6:30PM, they seized his cell phone and put it in the safes. after an hour of waiting in one of the rooms, two investigators approached and asked him to open his phone so they can see the electronic messages between him and his organization where he works (AltraPalestine). The investigation was about the nature of his work, the location of his work, and the person managing the work. He remained in detention in the headquarters until 11:00PM, and he was released on the same night.

(16th Dec.) The occupation soldiers have detained ROYA Staff while they were preparing a report on a Palestinian family that was assaulted by settlers and prevented them from filming the event.

According to the investigations of

MADA field researcher, dozens of settlers have attacked Al-Harini family house, which is about 100 meters away from the Israeli military checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Bireh, known as Beit El checkpoint, named after the settlement of Beit El established there, where the headquarters of the Israeli Civil Administration (responsible for the administration of the West Bank) is located and smashed some of its windows. The attack, one of the most frequent attacks by settlers on this family, constituted a news material as ROYA staff, composed of the report at the West Bank, the journalist, Hafeth Mahmoud Abu Sabra, born in 1988, and his coworker, the photographer, Ashraf Mohammad Dar Zaid, born in 1983, on the following day, corresponding 16th Dec. 2018, went to Al-Harini family house to prepare a report on the repeated attacks this family has experienced by Beit El settlers, including throwing stones and flammable glass bottles to sabotage the house, in addition to assault the family members by beating. When the staff arrived the house, they met the family at 1:15PM, and after the journalists, Sabra and Zaid, completed the interviews with Al-Harini family members on the attacks they experiences and the resulting fear, they went out to take some photos of the house from the outside. One of the soldiers who were at Beit El checkpoint, right cross from the house, started shouting at them and asking them to stop filming. Two soldiers went to them and detained Abu Sabra and Dar Zaid for 20 minutes. They searched their car (marked by ROYA TV) and seized their personal ID cards and press cards. They

were asked not to film under the threat of arrest and destruction of cameras, claiming that the area was "closed by military decision, and it is forbidden for everyone to approach it". A member of Al-Harini family, speaking in Hebrew, told the soldiers that Abu Sabra, Zaid and the staff of a Jordanian TV, ROYA, wanted to take pictures of the house from outside. The soldiers refused to allow him to do so. After about 20 minutes of their detention, they searched the vehicle and asked the staff to leave immediately".

(17th Dec.) The occupation forces prevented a group of journalists to cover a demolition of a house in Tulkarem, and one of the soldiers threw sound bomb at the photojournalist, Moayad Issa Ashqar, causing damage to his car.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the photojournalist of Al-Salam Local TV, and MAAN News Agency, Moayad Issa Ashqar, (36 years old), has arrived, at around 2:00AM, at dawn, on Monday, corresponding 17h Dec. 2018, along with other journalists, Shweika block, north Tulkarem, to cover the demolition of the family house of the martyr, Ashraf Naalwah, by the occupation forces which announced that they will do so. At around 3:00AM, on the same day, the soldiers attacked the present journalists by sound bombs, gas bombs, and tear gas bomb to force them to go away from the place where dozens of demonstrators have gathered to prevent the demolition of the house. They prevented them from filming and opened high-powered flashlights at the cameras. One of the soldiers threw a sound bomb at the journalist, Moayad Ashqar. It did not injure him, but it

