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The violations of media freedoms in Palestine

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Preamble

2016 witnessed a relatively significant decrease in total number of violations monitored against media freedoms in Palestine; compared to 2015. The Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms “MADA” monitored a total of 383 violations against media freedoms during 2016 in Palestine.

Israeli Occupation committed a total of 249 violation approximately 65%, whereas, Palestinian parties (in West Bank and Gaza Strip) committed a total of 134 violations roughly 35% of all violations monitored in 2016.

The murder of a media student at Al-Quds University, Omar Sajdieh (22years) by Israeli Occupation Forces, besides, injuring and arresting dozens of Palestinian journalists, raiding, confiscating and sabotaging media outlets including (the shutdown of 12 Palestinian media outlets and Printing houses), are all considered as the gravest and most prominent violations recorded in 2016.

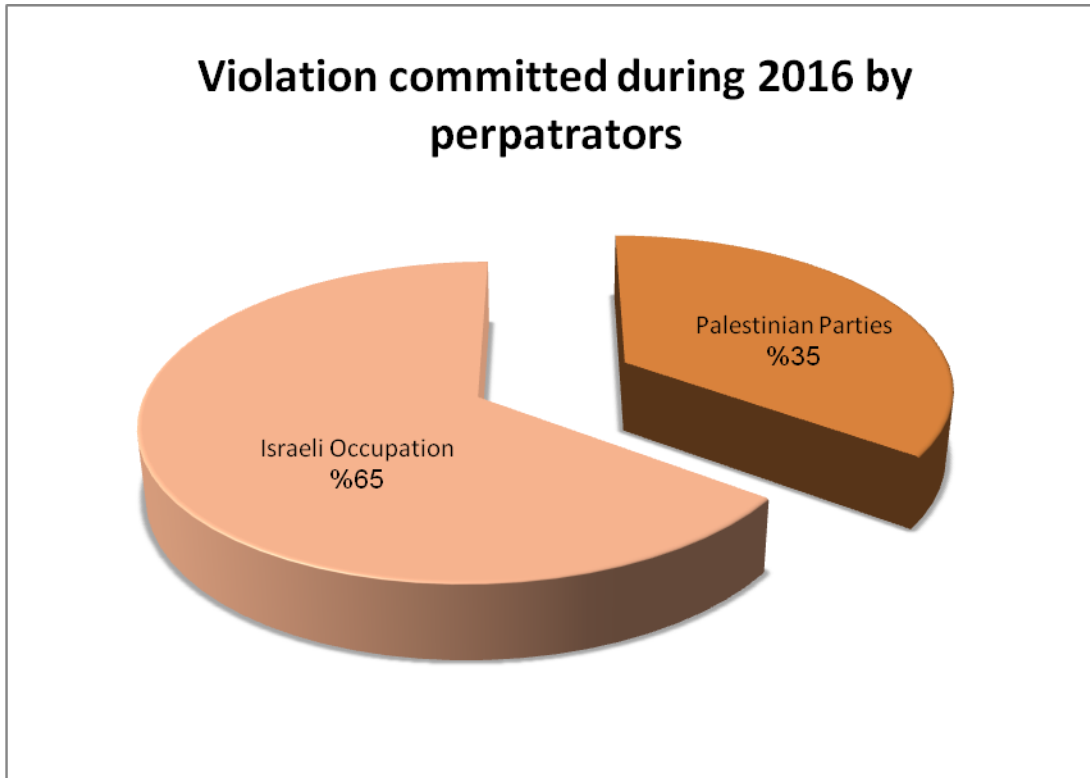
In addition to the bill released recently by Israel as “Facebook law”, following the “understandings” between Israeli Officials and Facebook company (an official at facebook denied the existence of agreement after several months of Israeli officials announcement about it !!) , to remove

all posts that are considered as “inciting” by Israel, further to directing wide prosecutions to oppress freedom of opinion/ expression;

Whilst, Palestinian violations against media freedoms witness an increase in numbers of degrading treatment of journalists during interrogation and arrest, that might tantamount to practicing torture, rather than the continuation and escalation of prosecution related to publishing over social media.¹

Furthermore, a comparison of total violations committed in 2014, 2015, we noted that 2016 witnessed a decrease as 18% and 36%, respectively. Nevertheless, a further analysis of previous years (witnessed no wide confrontations between Palestinian and Israelis); we conclude that pace of violations escalated dramatically. In 2016 violations risen approximately 67% compared to 2013, the same applies to all other previous years similar rates.

¹ Further details please check our special report “ Social media a new venue to censor and prosecute journalists”- MADA 2016 : http://www.madacenter.org/images/text_editor/FBviolationsE.pdf



Noting, that this decrease of total violations monitored during 2016, does not reflect a real change of perpetrators mentality towards the respect of freedom of expression, or an end toward violations against journalists or media freedoms.

The main reason behind those decline in Israeli violations backs to the fact that during 2016 Palestinian occupied territories did not witness eruptions of mass confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis.

Whereas, 2015 witnessed the eruption of the “uprising” that lasted a period of three months, and resulted in an increase of the Israeli

violations overall, due to the presence of journalists performing their jobs and covering events almost on a daily basis.

The rate of Israeli monthly assaults during the first nine months of 2015 (before the “uprising” erupted; and the immense escalation of violations) were monitored as 22 violations a month, similar to rate of violations recorded in the first nine months of 2016 a total of 21.88 monthly violations.

In case of excluding violations committed in (2014 Israel aggression against GAZA operation protective edge /and the eruption of the Palestinian “uprising” 2015) that marked an outrageous increase of Israeli violations in total; we conclude that continuity of Israel violations against media freedoms are still stirring on a fast pace since MADA started monitoring and documenting violations against media freedoms/ a decade.

A remarkable decline, in total violations committed by Palestinian parts (West Bank and Gaza Strip) during 2016 approximately 30% compared to 2015, , Israeli violations as previous years continued to constitute the bulk in overall number of violations approximately.

The major cause of the decline in Palestinian violations was mainly due to the relative stable situation, as no internal events erupted, no

repercussions for the internal political division were monitored, which was and still is considered as one of the most prominent causes of the violations targeting media freedoms in West Bank and Gaza.

Regardless the decline of violations monitored in total this year compared to 2015, but a closer look to the preceding years reveals that Palestinian violations against media freedoms did not witness a critical change (in terms of numbers). 2016 Palestinian violations recorded were higher than 2014 approximately a rate of 18% and higher than other preceding years.

The rate of Palestinian violations monitored in West Bank and Gaza Strip were recorded as 64% and 36% respectively. Noting that this does not by any mean implicate that freedom of expression and media freedoms reality in Gaza Strip is better than West Bank, taking into consideration the demographic and population, and number of Palestinian journalists and media outlets in both areas. Noting that Palestinian violations in both areas declined when compared to 2015.²

Legal environment in Palestine:

2016 did not witness any tangible progress in terms of media laws in Palestine; standstill situation, except a promise by Palestinian Prime

² Demographic differences between West Bank and Gaza Strip, in addition to the higher number of journalists and media outlets operating in West Bank, are the major reasons that explain the contrast of numbers of violations.

Minister Rami Al-Hamdallah, to pass access to information law before the end of 2016, where we at MADA believe is of a particular important as it past all phases of deliberations and submitted to the Palestinian Cabinet since the end of 2013.

In reference to the higher council of media law, that MADA with the collaboration with other Palestinian Civil Society organizations managed to stop, after it passed as a decree by President Mahmoud Abbas on 29/12/2015, due to the presence of clauses that restricts and contradicts with the core objective of establishing a council for media, a new law draft was designed by a committee included (media development center, Palestinian journalists syndicate and MADA). A final draft of the law was submitted to Deputy Prime Minister Ziad Abu Amro back in June 2016.

Last year also witnessed a grievous “agreement” between Israel and Facebook (according to Israeli officials), resulted in Facebook blocking at least 20 accounts (personal and Palestinian news sites) only in September 2016. Following the demand of Israel to block information with photos or articles related to the Israeli occupation practices.³

³ Among those accounts that were blocked or removed posts from are: Palestinian debate forum, Gaza now, Shehab new agency, Radio Bethlehem 2000, Orient network, Mish Hek, Ramallah news, journalist personal account Huthaifa Jamous, Qassam Badeir / activist, Mohammad Ghannam/ activist, Kamel Jbeil/ journalist, administrative accounts for Al-Quds newspaper, administrative accounts for Shihb news agency, Abdel Qader el tete/ activist, Hussein Shajaeeh/ activist, Remah Mbarak (account recovered), Ahmad Abd El’Al (account

The severity of such “agreement” relies in the possibility of following Israel as a model, constituting a real threat against freedom of expression/ Opinion Worldwide.

The law passed at the Israeli Knesset in its preliminary reading on 03/01/2017 that was drafted by Ayelet Shaked Minister of Justice, and Gilad Erdan Minister of internal security.

According to the bill, Israeli courts can issue orders for Social Media sites upon the state request, demanding to remove posts considered inciting.⁴

Furthermore, MADA Center continued its efforts on the national and international/ arenas, to protect media freedoms, and ensure media development, and widen its circles toward new local and international partnerships in this aspect.

MADA, with its pioneer and leading role in media freedoms, managed for the tenth year in row, to monitor and document violations, in ways that guarantee freedom of expression/ opinion and speech in Palestine. Due to its professionalism MADA become a trusted source of

recovered), Mohammad Alza'neen (still blocked), Amer Abu Arafah (still blocked), Abdel Rahmad Kahlout (still blocked).

⁴ Israel Hyom Newspaper, Shaked stated” the cooperation between social media sites and Israel will shrink the release of inciting posts, that are published daily over the network, will also transfer a clear social message that we will never tolerate demands for violence, even if it appeared as content on screen, a simple word can murder “whereas, Erdan stated” despite the fact that incitement leads to terrorism yet Facebook and other social media do not always respond to the Israeli police views in removing inciting posts, and sometime it takes quite long time, and this law is inevitable step to provide mechanisms to operate promptly to remove posts that might bring terrorism and murder”.

information and referred by many international/ regional and local organizations.

MADA, achieved numerous successes that was reflected in its crucial position, the most prominent was MADA meeting with Dr. Ahmad Barrak General attorney who assigned a special prosecutor specialized for cases of media freedoms, amongst those trainees participated previously in MADA's training workshops, under the framework of a project sponsored by the EU. Barrak also assured that journalists will not be arrested in the course of their work in meeting between MADA and the general attorney on 21/07/2016.

Moreover, MADA was granted a special consultative status at the ECOSOC/UN. Mousa Rimawi its general director was also elected for the steering committee of the GFMD that took place in Jakarta/ Indonesia September 2016.

Rimawi was also selected by Oxford University a member of its consultative committee for the report conducted by the UNESCO entitled " world trends in freedom of expression and media development", one of the critical reports to be released in 2017.

Besides, winning the golden prize in the Middle East by WAN-IFRA, for digital rights campaign in Palestine.

There is no doubt that what MADA achieved, including its membership in many international bodies and broad partnerships at local and international levels, steadily contributed to shed light on the reality of media freedoms in Palestine and media development.

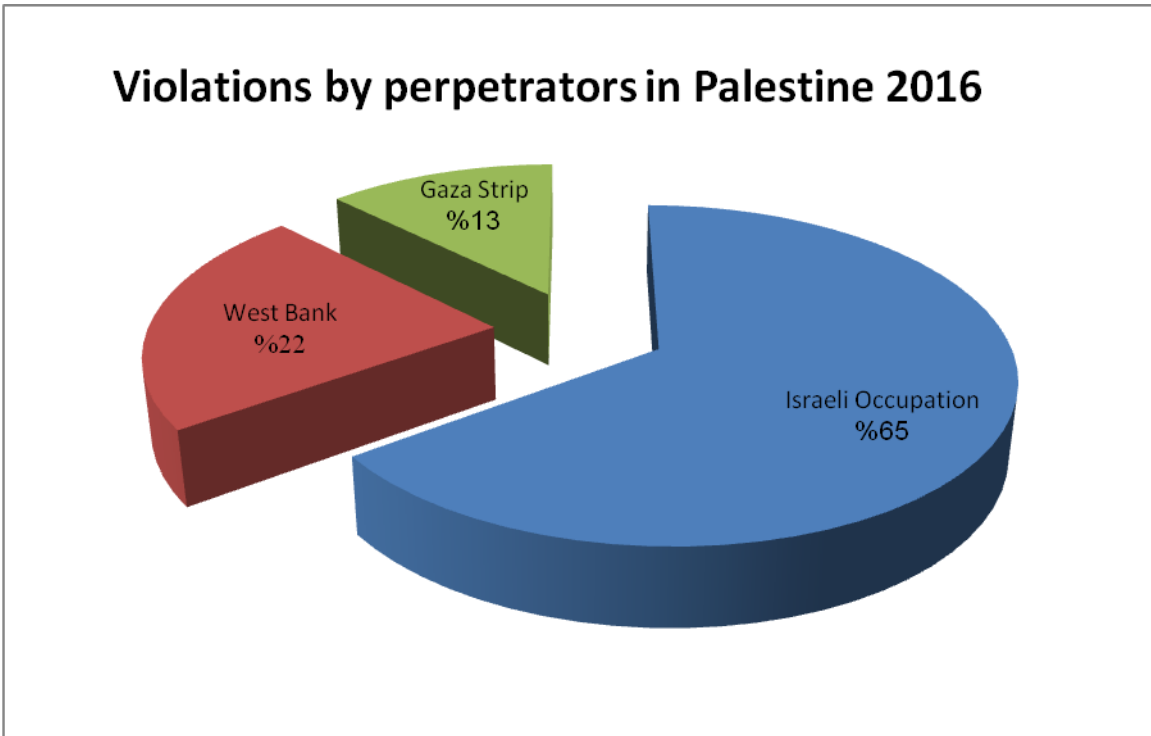
Media Freedoms Violations in Palestine during 2016

A total of 383 violations against media freedoms were recorded during 2016.⁵ Through which Israeli Occupation committed a total of 249 violations approximately 65%, whereas, Palestinian parties in West Bank and Gaza Strip committed a total of 134 violations approximately 35% of total monitored violations during 2016.

Violations against Media Freedoms in Palestine 2016, by perpetrators

Committed by	Israeli Occupation	Palestinian Parties in West Bank	Palestinian Parties in Gaza Strip
Total	249	86	48

⁵ Noting that MADA monitors and documents violations that only occurs in (West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem).



Total number of violations monitored during 2016 in comparison with 2014 and 2015 declined respectively, 18% and 36%. Previous and similar years to 2016, witnessed no wide circles of confrontations between Palestinian and Israelis, we noted that pace of violations continued steady but significant escalating. Thus, 2016 recorded an escalation of 67% in comparison with 2013, and same applies to previous years.

Violations against journalists and media freedoms during the past years

Year	Israeli occupation violations	Palestinian violations	Total
2008	147	110	257
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
Total	1805	963	2768

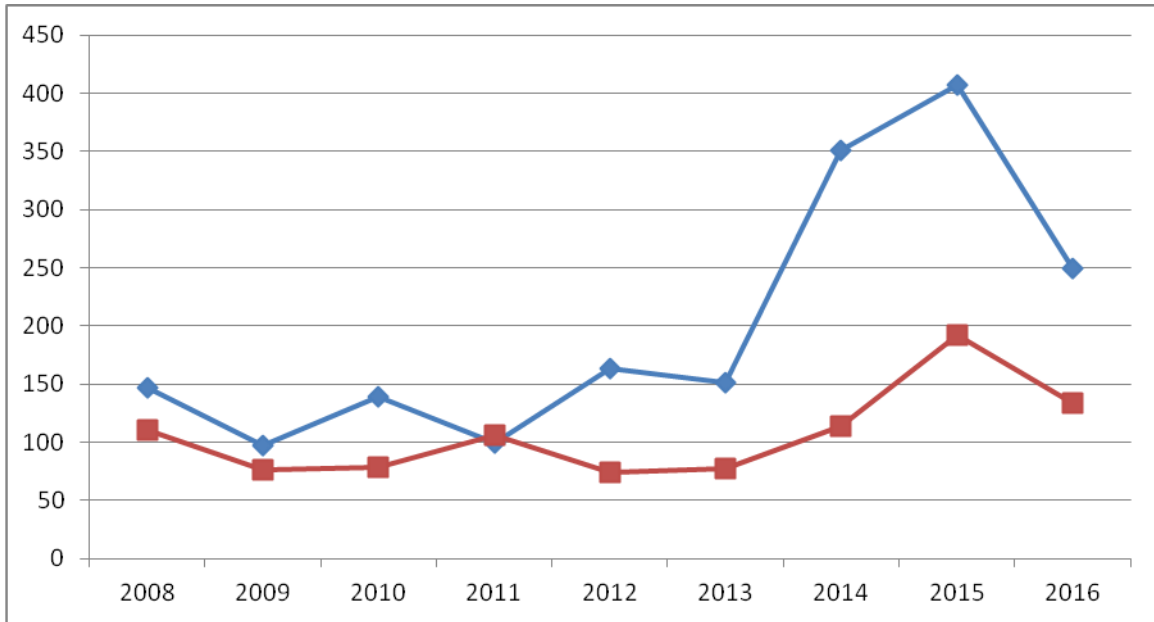


The main reason resulting in a relative decline,⁶ of total violations in 2016, is due that the Palestinian Territories did not witness any and mass confrontations between Palestinian and Israelis similar to previous years. (Due to the Palestinian unrest that erupted, hence, many journalists where covering the events in the field almost on a daily basis.

Track of violations by (Israelis/ Palestinians) since 2008⁷

⁶ Last three months of 2015 witnessed a total of 210 Israeli violations against media freedoms approximately 52% of total Israeli violations monitored during 2015; 407 violations in total.

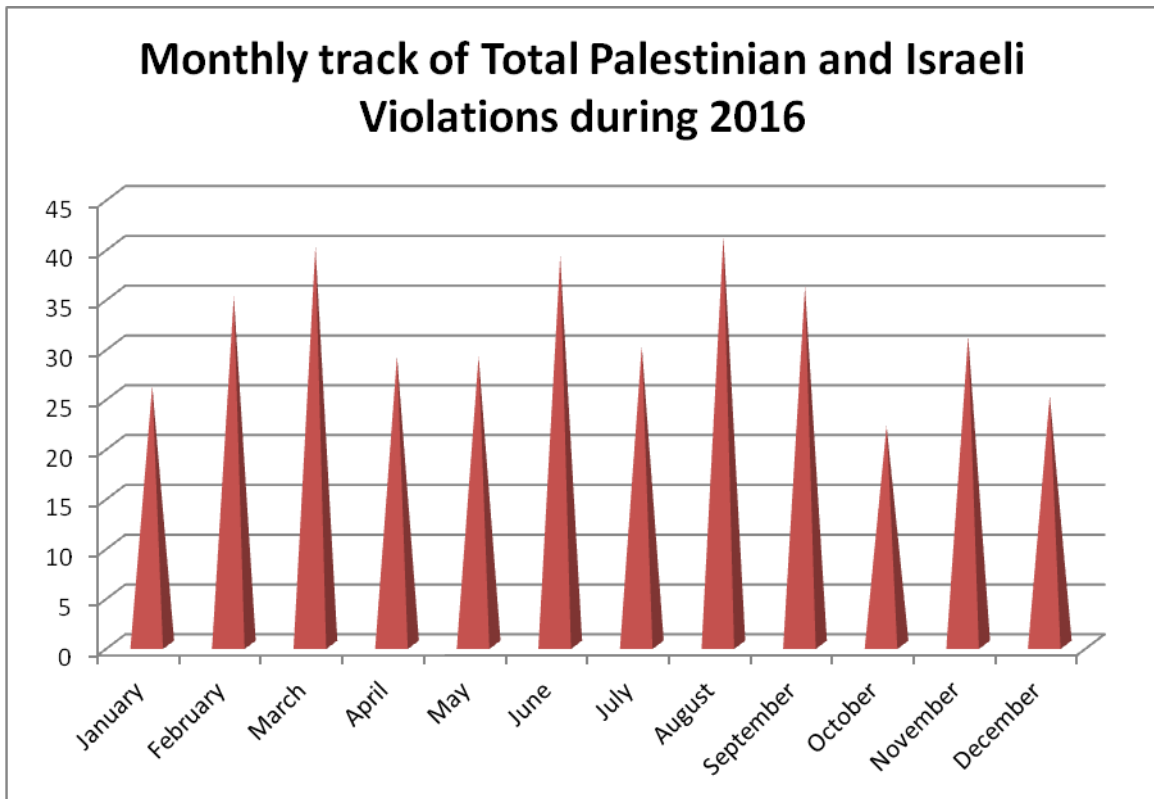
⁷ Blue grid represents Israeli violations, whereas, red represents Palestinian violations



Further clarification of the line chart, monthly Israeli violations during the first 9 months of 2015, is estimated 22 violations against media freedoms (months preceded the Palestinian unrest that interspersed a dramatic escalation of violations and assaults). Similar numbers of monthly violations committed by Israel, 21.88.

Monthly Violations during 2016 (by perpetrators)

Month	Israeli Occupation	Palestinian Sides	Total
January	13	13	26
February	30	5	35
March	37	3	40
April	22	7	29
May	19	10	29
June	12	27	39
July	23	7	30
August	26	15	41
September	15	21	36
October	5	17	22
November	27	4	31
December	20	5	25
Total	249	134	383



A further look into violation monitored during the past few years, excluding 2014 and 2015 (witnessed Israeli aggression against Gaza in 2014, and Palestinian unrest 2015; recorded a dramatic increase of Israeli Violations against media freedoms), we conclude that violations against media freedoms in general never stopped but on the contrary escalated steadily since MADA started monitoring and documenting violations for more than a decade.

Israeli Violations:

During 2016 a formal change in the distribution of the Israeli violations map against media freedoms in terms of type and number, without any

remarkable change of its continuity, due to the non-occurrence of any major confrontations between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation in this year as previous ones...



The murder of media student at Al-Quds University Iyad Omar Sajdieh (22 years), murdered with a bullet shot straight to the head, by an Israeli soldier while he was exploring from the roof, a storm operation by Israeli Occupation Forces in Qalandia refugee camp, where he lives, on 29/2 (date of martyrdom 01/03/2016), is considered the most dangerous violation during the year. Besides, dozens of physical injuries and arrests targeting journalists and raiding operations that involved sabotage shutdown, which affected a total of 12 media organizations.

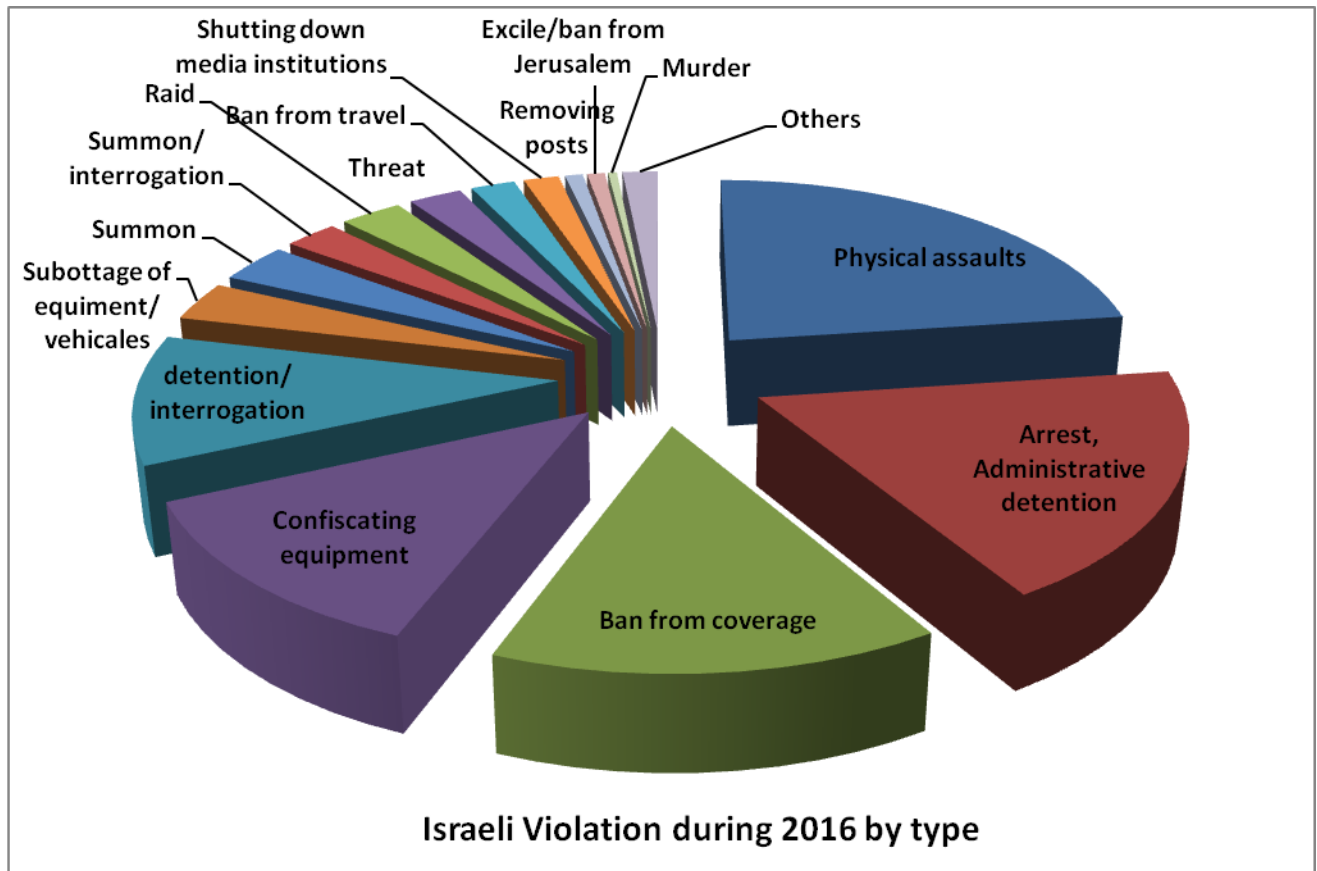
Israeli violations during 2016 declined in total, roughly 39% compared to same violations committed in 2015. Violations declined from 407 to 249 violations.

