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1. UN: Israel destroys Palestinian homes and structures at alarming rate (8.3.2016)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

The United Nations says Israel is razing Palestinian homes and other buildings made with international aid at an "alarming" rate. According to UN figures cited by the French news agency AFP, Israel has carried out more demolitions so far this year than in all of 2015. Israel has demolished 121 structures funded partly or fully by international donors in the occupied West Bank from the beginning of 2016 until March 2, surpassing the 108 from all of 2015. Homes and at least one school as well as temporary structures such as sheds were among the destroyed buildings. Humanitarian Coordinator for the Palestinian Territories Robert Piper described the demolitions as "alarming."

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2. Isaac Herzog: Erect higher walls in Jerusalem (8.3.2016)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

The Israeli opposition leader Isaac Herzog proposed today to separate Palestinian districts in the occupied Jerusalem with higher walls and checkpoints from its Jewish sections. Under the plan, 28 Palestinian neighborhoods would be separated from Jewish districts and settlements in the city by means of miles of new concrete barriers and smart fences. The plan would transform Jerusalem into sectarian cantons linked with tunnels.

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3. Mahmoud Abbas urges international support against Israeli violations



Source: Al-Arabiyah

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has accused Israel of blatantly violating international human rights law and called for international support against the growing Israeli violations across the Palestinian territories. Abbas made the remarks during the 5th Extraordinary Summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Palestinian issues in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta on Monday. The Palestinian president also criticized Tel Aviv for its continued settlement expansion as well as attempts to Judaize al-Quds (Jerusalem).

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4. Two Palestinian teenagers dead from Israeli fire (2.3.16)



Two Palestinian teenagers entered in a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank and injured an Israeli settler before falling dead from fire by the IDF. This is a new event added to the growing wave of violence that is already in its sixth month. The two assailants entered the Ellie community, south of Nablus, and attacked a man who was at his house. The Israeli man called them terrorists in his report on the radio.

5. A Palestinian woman killed by Israeli fire (4.3.16)

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In an incident in the southern occupied West Bank, a Palestinian woman hit an IDF soldier with a car and Israeli forces killed her shortly afterwards. The soldier was evacuated to the hospital, although she was unable to confirm his condition. A knife was allegedly found in the woman's car.