damaged the left side of his vehicle. (17th Dec.) The journalist, Thaer Khalid Abu Rayash, was injured by a gas bomb in the abdomen while he was covering the sea march organized as part of the return marches in Gaza, in the afternoon, on 17th Dec. 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Thaer Khalid Fahmi Abu Rayash, 24 years old, from Al-Manshiyeh in Beit Lahia, a single man, born on 20 March 1994, holding a personal ID card No. (804799047), a freelance journalist and regularly covers the events of the return marches in Gaza, at around 2:30PM, on Monday, corresponding 17th Dec. 2018, carrying a camera to cover the 20th sea march announced by the High Leadership Commission of the Return Marches, went to Zikim Military site, northwest of Beith Lahia, in Gaza Strip to film the events. In the meantime, the area was crowded with citizens taking part in the parallel with the march launched on land. The sea march also involved a number of fishing boats. The Israeli occupation forces, behind the cement and concrete walls and inside the watchtowers on the other side of the fence, have fired metal bullets and rubber coated metal bullets as well as gas bombs. This has resulted in the injury of a number of citizens, including the journalist, Abu Rayash, at around 3:40PM, on the same day, by a gas bomb in his abdomen, while he was at a distance of 200 meters to the south of the separating fence. He was taken by the field paramedics to the ambulance parked 400 meters away from the soldiers, where he received the necessary first aid and left the place.

It should be noted that the journalist, Aby Rayash, was injured twice previously, and in a similar circumstances somehow. The first injury occurred on 18th September 2018, with a gas bomb in the head, while he was covering the return march organized at Ezer Crossing, Beit Hanoun. While the other injury was on 15th Oct. 2018 while he was covering the tenth sea march, right across from Zikim military site, northwest Beit Lahia, by gunshot fragments in his face and left hand, even though he was working for the Turkish Agency then.

(18th Dec.) Tulkarm Governor's Office informed the freelance journalist Sami Said Al-Saei (37 years old) of preventing him from transmitting any news about Tulkarem governorate, even if it was issued by the governorate as a press release to the media.

Al-Saei stated to MADA "on 18th Dec., I have received a phone call from Tulkarem Governor's office director telling me that I, specifically, is forbidden from transmitting any news about Tulkarem even if it was a press release recounted by all media agencies. This came after I, on the day before (Monday 17/12/2018) wrote a news material in the form of audio-visual (video clip) on the tongue of the governor after visiting the house of the martyr Ashraf Naalwah which was demolished in Al-Shweika block by the occupation authorities several days ago, even though many of the journalists and media agencies were also present at the site and transmitted the news, but the governor's objection was to the title chosen for that article: Tulkarm Governor: We apologize for our Arab negligence in the case of Naalwah, while the official WAFA

news agency chose to publish the same news under the title “We are with the Naalwah family”.

(19th Dec.) the occupation soldiers and the settlers have prevented Palestine TV staff to cover the levelling operations for settlements purposes south Nablus and detained the staff for an hour.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Palestine TV staff, composed of the reporter of the TV in Nablus, Baker Abdelhaq, his coworker, the photographer, Loay Al-Samhan, have arrived the south of Aseera Town to cover the levelling done by the settlers in the Palestinian territories in that area, at around 11:00AM, on 19th Dec. 2018. They were accompanied by some of the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission staff members, on top, the settlement file official in north of the West Bank, Murag Shteivi, and his driver, the head of Aseera village council, and five young men from the village. While they were filming the levelling carried out by settlers, one of the settlers was armed and prevented them from filming. He even tried to seize their camera and forced them to leave the place at gunpoint. While the settler summoned the soldiers, an army patrol arrived at the site and seized the cards of the TV staff and other Palestinian persons who were with them. The soldiers held them about 100 meters away from the event for about an hour and then released them after the intervention of the Palestinian liaison.

(21st Dec.) The occupation forces have detained the journalist, Mutsem Saqf Al-Hait, on his way from Ramallah to Nablus, assaulted and beaten him.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Mutasem Samer Saqf Al-Hait, (29 years old), a student at Modern College, and a reporter of Quds News Network, at around 9:30PM, on 21st Dec. 2018, was on his way from Ramallah to Nablus, where he lives. He found a military checkpoint established by the Israeli soldiers at the square close to Ein Senia, north Ramallah, on the road leading to Nablus. The soldiers were stopping Palestinian vehicles for search purposes. Saqf Al-Hait was in his own vehicle marked “PRESS”. After he arrived the line of vehicles, Mutasem wanted to change his way and go back to try another road. While he was reversing his vehicle, a number of soldiers ran quickly towards him and pointed their guns at him. Then they opened the vehicle doors and pulled him to the ground, started beaten him and searching him violently and offensively. They kept him under detention on his knees for about two hours. After two hours, they ordered him to enter his car and close it and prevented him from opening the windows. In the meantime, the army was stopping about 20 other vehicles. The journalist, Saqf Al-Hait remained under detention from 9:30 PM until 5:00 AM, after which he was released and they detained others.