Israeli Violations during the past years

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Violations	147	97	139	100	164	151	351	407	249	1805

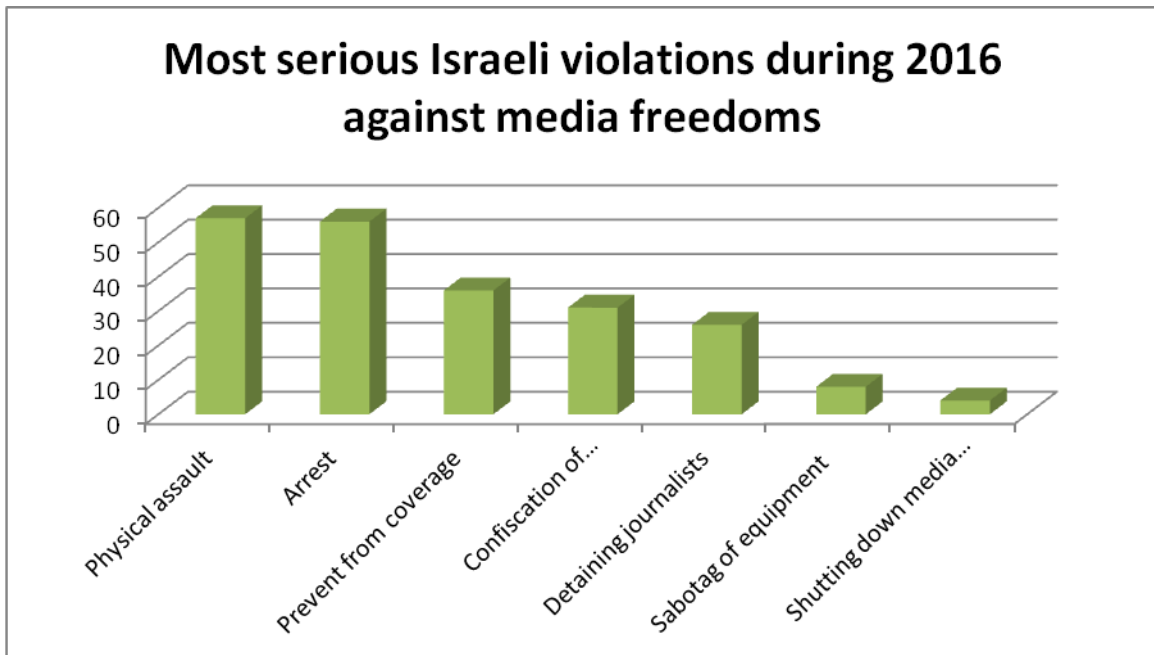
Despite the significant decline of Israeli violations in total, but a further look into previous year, indicate that Israeli violations continued escalating systematically, recording an increase of 65% compared to 2013, and 52% compared to 2012, and higher percentages in previous years.

Israeli Violations during 2016 by type		
1	Type of violations	
2	Physical assaults	57
3	Arrest- Administrative detention	46
4	Ban from coverage	36
5	Equipment Confiscation	31
6	Sabotage of Equipment and Vehicles	8
7	Detention/ Interrogation	26
8	Raid	7
9	Shut down of media institution	4
10	Summon	8
11	Summon/ Interrogation	6
12	Ban from Travel	5
13	Threat	6
14	Removing Posts	2
15	Exile from Jerusalem/ and Ban from entry	2
16	Others	4
17	Murder	1
	Total	249



Most Serious Israeli violations:

Israeli violations against media freedoms generally are featured within 18 different types, but the bulk revolved around 7 particular types that included: physical assaults, arrests, detention, prevent from coverage, shutting down media institution, confiscation/ sabotage of equipment, and detention of journalists.



Aforementioned most serious violations constituted around 84% (208 violation), of Israeli violation in total (249 violations) during 2016.

Noting that physical assaults during that past years presided all other types of Israeli violations against media freedoms, 58 violation (including one case of murder), third of the violation were detaining and arresting journalists 46 cases in total, whereas the forth violation was prevention from coverage a total of (36 case), besides confiscation of equipment and devices (31 cases) , sabotaging and destructing equipment of journalists and media outlets (8 cases, lastly shutting down 4 media institutions.

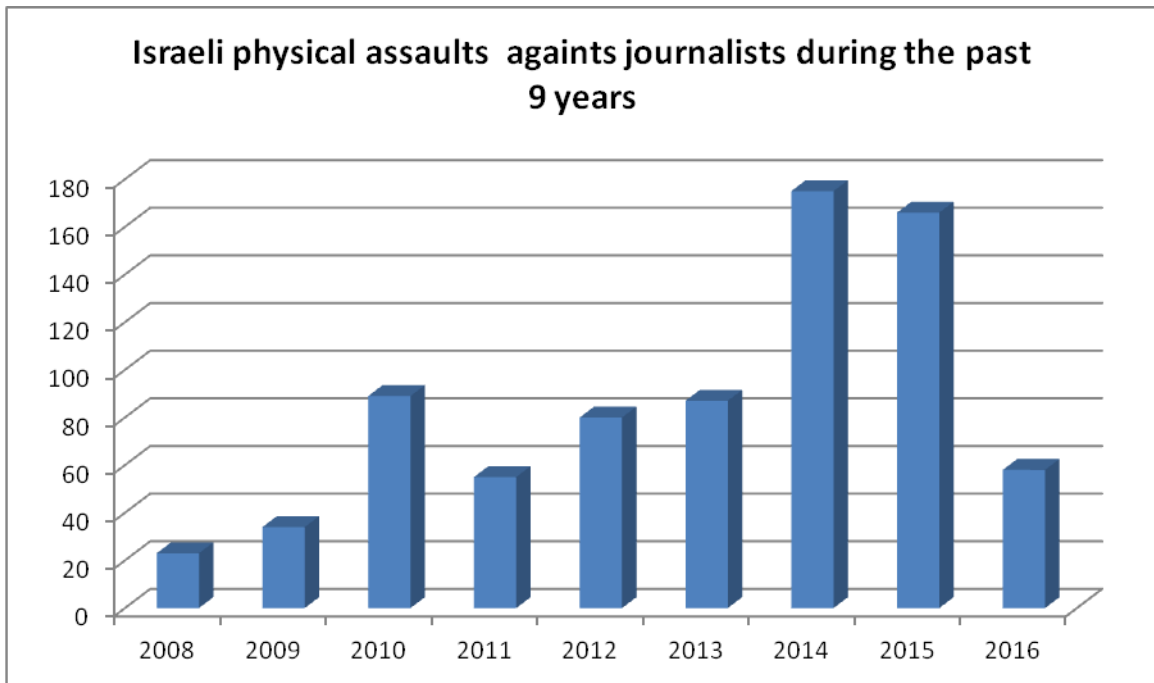
Physical attacks:

During 2016, a remarkable decline has been recorded in total number of Israeli Occupation physical assaults, deliberately targeting journalists during the coverage of incidents in the field.

Whereas, Physical assaults during 2015, recorded 42% of Israeli violations, yet it declined to 23% in 2016. (a total of 58 physical assaults including 1 case of murder).

Israeli Occupation violations against media freedoms/ physical assaults and percentages

Year	Total Israeli Violation	Physical Assaults	Percentage of Israeli violation in total per year
2008	147	23	15.6%
2009	97	24	35%
2010	139	89	64%
2011	100	55	55%
2012	164	80	48.7%
2013	151	87	58%
2014	351	175 (including 17 cases of murder)	49.8%
2015	407	166 (including 1 case of murder)	41%
2016	249	58 (including 1 case of murder)	23.3%
Total	1805	767	42.4%



Despite the decline in numbers of violations, yet they were the most serious and grave violations that posed threats on journalists' lives and health, it resulted in severe injuries of dozens of journalists, rather than threats and fears Palestinian journalists are exposed to by Israeli occupation forces while covering events and demonstration.

For instance, Photographer of (Xinhua) Nidal Shafiq Ishtaieh (46years) injured with a tear gas bomb (a new and hazardous one) in his head shot by IOF while covering a demonstration near Kuffor Qaddoum (north of West Bank) that resulted in internal bleeding, although he was wearing the helmet.

“I was informed by the Red Cross that this type of Gas Is similar to (rocket-bomb) that is banned for usage during such demonstrations, and can only be used in armed conflicts / wars as it can range up to 1000meters as it can be fatal if shot in less than 500meters”.

Nidal Ishtaieh reported to MADA following his injury

The Turkish Anatolia News Agency, photographer Hisham Abu Shaqra (28years) got injured in Bethlehem with a “tutu” bullet fired by IOF while covering the incidents in Bethlehem on February 2nd 2016, as one of the IOF deliberately and directly targeted me with a “tutu” bullet that hit my left leg below the knee, and fractured my bone, I stayed at the hospital for four days”.

Moreover, Reporter of “Palestine Post” network, Safiya Kawar (29 years old), was wounded by a bullet in the foot fired by Israeli soldiers while covering events in Bethlehem city.

Saeed Abdelnasser Alrukun (27 years) a photographer was exposed to a series of systematic violations by Israeli Occupation Police is a clear cut evidence of what Palestinian journalists expose during their work, which highly affects and impedes their ability to work.

In his affidavit to MADA Alrukun stated “ I was covering the events from a far distance, where one of the Israeli Occupation Police attacked me from behind and started spraying pepper gas, thus I fainted immediately it lasted for an hour before I could wake up, while I was at

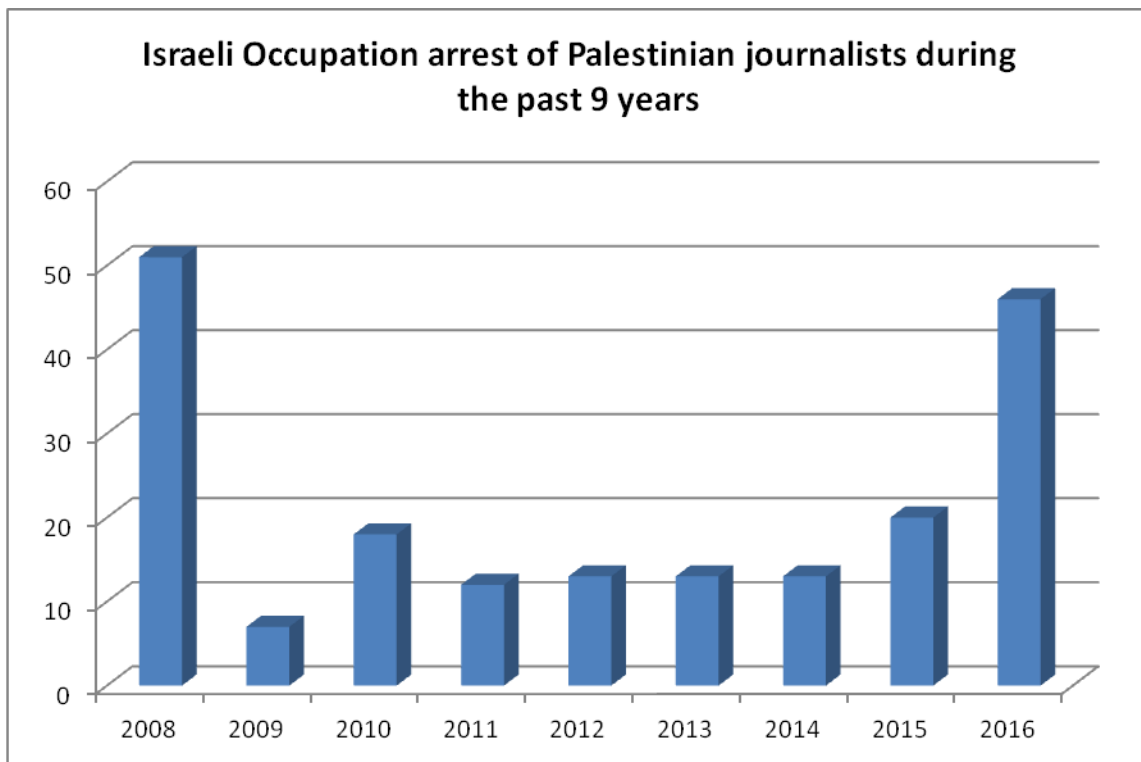
the (corner gate) to offer my condolences, I got attacked by a troop of Israeli Occupation Police (about 12 member) they started hitting me without any reason, I was deported to the Postal police center without checking my ID, thinking that I am a family member; that was attacked during the funeral,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

Israeli occupation violations were carried out systematically against journalists, indiscriminate and collective punishments against Palestinian journalists through oppressing them and preventing them from coverage.

On March 30th IOF attacked a group of journalists (11 journalists at least) while covering a demonstration in Burqa (Nablus governorate) with tear Gas and sound bombs, to prevent them covering a demonstration to commemorate the anniversary of Earth day, IOF attacked more than 9 journalists with beating and tear gas bombs and pepper spray as a try to ban them from covering a peaceful demonstration organized in Jordan valley area against (settlements and demolishing Bedouin houses) that took place in November 2016.

Journalists' detention:

Despite the decline of total physical assaults against Palestinian violations in the field, yet wide operations of arrest and detention including administrative detention against Palestinian journalists by Israeli Occupation escalated in unprecedented recently in comparison with previous years.



Cases of arrest, detention and administrative detention recorded in 2016 topped to 46, a similar number of cases that applies to all documented

violations of detention, arrest during the last three years (2013, 2014 and 2015) that recorded 13,13 and 20 respectively (46 cases in total).⁸

Palestinian journalists arrest by Israeli Occupation during 2016

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Number of case	51	7	18	12	13	13	13	20	46	193

Noting that 2016 witnessed an increase in arrest and detention of Palestinian journalists with a percentage of 130%, compared to 2015, although 2015 marked an escalation that topped to 54%, which reveals a remarkable increase in arresting Palestinian journalists in relation to their work.

This systematic operation was accompanied with even higher against Palestinians in general including (activists, citizens-journalists, in relation to their posts on social media.⁹

Prosecution operations also affected journalists, based on their posts on Facebook, in accordance to what Israel considers as inciting, Sami Sa'ee editor and reporter at Al-Fajer TV in Tulkarem, was arrested on 9th of March and was sentenced for 9 months, also the arrest of Samah Dweik

⁸ The monitoring and documentation listed does not include dozens of activists and Palestinian citizens, committed by Israeli occupation in 2016, in relation to their posts and publications on social media, a wide and systematic operation under the pretext of combating "incitement".

⁹ In accordance to Addameer association, Israeli courts received 200 cases/ files related to posts on Facebook and social media considered "inciting" further details please check the link:<http://www.alquds.com/articles/1485015863825877000/>

reporter of Al-Quds news network on 10th of April, and the arrest of Osama Shaheen reporter of Pelest on the 1st of September, due to their posts on social media.

Killing:

IOF killed a media student at Al-Quds University Iyad Omar Sajdieh (22years), after being shot with a fatal bullet by one of the Israeli Forces, following a raid of Qalandia Refugee Camp, his cousin Ghassan Sajdieh reported to MADA “Israeli special forces stormed Qalandia refugee camp in a small vehicle, on 29/02 after “accidentally” lost their way upon their claim, consequently, clashes erupted, and youths from Qalandia hurled stones toward them, afterwards, IOF raided the refugee camp, fired live bullets and flare bombs excessively, whilst, Iayd was on the rooftop checking the incidents, one of the Israeli forces shot him a bullet in the head at the dawn of 01/03, noting that he was left on the ground for about an hour bleeding”.

Numbers of Palestinian journalists killed by IOF since 2000 till the end of 2016, including Omar Sajdieh, increased to 41 journalists.¹⁰

Targeting media institutions:

¹⁰ Check appendix list of Palestinian journalists killed by IOF since 200

Targeting media institutions and printing houses during 2016, constituted the most prominent violations against media freedoms a total of 11 media outlets were affected.¹¹

Israeli Occupation shut down 4 institutions for varied periods (after raiding confiscating and sabotaging its equipment). Other 7 media outlets were raided during which they confiscated and sabotaged it equipment in addition to arresting some of the workers there.

Israeli occupation concentrated during the attack on printing houses that such attacks are under combating “incitement”, as it included 6 printing houses one was exposed to two spate attacks in one months, as first time it was raided, equipment were confiscated and destructed, the second time was carried out after a month including the confiscation of equipment and arrest of the owner.

¹¹ Amongst those media outlets was Asayel Yafa printing house in Qalqilia, the was exposed to two separate attacks with a difference of a month as in 23/11 they raided the printing house confiscated its equipment and sabotaged the rest, also in 23/12 they raided it once again confiscated equipment and pampered its contents, and issued a shutdown order for a period of 40 days.

List of Institutions targeted by Israeli Occupation and type of violation/2016

Date	Type of violation	City	Institution
2016/03/11	Shutdown, confiscating equipment, arresting owner	Ramallah	Palestine Today TV headquarters
2016/03/11	shutdown, confiscating and sabotaging equipment, arresting two of its staff	Ramallah	Trans-media company headquarters
2016/08/31	shutdown, confiscating and sabotaging equipment, arresting five of its staff	Dura-Hebron	Al sanabel radio station
2016/08/08	Raid, search, confiscating and destructing equipment	Halhoul-Hebron	Babel printing house
2016/10/16	Raid and confiscating equipment	Hebron	Infinity printing house
2016/11/07	Raid destructing and confiscating equipment	Al Fawar refugee camp	Al-Taj printing house
2016/11/16	Raid, destructing and confiscating equipment	Ramallah	media program for health development

			office
2016/11/23	Raid, destructing and confiscating equipment	Qalqilia	Asayel Yafa printing house
2016/12/08	Raid, confiscating equipment and documents	Jerusalem	Elya' Press Office
2016/12/13	Raid, destructing and confiscating of equipment cost 35,000 NIS	Hebron	Zuwar prinding house
2016/12/23	Raid, destructing and confiscating equipment	Salfeet	Al'am Alebda' printing house
2016/12/23	shutdown, raid, destructing and confiscating of equipment	Qalqilia	Asayel Yafa printing house

Such serious attacks even if not attached to decisions of official closure, it targets institutions and its crews. This inevitably represents a step that undermines their ability to work with the same efficiency; which may lead indirectly, to limit and impede its role, besides, its consequences that created a climate of fear not to mention the impact on refrain from any new investment in these areas of the potential of future losses.

August 2016, IOF shut down “Al Sanabel” radio station after storming its headquarters in Dura city-Hebron, smashing and confiscating its belongings and equipment, and arresting 5 of its staff

Wajdy Mohammad Goraz member of its Board

Moreover, Asayel Yafa printing house, faced a loss estimated by 800,000 NIS, following the raid and confiscation of equipment and shutdown on 23/12/2016.

Waseem Qawasmi, employee at Infinity printing house reported to MADA that ON 16/10/2016 IOF raid the printing house; the third time IOF raid and confiscate equipment during the last two years.

Prevention of coverage:

MADA noticed during its monitoring of violations against media freedoms, for more than a decade. Prevention of coverage appears as the most prominent and direct objective of Israeli Occupation, in a try to keep journalists and media outlets far from the field, through a systematic of continued, indiscriminate attacks and oppressive practices and measures across the occupied Palestinian territories.

July/2016 IOF deliberately targeted me with a stun grenade on my head directly, and he pushed me with his rifle on my back pointing it as ready to shoot, forcing me to move a distance of 100 meters, and there (after being moved away from the place under threat) IOF started beating me on my shoulders and on different parts of my body and released me to leave the area.”

Editor of "Al-Quds" newspaper Mahmoud Awad Allah

Two levels of prevention of coverage were monitored:

First: direct prevention of coverage and the expel of journalists violently and physically, from the field

Second: implementation a series of systematic attacks and various repressive measures against journalists to frustrate and impede their ability of doing their job covering incidents and practices by Occupation and expose it to the word.

Hence, the prevention of coverage (physical), and what it involves of detaining journalists and confiscating their equipment in the field, and erase photos they captured, alongside with physical assaults serve the major objective of the Occupation to prevention of coverage.

Physical prevention of coverage occupied the third position respectively right after (physical assaults/ arrest) in ranking 18 types of violations.

Cases monitored and documented that fell under prevention of coverage topped to 36 in total (including journalists and media outlets), besides

recording 26 detention cases (majority in the field), in addition to 31 confiscation of equipment belonged to journalists, and two cases of erasing photos and reports. A total of 95 violations almost 38% of Israeli violations in total, deliberately and directly aiming to impede the work of journalists in covering events, and other violations that attain the same objective like arrest and media outlets shutdown.

Combating incitement a new venue to violate media freedoms:

2016 witnessed new practices and measures applied by Israel that aim to oppress media freedoms, and freedom of expression for Palestinians.

The most prominent of such measure reveals through recent “understandings” between Israel and Facebook under the pretext of “combating incitement” which was based on grounds to remove posts that are considered as inciting by Israel, alongside, with a bill issued by the Israeli Knesset as a legal shield to legalize its systematic violations of freedom of expression, which will protect Israel Image on the international level.

Such agreements may top to official orders that will oppress freedom of expression under the pretext of “combating incitement”, which is escalating and forming different practices that will affect the enjoyment of freedom of expression/ speech and opinion.

“My Facebook account was deactivated although I was only interrogated once, and sentenced for 8month suspended imprisonment, under the pretext of exercising incitement on Facebook, and my daily program on the radio”

Presenter of radio Bethlehem 2000 Mohammad Khalil Zaghoul, reported to MADA his arrest by IOF for a period of 10 days on 13/03/2016.

Israeli Occupation forces continued the prosecution of hundreds of Palestinian citizens (including journalists) during 2016 linked to their posts on social media sites, in a way to oppress freedom of expression over social media sites all under the pretext of combating incitement, alongside with the Facebook law that was passed in its preliminary reading in the Israeli Knesset during the conduction of this report on 03/01/2017.

According to Addammer association, 200 cases of Palestinians were brought before Israeli courts during 2016 linked to their posts on social media sites.¹²

For instance, Naser Al hidmi a Jerusalemite was imprisoned for 10 months, after posting a photo on his account of Facebook that says (Al Quds is ours, we will protect Al Aqsa mosque with our lives), that took place before Israel passed the law.¹³

¹² <http://www.alquds.com/articles/1485015863825877000/>

¹³ <http://www.aljazeera.net/reportslibrary/pages/50361210-fb48-4ed7-9626-16e0493c80a5>

During 2016 Israel continued prosecuting and censoring journalists in relation to their posts on social media sites, they also prosecuted journalists and the staff of Al-Aqsa channel under the pretext of incitement¹⁴, which also affected even other companies that provide advertisement services to Al Aqsa Channel.¹⁵

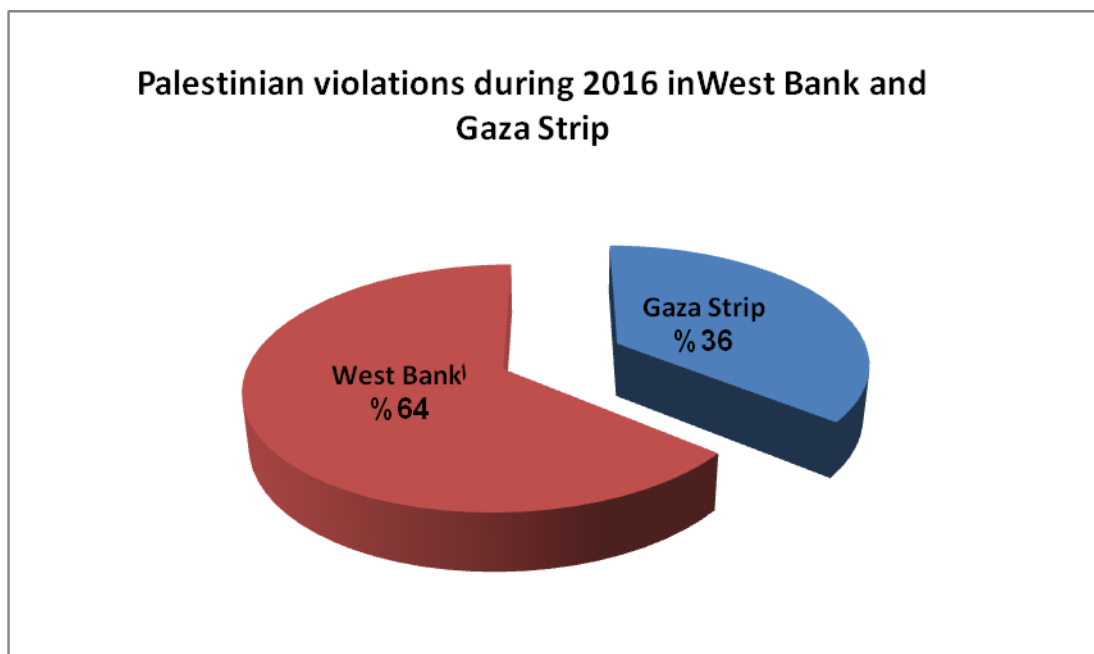
Such practices that violates freedom of expression and opinion goes back to the period before the Palestinian Authority, as IOF used to ban Palestinians to distribute or publish hundreds of book, magazines, or even access to articles, poems, or novels that are considered as prohibited by Israel.

¹⁴ Israeli Occupation forces are still prosecuting journalists Mustafa Khawaja and Al- Titi further details please check MADA monthly report of (December 2016).

¹⁵ Photojournalist of trans-media was imprisoned on 11th of April 2016, a company that provides advertising services to Al-Aqsa channel, amongst his list of accusation was, collaborating with prohibited institutions, referring to Al-Aqsa channel.

Palestinian Violations:

During 2016 Palestinian violations in (West Bank and Gaza Strip) against media freedoms declined, around 30% compared to violation monitored in 2015, which affected the overall number of violations monitored and recorded during 2016 (committed by both sides Israelis, and Palestinians), Although Israeli violations are still the majority with a percentage of 65%.



