

1. Greek parliament urges recognition of the State of Palestine (23.12.15)

The Greek Parliament voted in a resolution recognising the State of Palestine. PM Alexis Tsipras in his meeting with the President Abbas, of Palestine, underlined the need for international mobilization followed by a solution in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Greece is called to act as a balancing and cooperating power between the two, bringing stability to the area. Greece has a major role to play because of the good relation with both sides.

2. Greece to engage in resolving the Palestinian Problem (23.12.15)

Greece has the intention and determination to engage in the process for a solution, and PM guarantees the establishment of a viable, territorially unified, independent and sovereign Palestinian state. According to Greek PM, the borders and status quo are those of 1967, with the capital being “East Jerusalem”, including the Temple Mount (Haram), one of the most important religious sites in the Old City of Jerusalem

3. Palestinian leader meets Greek PM (23.12.15)

The Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, in his meeting with Alexis Tsipras firmly stated the need for the Palestinian prisoners of Israel to be released and for a solution to the refugee problem to be found, which according to the Security Council is part of action to combating terrorism. A trilateral cooperation between Greece-Turkey and Bulgaria was suggested by the PM of Turkey in a meeting in Brussels. Alexis Tsipras further emphasized that Greece will be a stable country in the wider region, given the need for peace, safety and prosperity. Tsipras also noted the need to start a peace process with clear political horizon.

4. Stabbing attacks took place in Jerusalem with victims (24.12.15)

Three Israelis were wounded from a stabbing attack by two Palestinians in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israeli Police noted the incident as a terrorist attack. From October 1st, the violence between Israel and Palestine has cost the lives of 124 Palestinians, 17 Israelis, 1 American and 1 Eritrean. In the West Bank, Hebron, after police investigation a woman was arrested with a knife.

5. Palestinian family dies due to firebombing (24.12.15)

Three Palestinians were killed by the Israeli forces in different places in the occupied West Bank. The reason seems to be the firebombing of the 31st July, when Jewish extremists attacked a Palestinian couple and their 18-month-old son. Israel has not pressed any charges yet, despite the suspects it is holding.

6. Jewish extremists stabbing picture of a baby (24.12.15)

A video footage presented in Israel's TV Channel, from a wedding attended by Jewish extremists, shows one of the people attending, stabbing a picture of a dead 18-month-old baby. This group represents a danger to both the Israeli society and security. He also underlined the vital importance of the Israeli Security Service.

7. Suspects arrested for firebombing in Duma (24.12.16)

Jewish teens held as suspects for firebombing of Palestinian house in Duma, West Bank, that killed three. Shin Bet- Israel's Security Service-has received accusations for the torturing of suspects of the firebombing in the village of Duma. In an unusual move, Shin Bet denied the allegations in connection with the firebombing, claiming them lies and designed to divert the public's attention from the research.

8. Aliyah reached its highest rate in the last 60 years (25.12.15)

The Jewish migration from France to Israel has risen dramatically in 2015, reaching the number of 30.000 Jewish migrants. Economic instability leading to insecurity is the basic factor for the “Aliyah”. According to numbers from the Jewish Agency for Israel (Agence juive pour Israël) this year the rate are 10% more than 2014. As stated by the representative of the Agency, Avi Mayer, further rise of the migration flows is to be expected, since the hope for building a better future seems to be facing the Middle East. It has been a long policy of Israel to encourage the migrants return to their homeland, since the declaration of it’s independence in 1948.

9. Shootings in the West Bank (24.12.15)

Two Palestinians, 17 and 23, were shot dead by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank. According to the Israeli military, one of the Israeli soldiers was wounded by knife and a second one was wounded in a firebombing from the Palestinian side. Israeli commanders of the security service stated that they will not retrieve the dead bodies to the Palestinians as retaliation for attacks against them.

10. Diplomacy gap widens between Turkey and Israel (25.12.15)

Ibrahim Kalin, Turkey’s presidential spokesperson, stated that “Turkey’s relations with Israel are not going to be smoother unless following conditions are fulfilled by Israel: Apologizing to Turkey for Mavi Marmara victims, lifting the embargo on the Gaza Strip and ease the blockade on Gaza so as to send humanitarian help. Peace cannot be achieved in the area until there is a solution to the Palestinian problem.”