(21st Dec.) The journalist, Nidal Shafiq Taher Ishtaya, was injured by a stone in his shoulder while he was covering the clashes between the Palestinian demonstrators and the Israeli occupation forces in Kafr Qaddum, Qalqilya.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, the journalist, Nidal Shafiq Taher Ishtaya, (49 years old), a photographer of the Chinese news agency, Xinhua, on Friday



noon, corresponding 21st Dec. 2018, has arrived Kafr Qaddum, where the weekly march against settlement was organized to protest against the closure of the village's entrance since several years ago. While the soldiers have raided the village, and stationed on the roofs of several houses, disseminated the snipers on the roofs, the demonstrators were throwing stones at the soldiers, 100 meters away from them. On the other hand, the soldiers were throwing gas bombs and metal bullets at the demonstrators. The journalists were filing the events, and at around 2:30PM, suddenly, the soldiers started firing live bullets from various locations, the demonstrators escaped to find shelters behind the houses walls and started throwing stones at the demonstrators. In the meantime, Ishatay was injured in his right shoulder, sat on the ground due to the severe injury, and then he was transferred by the demonstrators to the ambulance which came immediately and took him away from the clashes to the village borders where he received the necessary treatment and first aid.

(21st Dec.) An explosive gunshot fragment has injured the photojournalist of SAFA Agency, Mohammad Asad Muhaisen, (35 years old), while he was covering a demonstration as part of the return marches taking place in Malka, east of Gaza.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, SAFA photographer, Mohammad Asad Muhaisen, married, born on 10th August 1984, from Al-Nasser Block, Gaza Strip, went on Friday, corresponding 21st Dec. 2018, to Malka, east of Gaza, to cover the events of the return march organized

weekly. At around 4:05PM, on that day, while he was filming the events, the Israeli soldiers deployed on the other side of the separating fence (border fence with Israel) started firing live bullets, rubber bullets and tear gas bombs at the Palestinian demonstrators. An explosive bullet injured one of the demonstrators close to the journalist, Muhaisen, in his neck (resulted in the death of the young man – Mohammad Jahjouh – 16 years old) and the fragments spread all over the place and damaged the camera of the photographer, Muhaisen, a d5 Mark 3, until the inner parts of the camera. It should be noted that at the moment, the journalist, Muhaisen was 300 meters away from the separating fence on the other side of which the soldiers were deployed.

(21st Dec.) The photojournalist, Sami Jamal Taleb Masran, was injured by an explosive gunshot fragment while he was covering the events of the return peaceful march taking place east of Bureij camp, Gaza Strip, on 21st Dec. 2018.

According to the investigations of MADA field researcher, Sami Jamal Taleb Masran, from Al-Nseirat, born on 26th Jan. 1984, holding I.D. Card No. (800184160), a photojournalist of Al-Aqsa TV, has arrived, at around 2:00PM, on Friday, corresponding 21st Dec. 2018, to east of Bureij Camp, central Gaza Strip, to cover the events of the weekly return peaceful march as he used to do each Friday. But before even wearing the Press helmet and vest, and while he was at a distance of 300 meters away from the separating fence (border fence between Israel and Gaza), one of the Israeli soldiers deployed on the other side of the separating fence an explosive gunshot that hit the

ground close to the journalist Masran, and its fragments spread all over the place, one of which injured his foot, directly, causing him bleeding. Immediately, the demonstrators took him to a private car as there was no ambulance at the time. Half an hour later, the injured photographer arrived Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where his foot was imaged, and the doctors found that the fragment caused (an entry and exit), but no fractures. The wound was cleaned and dressed. At around 7:00PM, he was discharged provided he shall follow up his condition two weeks later.