Despite the decline of total number of violations in 2016 compared to 2015, yet a further look shows, that Palestinian violations against media freedoms did not witness any remarkable change (in terms of numbers).

As violations monitored in 2016 were higher than 2014 with a percentage of 18%. (64% in West Bank and 36 in Gaza Strip).¹⁶

Palestinian violations against media freedoms (West Bank/ Gaza Strip) in the last 9 years

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Number	110	76	79	106	74	78	114	192	134	963



Noting that the political internal division that occurred since 2007 is still considered as the major reason for such violations. that were seen

¹⁶ Demographic differences between Gaza and West Bank, besides the higher number of journalists and media outlets reveals the difference in monitored violations and percentages.

throughout the affidavit we collected from prosecuted journalists in West Bank and Gaza Strip.



This will inevitably indicate, that official Palestinian sides managed to impose, even if partial, fear amongst Palestinian journalists and media outlets of prosecution, which reveals the deterioration of violations committed by Palestinian side in West Bank and Gaza Strip, due to “Self-censorship”.

Noting that self-censorship is presented amongst Palestinian journalists and media outlets, as a previous study conducted by MADA in 2014 as it revealed that 80% of Palestinian journalists are practicing self-censorship in their work.¹⁷

¹⁷ Further details please check our special report in 2014 on “Official Palestinian media and media freedoms”

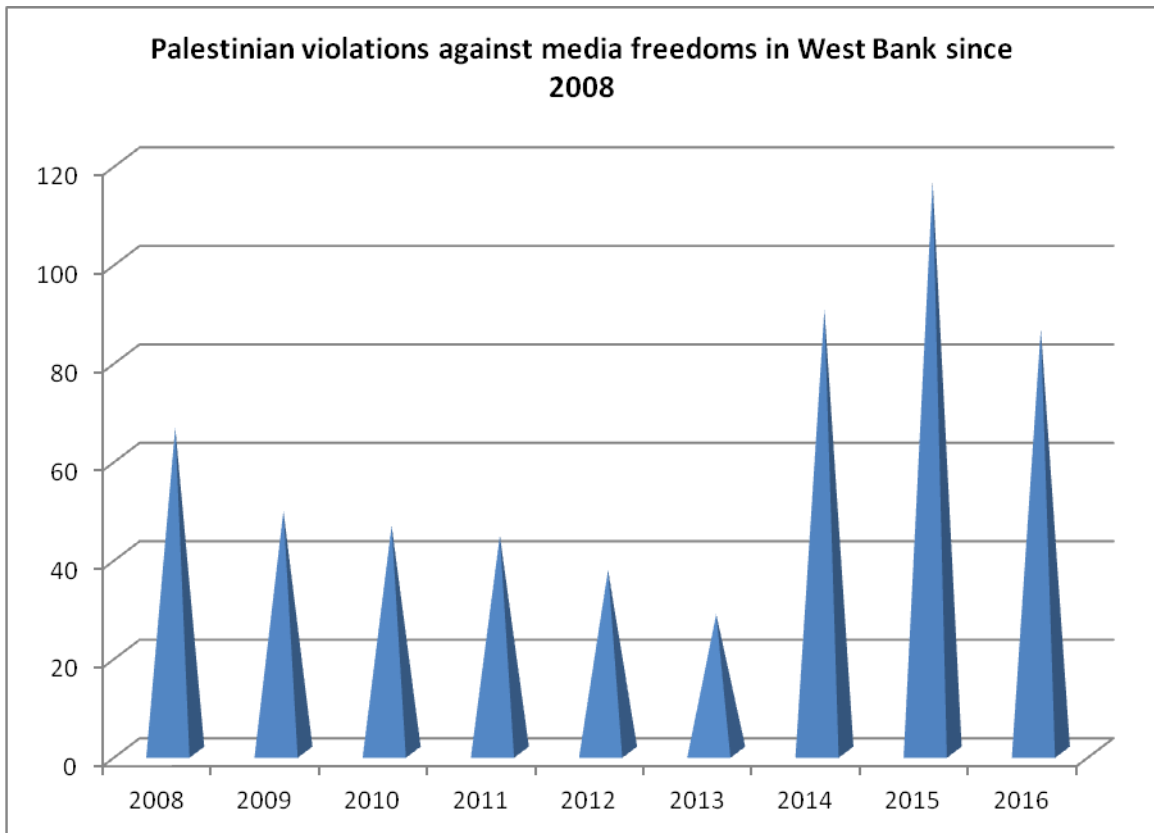
Palestinian violations in West Bank:

2016 witnessed a total of 86 Palestinian violations in West Bank against media freedoms, remarking a lower number compared to recorded violations in 2015 about 26%.

Although numbers of violations were almost close to what was monitored in 2014 and much higher than violations monitored in previous years. (The past nine years monitored an average of 62 annual violations)

Palestinian Violations in West Bank during the past years

year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Number	66	49	46	44	37	28	90	116	86	



Palestinian violations against media freedoms in West Bank fell under 14 types, the majority were three types (summon and interrogation/ arrest and detention/ prevention of coverage) mostly 52 violations fell under these three types, approximately 60% of total Palestinian violations against media freedoms in West Bank.

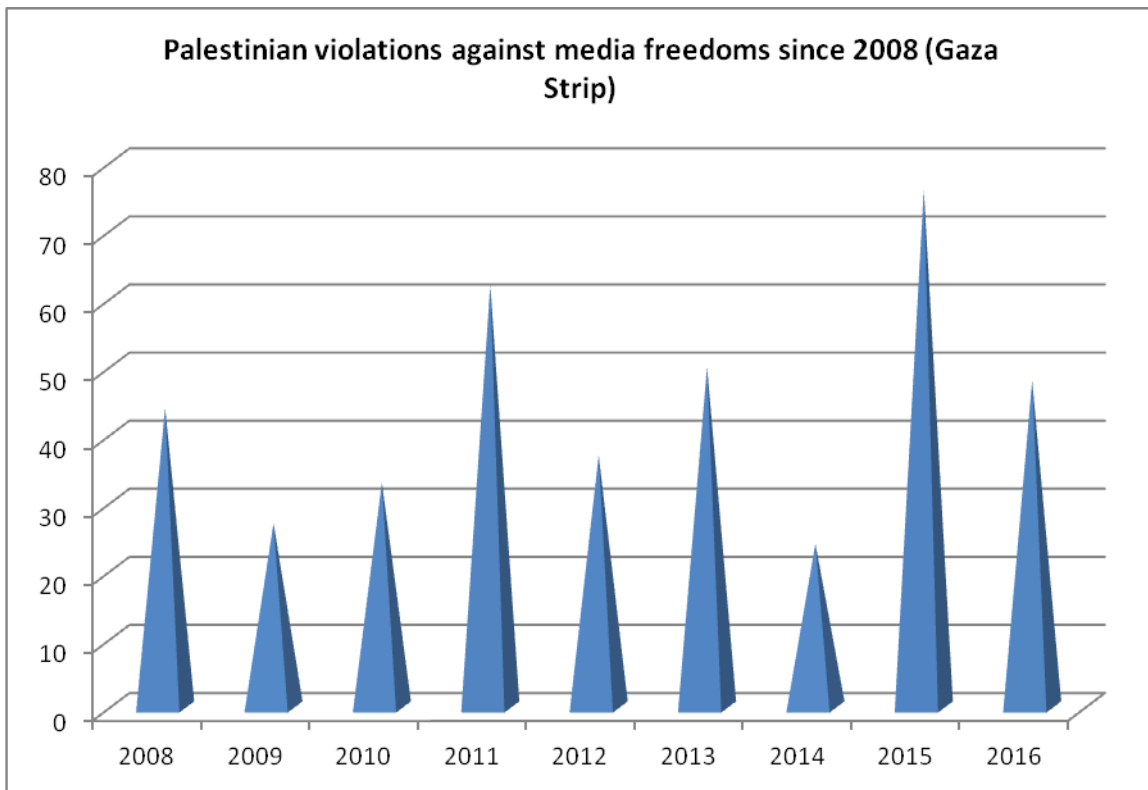
Palestinian Violation in Gaza Strip:

MADA monitored a total of 48 violations against media freedoms in Gaza Strip, during 2016, indicating that the number declined in comparison with 2015 approximately 37%. A remarkable increase of violations was monitored when compared to 2014. Also average of

violations monitored in the last 9 years equals to 45 annual violations against media freedoms monitored in Gaza Strip.

Palestinian violations in Gaza Strip during the past 9 years

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Number	44	27	33	62	37	50	24	76	48	401



Most of Palestinian violation against media freedoms in Gaza Strip, fell under 9 types, and the majority of violations revolved around two major

types (summon and interrogation/ detention and arrest). Similar to the West Bank.

These two types of violations constituted 71% of total violations in Gaza Strip.

Types of Palestinian violations:

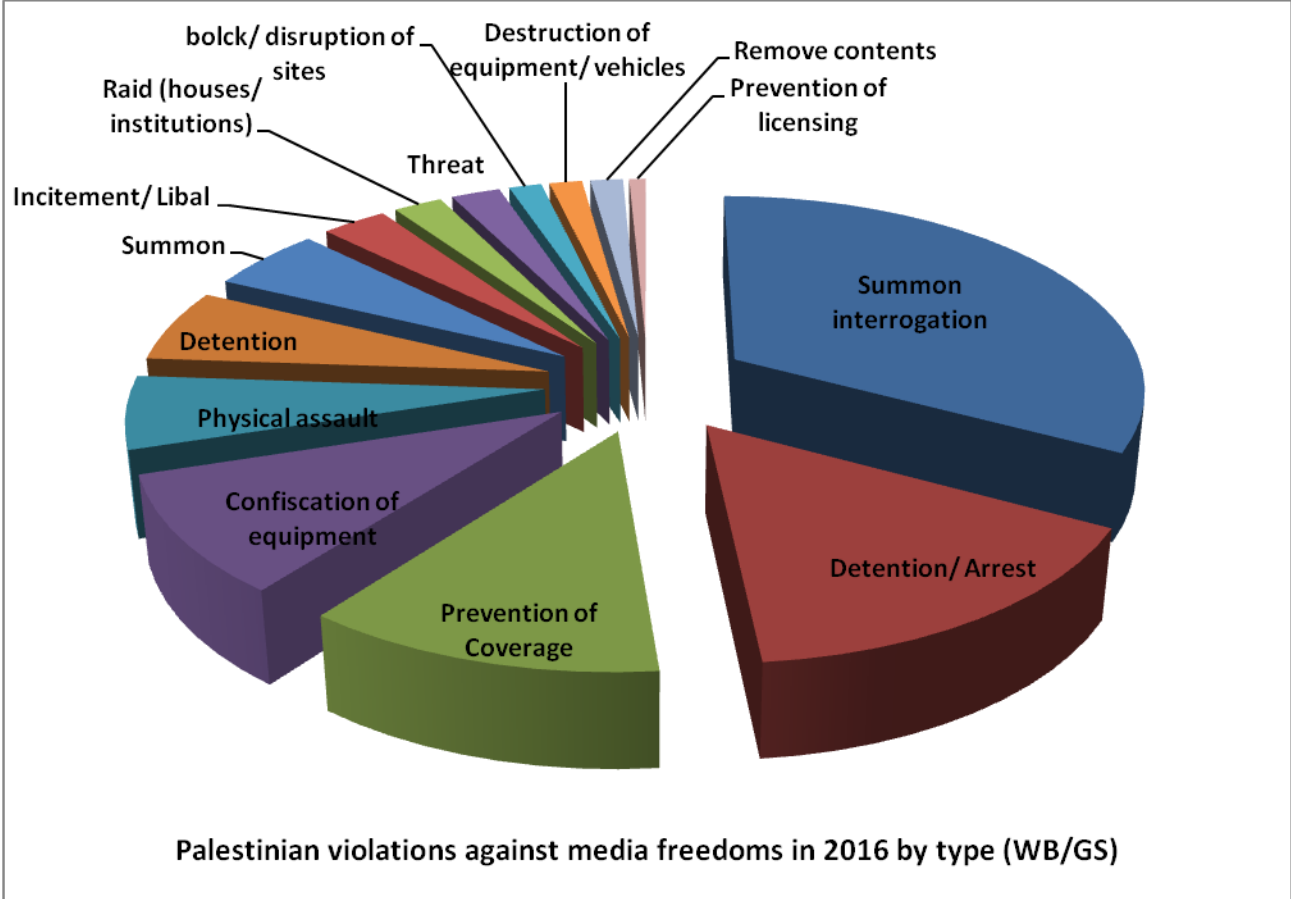
Violation in West Bank and Gaza Strip fell under 14 types, with 3 major types including (Summon and interrogation/ detention and arrest/ prevention of coverage), representing the major aim of such violation to prevent journalists from covering events, that might include criticism of the policies of Palestinian officials in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which highly increased level of self-censorship, and minimized accountability, and the role of Palestinian media.

For instance, what the journalist Mohammad Ghareeb Abdulla (Khabisa) reporter of Anadolu news Agency, and Shasha news, who was arrested by the Palestinian preventive security from his home that is located in Al-Bireh city, after mid-night on 26/07/2016 after posting information about the expenditure of the Palestinian official news agency (WAFA) who take it from the official page of Palestinian Ministry of Finance, was exposed to is only an example of the aforementioned.

Palestinian Violations in West Bank and Gaza Strip during 2016 by Type

	Type of violation	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
1	Physical Assaults	7	1	8
2	Arrest/ detention/ Torture	15	6	21
3	Detention	6	2	8
4	Summon	7	0	7
5	Summon and interrogation	16	28	44
6	Confiscating equipment	8	5	13
7	Destruction of equipment / vehicles	2	0	2
8	Raid (houses/ media institutions)	3	0	3
9	Block/ disruption of sites	2	0	2
10	Threat	1	2	3
11	Prevention of Licensing	1	0	1
12	Prevention of coverage	14	2	16
13	Removing contents	1	1	2

14	Incitement/ libel	3	1	4
	Total	86	48	134

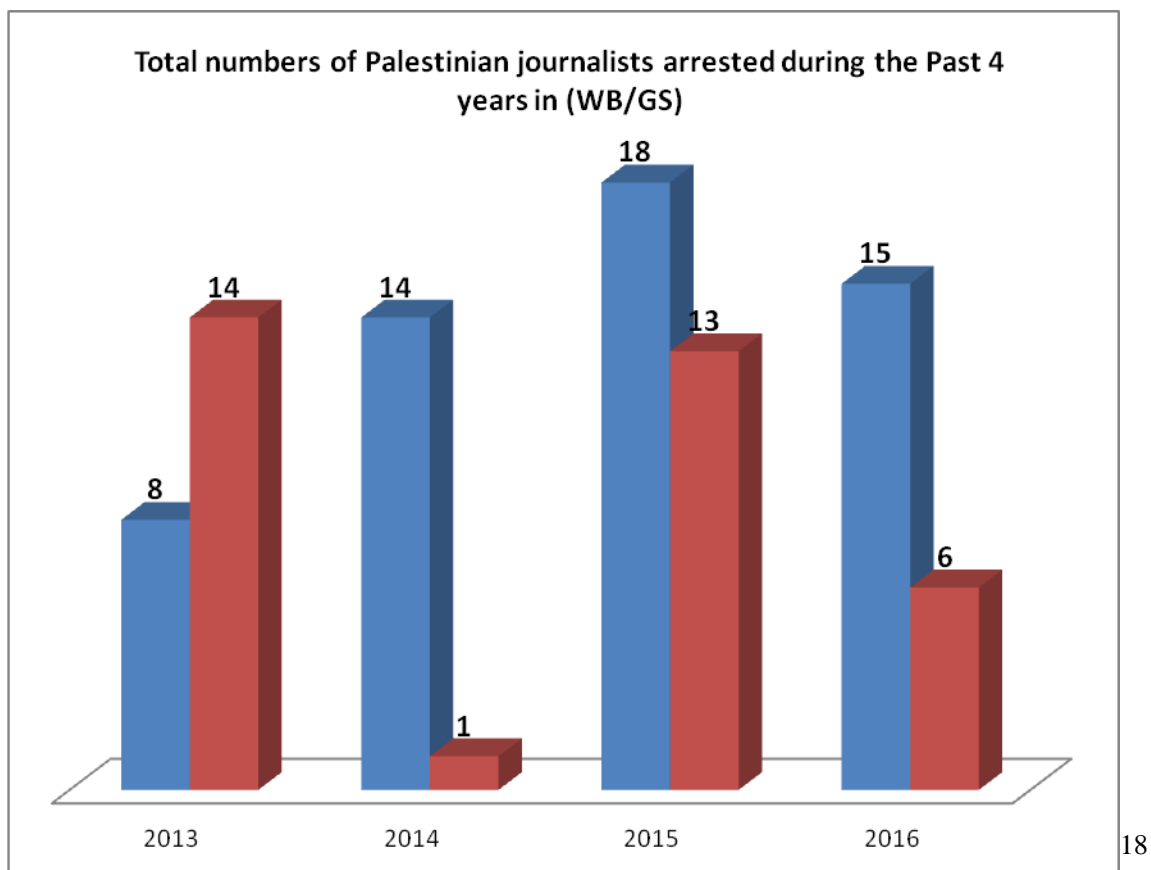


Arrest and torture of journalists

During the past few years, an increase in arresting journalists has been noticed. Last year witnessed attempts of Palestinian security apparatuses in West Bank and Gaza Strip practicing certain types of torture against Palestinian journalists, during their detention and interrogation (as numbers of journalists reported to MADA in their affidavits).

Palestinian journalists being arrested during the past 4 years

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
West Bank	8	14	18	15	55
Gaza Strip	14	1	13	6	34
Total	22	15	31	21	89



Despite the relative decline in number of cases of arrest and detention that was recorded in 2016 compared to previous year; numbers of arrests

¹⁸ Blue grid represents arrestments of Palestinian journalists in West Bank/ Red grid Gaza Strip

dropped from 31 cases to a total of 21 cases of arrest and detention. (In West Bank and Gaza). But it also noted an increase in torture and degrading treatment that were relatively rare in the past few years.

I was arrested on Wednesday, 01/06 at about nine thirty in the evening, after I left the house at about 100 meters two civil cars carrying security personnel in civilian dress, intercepted the car and fired in the air, once they forced me to get out of the car in a brutal way through pushing me intensively and twitching without identifying themselves, later they took me to the headquarters of the intelligence headquarters in Ramallah, after taking my belongings, interrogation started, it was almost a continuous investigation since the moment arrest until the moment of my release.

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

the moment of my arrest until the moment of my release

Camerman of Al Aqsa TV Amir Khalil Abu Arram on 01/06/2016

At least 7 out of 21 journalists, those arrested by Palestinian security forces in West Bank and Gaza Strip, assured to MADA that they were exposed to different types of bad treatment and torture during their arrest and interrogation, in Palestinian detention centers, rather than unjustified cases of arrests.

Despite the fact that cases of arrest and detention in Gaza Strip were much lesser than cases monitored in West Bank (6 cases in Gaza and 15 in West Bank).

However, the use of torture and ill-treatment was the general characteristic that accompanied most of the arrests in Gaza Strip, four journalists out of six arrested or detained in Gaza, reported that they were subjected to torture and ill-treatment during their detention, whereas, 3 of the 15 journalists that has been detained or arrested in the West Bank, were subjected to ill-treatment and torture in custody.

Summon and Interrogation:

Summon and interrogation committed by Palestinian security services in (West Bank and Gaza Strip) were the most prominent violations to prevent journalists from coverage, in a way to deliver a direct message

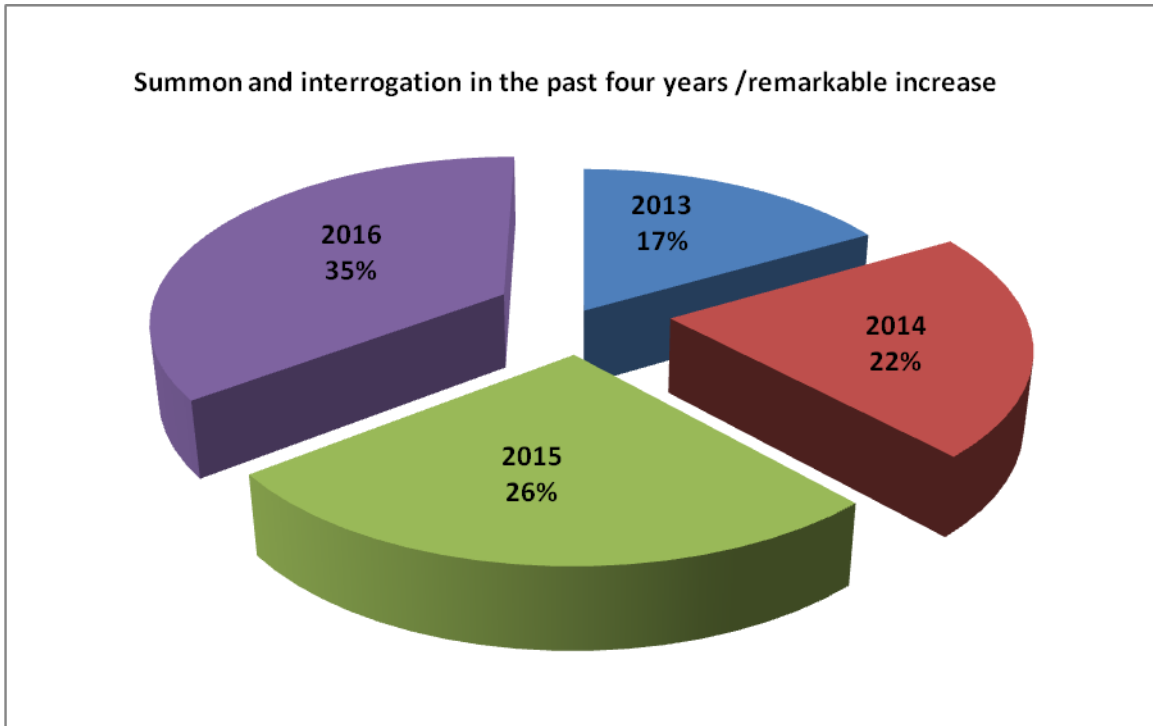
for the Palestinian public in general and journalists in particular, halting them from writing or covering that might criticize official bodies politically, socially or economically in the West Bank and Gaza strip.

“I was held in a narrow cell, presented to the investigator blindfolded for three hours. He accused me of being funded by external parties, I got slapped each time during the interrogation, and I did not see any of the investigators in order to defame the country’s and government’s image”
 Ayman Ghazi Aloul reporter of Alfurat Iraqi channel and Deutsche Welle/ January 2016

Summon and interrogations are mostly considered as a punitive measure, that involve direct or even hidden messages, that is practiced regularly, besides to posing force on journalists to reveal passwords of personal accounts on social media.

Summon and interrogation in West Bank and Gaza Strip in the last 4 years

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
West Bank	19	25	23	23	90
Gaza Strip	5	6	15	28	54
Total	24	31	38	51	144



Palestinian Internal security service in Gaza subjected editor and programs producer in “Sawt Felasteen radio” Jamil Ahmed Muammar (40 years) to a series of summons, interrogation and detention for over 13 days in a row (that lasted between 24/5 until 5/6) after publishing an article titled " Administrative and Financial corruption within the leadership of Hamas; which has been regularly posed in varied levels on several journalists in West Bank and Gaza Strip

Recommendations:

MADA welcome the decline of violations against media freedoms in Palestine during the last year. MADA also express its concern over the continued and regular violations and recommend the following:

- MADA urges The international community to compel Israel to respect freedom of expression that is guaranteed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Immediate stop of Israeli pressure on social media companies including Facebook / twitter to posing restrictions of freedom of expression.
- Immediate release of all Palestinian journalists and to stop administrative detention.
- Stop the policy of shutting down media institutions and compensate all institutions (that were shutdown, or their equipment got confiscated or destructed).
- Hold aggressors of journalists accountable.

On the Palestinian side:

- Palestinian security forces (West Bank/ Gaza Strip) should comply with the Palestinian Basic law in terms of respecting freedom of expression.
- Amend articles and clauses that are related to “publication crimes” in the Jordanian penal code 1960 which applies in West Bank, and certain amendments on publication and printing law (1995).

- Enacting Palestinian modern laws that are in line with international standards, linked to media freedoms/ freedom of expression particularly access to information law as a fundamental step towards democracy.
- Protection of human rights in general and rule of law to serve as a deterrent in case of violations in future, especially after Palestine ratified several international treaties including the International covenant on civil and political rights (without reservations).
- Hold aggressors of journalists accountable.

Annex1.