(30th Dec.) The Palestinian Intelligence Service in Halhul has summoned the freelance journalist, Abdulmuhsen Tayseer Shalaldeh (25 years old) and questioned him on the claim that he “incites” against the security services through his Facebook posts.

Shalaldeh stated to MADA that “an officer from the Palestinian Intelligence Service came to my house in Seir, Hebron, at 6:00PM, on Sunday, corresponding 30th Dec. 2018, and told me that I must go to the Intelligence headquarters in Halhul at 10:00AM on the following day, corresponding 31st Dec. 2018. Although he was holding the summons in writing, he refused to give it to me. Accordingly, I contacted Jihad Al-Qawasma, the representative of the Journalists Syndicate in Hebron, who advised me to contact Mohammad Allaham (Chairman of the freedoms committee in the Syndicate), who in turn contacted the Intelligence Service and all I could learn from him is that an arrest order was issued against me and the Syndicate does not have the authority to intervene.

On Monday morning, 31 Dec. 2018, I went to the headquarters of the intelligence service in Halhul, and arrived at 10:20 AM, and there I entered the interrogation room where three officers were present and started questioning me. In the beginning the investigation was in a high-pitched, but then they started talking to me quietly. I was initially charged with incitement against security through my Facebook posts, against the background of my last post, which was after I was attacked by the security forces while covering the march of Hamas, which was organized on the occasion of its anniversary on 14th Dec. I was also asked general questions about where I studied, who my classmates were, and where I worked (I told them I was a freelance journalist). One of them told me that my file was in Jericho investigation center and not in the intelligence service of Halhul, because I/curse the security service in a polite manner/which I denied. After about an hour of my interrogation, I signed my statement and the officer told me that I was supposed to remain in detention, but he would let me go provided I come back on Wednesday, corresponding 2nd Jan. 2019 at 10:00 AM. I left the headquarters at 11:30 PM”.

(30th Dec.) The Preventive Security Service has arrested the journalist, Mutasem Hamdi Saqf Al-Hait (29 years old), a freelance journalist, and a student at the Modern College in Ramallah. Saqf Al-Hait was arrested at around 6:30PM, on 30th Dec. 2018, from the Martyrs square, central Nablus, after he finished covering the event of igniting revolution torch organized by “Fateh” on the occasion of its launch in the mentioned square. His family

could not see him or visit him or find out the reason of his arrest so far. The Preventive Security Service did not inform the family of his arrest, and only told them that they would ask him about “something” without giving any explanation.

On Wednesday, corresponding 2nd Jan. 2019, the journalist, Saqf Al-Hait was brought before the court, in the presence of MADA attorney, Mr. Firas Karaja. The Public Prosecution demanded to extend his detention 15 days, on the claim that he is “disparaging the authority”, and the court approved as stated by MADA attorney.

(30th Dec.) The Internal Security of Hamas in Gaza Strip has summoned and detained no less than three journalists ahead of Fateh 54th Launch in Gaza Strip, decided to be held on 7th Jan. 2019.

The frequent processes of summoning and detaining for long hours and sometimes for more than one day have affected: the journalist, Sameer Rafiq Adak Skaik (38 years old), the programs preparer at Palestine TV, the journalist, Ahed Awni Hassan Farawneh (42 years old), the Public Relations Director at Gaza, and the journalist, Sameh Younes Hamed Al-Jedi (40 years old), all from Gaza, holding the membership of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, and the membership of the Journalists International Union.

According to the Investigations of MADA field researcher, the three abovementioned journalist have received summons from the Internal Security Service in Gaza. The summons were delivered at their houses in the first time on 30th Dec. 2018, at various times,

under which they were ordered to go immediately to the headquarters in Gaza “Al-Hakim Palace”. Indeed, the three journalists responded and went to the headquarters where they were detained on the same day. They were questioned about their political affiliation and their role in the events of expected Fateh Launch. They were detained in the headquarters for long hours, over two days, under inhuman conditions, before they were finally released on 7th Jan. 2019.