List of journalists and media workers who were killed by the Israeli occupation forces since the beginning of 2000:

#	Journalist Name	Date of martyrdom
1-	Aziz Yousef Tinih	2000/10/28
2-	Mohammad Beshawi	2001/7/31
3-	Othman Qatanani	2001/7/31
4-	Rafael Chirillo	2002/3/13
5-	Jamil Nwarah	2002/3/14
6-	Ahmad No'man	2002/3/14
7-	Amjad Alami	2002/3/19
8-	Emad Abu Zahra	2002/7/16
9-	Esam Methqal Telawi	2002/6/22
10-	Fadi Nashat	2003/4/12
11-	Nazeh Adel Darwazeh	2003/4/19
12-	James Miller	2003/5/2
13-	Mohammad Abu HalemeH	2004/3/22
14-	Hassan Shaqura	2008/3/15
15-	Fadel Shana'a	2008/4/16
16-	Omer Abdulhafeth Silawi	2009/1/3
17-	Basel Ibraheen Faraj	2009/1/6

18-	Ihab Jamal Wheedi	2009/1/8
19-	Ala Mohammad Murtaja	2009/1/9
20-	Mahmoud Al Komi	2012/11/20
21-	Husam Salameh	2012/11/20
22-	Mohammad Mousa Abu Esha	2012/11/20
23-	Hamed Abdullah Shehab	2014/7/9
24-	Najla' Mohmoud Elhaj	2014/7/10
25-	Khaled Ryad Hamad	2014/7/20
26-	Abdulrahman Ziad Abu Hein	2014/7/23
27-	Baha' Kamel Ghareeb	2014/7/29
28-	Izat Salameh Dahir	2014/7/29
29-	Ahed Afif Zaqot	2014/7/30
30-	Rami Fathi Rayyan	2014/7/30
31-	Sameh Mohammad Aryan	2014/7/30
32-	Mohammad Majed Daher	2014/7/31
33-	Abdulah Naser Fahajan	2014/8/1
34-	Mahmoud Nouredden Deiri	2014/8/2
35-	Shadi Hamdi Ayyad	2014/8/2
36-	Hamada Khalid Muqat	2014/8/4
37-	Simon Camille (Italian)	2014/8/13
38-	Ali Abu Afash	2014/8/13
39-	Abdulah Fadel Murtaja	2014/8/25
40-	Ahamad Hasan Jahajha (volunteer	2015/12/16

	Photographer- Media student)	
41-	Eyad Omer Sajdeyeh (Media Student at Al-Quds University)	Injured (29/2/2016) PM (1/3/2016)

Annex2. _Details of violations during 2016:

❖ January 2016:

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

(2/1)- The Journalist Ayman Ghazi Aloul (44 years old), jamil, was arrested from his house in Gaza by the internal security forces, who also confiscated his communication devices and personal equipment and subjected him to a tortured interrogation. Ayman's son, Mohammad, mentioned to MADA: "My father got arrested from our house in Gaza at 5:30 P.M on Saturday (2/1/2016) by the internal security forces, after they have raided the house and confiscated two laptops belonging to my parents. They requested us to follow up with internal security headquarters in Ansar neighborhood in order to know the reasons of my father's arrest. After receiving a phone call from the internal security forces, I went to their headquarters on the 4th of January/. The officer asked me to open the laptops as they were secured with passwords, and I

do not know why he had not asked my father to open them. I opened my father's laptop as requested, but refused to open my mother's laptop as it contained personal pictures. I asked them to see my father and they allowed me, as long as I do not speak to him. My father's mental state was not good and he seemed tired and fatigued. As I initially understood from the officer, my father's Facebook posts and the hash tag "Hand in the Border" in precise, were the reason behind his arrest".

After his release, Ayman reported to MADA: "I was held in a narrow cell until the next morning of (3/1) around nine o'clock, as I was presented to the investigator blindfolded for three hours. He accused me of being funded by an external parties (Egyptian intelligence, Jordanian intelligence, Palestinian authority, and Dahlan's group) in order to defame the country's and government's image through what I share. After I got slapped from time to time, I was moved to a different and a bit wider cthat contained small chairs (ghostly room), and the officer asked me to stay there until I decide to confess. I stayed there from three o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock the next morning. In the next morning of (4/1) I was presented to the investigator another time and he repeated the same questions, after which I have been transformed to the military prosecutor The district attorney interrogated me with respect, and asked me to sign my statement, then they took me back to the internal security. The internal security accused me of duplication of work (as I used to work for the National Security Forces). According to

the law ruled in 1936 claiming that I work for the national security forces beside my work as a journalist. Finally, they accused me with extorting Hamas (as I joked with my colleague a week ago during my interview at Alaqsa channel asking him to /give me money in order to stay silent/), and they returned me to the cell after that”.

He added: “I got slapped each time during the interrogation, and I did not see any of them (investigators). On Thursday the 9th of January, and on Sunday the 10th of January the investigator came and took my final statement and asked me to sign it after reading it. On the next day (Monday 11th of January) the chief officer came and was very friendly with me and informed me that I will be released today. I was released at around two o’clock at noon after signing a written pledge and committing to recheck with the headquarters on the 25th of January. My devices were confiscated until Tuesday the 13th of January, as I went to recollect them but received my mobile only whereas the laptops remained confiscated”.

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

(4/1)- The preventive security forces arrested the freelance journalist Abdullah Mahmoud Bani Odeh (26 years old) from Tammoun in Toubas governorate. Bani Odeh reported to MADA saying: “On nine o’clock in the evening of the 4th of January I received a phone call from the preventive security forces, and half an hour later the force came and took me to the preventive security headquarters in Toubas. I have been interrogated based on confidential reports they received, which accused me of owning /secretive correspondence in relation to the current Intifada/. They wanted to know the sender of the correspondences and their contents. I denied and I was released the next day (5th of January) in the afternoon”.

(8/1)- The preventive security forces arrested Saleem Sweidan, the director of Nablus T.V and member of board of directors at Maan news network, from Nablus for the sake of publishing news on the website and Facebook page of Nablus T.V. Sweidan was released after four days by a judicial guarantee until the court is hold in March. His brother, Anees Sweiden reported to MADA: “The preventive security forces summoned my brother Saleem on Friday the 8th of January to their headquarters in Nablus and he was arrested from there. On the 10th of January his detention was extended for another 24 hours at the attorney’s general office apprehension. Publishing articles harmful to Palestinian National Unity, as well as assaulting Palestinian national unity, incitement, as well as inciting sectarian conflicts, in addition to verbal

abuse and contempt. The reason behind all these charges was that one of the T.V staff published news (cited by Watan Agency) on the website and Facebook page of the T.V saying that the preventive security system contributed in the arrest of Hamas cell, which was accused of the implementation of an operation two months ago”.

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

After his release, Saleem said: “I got released yesterday the 12th of January after my detention for 4 days. During the first day, I have been held for 5 hours under bad condition, which have differed completely in the next days as a result of external pressure probably”.

Sweidan explained: “They interrogated me three times during the first day trying to obtain information about the source of the news that was published on Nablus T.V. They also asked me questions about my relationship with Hamas. The Interrogation was absurd and I was held after that without any interrogation. He added: “I was released by a

judicial guarantee worth 1000 Jordanian Dinars until the court is held on 12/3/2015”.

(9/1)- The IOF aimed rubber bullets and gas bombs on freelance photographer Mohammad Yousef Abu Yousef (31 years old), while covering a demonstration in Si'er in Hebron governorate. Abu Yousef added: “I was present in Beit Aimon at the southern entrance of Si'er, in order to cover the funeral ceremony of the four martyrs. Subsequently, sudden clashes flared so I went up to the roof of one of the buildings, and while I was filming there and after the demonstrators came closer to the building, I was exposed to at least 7 gas bombs, which made me wear the respirator. After that I was aimed at with rubber bullets directly, so I lied on the ground and whenever I rose up my head the soldiers would shoot rubber bullets in my directions. One of the rubber bullets hit the tripod and led to its flexion”.

(11/1)- The IOF raided the house of Alquds news network reporter Mus'ab Abdulsamad Tamimi (25 years old) in Hebron. Mus'ab was interrogated and was asked to recheck with the intelligence. He reported: “At around two o'clock in the morning of the 1th of January, an Israeli troops (15 soldiers) raided the house in Keizon district east from Hebron, after they have destroyed the main door of the house. They asked for my I.D, interrogated me for half an hour about publishing false news of the current incidents. They handed me in a notice in order to go to the Israeli intelligence headquarters in Hebron on Wednesday the 13th of

January. On Wednesday morning I received a phone call from the intelligence service to inform me about changing the summon location to Etzion's center in Bethlehem. When I went to there, I was interrogated for three times for mainly the same accusation which is the incitement through the publishing of /false news/ on social media. My response was that I publish the news just as it is, therefore they threatened me to arrest me if I continue the incitement and covering the events in the same way".

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

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

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

(14/1)- The Palestinian Intelligence denied the "security vetting" of "Ahla FM" radio's editorial director, Reem Al Omari, which prevents the renewal of the radio license especially after being requested by the ministry of information. Al Omari reported to MADA: "I was appointed as an editorial director at the radio one year ago. When the radio applied for a license renewal at the beginning of December last year, the ministry of information asked to have the director of radio security vetted (on the ground that in order to approve the editorial director

he/she should obtain the consent of three parties: ministry of information, Security services, ministry of telecommunication and information technology), and they requested all my documents such as certificates, experience certificates, and certificate of no criminal record, although I have handed them over a year ago”.

She added: “On 14/1/2016 one of the staff at the ministry of information called the radio owner Wael Kassis and informed him about the importance of renewing the radio’s license and that /you have to change the director because she doesn’t have security approval/. I rechecked with the ministry of information questioning the matter, but the ministry took back its words and handed over the matter to the ministry of interior”. She also said: “The ministry of interior tried to argue of my Israeli I.D (I come from Jerusalem) as an argument and that I cannot occupy the position of a director in an organization that functions within the Palestinian territories, as they were not able to differentiate between the Jerusalemite I.D and the Israeli nationality. Currently, I do not have any security clearance because the Palestinian intelligence rejected me unlike the other services, because of my / speaking disrespectfully of the authority and higher officials through my morning program / Sammet Badan Al Suboh – Bad news early in the morning/. Today the 4th of February, I received a phone call from the ministry of interior in an attempt to solve the existing problem between me and the Palestinian intelligence.

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

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

(24/1)- The Palestinian intelligence service arrested the freelance journalist Abdullah Mahmound Bani Odeh (26 years old) from Tammoun in Toubas after 3 weeks of his detention by the preventive security forces. Bani Odeh said: “I was arrested once more on the 24th of January at around 9:30 pm from my house in Tammoun in an aggressive manner. The arrest procedure included hitting and verbal abuse as I was led to the intelligence investigation center in Toubas. At

the investigation center I was held in a cell under bad conditions and in severe cold and my detention lasted three days. I have been interrogated more than once because of my posts of Facebook, which were considered inciting. I was also investigated about my activities at the university and I was accused of lying for every answer I gave in addition to getting slapped or kicked. I was released after three days on the 27th of January”.

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

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

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

I received a phone call last night from the representative of the National security forces Colonel Hafeth Alrifai, who expressed his regrets about what had happened and promised to speak on air today morning in order

to apologize. However, his circumstances did not allow him to speak on air this morning”.

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

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

❖ **February 2016:**

(03/02)- the Palestinian preventive Security service in Hebron summoned a student in media department–Hebron University, who is also a freelance correspondent at (Al-Quds Media Website) and at Al-Quds Network, Mus’ab Khamees Abed Alkhaliq Kufeisheh (21 years) three times respectively, interrogated and detained him for long hours, as Kufeisheh reported to MADA “on 01/02 while I was at the University the preventive security service sent a warrant to my house, indicating that I should present myself at their office in Hebron on 03/02

at 10:00am, upon their request on the mentioned day I headed to their office in Hebron, when I arrived I waited till 4:30pm, meanwhile they interrogated me for 10 minutes regarding my university activities, friends, colleagues at work, where and with who I cooperate and work, and to who I send the photos, they also asked why I informed the journalists syndicate that I was summoned”, he also added “I was released, under a condition to return back the other day on 04/02, accordingly I went again at 11:00am, things repeated itself they interrogated me for quarter an hour all the same previous questions, I waited till 4:00pm, then I was released under a condition to come back again to their office on Saturday 13/02, but I did not comply”.

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

Bebers also added” when I presented myself at their office they accused me of “incitement” against them, they also interrogated me about the mechanisms of my work in (Good Morning Jerusalem) program, they

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

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

(03/02)- Israeli Occupation Policemen attacked the correspondent of “Palestine Today” TV Ahmad Nayef Jaradat (25years) and his colleague the cameraman Firas Hindawi, and the journalist lewa’a Abu Rumeileh in Jerusalem, they were banned from covering the incidents that took

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

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

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

penetrate the bone to remove it, thus I stayed at the hospital for four days”.

(12/02)- IOF arrested Ayman Ameen Nubani (30years) a The Palestinian News and info Agency “WAFa” Photographer, and physically harassed him through beating, they also arrested Mohammad Ahmad Turabi (28 years) the Photographer of “24FM” website while covering a demonstration erupted in Kufr Kadoum- Qalqilia governorate, and took them to "Kedumim" settlement, Nubani reported to MADA “while I was covering the –weekly confrontation of Kufr Kadoum on 12/02, I was arrested and taken with my colleague, Mohammad Turabi, to Kedumim settlement , while we were in the jeep they tightened our handcuffs, and detained us for around an hour, afterwards, they released us around 15:00pm, After the intervention of the (Palestinian) military liaison once we signed papers stating that we are detained, and they never assaulted or abused us”, Nubani also added “they hit me with the back of their riffles, and insulted us before releasing us”.

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

(12/02)- IOF prevented a group of journalists (at least 5 journalists) from covering confrontations erupted in the entrance of Bethlehem City, as

the correspondent and photographer of “Al-Quds.com” Abdulrahman Younes (28years) reported to MADA “while we were at the northern entrance of Bethlehem on 12/02, in order to cover the confrontations between Palestinian youths and IOF, we were prevented from covering by the IOF, they fired a tear gas in the direction of the demonstrators, when it bounced nearby us but didn’t cause any damages or injuries”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(26/02)- cameraman and director of Roya Jordanian TV Chanel Mohammad Radi Shousheh (34years) got some burns due to firing him

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

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

❖ March 2016:

(01/03) - IOF killed a media student at Al-Quds University Iyad Omar Sajdieh (22years), after being shot with a fatal bullet by one of the Israeli Forces, following a raid of Qalandia Refugee Camp, his cousin Ghassan Sajdieh reported to MADA “Israeli special forces stormed Qalandia refugee camp in a small vehicle, on 29/02 after “accidentally”

lost their way upon their claim, consequently, clashes erupted, and youths from Qalandia hurled stones toward them, afterwards, IOF raided the refugee camp”.

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

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

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

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

Amani also reported to MADA later that Sami’s arrestment was extended until 15/5 to provide a list of full indictment against him, after finishing the interrogation process, she said according to his lawyer

"Sami is now located in the Mejiddo prison and most likely that his charge will be related to incitement on social media –Facebook”.

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

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

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

He clarified, "at first they raided the headquarters of “Palestine today”, they smashed the front door, when I ran out to see what was going on, whilst, five masked soldiers raided " Trans- Media" company and

detained me and my colleague Shabib in the broadcast room- after searching us, furthermore, they searched the offices and started interrogating me about the office and our daily work and tasks”.

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

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

He added “the soldiers were masked, later, we were handcuffed, arrested and transferred to Beit Eil settlement (near Rmallah), where they switched the cars, when we did not realize where we are until being released at 5:00 am in Altawil Mountain/ an area near Beit Eil settlement, while they kept all our confiscated devices”.

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

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

Elyyat reported to MADA after he was released that , approximately after 3 weeks of detention, "they dragged me to a military campus near Ramallah that I don't know, on the other day I was transferred to Offar detention center, later in the evening I was transferred to Atsyoun detention center, I was presented in court where they extended my detention for 10 more days/ pending investigations, on 14/03 I was presented to the police and charged for being the manager of Palestine Today TV(office in Ramallah), which is considered as a banned TV, and accusation of cooperating with Islamic Jihad (Which I refuted and denied immediately), they interrogated me only once during the period of detention based on grounds of my previous affiliation toward Islamic Jihad, but mainly, they focused more on the work of Palestine Today TV, mechanisms of action and the coordination with guests, and with which companies we cooperate, and names of the staff in West Bank,

moreover, during the interrogation they presented 16 videos of most of them were national songs, except one video that showed solidarity with the hunger striker journalist Mohammad Alqiq, and another for Ahmad Alouri a leader in Islamic Jihad, I was released following an agreement between my lawyer and the public prosecution to pay a total amount of 2000 NIS as a bail /according to my lawyer who explained that this can be considered as a fine, or a bail /depends on the court hearing which will be appointed later”.

(11/03)- “EutelSat” a French company stopped the broadcasting of Al-Aqsa Channel, after one day of issuing an Israeli decision of shutting down media outlets, under a pretext of “exercising Incitement ”, as the news and political programs director of Al-Aqsa TV Imad Abdullah Zaqout reported to MADA” On Thursday 3/10 we received a warning letter from the French satellite company /Eutelsat/ that they will stop the channel’s broadcasting in Paris, and on Friday afternoon (11/3) the broadcast was actually stop”.

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

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

(11/03)- the Correspondent of “Al Hurra” TV in Ramallah Faten Aref Elwan (36 years), faced induction that involved threats, as a result of publishing a video that criticizes the way dealt with “the teachers strike”, she reported to MADA “the incitement against me started after I conducted and published a video of (Azzam Al Ahmad humiliating and degrading teachers who organized the strike, where he described them as naïve and stupid) “, she added “ I contacted Azzam Al Ahmad where he asked me to re-watch the video, yet my point of view didn’t change”.

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

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

noted that I work in Palestine Today TV they started insulting an beating me”.

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

(13/3) - Several journalists at Palestine Today TV, received call threats, from an anonymous who introduced himself as an officer for the Israeli security, he demanded them to stop working for the TV and threatened them with arrestment in case of continuation, Fida Abdelfattah Nasr (27 years) the correspondent of Palestine Today in the south of the West Bank reported to MADA “on 13/03 I received a phone call from an Israeli number, from a guy who introduced himself as /David he said that he works at (Shin Bet) Israeli Security Agency, he claimed that I work in a TV that exercise incitement of killing innocent Israelis, and this TV is illegal and I shouldn't continue working with them, and in case I continued working or kept connections with the TV I will be hold accountable and I will be arrested, this was the message he wanted to deliver to me”.

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

Moreover, most of Palestine today TV staff in Gaza Strip, received the same threat call from the same number, as Mahmoud Ahmad Khawajah (26 years) who works in coordination and follow up department of Palestine today TV in Gaza reported to MADA “I received a phone call from an Israeli number around quarter to eleven on Tuesday noon, from the same Israeli officer who contacted my colleagues in the West Bank, he informed me that it is strictly prohibited to contact our colleagues in the West Bank, and anyone who contacts them will be arrested, you hold accountability for all innocent Israeli who are murdered, as we are media that influence terrorism” khawajah added “I told him that we will keep on covering all incidents and we won’t stop, he replied with cursing insulting and ended the phone call”.

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

I was filming the incident of shooting the killing of Mahmoud Abu Fanouneh ”.

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

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

He added, “I was talking to Mohammad around 7:00 pm (Wednesday afternoon) when he informed me that he was still in the waiting room, waiting for the officer who wasn’t there yet, supposedly, Alaa’ Freijat

will follow up his case (the lawyer of the journalist's syndicate) as the general director of Wattan – Moammar Orabi informed us.”

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

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

he added “they searched the house rapidly, no confiscation, till the moment we don't know where Musab is, after following up with the red

cross we were informed that only after 24 hours they can start investigating his place”.

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

According to Al-Quds TV correspondent in the north of the west bank Samer Amin Khuyrah (35 years) who reported to MADA” The demonstration was supposed to start from the crossroad of Bazarya to the entrance of Homesh (which is evacuated of settlers) that is located between Nablus and Jenin, me and (Pal-media/ cameraman,Ahmad Albath, and the crew of Palestine TV, correspondent Rima Al- Amleh and the cameraman), reached a hill located in opposite of Homesh (Evocated)settlement, and after we've prepared the cameras (it was almost 10:30am) an Israeli officer came and showed us a document in

Hebrew, with a map, he informed us that we entered a closed area, and we have three minutes to vacate the place”.

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

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

❖ **April 2016:**

(05/04)- Israeli Occupation intelligence “Shin Bet” raided correspondent of “Alhayat al Jadeda” newspaper, Diala Nayef Jwehan’s house in Jerusalem, summoned her for interrogation on 10/04, she reported to MADA” on Tuesday 05/04 Shin Bet raided my house in Jerusalem between (10:30pm – 11:00pm), in the presence of “Captain Ishaq” the responsible of the region, the mentioned captain entered our house and asked my father about me while I was sitting right next to him, I

responded confirming that I am Diala, he introduced himself as the area captain, and handed me a summons for interrogation, on Sunday 10/04, in Al-Maskoubieh room number 4, when I asked about the reasons he said you'll know upon arrival, they didn't search the house, and no one was hurt or assaulted".

She also added "on 10/04 I headed to Al- Maskoubieh Interrogation center and after half an hour I was escorted to the interrogation room, at first the detective asked me about the place and the nature of my work, the main subject was the invitation I forwarded through whatsapp, a call to Cover the event , which was organized on the occasion of Earth Day in the Ras al-Amud area, hence I assured the detective that I am a journalist and this is the nature of my work that doesn't include any incitement, I also showed them my Press Card, and the International Federation of Journalists card, what I did was distributing the invitation for media coverage, and not organizing the event, I am a journalist not an activist, the officer gave me back the badges warning me to perform any activity that is out of my daily tasks as a journalist, the interrogation ended after one hour".

(05/04)- Israeli Occupation Forces banned the correspondent of "WAFA" Agency in Gaza Strip, Sami Mohammed Abu Salem (45 years) , from travelling to the West Bank for medical treatment and to attend the Board of Director's meeting, Abu Salem reported to MADA" I was supposed to go to Al Ahli Hospital in Hebron- West Bank for

medical treatment, while I was informed by the abroad treatment department in Ministry of Health, that I am banned from travelling without revealing the reasons”.

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

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

my house once again on Thursday and cracking my house and killing me”.

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

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

(10/04)- Internal Security Agency in Gaza summoned the correspondent of Al-Monitor /American Site, and Alarabi TV Network/ Mohammad Ahmad Othman (29years) and interrogated him regarding a press report he was preparing to conduct, Othman reported to MADA” On 10/04 around 09:00am I received a phone call from a private number, the caller introduced himself as an officer at the Internal Security Agency, he requested to meet me in a /friendly/ way, on schedule which is 12:00pm

same day, I headed to the ISA center in Al- Amal Hotel in Gaza, after half an hour I was escorted to the office where I was treated respectfully and the officer assured that the meeting will be friendly”.

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

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

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

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

(11/04)- Israeli occupation Intelligence detained the head of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate Naser Abed Abu Baker (48 years) on his way back from a trip and interrogated him, as he reported to MADA” on my way back from Egypt and around 10:00am of 11/04, I was detained at Al Karameh crossing, when I handed them my passport as usual to pass, I waited for a whole hour, an IO soldier / female showed up with several passports for other Palestinians who were also detained, and asked me to join her to the interrogation room, where the detective was waiting for me, when I entered I wasn’t asked to sit, and he promptly started the interrogation process, and asked me questions, where have you been? You travel a lot and you have lots of activities, when I asked him do you know what I work? He replied: he knows what I eat, he wanted to know me and meet me in person and that he always follows up all my work”.

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

not a messenger, afterwards he tackled other political subjects, at the end he handed me the passport and I left the place after an hour of waiting and half an hour interrogation”.

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

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

(18/04)- the Palestinian Intelligence summoned Adeeb Barakat Attyieh Al Atrash (26years) on his way back after earning his master’s degree in media from Cyprus University on Al Karameh crossing, as he reported to MADA” while on my way back home through Al-Karameh bridge on 18/04 (after the completion of my master’s in media from Cyprus) Israeli Occupation Intelligence summoned me for interrogation on 24/04, and when I presented myself on time they did not meet me because of the (Passover Holiday) and they did not set any other time for the interrogation”.

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

After they finished the interrogation process an officer of the Palestinian Intelligence handed me a summon for interrogation, in Hebron on the next day (19/04), the other day when I presented myself on time, without being interviewed I was informed that it was postponed till 25/04, again I presented myself on time they postponed the interrogation till the 28/04, I presented myself on 28/04 they interrogated me for two hours about my travel; where and how I spent it, and asked about previous arrestment and general questions, afterwards I was astonished that they asked me to present myself once again on 02/05 and I also complied”.

(21/04)- anonymous party published a statement that included direct accusations against the owner and editor in chief “Alhadath” online newspaper Rula Sami Sarhan (37 years) Concerning the sources of

funding and questioning its loyalty, demanding the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to shut it down as Rula Sarhan reported to MADA” anonymous party published a statement on Facebook, undersigned by the Palestinian “Military Intelligence” to President Mahmoud Abbas demanding to shut down (Al Hadath) newspaper, through the statement that accused me personally, and the newspaper financing by anonymous sources, and that we are funded by Zionist sides”.

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

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

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

Karameh crossing while heading to participate in a conference organized by the European Journalists Union in Bosnia, he was detained for 5 hours before being arrested and deported to Attsyoun Detention center, as he informed me”.

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

(26/04)- IOF oppressed a demonstration organized near Ofar detention center near Ramallah City, protesting the arrestment of Omar Nazzal a member of the general secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, in conjunction with brining him before the military court, IOF dispersed them with tear gas and stun grenades, as Reuters videographer Saed Fathi Hawari (39 years) reported to MADA” I headed to the demonstration that was organized by the Palestinian Syndicate near Ofar detention center to demand the immediate release of Omar Nazzal , when IOF started on shooting and targeting all journalists in the area with stun grenades and gas bombs, when one of the bombs was shot right near my camera and I got injured with shrapnel from stun grenades (one in the Chest and the other om my arm), it was

an external wound, also Tahseen Al Astal got injured with a shrapnel from gas bomb”.

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

He also added” I was covering the events from a far distance, where one of the Israeli Occupation Police attacked me from behind and started spraying pepper gas, thus I fainted immediately it lasted for an hour before I could wake up”.

He also added “ while I was at the (corner gate) to Offer my condolences, I got attacked by a troop of Israeli Occupation Police (around 12member) they started hitting me without any reason, I was deported to the Postal police center without checking my ID, thinking that I am a family member ; that was attacked during the funeral, after showing my press card for a news agencies I work at, they apologized alleging they did not know I am a journalist, and after I rejected their apology I was deported to Al Qashlah Prison with prisoners transport

vehicle, I was interrogated their about my work as a journalist, and the reasons of my presence in the old city, and why I was covering the events , claiming that I was filming in a (prevented zone) they confiscated two of my camera, they added I will be contacted later to restore them, I was released at 07:00pm”.

❖ **May 2016**

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

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

detained for 8 hours, rather than being summoned and interrogated several times.

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

(02/05)- Israeli military court sentenced Omar Naji Nazzal(54 years) , member of the secretariat and the secretary of PJS to four months of administrative detention, after nine days of his arrest; on his way to participate in a conference for European Journalists Union in Bosnia on

23/04/2016 whilst, he was arrested by Israeli Occupation intelligence at Al-Karamah crossing, Marilyn Rabadi his wife reported to MADA” On Saturday (23/4) at around 14:00 pm the Israeli occupation authorities arrested Omar on Al-Karamah crossing where he was heading to participate in a conference for European Journalists Union to be held in Bosnia, he was detained for five hours before being arrested and deported to Attsyoun detention center, as he himself told me”.

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

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

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

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

Ramallah Hospital for about two hours; notably that we all were injured with slightly burn. "

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He added” the investigator also asked me regarding my political affiliation, I responded that I do not belong to any, he also interrogated me about my trip to the West Bank on 12/03/2016 for 9 day, the purpose of the trip and which party funded it, and what I work and about my monthly salary and in case I am planning to revisit , they also interrogated me about my work in the radio / Sawt elsha’b / and the relation with the radio, he was not convinced that I am only a volunteer there. I was released at eleven under a condition to be back the next day, the next day I went in the morning of (Tuesday 17/06 the interrogation lasted from 09:00am till 02:00pm I was interrogated on the same previous topics”.

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

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

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

In another affidavit for Tareq’s father (taken on 31/05) stating that “Tareq was transferred two weeks ago to Junaid prison in Nablus, and he banned from visit neither his family nor his lawyer” adding that his detention was extended by the public prosecutor that will end tomorrow 01/06 and a court hearing will take place on 02/06”.

(23/5)- Nayef Safadi (49years from Golan highs) the director and photographer of the European Press Agency- EPA in Palestine and Israel, was exposed to a humiliating security check by Israeli

Occupation security forces while he was intending to cover a press conference at the Israeli Prime Minister Office in Jerusalem, as the security personnel's demanding him to strip off his trouser in case he wants to enter after searching him in an unjustified and abnormal way, that led him to leave the place due to this humiliating and degrading treatment as Safadi reported to MADA" I was heading from the EPA- and on behalf of several press agencies to cover the press conference for Benjamin Netanyahu prime minister of Israeli and French prime minister in west Jerusalem, and as soon as I reached the location, they demanded me(after several normal and routine questions) to be physically searched, I didn't complain also it was weird, while they were searching me one of the Israeli Intelligence personnel asked me to strip of my trouser from few seconds, but I rejected and I considered it humiliating, they informed me that I will not be allowed to enter unless I complied to their /security checks/ hence, I gave up on covering the conference that will cost such humiliating treatment, I took my camera and left the location, I also informed the Journalists syndicate, and I sent a letter to all European Agencies that were waiting to receive photos of the conference explaining was I was exposed to".

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

(23/05)- Palestinian Intelligence summoned the correspondent of “Al Quds TV” in Bethlehem Mamdouh Mahmoud Hamamrah (32years) while heading back from participating in a media conference held in Turkey, as Hamamrah reported to MADA ”On my way back from Jordan after Participating in a media and communication forum that was organized in Istanbul, I was stopped by a Palestinian Intelligence Officer in “Jericho Stop”, asking me where I have been, and with who, and if anyone gave me anything, he searched my bag thoroughly and took out everything from it, after 15 minutes he handed me a paper to follow with the Palestinian Intelligence office in Bethlehem (he lives there) on Wednesday 25/05”.

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

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

She also added “Malek is now presented at Ofar detention Center near Ramallah, he was sentenced (before one day of his arrest) of 6 months of administrative detention, and now he is under hunger strike, since 18 days, started his hunger strike on the 16/07, as I visited his after spending 10 days in Ofar¹⁹ detention center (Military Campus), noting that he was arrested last year as well /summer 2015”.

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

Yaghi added” after publishing the investigation report several public figures were irritated as it affects their status, as I stated in my report that some harassers were lawyers, journalists and officials from international institutions, and others, after publishing this report I was exposed to an

¹⁹ This affidavit was recorded on Thursday 28/07/2016, another affidavit was recorded on 02/08 regarding his hunger strike; by his mother.

explicit and direct threat from an official who repeatedly threatened me over the phone, for a period of 8 days, who distrusted my work, and threatened me indirectly to tarnish my professional image, moreover, I heard from a close press agency to the Bar Association that they are intending to file a complaint against me”.

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

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

Izzat’s father also pointed out that ”his son Izzat was presented to the court 3 times since his arrestment (most recent was on 06/05/2016) and that Izzat is suffering from a broken leg due to a previous car accident, as a platinum piece was planted in his leg”.

(30/5)- IOF banned the photographer of the Chinese News Agency “Xinhua” Nidal Shafeeq Ishatyeh (47 years), and the photographer of AP Majdy Ishtayeh from covering a raid carried out by IOF in Salem Village Nablus governorate, as Nidal reported to MADA”Around06:00am of 30/05 a large force of IOF raided Salem

Village in an inspection operation, and while me and my colleague Majdy were trying to cover the raid an Israeli officer prevented us without any violence”

❖ **June 2016:**

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

"I was interrogated precisely about my job as a journalist, as who helped to work in the TV, what reports we usually prepare and about what, and particularly about a report we conducted on a family of a detained child,

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

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

(01/06) - the Palestinian intelligence service summoned the correspondent of Al Yarmouk TV Zaid Mustafa Abu Arrah (29 year) , from the village of Aqabah, Tubas governorate, detained him until midnight and interrogated him, as he reported to MADA "On (1/6) I received a phone call at about 9:30 am from the intelligence Center in Tubas asking me to present myself immediately there, where they kept on shifting me between the cell and the interrogation room with no interrogation, meanwhile, they demanded my facebook password and the passwords of two e-mails of mine".

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

“on 05/06 I went back but they didn’t interrogate me, and I was asked to come back on Tuesday 07/06, on 07/06 they also didn’t interrogate me and asked me to come back after two weeks without setting a date”. He also added ”on 11/06 I received a phone call from the intelligence headquarter in Tubas asking me to go the next day to the intelligence headquarters in Nablus, and for the first time they informed me that I am summoned relating to my colleague Tareq Abu Zeid case(correspondent of Al Aqsa TV who was arrested during May 2016)”.

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

all the questions revolved about the same topic, afterwards I was transferred to Al Juneid detention center (in Nablus city) where I was subjected to the same questions, they searched my mobile, with all its apps after I signed the affidavit, they requested me to bring my two personal computers and the hard desk the next day, but they changed their minds and asked me to send the requested devices in the same car that will drop me home, I was released at around 12:00am, and my devices are still reserved with them,” “04/07/2016”.

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

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

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

He also added “ they accused me of escalation against Hamas, and misleading relating to what I wrote about the children who were burnt in Al shatee’ Refujee Camp, I stayed there from 11:00am till 04:00pm for interrogation, till I was released, under a condition to present myself the next day, this procedure lasted for 11 days (from 26/05 till 05/06); presenting myself at their headquarters upon their request, as each time I was detained in a dark room with no interrogation, on 06/05 I was

summoned to receive my passport and ID, and I was subjected to a verbal pledge that in case of publishing any similar report or even a word on the situation in Gaza or Hamas in future I will be exposed to a severe punishment”.

(15/06)- Members of Palestinian Police assaulted the reporter of "Wattan TV" Jihad Mahmoud Qassem (7 years) with beating and detained him and a colleague of his, Wattan TV cameraman Ameer Hamayel (28 years) , and banned them from covering incidents in Al Am'ary refugee Camp near Ramallah, as Qassem reported to MADA” I was heading with my colleague the TV cameraman Ameer Hamayel on 15/06 to cover raid operations of security services to refugee camps, particularly al- Amari refugee camp, upon arrival policemen headed toward us in a barbaric and brutal way asking us who we are, informing us that filming is prohibited, I demanded to talk to the officer in charge as before heading to cover the incident I contacted the office Loay Izrekat(the police spokesperson) and he is aware of the coverage, the officer replied in a rude way that there is no official among them I can talk to, hence, I recalled the officer Izriqat to inform him that we were banned from covering, I waited for his call in 10 minutes upon our agreement, while waiting, one of the security personnel came to me; wondering if I was a policeman when I replied that I am a journalist he asked me to open my mobile and show him all photos, I informed him that I did not capture any photo, following an intense debate among us I

asked him to head with me to the police station, and there I can open the phone but he refused and started shouting, that resulted in other policemen gathered around us, as one of them hit me on the face, they also pushed me in their vehicle and they started to punch me, hit me and insult me, they confiscated my phone and detained me in the police car for half an hour, afterwards I was transferred to the police station where I was released, my colleague Ameer wasn't subjected to any violation as since the beginning he was forced to stay in the car".

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

(20/06)- IOF arrested the journalist Adib Brakat Al-Atrash (26 years) from his home in Hebron city as his brother reported to MADA "a force of IOF raided our house in Hebron around 3:00am of 20/06, they asked us to leave the house to the yard, and the officer requested all our IDs, later the officer asked about my brother's house, we guided him to his room as he recently returned from travelling, they arrested him and

confiscated his mobile, they informed us that they will interrogate him to learn few things”.

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

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

(27/06)- a large force of Palestinian Security raided the freelance journalist home Susan Al Ewiwi at night, searched the house and confiscated her personal computer, documents and the memory card of her camera, she reported to MADA “at around 10:30 pm on Monday 27/06, my sister in law called me and informed me that a force of Palestinian security raided their house and asked about her brother (my

husband/ Hussam Mohammad Zakaria Ewiwi) and as soon as I hanged up the phone I heard knocks on the door to find a large troop of Palestinian security services informing me that they want to search the house”.

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

(27/06)- Israeli Occupation police banned on 27/6 the correspondent of "Palestine today" TV in Jerusalem, Ahmed Nayef Jaradat (25years) and several other journalists from covering the raid of Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli settlers and attacked the public relation officer of Al- Awkaf/ Firas Al Dibes through kicking and beating, as Jaradat reported to MADA “during the coverage of the settlers storming to Al-Aqsa Mosque around 10:00am on the (27/6) members of the Israeli police attacked all the journalists who were presented at the scene, I was

pushed several times rather than the clear attempt to disrupt our work and prevent us from covering the incident, whilst my colleague Firas Al Dibes public relation officer of Al- Awkaf was beaten in a brutal and harder way”.

(28/06)- during the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visit to Gaza Strip his guards and associates banned at least 10 journalists from covering his press conference in Gaza, as the cameraman of Al-Quds TV Hassan Abdulfattah Isleeh (27 years) reported to MADA “we were at Hamad Hospital for Rehabilitation yard, about 10 colleagues from different media outlets and institutions that I cannot remember them all as the cameraman of the German TV Zakaria Altelmes, however, Ban Ki-moon was there in order to celebrate the opening of the hospital, and after moving to the second conference in one of the UNRWA schools in Gaza, once I tried to enter the press conference I was banned to enter and cover the events by two foreign assistants”.

Also Mohammad Fadl Da’oor (25years) a correspondent of Al-QudsTV, reported to MADA “ all crews and press channels had been prevented from entering to cover the conference, claiming that they were late and the conference was scheduled to start at 10:00am , although the fact that the delay took place because of the UN-Secretary general lateness and not the journalists , and despite the fact that the names of all journalists

were within the permissible list that enables them in advance to cover the conference, particularly that the list was sent previously for security check to the security administrator of the UN secretary general”.

(30/06)- The Israeli Occupation police detained Al Jazeera correspondent Elias Hanna Karram (39years) and his colleague on 30/6, videographer of Al Jazeera Labib Abdel Fattah Jazmawi (38 years) and interrogated them while they were heading to Hebron to cover incidents there, as Karram reported to MADA “around 10:00am of 30/06 me and my colleague the videographer Labib Abdel Fattah Jazmawi (38 years) near a checkpoint in Beit Jala heading to Hebron to cover repercussions of an operation there, before reaching the checkpoint and while filming the incidents there a patrol car headed toward us and prevented us from filming the incidents, and accused us of stepping on the yellow line claiming it as a breach hence we moved our car, another policeman headed toward us, asking where do we work in which channel, and whence I told him we work at Al Jazeera Channel he starting provoking us in cynical way such as/long live Palestinian People/ and threatening us like I will teach you to behave or I will be treading on you, that provoked my colleague Labib who raised his voice in the face of the policeman, the policeman dragged him to the police station where he was detained for four hours under investigation and interrogation on charges of obstructing police work and insulting a policeman.”

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

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

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(01/07)- IOF detained the journalists Radi Ahmed Karame (27 years) correspondent of (Oruba Media Network) and the correspondent of Al Ghad Al Arabi TV Raed Mohammad Sharif (27 years) and attacked them with beatings that caused them with severe injuries, in addition to shooting Radi Karame with rubber bullet rather than smashing and

confiscating his personal camera, while covering the attempts of Palestinian citizens to cross a military checkpoint to reach Jerusalem as Radi reported to MADA “ as I and my colleague Raed Sharif, were covering attempts of Palestinian citizens to enter the checkpoint to enter East Jerusalem for prayer at Al-Aqsa, near “Mazmuria” military checkpoint, in Homs Valley, suddenly IOF started cursing us once a soldier fired a rubber bullet on the bottom of my back hence, I fell on the ground, when, my colleague Raed came to help me, the soldiers shot a tear gas bomb towards him, then IOF dragged us to the checkpoint and starting beating us with batons while cursing us and forcing us to take of our clothes, they also smashed my camera before confiscating it”.

Karame also added "after about 20 minutes of beating us, we were asked to leave despite the fact that our health didn't allow us to walk alone, with no help, we called an ambulance yet we still had to walk for two hours to reach it, we received the treatment at Al-Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala, that showed that I was injured with bruises, and Raed foot was bleeding due to the excessive beating we were exposed to, however we stayed at the hospital for three hours”.

(3/7) – Israeli Occupation Police arrested the freelance journalist Amjad Tahir Arfa (33 years) from his home in Jerusalem, Amjad reported to MADA "I was summoned before evening prayer for interrogation, at the police station (near the)post office, and when I arrived the officers their didn't know who exactly summoned me, hence, I wasn't interrogated,

and left, around 3:00am of the other day (04/07) we were surprised with a troop of Israeli Police in front of my house in Ras- Al Amud, where they arrested me without providing an arrest warrant, they deported me to the interrogation center in Qashleh, and there I was interrogated under the pretext of suspicion that I am involved in riots and incidents that take place In Al Aqsa, and regarding my work there and presence, as I clarified it was due to my work as a journalist, to cover events”.

He added, "At around 12:00pm I was presented to the Magistrates Court but my trial was postponed, they returned me to detention in Qishleh, however, the next day (05/07) I was also presented to the court, and decided to release me with unpaid/ bail (5000NIS) / with the guarantee of a third part, it was also decided to remain exiled from Al Aqsa till 21/07/2016".

(4/7) – IOF detained the freelance photographer Ghassan Mohammed Abu Eid (32years), while covering clashes at Qalandia military Checkpoint, for ten hours and confiscated his personal camera, as he reported to MADA “I headed to Qalandia in order to cover(for trans-media company) the raid by IOF to Qalandia refugee Camp, when I was stopped by IOF and deported to Attarout Police Station, where I was detained from 02:00am till 12:00pm the next day, during the detention I was interrogated for a while regarding the reasons of my presence in place, and for which party I am filming and covering the raid,

confiscating my video camera, but I managed to return it the other day on 05/07”.

(8/7) – IOF detained two journalists, the videographer of Ramasat Company, Mahmoud Fawzi Abdul Ghani (30years), and the freelance journalist Kamel Mufeed Barham (27years), they were exposed to a field interrogation while covering a peaceful demonstration in Kufor Qaddoum, as Abdul Ghani reported to MADA “I was covering the weekly peaceful demonstration in kufor Qaddoum for anti-settlement in the village right after Friday’s prayer on 8/7, the demonstration was peaceful and unobtrusive as there were several personnel from Palestinian civil liaison, the demonstration remained calm and peaceful till attacked by IOF from the settlement, aiming to disperse all demonstrators, meanwhile they attacked me and my colleague Kamel Mufeed Barham (Freelance and a volunteer photographer at the coordinating Committee in the wall and settlements) in a brutal way they asked our press IDs, I handed him my press ID which was expired, and my colleague didn’t have his ID by that time, they forced us to sit on ground and started their field interrogation, for a short period, regarding where we work, and how much is our monthly salary, and the fact of our presence here to cover events”.

Abdul Ghani also added "After we were detained and interrogated, we were deported by IOF to Kedumim Settlement and after about an hour

and a half of detention we were released, due to the intervention of the Palestinian civil liaison and the journalists' Syndicate."

(12/07)- Journalist in (Arab network TV) Hajar Mohammed Harb, (31 years) from Gaza Strip was exposed to incitement and defamation operations and prosecution over several weeks (still ongoing), and that after publishing an investigation/ report on (video) published on the 26/06 linked to suspicions of Corruption in the health conversion system- Gaza Strip and doctors taking advantage of their government positions for their own goals through medical reports written, as Harb reported to MADA "after publishing my investigative report immediately I was hosted by the local radio station (Sawt Al Sha'b/ voice of people) to talk more about the report, its content and implications.

The next day (27/6), I received a call from the radio asking me to be hosted again to meet a lady claims to be the doctor's wife, who appeared in the investigation receiving a bribe, I told them that my job is to uncover the truth and anyone thinks he/ she is effected by the report and has an evidence can access to justice, noting that during the report doesn't contain names or photos of suspected people".

She added, "the lady showed up at the radio station and accused me of of slander, lies and forgery, and led after that campaign on Facebook against me that contained again accusins of lying, forgery and profanity

against law, I was also exposed to another campaign against me that was led by a person named Saq Allah, (a former bodyguard for Moussa Arafat the former head of the military service), that I have been accused through it of collaborating with the occupation, and that the goals of the investigation served Israel more than it served the Palestinian patients, and claimed it was a false report”.

She added "on (12/7) I was informed by the public prosecutor in Gaza by telephone that someone (a doctor they believed that appeared in the report) filled a complaint accusing me of libel and slander and personal identity theft and forgery of official documents, receiving a bribe from a source that I didn't understand, the session of prosecution was postponed till Monday 18/07 after I demanded to be summoned through the journalists' Syndicate, I also found in the prosecution office an official document from the government Information Office informing the prosecutor office that I have conducted an investigative report that reveals corruption, demanding him to investigate the fact, in case it reveals invalidity I will be hold accountable, and will be prosecuted legally”.

She also added "I went on Monday (18/7) as scheduled and was interrogated for around two hours in a row, I was also informed that two complaints were filed against me one by a doctor, and the other by the Government Information Office, the prosecutor during the investigation emerged both complaints and focused on asking me about numbers of

corrupted doctors At Shifa Hospital, he also demanded to know my sources otherwise I will be considered as disguising criminals , I told him that my task as a journalist is over, what now it's your role as a government, security services and the law, due to that my lawyer informed him to provide a judicial order to disclose my sources, the session was postponed until 20/7 and the prosecution asked me to provide them with an official paper stating that the report was in favor of the (Arab Network TV), we agreed to provide them with an official document from the producing company (Media Cam) stating a contract between them and (Arab Network TV) to produce investigative reports, and she was assigned to conduct this investigation, they asked me to provide them with a document that proves the way I entered the hospital when I conducted the report, despite the fact that the document can be found in the archives of the Ministry of Health, nevertheless they gave me a chance till Sunday 24/7 to bring these papers".²⁰

(18/07)- IOF arrested journalist Faysal Ezer Rifai (26 years) his father reported to MADA "Faysal received a call for summon by the Israeli Occupation intelligence on 18/07 to go to their headquarters on Thursday 21/07 at one, as scheduled Faysal headed to Ofar detention center, where he was detained there till 24/07, whence we noticed we he

²⁰ in another affidavit on 3/8 it she didn't provide the prosecution office the requested paper due to the variation of the topic requested and the one supplied by the channel (the prosecution asked for a paper entitled: suspicions of corruption in the medical file conversions for medical treatment abroad, and the other was suspicions of corruption in the therapy department overseas) she was waiting to edit the topic.

was arrested by his lawyer Abdallah Manasra who is also a friend of us, we were informed that he was deported to Ofar Court accused of incitement on facebook”.

His father also added "on Sunday (24/7) in the presence of lawyers from Palestinian prisoners club and Addamer prisoners support and human rights association /addameer (Mahmoud Hassan) the court session was postponed until Tuesday (26/7), arguing that the prosecution had not completed the investigation with him, and at Tuesday's hearing the court agreed to postpone the trial until Thursday (28/7) upon the request of the prosecutor also / to complete the investigation /at Thursday's session it was decided to release him on bail (5000 NIS) to be paid after 72 hours, so that the prosecution can appeal. "

(19/07)- IOF prevented three journalists from covering in the yard of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and expelled them from the place, claiming the issuance of an Israel decision to ban journalists who are under 30 years old from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque only unless obtaining a prior permit from the army, as the cameraman of Trans Media production Jamil Hashim Salhab (25 years) reported to MADA " me and my colleague the correspondent of Palestine today TV Fida Nasrallah and Raed Abu Rumaila photographer of B'Tselem, at around 11:00am on 19/07 filming in the courtyard of the Ibrahimi Mosque, after the announcement of the recent decision (to ban all journalists under 30 years to enter the Ibrahimi Mosque without a previous permit

issued by the IOF, meanwhile the Israeli region officer headed toward us and prevented us from filming on the grounds that we did not get a permission from the liaison officer, he exiled us from the place, accordingly we started arguing”.

Fida Abdel Fattah Nasr (28years) the correspondent of “Palestine Today” TV in Hebron reported that” they issued a military decision by the commander of the region in IOF following the martyrdom of a Palestinian Sarah Alhajouj inside Ibrahimi Mosque, to ban all Palestinian citizens between the ages of 15 - 30-year-old from entering the campus, noting that we as journalists have not received or seen any written official decision (we were informed that verbally only), but when we tried to enter the campus we were actually (as they are preventing other citizens) now we as journalists are now demanded to provide a special permit and a prior coordination with the Israeli authorities in case any of the journalists intend to enter the campus”.

(22/7)- IOF detained the freelance journalist Haytham Mohammed al-Khatib (39years), and arrested the journalist Khalid Ali Sabarneh the cameraman and reporter "Arab News TV" (Iranian Chanel) and interrogated them as they were covering Bil'in peaceful weekly demonstration , they imposed a bail (2000nis) on Sabarneh claiming their presence in a closed military zone, as Khatib reported to MADA "I went as usual to cover the events of the weekly peaceful march in the village of Bil'in that is organized every Friday near the annexation wall,

and before reaching the place we noticed banners in Arabic state / closed military zone / but it did not draw our attention, and when we started to approach towards the wall it was clear the IOF prepared an ambush to arrest anyone who approaches the place, and it was my colleague, the photographer Khaled Sabarneh who entered the place first where he was detained and his car. "

he added, "we continued filming, were the activist Ashraf Abu Rahma was arrested, I was surprised that one of the IOF confiscating my camera telling me I am under arrest, and when I asked him why, he told me that I have entered a closed military zone, hence, I told him that I am in my village where I live, and that there is nothing to indicate that it's a closed military zone, they deported me to the other side of the annexation wall, there were detaining my colleague Sabarneh and Ashraf Abu Rahma, and after less than half an hour other activists were also arrested".

he also added," after the end of the demonstration, the officer came with lady who captured us a photo, informed me that I've infringed the law through entering a closed military zone and that I will be arrested next time if I was seen there, they handed me all my equipment (cameras and routers) I was released after about two hours of detention, while Khalid was taken to an Israeli Police Station in Rafat, were they detained him till the next day".

Khalid Ali Sabarneh reported to MADA "I was detained before the start of the demonstration in half an hour, and my car under the pretext of my presence in a closed military zone, and remained trapped behind the wall until three o'clock in the afternoon, afterwards I was transferred with other three activists to Hashomim military camp handcuffed, till 05:00 am, afterwards we were deported to Benyamin Police Station near Rafat, detained till 11:00 pm, they interrogating us on the reasons behind our presence in a military closed zone and the infringement of the law".

Sabarneh also added "At half past one o'clock in the morning an Israeli (Pro-Palestine) who usually participate in demonstrations in Bilin named" Jonathan guaranteed us all, they asked us to pay an amount of NIS 2,000 for each, we've paid the requested amount on Sunday 24/7 , they informed us that in case an indictment was provided against us the trial will continue, otherwise the bail will be paid back, I was released at four the other day 23/07".

(24/07)- The internal security in Gaza strip arrested the reporter of Al-Quds newspaper electronic Website, Mahmoud Naseem Abu Awwad (32 years) his brother Alaa' reported to MADA " my brother was arrested around half past seven o'clock in the morning of 24/7, after raiding our home that is located in Gaza city by a troop of internal security force who didn't reveal their identity as security service, and they searched his own apartment and confiscated his laptop and his

mobile, so far we do not know why he was arrested as he was banned from visit or to have a lawyer during this period, all we know –through his friends- he is detained at Ansar interrogation Center in Gaza, his colleagues at work, contacted the internal security to receive clarifications of the reasons for his arrest for eleven days so far”(he still arrested).

(25/07)- The correspondent of Wafa News Agency in Nablus and Ramallah Amid Zayed Ahmed Shehada (29 years) was exposed to a wide incitement and threat; after he published a press report (video report) on using donkey to transfer materials for construction in high areas in Nablus city, Shehadeh reported to MADA "I conducted and published a video report (video) on the use of donkeys in the construction work and raise the material to high eareas in Nablus and how the donkeys are trained to ascend and descend stairs, this report received many views and shares after being posted on Al quds Network, and shared by Wafa Agency and as views topped to 250kk on Facebook in one hour, after that a person known as a public relations officer An-Najah Hospital posted a comment in which he said / What does he mean by Nablus donkeys? ..This is an insult against us/ sparking a series of negative comments and insults against me, since I'm from a different city. "

He also added “negative comments continued that bear an explicit threat and calls for cracking my car or kidnapping me or as disciplinary

action to be beaten like donkeys which forced Al Quds Network to remove the post from its page”.