The journalist, Sameer Ragiq Skaik (38 years old), the programs preparer of Palestine TV, reported that he went, at around 4:30PM, on 30th Dec. 2018, to the headquarters of the Internal Security Service in Gaza, under a summons he has received at his family house located in Al-Wihda Street, Gaza, on the same day. Upon his arrival, his card and cell phone were seized, and he was detained in a room called “the Bus” until 11:00, at midnight (for about seven hours). He was released provided he shall return the following morning at 8:00AM, corresponding 31st Dec. 2018 as he was orally instructed the day before. Indeed, when he went the following day, he was detained for another 12 hours and then he was released at 8:00PM. It should be noted that he was again questioned about his political affiliation and his role in the expected Fateh Launch.

For his part, the journalist Sameh Younes Hamed Al-Jedi (40 years old) reported that he went to the headquarters of the Internal Security Services in Gaza, on 30th Dec. 2018, under a summons he has received from the headquarters. When he arrived, he was detained in a solitary confinement for 12 hours. At 8:00AM, on the following morning,

corresponding 31st Dec. 2018, and based on their request, he came back to be detained for 12 hours, without questioning. He was released at 09:00PM, with his belongings which were seized on the first day he was detained. On the 5th of Jan. 2019, he was summoned again, and he went at 11:00AM. He was detained in the “Bus” room where dozens of other citizens were also detained with him. He was questioned about Fateh Launch events again and then he was transferred to another cold small stinky cell, that is not prepared for sleeping, with another two prisoners. He remained in detention this time for three consecutive days until he was released at around 3:00PM, on 7th Jan. 2019. As to the journalist, Ahed Awni Hassan Farawneh, (42 years old), he was summoned on 30th Dec. 2018 by the Internal Security Services in Gaza “Al-Hakim Palace”, and accordingly, he went at around 8:00PM, on the same day to the headquarters. His belongings were seized and he was taken to the “Bus” room. After that he was taken to a solitary confinement after he was questioned about the events of Fateh Launch. He remained arrested at the Security headquarters until 11:00 midnight. He was released provided he shall return on the following morning corresponding 31st Dec. 2018 where he was detained again until midnight when he was released and his belongings were given back to him. Five days later, specifically on 5th Jan. 2019, Farawneh received a new summons under which he went to the Internal Security Services headquarters at around 1:00PM on the same day. Again he was detained in the same room “the bus” as the previous time with dozens of citizens belonging to Fateh movement,

including journalists as well. He was detained until the evening and was informed to return on the following morning. Indeed, he came back on the following morning and he was detained again. This continued until January 7, 2018 (the day when Fateh Launch was due to be held). He was released at 3:00PM and was handed over to his personal belongings from the first day of his arrest.

(31st Dec.) An occupation army force has raided the house of the journalist, has raided the house of the journalist Alaa Al-Rimawi (40 years old), the Head of Al-Quds TV, Ramallah, searched the house and seized cell phones and a computer, as well as an amount of money.

The journalist Alaa Al-Rimawi stated to MADA that the occupation army force (the border police) has raided, at 4:00AM, at dawn, on 31 Dec. 2018 his house located in Al-Irsal, in Ramallah, detained him and his wife as well as his children in one of the house’s rooms. Then they searched the house and caused a terrible mess around the house. The soldiers seized 4 cell phones (two of which were working). They also seized a laptop for the journalist Alaa, and an amount of 7000 NIS the family was saving as follows (4 thousand Shekels in one of the drawers and the remaining amount was in JD, equivalent to 3000 NIS in another drawer). Al-Rimawi asserted that he saw one of the soldiers, from the room where he was detained, putting the amount of four thousand Shekels in his pocket. He also stated that he told the soldier to give the money back or document it as he did with the cell phones and computers, but the latter refused. The soldiers left the house after one hour.