He also added "It is true that threats did not exceed Facebook, but it sparked my fears down to the street for filming in Nablus, noting that the video is still posted on Wafa News Agency site."

(26/07)- IOF attacked the editor of "Al-Quds" newspaper Mahmoud Awad Allah (26 years) and prevented him and the crew of Palestine TV from covering the demolition of Palestinian civilians houses, that was carried out by IOF, as he reported to MADA "IOF stormed Qalandia Refugee Camp, at around 11:00pm 26/07 in order to demolish 11 houses in the camp, and during our coverage of this event they expelled Palestine TV correspondent Ali Dar Ali and fellow videographer who accompanied him, preventing them from covering the demolitions, while one of the IOF deliberately targeted me with a stun grenade on my head directly, and he pushed me with his rifle on my back pointing it as ready to shoot, forcing me to move a distance of 100 meters, and there (after being moved away from the place under threat) IOF started beating me on my shoulders and on different parts of my body and released me to leave the area.”

(26/07)- the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, raided the home of journalist Mohamed Gharib Abdullah (Khabisah) correspondent of "Anadolu agency" Turkish agency in Albireh City, who also works in the “Shashat News” after midnight and arrested him after they searched

the house and confiscated devices (computers and mobile phones, equipment and documents), after he published information about financial expenses regarding the official news agency "Wafa" as Khabisah reported to MADA," on Monday (25/7) I published on my page on Facebook a post that includes financial expenses for the official news agency Wafa during the first half of this year as published by the Palestinian Ministry of Finance on their official front-page available for the public, and after midnight around 12:15 am (Monday / Tuesday 25-26 / 7), a troop raided my house(including three cars of eight people from PSS) that is located in Al- Sharafeh neighborhood in Albireh, six of them entered the house, two of them wearing military uniform and four wearing civilian clothes, they acted in a rude way, as they knocked heavily on the front door, when I opened the door they asked me to search the house with an order by the Attorney General, although they refused to provide me the search warrant".

he added" they searched the house in a chaotic way, confiscating 2 laptops, 2 flashes, 2 hard-desk, 3 mobiles, in addition to other documents and my personal hand bag that contain my personal stuff, arrested me and took me to the Preventive Security headquarters in Beitunia(near Ramallah). After about half an hour they started interrogating me that lasted for three hours (until four in the morning) it mainly focused on whereabouts of my work and the sources of my income, and my work in the Shashat News site and the sources of my information there, my

monthly salary in Anatolia(Turkish) News Agency in addition to the nature of my work there, and reasons of arresting me and deporting me to the headquarters, I responded that I doubt that my post on Facebook is the reason, the investigator asked me what was my purpose of publishing this post, and where from I received the information therein, I replied it was published by the Ministry of Finance and it's available to everyone on its website and anyone can get it.”

he also added” After they realized f the validity of my information, the interrogator told me that the scales capsized after the interrogation, they had a different belief, After the completion of the interrogation I was transferred to a cell, and remained in custody there until 10:00am afterwards I was released at 11:00am , in the presence of the head of Palestinian Journalists Syndicate accompanied with Major General Ziad Hab al-Rih (head of the preventive security Service); after I signed my affidavit and on the receipt of all confiscated devices, which I received the other day 27/07”.

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(03/08)- Palestinian Intelligence summoned reporter of Pelset News Website, Osama Shaheen (34years) as he reported to MADA: “yesterday on 02/08 I received a phone call from the Palestinian Intelligence headquarters in Hebron, asking me to present myself the next day to the PI headquarters, the other day as scheduled on 03/08 I headed to the

headquarters, it was around 10:00am and there they interrogated me regarding my previous arrestment by Israeli Occupation, and my work as a journalist where I work and to which website.”

He added, “The interrogation lasted till 04:00pm, as two officers shifted on interrogating me, afterwards I was released after handing me a written notification to follow up with the PI at their headquarters on 16/08 but I didn’t comply”.

(03/08)- TV correspondent of "Palestine today," Raghda Nouredine Atma, (27years) got injured; burns and wounds on her legs caused by a stun grenade fired by an Israeli soldier while covering a demonstration near Ofer detention center, after being prevented from covering the event, where, as Atma reported to MADA "I was burned in my left leg and wounds in my right leg caused by a stun grenade fired by Israeli soldiers close to me, during our presence near Ofer detention center around 2:00 pm of 3/8 afternoon, to cover the demonstration of solidarity with the prisoner Bilal Kayed in his hunger strike for 50 days.
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She also added,” IOF gave us a period of 3 minutes to leave the place, yet he shot us with stun grenade before the end of the given period, I couldn’t run immediately hence I was injured with shrapnel pieces of metal from the bomb, I was transferred to the Red Crescent hospital and receive the necessary treatment there”.

(03/08)- IOF detained the photographer Of Raya Network Shadi Hatem Krakrah (23 years) in to intimidate journalists and forcing them to stay away and prevent them from covering the demonstration organized in front of Ofer detention center, as Krakrah informed MADA center “while covering the demonstration that was organized near Ofer “Israeli” detention center/Ramallah governorate, IOF used me as a hostage, I was detained in a military jeep for fifteen minutes and threatened of arrestment to force other journalists to leave the place, and once the journalists expressed their willingness to leave the place, I was released. "

(08/04)- Internal Security service in Gaza summoned the journalist in the Palestinian Network for Information and Press Ziad Ismail Awad (40 years) and the freelance journalist Abdul Hadi Ismail, (48years), interrogated them on their writings and their work where Awad reported to MADA "I received yesterday (3/8) an official written notification by Internal Security Service, to present myself the next day (4/8) at the 9:00 at their headquarters. I arrived as scheduled to the headquarters with the journalist Abdul Hadi Ismail, where they interrogated me for half an hour about the sites that I publish my articles on, and regarding my personal opinion, especially Donia AlWattan (news website) who I constantly publish my articles on, and whether I get paid, furthermore they asked me about the topics I tackle in my articles, I answered that usually it's related to social and humanitarian topics, they also asked my

opinion on the blockade imposed on Gaza Strip and what is the reason for it, and whether I was harassed before, and if I informed the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate of the fact that I was called for summon, finally I was released under a condition to inform that I received a good treatment (not beaten or tortured)".

Abdul Hadi Ismail also reported to MADA" I was summoned with a written formal notification, and when I headed to the internal security service headquarters I stayed there for an hour and a half under interrogation with the presence of three interrogators, I was asked about my professional work, and topics I usually tackle and the website I publish my articles on, as the majority of my articles are about humanitarian subjects that most of it include lots of calls directed to president Mahmoud Abbas for aid, they interrogated me also about the overall situation in Gaza Strip".

(04/08)- Unknown assailants burned the car of Al Quds Newspaper reporter and cameraman for Reuters in Jenin journalist Ali Sadiq Samoudi (49 years) at night, Samoudi reported to MADA " my car, a Nisan Jeep while located in a construction yard where I live, at around 03:30 am of (04.08.2016) was hit with a Molotov bottle from a close range, perpetrators ran quickly, as one of the neighbors heard the sound of an explosion and was able to call the civil defense immediately to control the fire, damages has confined in the front part of the vehicle as a

result of rapid intervention, however detectives were called to start investigating the incident".

(05/08)- "Madar-News" site after less than a week after its official launch was exposed to piracy, noting that the site was working before that about a month and a half experimentally (unofficially) where the chief editor of the site Ali Ahmad Daraghmeh (48 years) reported to MADA " on Friday (5/8) at around 06:30, the site was completely disrupted for seven hours, and when contacting our rental suppliers "of the server" (London-based) for the reason, they informed us to contain the site of many viruses, and that there are a large number of pirates trying to enter the site and send viruses at the same time, prompting the management to close the server in order to bypass or skip the stage".

He also added" supposedly the company will inform us regarding the exact place piracy, I can't suspect anyone, yet I think that the morning program /Dabous Al Sabah/ which is a critical of certain practices that was presented on AlNajah Radio, and now I prepare it to be presented on Madar website and publish it on my personal Facebook, rather than other program that translate News from Hebrew to Arabic that our colleague Mohammad Abu Alaam prepare maybe the reason of this attack".

(08/08)- IOF interrogated the correspondent of Anatolia Agency, Qais Omar Abu Samra (36 years) on field, as he reported to MADA" around

02:30am of 08/08 we woke up on a hard knock on our front door in Qaliliah (north of West Bank), they informed me that they IOF, when I opened there were 6 soldiers at the door, though they didn't enter the house or searched it, however they asked me my name and if I was a journalist, they asked me to bring my personal ID, and press ID, they asked me to go with them, after 100 meters another group of military jeeps and interrogator, once a soldier came toward me and started inspecting and searching me afterwards he handed me to the intelligence officer, when he started interrogating me in field for around half an hour, as the intelligence officer asked me what and with who I work, he also asked me about my personal opinion regarding the coup in Turkey as a worker in a Turkish agency regarding the nature of my work in Anatolia agency, and if usually go to Israeli areas, while one of the IOF captured a photo of my car that has the Anatolia press logo, and the car's plates, finally they asked me who owns the car, and released me".

(08/08)- IOF raided the headquarters of Babel printing house, in Halhoul town they searched the office and confiscated the hardwares of the computers, as Soud Ahmad Zama'ra (42 years) the manager of the printing house reported to MADA "on the dawn of (08/08) and around 02:30 am IOF raided Babel printing house that is located in Halhoul, Hebron governorate, the raid took after 30 minutes of calling my brother Saeed, asking him to unlock the headquarters before they break in".

He added, “They searched the printing house in a barbaric way and searched all equipment, they also asked to be escorted to the office of the printing house they also confiscated the harddrive of two computers, without informing us on the returning dates, when we mentioned it they replied that we can file a complaint to the court, and object the incidence, and left the place at around 04:00am”.

(11/08)- Palestinian preventive service in Qalqilieh arrested the freelance journalist Ragheed Mohammad Tubsieh (23years) as his sister reported to MADA “we received an order by the preventive security forces at our house that is located in Qalqilieh on 11/08 to arrest my brother Ragheed, but by that time my brother was still in Ramallah, hence they called him on spot informing him to present himself to preventive security service headquarters once he is back from Ramallah, based on an arrest warrant”.

She also added” currently Ragheed is arrested at the preventive security service headquarters in Qalqilieh upon the governor; he wasn’t informed of the charges against him, most probably he was arrested due to his work as a journalist as he published on Wednesday 7/08 a press release regarding the electricity crisis and the continuous outages.”

After his release Ragheed reported to MADA “I was released on 28/08 after 18 days of arrest under the governor, I remained in a cell, with a

regular interrogation did not exceed five sessions, regarding where and with who I work”.

He also added” as I understood, they’re suspicious of a body that directs me in my work, but because no specific charge against me I was released suddenly with no conditions or dates to follow up”.

(12/08)- IOF banned the correspondent of Al-Quds network, and Huna Al Quds, Shatha AbdulRahman Hammad (26years) from travel to participate in a conference in Tunisia, as she was returned from Al-Karamah crossing as she reported to MADA” on Friday morning 12/08 I was heading to Al Karameh Crossing to travel to Jordan and then to Tunisia to participate in the (Arab nationalist youth camp) in Tunisia, and when I arrived to the Israeli border they withhold my passport and asked me to wait in the hall, and after three hours of waiting with no interrogation, when a soldier headed toward me with a military uniform handing me a military order by the Israeli Occupation Intelligence banning me from travel”.

She added” on Sunday 14/08 I filed a complaint in Beit Eil (Headquarters of Israeli administration in the West Bank) to remove the ban so far till today I didn’t receive any response (05/09)”.

(13/08)- Israeli Occupation police handed the freelance journalist Amjad Taher Arafaeh (33years) from Jerusalem, an order of banning him from

travel for one month renewable for six months, as he reported to MADA “I was summoned on 13/08 to the police station (Al-Maskubieh) in Jerusalem, once I arrived an Israeli Policeman handed me an order banning me from travel conducted and signed by the Israeli Ministry of Interior, alleging that I pose threat to the security of the state of Israel”.

(14/08)- IOF banned Amir Mahmoud Abu Markhieh (19 years) the photographer of Radio Oruba website in Hebron, from covering religious rituals for Israeli settlers, they detained him and deleted photos taken by him and forced him to leave the place, as he reported to MADA” While I was at Bab AlZawieh area in Hebron to cover the religious rituals of Israeli settlers in the area, one of the IOF asked me to go to him and to stand by the military jeep and to delete the photos on the camera, and prevented me from filming under the pretext of / incitement against them /, he asked me to put the memory card in the camera and he erased the photos by himself, I was detained for 15 minutes then I was released after making sure that photos were erased”.

(16/08)- Israeli Occupation Authorities banned the correspondent of “Aneen AlQayd” network Bushra Jamal Tawil (23years) from travel to Jordan and was returned from AlKarmeh crossing and handed her a summon by the Israeli Occupation Intelligence as she reported to MADA” Israeli Occupation Authorities banned me from travel on 16/08 Israeli Occupation Intelligence officers handed me on Al-Karameh

crossing an order to follow with the Israeli Intelligence on 31/08 where I went as scheduled to Ofer detention center around 9:00am, and I stayed there till 1:00pm when one of the soldiers there informed me that it was postponed till Tuesday 06/09”.

(18/08)- Palestinian police intelligence in Gaza summoned the presenter in “Sawt Alsha’b” local radio station Ahmad Saeed Mohammad (35years) and interrogated him regarding his political criticism program as he reported to MADA”on18/08 the police intelligence office called the manager of Radio Sawt Alsha’b Hassan Jaber and told him that I should go to their headquarters on the other day, upon their request I headed there around 2:00pm of Friday 19/08 and headed to the police intelligence headquarters, where they informed me that the summon wasn’t based on my work as a journalist, but based on several complaint filed by public figures I criticized recently, but they refused to provide me their names, but most of the interrogation was about my program “Nabd Albalad” which I criticize the overall situation in the country, so the conversation was about tackling political topics and lengthening tongue”.

He added” the interrogation lasted for five hours, and then I was released, after signing a legal obligation to abide by law”.

(19/08)- IOF renewed the administrative detention of the general secretariat member at the Palestine Journalist Syndicate Omar Naji Nazal (54 years) for three months, as his wife Madline Rabadi reported to MADA “I was informed through Omar’s lawyer (Nazal Mahmoud Hassan) on Friday’s afternoon that IOF issued a military order that renews the administrative detention Omar Nazzal for the second time in a row”.

She also added” I learned that the decision was issued as a military order and to be confirmed in ten days at a session by the military court to give it a legal status, once Omar appealed to the Israeli Supreme Court on 8/8 while Omar appealed against the administrative arrest he (the judge) was convinced of the Israeli Occupation intelligence request of continuing of his arrest, and thus he left the matter of renewing his detention to the Israeli Occupation intelligence and this is what happened”.

(Note: journalist Omar Nazzal suspended his hunger strike on 22/08/2016 according to his wife).

(20/08)- In Gaza Strip, the Ministry of Health issued a circular directed to the departments of public relations and media in hospitals to prevent whereby dealing with media regarding the disclosure of information regarding several issue, one of its clauses stipulates to prevent the reporter of Al- Monitor site, the freelance journalist in Al-Araby TV Mohammed Ahmed Othman (29years) to enter any hospital, as he

reported to MADA” I was informed through some friends who work in one hospital in Gaza, that an order by Ministry of Health was circulated to hospitals’ managements banning me from entering hospitals under the supervision of MOH as the first clause stipulates not to interact with any media outlets and institutions regarding several issues”.

He also added” I learned that the order was issued last week, yet it had no date on it that indicate the exact date of issuance, since three years I was banned of entering any coverage inside governmental hospitals based on an oral order”.

Moreover, he added, “ the order was probably based on a television report that was conducted by me about health sector during the month of April 29, in which I addressed the subject on drugs of unknown origin in Gaza and the lack of active ingredient in the composition, but still not sure of the major reason of the ban”.

He also added “one press agency communicated the Ministry of Health yet the spokesman of the ministry Ashraf Al Bizreh denied that such order was issued by the ministry, although he refused to have any conversation with the media regarding this subject”.

(23/08)- Palestinian Security personnel raided the office of trans-media Company and took the journalist Mujahed Mohammad Sa’dy (28 years) the correspondent of “Media Port” network from his office in Trans-

Media and interrogated him regarding his work as a journalist, as he reported to MADA” they raided Tran-Media offices that is located in Nablus where I work, they took me to the special operation room of the Palestinian Intelligence in Nablus, and there they confiscated my mobile, and interrogated me regarding the party I work for, and the photos I captured through the demonstration against security services executing Izz Halaweh, after arresting him and detaining him at Aljuneid prison in Nablus today’s morning”.

He also added,” I stayed under interrogation for an hour and a half before releasing me and returning my personal mobile”.

(23/08)- IOF detained the correspondent of “Saw’t Al Asra” local radio station Eman Rushdi Taher Alselawi (33years) and banned her from covering events at Arrabah town (north of West Bank), after erasing all photos she captured and smashed her personal mobile, as she reported to MADA” on 23/08 around 11:00am IOF stormed Arraba town Jenin governorate in order to arrest someone, clashes erupted by then between Palestinians and IOF who targeted us with gas bombs excessively”.

She added” I went out to cover the events while live on air one of the IOF caught me and took me to the military jeep and there they confiscated my mobile and personal camera, I was detained for half an hour, and then they returned my mobile broken as they throw it hard on ground, and returned my camera after erasing all the photos”.

(24/08)- Palestinian Intelligence service arrested a media student at Birzeit University Osama Fakhoury (20 years) and the driver who accompanied him during filming sights at Al Bireh City in favor of “Aneen Al-Qayd network” as the correspondent of the network Bushra Tawil reported to MADA around 02:15 pm of 24/08 Osama accompanied with the car driver to shoot some pictures and captions at the entrance of Al-Bireh city in order to conduct a report for Aneen Al-Qayd network, we lost connection with them as I tried to call them at noon, I waited till 9:00pm then I informed the driver’s family that they are missing, and then we started searching on them in all police stations and general intelligence, as we finally were informed that they were arrested by the intelligence office at their headquarters at Al balou’ (neighborhood at Al-Bireh) during the process of filming under a pretext of entering a secured zone in Al Bireh”.

She also added “ the car driver was released, while Fakhoury remained imprisoned till 31/08, then he was released yet all filming equipment were confiscated, estimated value of all confiscated equipment around 40 thousand shekels including (video-camera, 3 lenses, one mike and a stand”.

(25/08)- Israeli Occupation Authorities sentenced the cameraman of Trans-media Company and AlNajah Chanel Hazem Imad Naser (26years) who was arrested since 11/04/2016 for 8 months of actual

imprisonment and a bale 3000 shakels, after accusing him of several charges, including the communication with media institutions which Israel considered as prohibited as his cousin Mohammad Naser reported to MADA” a session at the court was set on 25/08 for Hazem through which they sentenced him with 8 months of imprisonment and a bale 3000 shakels, without revealing any charges, claiming that his file is secret”.

As his father reported to MADA” they accused Hazem in several charges including communications with prohibited media institution, as Al-Aqsa Chanel, and Palestine Today Chanel”.

As Mohammad Naser his cousin reported in a different statement to MADA regarding the details of arresting his cousin Hazem ”they arrested my cousin Hazem on the afternoon of (11/04/2016 from a flying checkpoint near Nablus, after detaining him and the working car that belongs to Trans-Media Company, for half an hour, he was transported to Qadomim Military camp, where we received a phone call from one of the Israeli Occupation officers demanding us to go there and take the car and that was around 10:00pm”

He also added” we informed complaint department and the red cross, center for prisoners affairs, and the journalists syndicate, that his detention at first was renewed for 11 days till 24/04 and once again in 24/04 for nine days, they continued renewing his arrest more than once without informing anyone of his charges, claiming that his file is secret”.

(26/08)- the Internal Security service in Gaza Strip continued withholding several personal devices that belongs to the journalist Mahmoud Naseem Abu Awwad after releasing him following his imprisonment that lasted for 2days as Abu Awwad reported to MADA “ I was released on 26/08 without being informed of my charges, and that happened after arresting me for a whole month (he was arrested on 24/07), although I wasn’t informed of the following up dates but my personal portable laptop and two mobiles remained confiscated”.

(28/08)- Public Prosecution summoned the journalist Hajar Mohammad Harb (31 years) a journalist at Arabi TV, and directed her with several charges regarding a report she conducted on the corruption of health transfer system, as she reported to MADA “I was called for summon by the public prosecution in Gaza Strip around 10 am on 28/08 around 12:00pm I arrived to their offices accompanied with Al-Mezan Lawyer Mirvat Nahhal where I was informed of five charges including:

- 1) Impersonate, contrary to article 274 of the Penal Code.
- 2) Mug against the Ministry of Health Contrary to Article 201-203, punishable by Article 47 of the Penal Code.
- 3) Dissemination of inaccurate information, regarding corruption in the Ministry of Health, contrary to Article 25-26 of Press and publications Palestinian Law punishable by article 44 of the same law.

4) Imprecision and caution in publishing information that rose grudges against the Ministry of Health contrary to article 48 of the press and publications Law through releasing a report that rose grudges against MOH.

5) accusation of association with a foreign entity to operate, in contrary to articles 10-48 through a media organization has no restrictions in the Gaza Strip through media and government office.

She noted that the multiplicity of the arguments advanced to justify prosecution describing "as issued by the Government Information Office, they filed a complaint against me because I asked to go to the prosecution - which is illogical - In another pretext they claimed that it / it wasn't a complaint but a memorandum directed to the public prosecutor to summon me to identify my sources, another time they claimed (the government Information Office) they accusing me of an unprofessional investigative report, and another one that the Arabi TV channel (owner of the investigation) is not registered with the government Information Office. "

She added "I stayed with the prosecutor till 01:00 pm and released with personal guarantee as I pledged to present myself at their office anytime they summon me, the case has been registered under No. 123/2016 at the prosecution office, that will be transferred to the court, which will officially inform me of the date of the hearing and brought before a judge".

(31/08)- IOF shut down “Al Sanabel” radio station after storming its headquarters in Dura city-Hebron, smashing and confiscating its belongings and equipment, and arresting 5 of its staff as a member of its BoD Wajdy Mohammad Goraz (30years) reported to MADA” around 2:00am of 31/08/2016 a troop of IOF around (15 military jeeps) surrounded the headquarters of Al Sanabel radio station in Dura City Center in Hebron after destructing its front door”.

He also added” the broadcast engineer Hamed Namourah (25years) who was at the headquarters by that time and was arrested, while the director of the channel Ahmad Sameh Darawish (23years) and the announcers Montaser Mohammad Nassar (23years) Nidal Omar (23years) and Mohammad Akram Omran (23years) were all arrested from their houses”.

Goraz clarified” IOF confiscated all equipment that existed in the headquarters including (broadcasting device, mixer, personal computers/4, portable laptops/2, mikes/3, TV screens/2, one router, one fiber device for net) and they destructed all the remained equipment at the headquarters, they hanged an order at the front door of the station after welding the door, that stipulates to shut down the radio station for three months alleging the radio station od receiving funds from Hamas as mentioned in the military order, due to the fact that yesterday we

launched a campaign to rebuild houses of prisoners detained in Israeli prisons (that were demolished in Dura).”

Bayan Jabareen, wife of Muntaser Abdul Kareem Nassar one of the radio station announcers reported to MADA” IOF raided our house (after shutting down the radio station by IOF), although Muntaser was out of the house, they detained all our family members in one room, and the officer asked us where is Muntaser, he informed him that he is not home, and his father due to their request called him, as soon as he arrived (Muntaser) they handcuffed him and entered him into the house and asked him about his personal laptop and mobile, they confiscated them, blindfolded him and arrested him immediately.”

She also added,”that right after raiding the house they searched his room while he wasn’t home”.

Hanadi Rujoub wife of Mohammad Omran reported to MADA” Mohammad was arrested from our house in Durra at around 04:00am today after storing Al Sanbel radio station headquarters, they didn’t search the house or confiscate anything”.

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(01/09)- IOF arrested correspondent of Pelest news agency/ Osama Shahin (34 years) after raiding his house and searching its contents as reported by his wife Shaima’ to MADA “ a troop of IOF stormed our

hour house that is located in Dura, Hebron governorate around 1:00am 01/09/2016, as a large number of IOF stormed the house and started brutally and started messing up its contents, meanwhile Osama was subjected to field investigation (outside the house) for 45 minutes before arresting him”.

She also added, "Now Osama is detained in Ofer detention center, a hearing session was held on Monday, 4/9 on charges of incitement over Facebook, but the trial was postponed to Wednesday, 06/09 where he was sentenced for four months of administrative detention, whilst the court refused to accept the appeal on 23/09 following his administrative detention sentence”.

(01/09)- Internal Security Service arrested the correspondent of The Monitor, and freelance journalist of Arab Netwrok Mohammad Ahmad Othman (29years) after raiding his house and confiscating several belongings and subjected him to torture during investigation after publishing official documents that revealed the existence of a shadow government in Gaza Strip, as he reported to MADA “a large group of Internal security stormed my house around 4:30pm of Thursday 01/09/2016, without introductions they informed me that they have an arrest warrant by the military prosecution, they confiscated my personal laptop, my wife’s laptop as well, besides to my personal mobile (iPhone) and my wife’s Samsung, and another Nokia phone I own, and a

bag that contains documents that belong to my work, and I was taken to the headquarters of the internal security service in Gaza, and from the moment I sat down with the officer for investigation was asked to confess a number of things (that I don't believe they pose any legal problem for the state security services concerning the document I published belonging to Ismail Haniyeh's office. "

he also added" while interrogating me they accessed my accounts on social media sites and acknowledged my resources, I received a very bad treatment, I was also exposed to "shabeh" for a short period, but in a very cruel way, handcuffed from behind".

He said" I was released on the next day (02/09) at around 4:30 pm after signing a pledge stating that I published the first document that has nothing to do with Ismail Hanieh but due to an administrative issues related to the Ministry of Awkaf and religious affairs of Palestine, and the second document that is related to correspondences between governmental bodies (security services) and Non-Governmental bodies, the former prime minister office, they requested me to sign my testimony relating to official documents released, and how I declared the existence of a shadow government in Gaza Strip, they also requested me to follow up with the internal security on 04/09 at 11:00am to return all confiscated belongings, they threatened and warned me to not disclose

any information of the interrogation process otherwise they will ruin my career path in journalism”.²¹

In a later affidavit by Othman” I headed on 04/09 to the headquarters of the internal security service to return all confiscated belongings, I waited at the front gate for 15 minutes, then I was deported inside (ensuring that I am wearing black glasses so I won’t see anything around) and there I waited for 45 minutes, afterwards two officers including one who previously interrogated me on Friday, they interrogated me with a sense of threat and warn regarding my publication (despite the fact of agreeing not to disclose any of the interrogation process, yet I posted on my wife’s facebook some of what I was subjected to during the interrogation, later they demanded me to present myself again on 05/09, they informed me that I will not return any of my belongings under the pretext of exercising libel against them, I presented myself at the headquarters as scheduled on Monday (05/09), the officer who escorted me informed me that they were busy and unavailable and released a decision of returning my belongings, and tried in his conversation to disclose and reveal information regarding my friend, who usually provide me of corruption at the deputy of the ministry of Awqaf and religious affairs, I responded that such information is pretty known for the public and easy to attain, the officer threatened me that he is the one who will force me to confess, he detained me in a long corridor for a

²¹ - A letter addressed to the Ministry of Awqaf by Ismail Haniyeh's office referring him as prime minister noting that date of sending the document was after the formation of a Palestinian unity government as a step to end the Palestinian internal division which reveals a shadow government in Gaza

long period afterwards they returned my confiscated belongings, we noticed that they installed a spy software on my computers and mobile phones”.

(01/09)- Preventive security service detained a financial transfer related to the correspondent of Al Quds press network in Hebron the journalist Yousef Mohammad Faqeeh (31 years) which is his monthly salary from the network, he was summoned and interrogated as he reported to MADA” I went as usual to receive my delayed salary (due to financial crises at the network) from an exchange office as usual due to the fact of absence of a transfer system in banks, hence the worker there informed me that I can’t receive the transfer due to the preventive security service and Palestinian intelligence, as he informed me that preventive security service contacted the currency exchange office and requested him to inform me to follow up with them, hence, I headed to their headquarters at around 12:00 pm of 01/09 and I remained there till 15:00pm, and there we had a regular discussion regarding my work, resources of information, and whether I was inciting against the higher authorities, and I asked them of the reasons of withholding the transfer, he said that it is due to certain issues they want to make sure of first, after the interview they kept my press ID to come back on Sunday 04/09”.

He added in a separate affidavit” as scheduled I headed on Sunday 04/09 they withdrew the transfer in my presence from the exchange office, I

don't know when exactly I will receive the money, but they gave me the press card without informing me of a date to follow up”

In another affidavit to MADA” I managed to receive my transfer after including several mediations, as the whole process was illegal”.

(02/09)- Photographer of (Xinhua) Nidal Shafiq Ishtaieh (46years) injured with a tear gas bomb (a new and hazardous one) in his head shot by IOF while covering a demonstration near Kuffor Qaddoum that resulted in internal bleeding, as he reported to MADA” after ten minutes of the commencement of the weekly demonstration in Kuffor Qaddoum, while covering the incident IOF oppressed and prevented us from filming, after they brought the skunk truck we moved back and stood like 100 meters away from the protestors, afterwards they started shooting tear gas bombs, I was hit in the back of my head I passed out although I was wearing a helmet and I did not wake until I received the treatment at Rafidia Hospital (Nablus), showing a bleeding between the skull and scalp”.

He also added” I was informed by the Red Cross that this type of Gas Is similar to (rocket-bomb) that is banned for usage during such demonstrations, and can only be used in armed conflicts / wars as it can range up to 1000meters as it can be fatal if shot in less than 500meters, and I was the first to be shot by it”.

(02/09)- cameraman of Palestine TV channel Mithqal Fayez Jabr Jayousi (34years) was shot with a rubber bullet by an Israeli soldier directly toward him while covering a demonstration near at Al-Jalazoun refugee camp, as Jabr reported to MADA “I headed with my colleague correspondent of Palestine TV channel Ali Dar Ali, to cover a demonstration at Al- Jalazoun refugee camp, we were prevented by IOF to cover, by forcing us to remain in a spot yet we continued covering the events, at the last minutes and while IOF were withdrawing, one of the soldiers open the jeep’s door and shot me with a rubber bullet that hit me in the right thigh, resulting minor injuries”.

(06/09)- Intelligence at Rafah Crossing detained Nuha Abu Amro a program presenter at Al-Nahar TV Channel, and she was interrogated by the Rafah intelligence regarding a report conducted on bribery practices and corruption to enable people to travel through the crossing she reported to MADA “while I was at Rafah crossing trying to travel as humanitarian situation on Tuesday 06/09, as I used to spent the overnight there maybe I can get the chance to travel, I was summoned by Rafah intelligence and interrogated me regarding my writings for an hour on how I entered the crossing without a previous coordination. Meanwhile I received a very bad treatment I was banned from suing the toilets, despite my health condition, I was detained in the crossing

garden for another hour after the interrogation (at around 02:00am) of 07/09 I was evicted from the crossing with my mother without providing us transportation”.

She added “I was subjected to another interrogation on 07/09 from 09:00am till 16:00 pm(I was exposed to 7 sessions of interrogation at the intelligence headquarters in Rafah and the crossing)during the interrogation they mocked my writings and publications, and warned me to ban me from travel, they also accused me of lying, and insulted me, although I monitored the bad conditions of Palestinians at the crossing who paid bribes to allow them of travel, however they confiscated my mobile which I did not return till now 08/09, I was released at 16:00pm after signing a pledge not to return to the crossing without a previous coordination, and not to attack them in my future writings”.²²

(16/09)- IOF attacked four journalists while covering events in Hebron, and prevented them from covering as Reuter’s photographer Yusri Jamal (41 years) reported to MADA “I headed with my colleagues to cover the

²² Nuha Amr in her affidavit to MADA clarifying what she was exposed to, as in a month ago she was subjected to an interrogation at Abu Khader compound before - which opens once every four months to register those who wish to travel through Rafah crossing- she got a number of (33000), afterwards she headed to officials in the Ministry of interior, and the spokesman on behalf of Hamas Iyad Bazm and explained that she has to travel to meet her husband, but she did not receive any response, she added "that compelled me to request coordination for travel through paying a certain amount of money, yet the coordination was still weak and I could not travel, afterwards and since (3 / 9) I started to head to the crossing with a hope to travel as a humanitarian case my marriage certificate and documents proving that I am a student at the research Institute, but that did not work, I started writing about my suffering and the suffering of Palestinians thus I was detained by the crossing intelligence”.

incident of martyrdom a youth in Tal Rmedah, that happened after IOF surrounded the area “Tal Rmedah”, once IOF noticed that we are there they banned us from covering, we ran to the house of (Imad Abu Shamsieh) who welcomed us, afterwards IOF stormed his house and attacked us all with beatings, whence we ran to the rooftop they started targeting and shooting stun grenades toward us, after we went down stairs they continued attacking us and one of the soldiers hit me on the chest with M16 I remained suffering from the injury for two weeks” he also added” after around an hour IOF withdrew after forcing us to take a mountain road instead of the ordinary one”.

He clarified that the attack included the following journalists: Amer Abedi photographer at Palmedia, Hazem Bader photographer of AFP, Abdelhafith Hashlamoun photographer of EPA.

(16/09)- Palestinian security personnel attacked journalists while covering a demonstration in Jenin and prevented them from coverage and deleted all captured photos of the event, moreover they detained and interrogated one of the journalists as the correspondent of media port Mujahed Mohammad Al Sa'dy (28years) reported to MADA”a demonstration that took place in Jenin on 16/09 organized by Islamic Jihad Movement, Palestinian security personnel attacked all demonstrators including men/ women children, besides to journalists, preventing us from covering”.

He also added” photojournalist Alaa’ Badarneh, Jafar Shtayeh and trans-media photographer Nader Saliba were exposed to beatings, moreover, they inspected Shadi Yaser camera, photographer of trans-media and forced him to delete all captured photos”.

He added” they demanded all journalists to turn off their cameras and evacuate the place, due to the fact that such equipment usually takes time to turn off, hence I couldn’t leave the area fast, hence a policeman hit the electricity generator and cut the live broadcast cables and pushed me and tore my clothes, after an altercation between us he arrested me and took me to Jenin police station and held me there for an hour, during which I was interrogated about the reason for my presence in the demonstration and what I was capturing, I was released after they made sure I did not capture any photos that indicate the suppression of the demonstration”.

Similarly, the correspondent of Media Port (Palestine today) Amon Saleh Alsheikh (27 years) reported to MADA that "after the security services suppressed the demonstration and stopped us all including (Mujahid al-Saadi, Shadi Jara’rah, photographer Ayman Idris, broadcast officer Nader Saliba) on the side of the pedestrian road , once security forces started firing live bullets and tear gas, suddenly a police car headed fast toward us and stood next to the live broadcast camera then approached the crew in an attempt of hitting us with the car, then they started to shouting and preventing us from covering the demonstration,

and threatened us to break down the cameras, after an altercation they arrested Mujahid al-Saadi and left".

(20/09)- IOF arrested the correspondent of Dunia Al Wattan and Ramalla Mix Mussab Qassem Al-Zyoud (27 years) after storming the family house at dawn, searching and confiscating equipment as reported by his brother Ibrahim Al-Zyoud to MADA" a troop of IOF stormed Mussab's house that is located in the village of Al-Sela al Harthia in Jenin governorate at around 04:00 am on 20/09 during an invasion of the village, they asked for Musssab, and forced the family to remain in one room, they entered Mussab's bedroom and searched it carefully, they confiscated several flashes not sure of the exact number, besides two of his mobiles, and the PC ram and its battery, furthermore the exposed Mussab to a field interrogation for half an hour before arresting him and taking him to an unknown destination".

(22/09)- Facebook Company blocked several Palestinian personal pages, and other informative pages related to Palestinian's news agencies and sites, following an Israeli demand, to stop the release of information photos or news related to Israeli Occupation practices through Facebook under the pretext of exercising incitement".

The spokesman of the campaign to stop publishing on Facebook Iyad Abdel-Rahman al-Rifai (24 years), the managing editor of Al Quds Alikhbarieh reported to MADA"Facebook started to monitor Palestinian

personal accounts and pages after the announcement of the Minister of Justice Elite Shaked a meeting of a ministerial delegation from the Israeli government and another from Facebook on 15/09, where we started later (specifically since 22/9) to notice the suppression and narrowing from Facebook company against Palestinians, as they removed posts by Palestinian activists that the term incitement doesn't apply on, similarly the fact of removing a post for an elderly women's ID with an English comment saying that the age of the lady is older than the occupation, published by the activist Qassam Badeer, hence they suspended his account for 24 hours, and informed him that in case of continuing publishing similar posts they will block his account permanently".

He also added" Pages and personal accounts that were filtered and blocked: Palestinian Dialogue Network (PALDF.net) Gaza now, Jerusalem News Network, Shihab agency, Radio Bethlehem 2000, Orient Radio network, page Mesh Heck, Ramallah news, journalist/Huzaifa Jamous from Abu Dis activist Qassam Bedier, activist Mohammed Ghannam, journalist /Kamel Jbeil, administrative accounts for Al Quds Page, administrative accounts Shihab agency, activist Abdel-Qader al-Titi, youth activist Hussein shajaeih, Ramah Mubarak (account is activated), Ahmed Abdel Aal (account is activated), Mohammad Za'anin (still deleted), Amer Abu Arafa (still deleted), Abdulrahman al-Kahlout (still deleted)".

Abdelqader Jaber el Titi (30years) and activist on Facebook reported to MADA” on 22/09 I noticed that several posts were removed from my Facebook account including a post of a martyr and several posts of weapons, they also send me a message from Facebook company notifying me that all deleted posts are inconsistent with Facebook standards and considered as inciting, I was banned from publishing for 24 hours and threatened me in case I kept on publishing similar posts they will block my account permanently”.

The director of the news department at the Shihab agency news, Hussam Ahmad Alzaigh (30 years) in his affidavit to MADA "Facebook management closed on Friday (23/9) personal pages of all Shehab agency employees; five, including me (my account was suspended after three hours) they banned our pages without any previous warning and without any alerts”.

He added "after following up with Facebook management, we returned the banned pages after less than 24 hours, following the suspension we received an apology issued by Facebook administration informing Shihab agency and Al-Quds network after suspending their admins for a temporary period due the large number of reports against these sites. Currently Shihab agency page is working".

Qassam Reyad Baddir (28 years) a Facebook activist reported to MADA” Facebook suspended my personal account after warning me

that I infringed facebook policies and rules, hence usage of Facebook will be suspended for 24 hours, meanwhile I will be banned from publishing or commenting over Facebook, in case infringement of the rules is repeated they will block my account permanently”.

He also added” this suspension took place after publishing a photo on Facebook an ID that belongs to an elderly woman with an English comment that she is older than Israel, this post got 3000 likes and 1800share, as previously I posted a photo for old Palestinian people holding titles to real property of their lands”.

❖ *October 2016*

(02/10)- Preventive security service, and Palestinian intelligence service summoned the editor and announcer in “Alhurrieh- local Radio” Muhammad Saeed Jahabsheh (32 years) more than once, they also interrogated him and detained him till midnight once, as he reported to MADA” I was handed a written summon by preventive security service in Hebron city to present myself at their headquarters on 02/10, yet I didn’t comply, as the Palestinian journalist syndicate informed me not to go, based on a previous agreement between the syndicate and the public prosecution to not prosecute journalists, despite that on 05/10 I received a phone call by the intelligence service in Hebron to present myself at their headquarters, when I replied that the syndicate informed me not to, the officer replied if you did not present yourself we will bring you, hence I informed my director and the syndicate what happened”.

He also added” this was repeated on 16/10, as I was informed through my neighbor (an officer at the Palestinian Intelligence) that Abu Rajab the officer in charge of the intelligence service in Hebron, wants to talk to me for ten minutes, therefore I called him, he asked me not to inform the syndicate, and I headed to the headquarter”.

He also added ”when I reached the intelligence headquarter the officers at the front door took my mobile and ID, and once I asked them about Abu Rajab they denied the name, I received a bad and humiliating treatment, as I stayed there two hours without anyone talking to me, I was transferred to several places they interrogated me for ten minutes

only, on the same subject of my previous arrest by the preventive security service in July, after receiving and withholding all my belongings they handcuffed me, and presented me to the medical inspection, afterwards, I was detained in a room, once I asked for a cup of water they transferred me to a cell for half an hour, until my boss Ayman Qawasmi show up at the headquarter, and talked to the intelligence officer in charge I was released around 12:00am”.

(04/10)- Palestinian security, banned journalists from covering a demonstration that took place in Ramallah, as correspondent of Palestine today Jihad Ibrahim Barakat (26 years) reported to MADA”I headed with some colleagues including journalists (Shasha news website photographer Iyad Abu Shalbak, Mahmoud Al-Sa’dy and Naela Khalil from Al-Araby Al Jadeed, Saed Hewari Reuters photographer and photographer Issam Rimawi at Al Hayat Al jadedda), to cover a demonstration in Ramallah city center around 5:00pm, a pro- Fatah demonstration started at al Manarah square, and the another one organized by activists that was supposed to start at Arafat square near al Manarah square”.

Barakat added ”after I headed to Arafat square I was banned from covering the demonstration, as a person headed toward me, in civilian clothes, and asked me to hand him my mobile, as he wanted to check what I previously captured, noting that by that time I didn’t capture

anything yet, when the argument escalated three others (also in civilian clothes), one of them claimed that he saw me interviewing someone who claimed of being beaten by security services, they left me after some colleagues intervened, they also banned a colleague of mine, photographer of Shasha news Iyad Abu Shalbak from covering the demonstration, and confiscated the camera memory card o by someone in civilian clothes and did not return it even after the demonstration”.

(04/10)- IOF detained (54 journalists males/females) during a tour organized by the Ministry of Information in the Jordan Valley area (Ein Alsakut) and prevented them from completing interviews with farmers, as IOF claimed that this prevention was based on a fact that journalists accessed a restricted zone, noting that the zone was recovered through a decision of the Israeli occupation court, according to the spokeswoman on behalf of the Palestinian Ministry of Information Nida’ Yousef Younis (39 years) who reported to MADA that "the Ministry of Information organized a tour to the northern Jordan Valley area (Tubas, Ein Alsakut) 3,400 acres, that have been recovered under a judicial warrant issued by an Israeli court for the benefit of the Palestinian farmers, after the Israeli occupation confiscated it in 1967, during the tour journalists were detained by IOF claiming it is an Israeli territory.

She added” following the Israeli court issued the decision of returning the land, we at Ministry of Information organized a tour, with a

participation of 54 journalists, rather than other representatives of media outlets and international organizations, who aimed to interview farmers in the area, once we reached there we were banned to take the main street, we were forced to take an impassable road filled with thorns, Israeli patrol headed toward us, near Ain Alsakut (at the water spring) and prevented journalists from covering, correspondent of Palestine TV Maysa Ayyad and another journalist (I could not identify) they were pushed in order to prevent them from filming, moreover, IOF filmed all participants in the tour and held the identities of the two guides who took part in the tour and held the license and Identities of the bus drivers, and when we tried to leave the place the patrols prevented us; and took our identities and threatened us to copy the IDs and call the Israeli police, on the grounds that we accessed a restricted zone, and after 3 hours of detention we informed the Palestinian liaison who intervened hence, an Israeli officer gave us our IDs as an exchange to leave the place immediately”.

(09/10)- cameraman of “AP” agency Majdi Mohammed Shtayyeh (34year) was injured with a rubber bullet in his back fired by an Israeli soldier while he was covering the arrest of a citizen in the town of Al-Ram (north of Jerusalem), as he reported "I went to the town of Al-Ram to cover the events that followed the martyrdom of Musbah Abu Sabih who carried out an operation in Jerusalem, as Israeli forces arrested his

father, and while I was covering the arrest soldiers told me more than once to stay away from the place while insulting me, and when I moved away upon their request a soldier shot me with a rubber bullet that injured me between my left shoulder and back”.

He also added” after I received first aid in an ambulance while heading to Ramallah hospital, I got an x-ray and diagnosed with superficial injuries, hence I left the hospital in a short period”.

(13/10)- the Palestinian Preventive security service arrested the photographer of Ramsat Agency Nidal Asmar Al Natsheh (28 years) after raiding his house, searching and confiscating some devices, that happened after summoning him and raiding his office at Ramsat Agency as Al-Natsheh reported to MADA” I was arrested from my house after raiding and searching it around 10:00pm of Thursday 13/10 during the raid they confiscated my personal laptop, four flashes, 3 hard desks, and several old books and journals, I was escorted to the headquarters of the preventive security service in Hebron, they interrogated me on reports claiming that preventive security service received information claiming that I am working at Al Aqsa channel, whence I clarified that I am working at Ramsat that provides services for several media outlets and channels including Al Aqsa”.

He also added” on Sunday 15/10 I was presented to the public prosecutor office based on charges of lengthening tongue and mug

(criticizing officials in a harsh way), following my posts on social media particularly Facebook, I was exposed to four interrogation sessions during the first three days of my arrest, and then I was detained in a cell, I wasn't exposed to any humiliating treatment or beatings, on Thursday 20/10 I was released on bail, after 7 days of arrest, under a condition to present myself at the preventive security service headquarters on 23/10, hence, I went as scheduled waited for four hours without interrogation, then they set another date to follow up on Tuesday 25/10".

He added" I was surprised that my manager (Ghazi Abu Jyab) informed me that working with the agency as a/former political detainee/ constitutes danger to the interests of the agency, hence I was orally terminated, although the interrogation basically focused on my work at the agency, hence I requested a written termination document clarifying termination reasons".

Lina Ismael Al-Wawi his fiancée reported in previous statement to MADA that Al Natsheh received on the afternoon of 10/10 a summon to follow up with the preventive security on the next day at 10:00, and when Al-Natsheh followed up with the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate they recommended him not to go on basis of a previous agreement between them and the general prosecution, she said that preventive security service raided his office on Thursday 13/10, as he wasn't in office they raided his house and arrested him there".

(16/10)- IOF force stormed Infinity Printing house, and searched it and confiscated several equipment and devices, disrupting their work, as Waseem Rashad Qawasmi (25years) an employee at the printing house, reported to MADA “a troop of IOF stormed the printing house located in Hebron, Al-Salam street, around 01:00am on Sunday 16/10 as the soldiers where almost going to explode the electronic front door, our neighbors contacted us and we came immediately and opened the door”. He also added ”IOF entered the premises allowing only one of the employees to join them; which was my colleague Mutaz Al Jubeh , they confiscated 4 personal MAC computers that belong to the designing department, and all hard desks (15), they also tried to confiscate a Xerox Machine we bought two weeks ago that costed around 200 thousand dollars, when my colleague Mutaz tried to thwart them, they confiscated several pieces of the machine which disrupted using it, they also confiscated several pieces of the outdoor, indoor machine, which suspended the work of the printing house, they searched the place in a subversive way and left around 03:30”.

He also added” this is the third time IOF confiscate equipment from the printing house since two years, and never restored the confiscated materials although we sued them”.

(18/10)- the Palestinian preventive Security service in Qalqilia city (north of West Bank) summoned the correspondent of Anatolia news

agency in Ramallah Qais Omar – Abu Samra (36years) (live in Qalqilia) as he reported to MADA”I received a written summon by the preventive security service demanding me to present myself to their office in Qalqilia, but I did not comply following an agreement between the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate with the general prosecution and this is where it ended”.

(19/10)- Bar Association guard in Gaza attacked the distributor of Al-mojtama newspaper Shadi Swerki (33years) allegedly that the newspaper spread false news, as the editor in chief of the newspaper Mufeed Ahmad Abu Shamalleh (46 years) reported to MADA “ the newspaper distributor Shadi Swerki on 19/10 was exposed to an attack by the bar association guard in Gaza while distributing free newspaper, as the guard demanded him to take the newspaper and leave, Swerki replied that he is doing his job otherwise he will be subjected to questioning and accountability, the guard responded that this newspaper distribute false news, he throw it on the ground, and hold a chair threatening to hit Swerki on the head, when a policeman intervened to stop him”.

He also added” we didn’t receive any previous objection regarding the information we released in our newspaper, noting that in the last four months we released reports related to the recent events that occurred; reports that included affidavits the commission of the bar association

requested from the board who refused to submit, although we managed to monitor and record these affidavits and publish them, yet the bar association never complained or objected back then”.

(20/10)- Internal security service in Gaza summoned the program presenter of Al- Nahar TV Nuha Abu Amro, interrogated her and confiscated her mobile, as she reported to MADA “I was summoned by the internal security service, through a phone call to follow up with them on Thursday’s afternoon (20/10), when I told them that I won’t show up unless they send an official document, they sent an official warrant hence I headed to their headquarters around 17:00 on the same day, they interrogated me regarding recent communications between me and Fatah leaders and Mahmoud Abbas office recently to help me solve my problem to travel out of Gaza, the interrogator said that they are deceitful and I should stay away from them (Fatah and Mahmoud Abbas office), during the interrogation they confiscated my mobile, I left their office at 21:00 but my mobile was still withheld, until next Saturday where I presented myself for another interrogation session, that did not differ in content, except mocking me that I am not a journalist, they returned my mobile, but it seemed that they accessed my Facebook account and my personal conversations, and I left”.

(22/10)- the Palestinian Intelligence service arrested the cameraman of Al quds Educational Channel in Jenin, Mahmoud Mattar Milhem (27years) for five days, when he went to receive a” non- criminal certificate” from ministry of interior, as he reported to MADA “ on 22/10 I headed to the ministry of interior to receive a non- criminal certificate, when they informed me that I have a set up meeting with the intelligence service, on the same day I went to the intelligence headquarters and was detained for five days, they informed me that I am detained under the jurisdiction of the governor for 15 days”.

He also added ”I was interrogated for three sessions each day, and the last two days they interrogated me regarding the nature of my job as a journalist, and then I was released on Wednesday 26/10 around 19:00, after the intervention of Palestinian journalist syndicate and other human rights bodies”.

He added” I received a good treatment except that I was banned from calling my family, as the intelligence officer informed me that they already contacted my family that I was arrested which did not happen”.

(30/10)- IOF banned Wissam Abdelhafith Hashlamoun (21years) photographer of “AP” agency and his father abdulhafith Al Hashlamoun the photographer of European Agency on 30/10 of covering events that took place in Beit Ommar village (north of Hebron) as Wisam

Hashlamoun reported to MADA” my father Abdulhafith Hashlamoun and I headed to cover incidents erupted in Beit Ommar as IOF claimed a youth tried to ran (by his car) over three soldiers, when we tried to enter the village they banned, searched us and withheld our IDs and detained us for ten minutes and then we were released”.

❖ *November 2016*

(03/11)- IOF arrested the journalist and researcher on settlements **Khalid Amin Ma’ali** (49years) from Salfet city (North of West Bank) after raiding his house over alleged of exercising incitement on Facebook, as his wife Afaf Ma’ali reported to MADA “IOF raided our house that is located in Salfet at 02:00 am on Thursday 3/11 and searched and confiscated his personal mobile, arresting him and escorting him to Ara’el settlement and then to Huwara detention center and then to Mjjedo Prison”.

She also added “they interrogated Khalid on suspects of engaging in incitement exercises on Facebook, they also interrogated him regarding 4 personal photographs, and a picture of Al-Aqsa mosque, considering it as inciting photos, although Khalid refuted and ensured that he is doing is out of the norm of his work as a journalist, and it is far to consider as inciting, and that everything he publishes is legal and fells under profession standards”.

She also pointed out that “at first Majeddo prison refused to receive him, due to his health conditions (heart disease and eye problems) hence, he was transferred to Beilinson hospital after Subjected to medical examination (he was transferred again to Majeddo prison), he was released on 14/11/2016 on parole not to engage in any media activity for a period of a month, and paying a 7000 shekels bail (1,832\$), and returned his confiscated computer”.

(07/11)- IOF Stormed Press “Al Taj” printing house in Al Fawar refugee camp (south of West Bank) and confiscated many of its equipment and destructing some of it, as Mohammad Abdul Fatah Rasras (57years) father of Abdalla Rasras who owns the printing house, reported to MADA “At the dawn of 7/11 a troop of IOF stormed Al Taj printing house, in al fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron, they broke the front door of the printing house and other entrances of other shops, and started searching the place”.

He explained that he lives in a house above the shops and the printing house owned by his son, and he went to the soldiers when they stormed the shops and the printing house, they dragged me out of the printing house and began to break down all the machines and equipment before they started to confiscate and load a truck they brought, they confiscated a withdrawn machine, photocopier machine, and colored photocopier, a computer, and posters printing machine, and left after an hour” he added

that “the value of the destruction in the printing house is estimated by 35-40 thousand shekels”.

(08/11)- Palestinian intelligence in Hebron summoned photographer and reporter of Al Quds News Network and Hebron Radio **Musab Abdul Samad al-Tamimi**, (26year), and interrogated him about his work, where Al-Tamimi reported to MADA "I was summoned on Tuesday (8/11) over the phone by Palestinian intelligence agency in Hebron to attend to the headquarters of the intelligence in the next day (Wednesday) at ten in the morning, and after communicating with the journalists' syndicate who informed me that I should comply, as they are not able on their part to solve the subject, accordingly I went on Wednesday, and stayed in the intelligence headquarters about three hours, my interrogation revolved around my work as a journalist in the network, the sources of my information, how I publish news, the way I receive my salary, and about those who I informed regarding the summon, I left around 13:00pm”.

(09/11)- Israeli occupation forces arrested Ramsat agency cameraman **Nidal Asmar AlNatsheh** (28 years) after raiding his house and confiscated two mobiles, he reported to MADA” Israeli occupation forces arrested me from my house that is located in the city of Hebron at dawn of 9/11 after they confiscated two mobiles, They took me to the

Department of interrogation in / Petah Tikva /, and remained detained in solitary cell until 17/11 and during this period I was interrogated during the first two days and the last two days of the period of detention regarding a film I produced before a year and a half about the situation of Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike and forced feeding ".

He added” They focus during the investigation on / who funded the production of the film/, noting that I produced this film on a personal effort by me and my friends without any external funding. I was released after they make sure that I did not receive any funding for the production of the film, they returned my phones only my ID remained impounded and the officer informed me to take it from the Red Cross”.

(16/11)- IOF stormed Media program for health development office in Ramallah after smashing the front door of the office, and pampering destructing its contents, and confiscating some of it as reported by the financial manager of the office **Walid Izat Kamel** (49 years) to MADA center “ a troop of IOF consisting of eight jeeps, raided media program for health development office in the middle of Ramallah City at 02:00am of Wednesday, smashing the front door of the building and bombing the officer door, and searched the office brutally and smashed the wooden doors of the office, They also ruined the gypsum walls and confiscated three Hard-desk, two servers, and a recording device for cameras, they left after about two hours of inspections and sabotage”.

(17/11)- IOF attacked more than 9 journalists with beating and tear gas bombs and pepper spray as a try to ban them from covering a peaceful demonstration organized in Jordan valley area against settlements and demolishing Bedouin houses as AP cameraman **Majdy Mohammad Ishtaieh** (34 years) reported to MADA “I headed with a bunch of my colleagues including (Mohammad Turkman, Saed Hwari, photographer in Reuters, and Abbas Mounni AFP photographer, Feras Lutfi Sky News reporter, Abdulrahman Khabisa Sky Newscameraman, Hafeth Abu Sabra reporter of Roy’a TV, its cameraman Mohammad Abu Shousheh, and Khaled Sabarneh IRIB photographer) on 17/11 in the morning to the northern area of Jordan Valley to cover a peaceful demonstration against the continuity of settlements and demolishing Bedouins tents and homes, as the Committee of the Popular Resistance erected a tent named it after the village “Yaser Arafat” near the white spring close to the Bedouin area near the northern Jordan valley, noting that there were a settler near the place, afterwards the demonstrators started putting (Palestinian) flags on the settlers tents, while clashes took place between the settlers and the demonstrators, and after half an hours IOF came and started separation between the Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli settlers, they gave us (the journalists) half an hour to leave the place and threatened to oppress us if we didn’t comply, in half an hour the protestors brought lunch meals for everyone, meanwhile, IOF

started shooting stun grenade and tear gas bombs towards everyone, and beating demonstrators, and when we (journalists/ photographers) distanced from the place in order to cover the clashes, IOF turned from assaulting the demonstrators to beating and hitting us and started targeting us with stun grenade and tear gas bombs to force us to stay away from the place, and pushed us out of the place and spraying us with pepper on the journalists faces, and these attacks lasted for more than half an hour”. (copy of Wattan report on the incident)²³

(18/11)- IOF detained freelance photojournalist **Hamza Burnat** (24 years) and banned him from covering the weekly peaceful demonstration in Bel’en village west of Ramallah, as he reported to MADA” while I was covering the weekly demonstration in Bel’en on Friday 18/1, and while I was filming it an Israeli soldier headed toward me banning me from covering, I demanded him to hand me an official order emphasizes the ban of covering in this area, which provoked him hence he detained me for an hour, and banned me from covering, and when the demonstration was over, I was released although I was subjected to cursing and improper words”.

(18/11)- Palestinian Police in Gaza detained the reporter of Palestine Today TV, **Alaa’ Abdulaziz Salameh** (33years) and cut off the live

²³ <http://www.wattan.tv/video/191443.html>

broadcast of a football game, as he reported to MADA” I was detained by Palestinian Police in Gaza on 18/11, I was stopped from live broadcasting of football game in Rafah City, and that happened based on a complaint filed by Mousa Zatma (lieutenant in the police service) accusing me of exploitation / after I interviewed him during August on the subject of municipal elections”.

Salameh clarified” I was detained following this complaint based on an arrest warrant to be presented to the public prosecutor office, when I headed to the police station, in Rafah I was detained, and released on bail through two of my colleagues, and come back to the public prosecutor’s office next Sunday, when I went back I learned that they closed the case due to waiver of the complaint”.

(20/11)- Israeli Occupation Intelligence summoned program manager of Al Quds TV, **Nawaf Ibrahim Al Amer** (54 years) as he reported to MADA” On 10/11at night I received a phone call by a person presented himself as Captain Jalal, from Israeli Intelligence, informed me that he was responsible of arresting my son from the house, and informed me that he wants to see me, I enquired if it’s an arrest or only interrogation/chat, he informed me that it’s just a chat, I headed the other day on 21/11 to Huwara military camp, but while I was heading to the intelligence headquarters, I received a phone call by the same captain saying that he won’t be able to meet me today, hence I returned”.

(22/11)- IOF banned a group of journalists (5 journalists) to cover the killing of a young man shot dead by the IOF at a military checkpoint near Qalandiya refugee camp, where TV correspondent of “Al- Ghad” Dia’ **Ahmad Houshia** (33years) reported to MADA " IOF prevented us from covering the incident of martyrdom of Jihad Khalil at Qalandiya checkpoint on 22/11, where soldiers stop us and they covered the cameras and prevented us from filming or coverage" .

He pointed out that this affected a group of journalists, including: AP photographer Imad Saeed, al-Hayat Al-Jadidah newspaper photographer Issam Rimawi, and Reuters cameraman Saed Houari, photographer of "Wafa" agency Bahaa Nasr.

(23/11)- Israeli military court in Ofer (near Ramallah) renewed administrative detention against journalist **Omar Nazzal**, a member of the Secretariat of the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate for the second time in a row for a period of one month after ending his detention period, where, his wife Marilyn Nazzal reported to MADA "On (23/11) the Ofer Israeli military court in Ofer renewed Omar administrative detention for another month, noting that he ended his detention today, he was expecting to be released. The court approved that this sentence is not subjected to renewal, hence he is supposed to be released on 24/12/2016”.

(23/11)- IOF raided Asayel Yafa printing house, smashed its front door, and searched and confiscated many of its contents and three Jordanian passports,, as the owner of Asayel Yafa company for printing and advertising, Saber Mohammad Ali (41 years) reported to MADA “at around 02:15am of 23/11 I received a phone call from the neighbors’ of the printing house (that is located in Qalqilia, Nablus street, near the interior ministry) informing me that a large troop of IOF, estimated by 13 military jeeps, stormed the printing house and broke its main four front doors, hence I headed to the place, although I stayed far as I was forbidden by the IOF from getting close to the printing house, hence they surrounded the place, imposed security prevention in the area”. He also added” I asked the soldiers to speak with the officer in charge, 10 minutes later he did not ask for my ID or my name ever after he learned that I am the owner of the printing house”." .

He added ”The soldiers remained in the printing house until 5:00am apparently they caused wide damages, during the inspection process, also they confiscated 5 Hard-Desks, digital photocopier machine that cost 6,000 shekels, 7 flashes business documents/ files saved on it worth 5800 NIS, and also confiscated three Jordanian passports, and when I followed up with the Palestinian liaison in order to restore what has been confiscated and the private passports they denied (IOF), confiscating or even seeing them”.

(23/11)- IOF Stormed "**world of innovation**" printing house in Bab Alzawieh, after smashing the front door and inspected and ruined some of its contents and confiscated many of the equipment, documents and files where the owner of the printing house Raed Othman Musleh, (41years), reported to MADA "at about 12:10 am after midnight on 23/11 a troop of IOF stormed the printing house (printing house is located in the town of Zawieh west of Salfeet), where they smashed the front door and entered the printing house". .

He added "I learned about the raid after an acquaintance who was passing by chance from the place, and when I went there around a quarter to one, in the morning I could not find anyone, IOF left the place. I found out that they decoded the computer device, and inspected all paper files, the photocopied the designs book that contains 100 design, I noticed after I checked the surveillance cameras and watched everything happened, they also confiscated two Hard desk, and a book of customer accounts, in addition to the memory stick 1000 GB contain about 10,000 design note that the value of each design is not less than 100 shekels".

He also added" I filed a complaint through the Palestinian liaison office but received no reply".

(29/11)- Palestinian security prevented crew of **Al Ghad TV** coverage of the Seventh Conference of the Fatah movement and distanced them twice from the venue of the conference and its surroundings, where the correspondent of Al-Ghad Daa' Ahmed Houshieh (33year) reported to MADA "at about 9:30 in the morning of 29/11 me and my colleague Munther al-Khatib 31years, cameraman of the channel, in order to cover Fateh seventh Conference, and before I could enter into the provincial (Mukata'a) the presidential guard came and threatened us, demanding us to stay away from the place, otherwise we will be punished, allegedly that the broadcast car is not registered within the press crews to cover the conference, as one intelligence agent came and told me that our names (me and my colleague) is not included in the media lists, and that I have to go, otherwise he will be forced to talk to me in different way." He added" we were distanced from the area, and parked near KFC restaurant (that is located 100-150Meters far from the provincial, after 14:00pm a force of the presidential Guards informed us to leave the entire region, and we go to Almanarah square (center of Ramallah)" He also added" What happened targeted Al Ghad crew, where it was allowed for all other media staff, including, for example, Al-Aqsa TV as well as Israeli journalists, I also contacted the coordinator of press crews Mohammed Steih and I asked him about the reason to preventing us from covering the conference, but I did not get an answer to my question".

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(02/12)- Israeli Occupation Police arrested “Aljazeera Net” photographer Iyad Salman Altawil (27 years) and transferred him from Jerusalem old city, for 15 days as he reported to MADA” after the Friday prayer on 02/12, I was arrested by Israeli Police at Al Qattaneen gate, it seemed that they were waiting for me, as it happened before that I was arrested and exiled from Al Aqsa mosque more than once”.

He also added “I was informed by the Israeli police that they are attempting to exile me from Al Aqsa mosque, and I was taken to Beit al-Yaho police station in the Old City, after three hours I was transferred to Al- Qashleh interrogation center, and there I was interrogated for about three hours, on my work as a journalist and photographing in Jerusalem, afterwards I was informed that based on the material they have I will be exiled from the Old City of East Jerusalem for a period of 15 days, I was detained there till the next day around 15:00pm, as the prosecutor ratified the decision of exiling me of the Old City/ East Jerusalem for 15 days”.

(04/12)- Israeli Occupation Authorities renewed the detention of journalist Adeeb Barakat Al Atrash (26 years) for the third time in a row, as his brother reported to MADA “on 14/12 a decision of renewing

the administrative detention of Adeeb for the third time for a period of three months, on 13/12 he was presented before the Supreme court of Jerusalem, which decided the renewing of his administrative detention will be for the last time a period of 3 months, on 17/12 a hearing took place to confirm the decision, another court date for the appeal has not yet been determined, and once Adeeb completes this period of detention, it is supposed that he will be released on 18/03”.

(05/12)- Israeli Occupation Police summoned the videographer and producer of “Elia media press office” Yasmin Mohammad Adeily (22years) and interrogated her regarding her work, and the media institution she works at, as she reported to MADA” I received a phone call by the Israeli Occupation Police, on 05/12 afternoon, requesting me to present myself after one hour at Al Masqubieh (room 4) police station in Jerusalem, I went and waited till an officer showed and started interrogating me and directed question regarding the institution I work at, and nature of it workof, if the institution is affiliated to any political party, and if they have any relations with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and who is our general manager, they displayed a photo of the General Manager Ahmad Al Safady, where the officer asked me to sign on it, and to sign my testimony before I left the place”.

(08/12)- Israeli Occupation police and intelligence raided “Elia media press office”, that is located in Salah Al Deen St. in East Jerusalem, in the morning of 08/12, searched and confiscated equipment, files, and detained the photojournalist Lama Hani Abu Ghousheh (24 years) interrogated and detained her at Al Maskubieh police station till noon, besides, they interrogated her colleague Yasmin Adeily (22 years), as the general manager Ahmad Safady (44 years) reported to MADA” an Israeli officer at the Israeli intelligence called and asked me to present myself at Elia Office to open the front door, as both journalists Lama Abu Ghosheh and Yasmin Edeily were in the field covering a media activity near the office headquarter as the office was closed, but they (Israeli police, and Intelligence) found both journalists (Yasmin and Lama) and took them to the office, they smashed the front door, stormed the office, searched the it and confiscated three personal computer and several new and old administrative and financial folders and reports, and the checks and the institution stamp in addition to several brochures and reports of the institution, they arrested Lama after they finished searching and confiscating the office and left”.

He also added” in the same day I received a phone call by the Israeli Intelligence informing me that I am requested to present myself for interrogation, I refuted to oblige unless they sent me an official warrant”. Lama Abu Ghosheh stated to MADA that a troop of Israeli Police were presented near the Institution that is located in Salah Al Deen St. in East

Jerusalem, at the afternoon of 08/12, while me and my colleague Yasmin Eidely were covering events near the place, once Israeli intelligence noticed us near the place and took us to the office to witness the search operation, the smashed the front door and searched the institution and confiscated personal computers, in addition to other official documents relating to the internal policy of the institution and other financial documents and budgets of the projects and the institution stamp, after an hour they returned Yasmin's ID and released her, and took me to Al Maskubieh, and there I was interrogated regarding the institution and if it has any political affiliation, and who determines the work we do, I remained under detention till 17:00pm”.

(08/12)- Israeli Occupation Authorities renewed the detention of Hasan Ghassan Safady (4years) media officer at Al-Dameer (Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association); for 6 months as reported by his sister Ghadeer Al Safady to MADA center “It was supposed that Hassan will be released on 08/12 as he finished his administrative detention decision a period of six months, but it was renewed for another six months, noting that a hearing court was set to confirm the decision during 48 hours but it was postponed till Wednesday 21/12”²⁴

²⁴ Israeli Occupation Authorities arrested information Officer at Al-Dameer, Hasan Safady on 01/05, on his way heading back from Jordan after a detention that lasted 40 days he was transferred for administrative detention for a period of 6 months that ended on 08/12 were it was renewed.

(13/12)- A troop of Israeli Occupation Forces raided “Zuwar for advertising” printing house, in Hebron after smashing its front door and confiscating several equipment and contents, as the owner of the printing house Sameh Walid Al Ju’beh (26 years) reported to MADA” a troop of Israeli Occupation forces stormed the headquarters of Zuwar printing house that is located in the University neighborhood in Hebron city, and smashed the front door and confiscated 6 personal computers and 8 USB’s in addition to all official documents, the value of the material losses is estimated by 35000 shekels (about 9,162\$)”.

He added “we didn’t learn about the storm until the next day Tuesday in the morning, whence we headed to the printing house as usual and found a paper hanged on the door saying that (the army was here and confiscated computers) and according to the camera records it appeared that they stayed at the printing house for around half an hour”.

(13/12)- Israeli Occupation Authorities continued the prosecution of reporters of Al Aqsa Channel Alaa’ Jaber Al Titi (34 years) and Mustafa Khawaja (31 years) under the allegation that they are working in a prohibited channel, as a hearing was held on 13/12 for them both, as Al Titi reported to MADA “ on 13/12 at 14:00pm a hearing was held for both me and my colleague Mustafa Khawaja in Ofer prison court, and they postponed the hearing till 14/02/2017 to listen to the witnesses who were the investigating officers who interrogated us previously, and the

court was about to open a file on the grounds that we provide services for a hostile party (Al Aqsa Channel) but we refused it as the prohibition order against Al Aqsa Channel was issued after we were arrested”.

(15/12)- Israeli Occupation Authorities renewed the administrative detention of Omar Nazzal (54 years) general secretariat member of Palestinian Journalist Syndicate for the fourth time in a row, for three months as his wife Marylin Rabadi reported to MADA” on 15/12 a decision was issued to extend the administrative detention of Omar for another 3 months for the fourth time respectively, through a military order yet the order was supposed to be ratified through the court on 25/12, but it was postponed till 02/01/2017, supposedly to install the administrative detention order for a period of two months till 20/02/2017 a final essential non-extended order”.²⁵

(15/12)- Palestinian police in Gaza Strip summoned freelance journalist Hani Ashraf Abu Rezeq (23 years) and detained and interrogated him in regards to a report he conducted for Al -Hayat Al-Jadidah newspaper, and forced him to remove it from his Facebook account, as Abu Rezeq reported to MADA “I received a phone call by the general director of the investigative unit in the police in Gaza Strip, on 16:30pm of 15/12

²⁵ Noting that Ofer military court renewed the decision of administrative detention for a period of a month after he finished his previous period of arrest and it was installed as a final non-renewable decision, accordingly he was supposed to be released on 24/12/2016 but the Occupation military court pre-empted that with a new extended order of arrest on 14/12/2016.

asking me to head directly to Al Zaytoun police station, when I told him I want oblige unless I received an official warrant, he said he can send an official warrant with a police petrol to take me from the house, hence, I preferred to go by myself, and I headed to Al-Zaytoun police station, after I informed the newspaper I work at and the Palestinian journalists syndicate, and when I arrived and asked about the person who called me earlier I was informed that he wasn't there by that time, I was located in the prisoners hall, and then locked me in a room similar to a cage, when I objected he said/ come before I punch you in the face and press your eye glasses in your face, later an hour or so and after confiscating my cellphone, they took me by a military jeep from the Arafat police city formerly and currently is the passport center, and there I met him, he was checking my page on Facebook and asked me about the last report I wrote entitled / killed Al- Sahlab vendor /, he said that in the report I accused the police of killing Al Sahlab vendor I told him, I've prepared the report based on interviews and testimonies of the people, and I also included the police opinion in the report, but Al- Hayat newspaper removed this part for matters concerning their policy where they don't recognize Hamas authority".

He also added "after an hour of interrogation he informed me that I won't be arrested in case I removed the report from my account on Facebook, and publishing a clarification, afterwards he received a phone call and I was asked to leave the room, and then he came and informed

me to just remove the report without posting a clarification, I removed the report from my page on Facebook, and was released at 19:00pm, generally their treatment was bad and interspersed cursing but without any physical abuse”.

(15/12)- The internal security in Gaza Strip, arrested Yousef Mohammad Hussein Fares (30 years), teacher and freelance journalist (working with the Lebanese news journal, and the chief editor in Naba’ press agency) and confiscated several devices, after raiding his house in Jebalia/ Gaza Strip, on the back of posts on Facebook, as he reported to MADA ”I received several uncovered threats regarding my posts on Facebook, on 15/12 afternoon I was arrested after I finished my work at school, as two personnel were presented at the entrance of the school, and once they saw me, one of them asked me to sit in the car to talk, and when I entered the car he informed me that I am under arrest by the north internal security in Gaza Strip, he responded my inquiry to arrest me after the students leave and far from the school”.

He added ”they headed to my house in the eastern of Jabalia, where I was detained in the car and they search my house, and confiscated my car, and my laptop and cellphone, passport and personal camera, and other books and articles, and then they took me to the internal security center in the north of Gaza, where they interrogated me regarding my political views in Syrian events, and the sources of funding I receive, I

responded that it's the monthly salary I receive on my work as a journalist, they also asked me about my travels where and with who I met (I clarified that all were related figures of my work in media), they asked me to provide them my Facebook and e-mail password, when I refused they threatened me to use violence, although my accounts were accessible on my cellphone, but the officer wasn't convinced until I gave him the passwords and changed it, (later I managed to obtain it with the help of some friends), I left the headquarters around 17:00pm without any guarantees, but they didn't return any of my confiscated belongings, and was supposed to be back to return them in Sunday 18/12, but so far I didn't".

(23/12)- Three journalists were injured and suffocated, by IOF targeting and shooting stun grenade and tear gas bombs, during a peaceful march in Bethlehem during Christmas eve, as Mohammad Radi Shusheh (34 years), the cameraman and director in Roya Jordanian TV, reported to MADA "I headed to cover the march of Santa Clause, that started after Friday prayer near Karitas hospital in Bethlehem on Christmas, right near the check point (300) on the way to Jerusalem, which Palestinians are banned to enter without a permit, where IOF started shooting stun grenade and tear gas bombs, to separate the demonstration which ended with the injury of 4 journalists including a foreigner journalists who I don't know".

He added” while I was interviewing a citizen at around 14:00 pm, I didn’t notice a stun grenade (it contained metal), that targeted me and fell between my legs, it caused me burns / second level/ I received the needed medical treatment in the field then I was transferred to Al Hussein Hospital”.

Iyad Nemer Hamad (58 years) AP photographer, reported to MADA “that while he was covering the same demonstration with the slogan of “Freedom of belief”, IOF started shooting stun grenade and tear gas bombs, against the civilians and journalists indiscriminately, that led of me suffocating after shooting two tear gas bombs both on the left and right, where I didn’t have any other place to run, I received field medical treatment for a small period”.

Cameraman of Japanese TV channel, and AFP Mousa Ahmad Al Shae’r (57 years) reported to MADA” while I was covering events, at around 14:00pm we were exposed to an excessive shoot of stun grenade and tear gas bombs, I was injured with a fragment in a sensitive area of my body, which forced me to move from the place and after relaxing for a while I headed to Beit Jala Al Hussein Hospital, it appeared that I had a simple wound yet it was painful, and left the hospital, after an hour”.

(23/12)- IOF arrested the owner of Asayel Yafa printing house, Saber Mohammad Ali, from his house in Qalqilieh, and stormed the headquarters of the printing house and confiscated equipment and

materials that costs approximately (800,000 shekels) and shut down the printing house as Saleh Mohammad Ali, Saber's brother reported to MADA "a troop of Israeli Intelligence forces stormed our house in Qalqilieh and arrested my brother Saber, who is the owner of Asayel Yafa printing house for advertisement, and then headed to the printing house and stormed it, at around midnight, they smashed the front door, and confiscated all equipment, including (12 machines, and two computer that approximately cost 800,000 shekels), and left around 05:00 am after hanging a paper that the printing house is closed with an order by the Israeli armycomander, till 27/01/2017, under the allegations of printing and distributing inciting materials, and the court hearing of Saber will take place on Thursday".

(28/12)- Palestinian preventive security service in Ramallah, summoned reporter of "Hebron News Agency" Musab Ibrahim Saeed (26 years) and interrogated him regarding his work. Saeed reported to MADA "I received a phone call by the Palestinian preventive Security service on 28/12 and informed me that they will come to hand me a summon, and asked me not to photograph them, and within ten minutes they arrived to my place in Birzeit (north of Ramallah), and handed me a summon to go next daym morning, Thursday 29/12 to their HQ, but I called the preventive security service head in Ramallah and informed him that I can't come of Thursday hence, they postponed it to Saturday, and while I was heading, I received a new call to postpone it till Sunday, and on

Sunday around 10:00am I headed there and I was interrogated for two hours and a half, regarding my work as a journalist, and how I conduct reports, and where from I receive my monthly salary, and with who I communicate, and to who the agency I work for belong, and why I left my work at Palestine today TV, and Aneen al qayed agency”.

He added” the officer informed me that the summon and interrogation is something normal (routine) due to the reports they receives, I wasn’t exposed to any bad treatment, and I left the place at around 12:30 pm”.

(28/12)- Israeli Occupation Authorities renewed the administrative detention of the reporter of Pelest. and the head of Palestinian Prisoner Center for researches Ossama Shaheen (34 years) for a period of four months as his wife Shayma’ reported to MADA “it was supposed that Osama will be released on 29/12, after he spent 3 months in administrative detention, yet one day before he was released, he was informed the his administrative detention was extended for the second time, in a period of 4 months”.

