

1. Gaza power plant closed due to fuel shortage (12.4.2016)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

The only power station in Gaza Strip has been forced to shut down due to fuel shortage as the Palestinian territory is suffering from nine years of siege by Tel Aviv. Ahmed Abu Al-Amreen, an official in Gaza Energy Ministry, said on Tuesday that the power plant has been closed since Saturday night when it ran out of fuel. Meanwhile, the United Nations said parts of the coastal strip have been without power for 20 hours a day, compared to 12 hours previously. According to some reports, the Ramallah-based Palestinian Authority's recently removed a fuel tax exemption, demanding that the Gaza-based Hamas resistance movement pay taxes on fuel imports to the coastal strip.

2. Fatah official assassinated by car bomb in Lebanon (12.4.2016)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

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A car bomb explodes near a Palestinian refugee camp in southern Lebanese port city of Sidon, killing at least one person and injuring two others. The man was identified as Fathi Zaydan, who headed the Palestinian Fatah movement in the Miye Miye Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon. A Fatah official said the man was killed by a bomb placed under his vehicle. The Lebanese army's forensics unit arrived at the scene of the blast and cleared away scorched body parts lying near a car in flames.

The Miyeh Miyeh camp, 4 km east of Sidon, is home to 5,250 Palestinian refugees, according to UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) figures. More than 450,000 Palestinians are registered in Lebanon with the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. They are living in 12 official refugee camps which are administered by Palestinian officials and security forces, rather than the Lebanese authorities.

3. A UN resolution on the settlement practices of Israel is urgent (12.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stated his decision for ensure a UN resolution against the settlement practices of Israel. At the same time he underlined that he is not against a French initiative on a peace process between Israel and Palestine. A Security Council resolution that would condemn Israel's practices but would not be a barrier to any peace building projects, is what the Palestinian President suggested. Abbas also spoke about his tour visits in Turkey, France, Russia, Germany and New York.

4. France: Israel stop building wall in West Bank (9.6.2016)



Source: Al-Arabiyah

France has criticized a decision by Israel to resume the controversial construction of a separation wall south of the occupied West Bank, because such a move could seriously hamper the social and economic development in the area. The French Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Saturday that renewed construction of the Apartheid Wall in Cremisan Valley will affect lives of the Christians in the town of Beit Jala near Bethlehem. “France is concerned by the Israeli authorities’ resumption of construction of the separation wall in the historical Cremisan Valley, which will affect several dozen Palestinian families in Beit Jala,” the statement said, adding, “This wall is a new obstacle to economic and social development in the town of Bethlehem.”

5. Palestinians mark 68th anniversary of Israeli Deir Yassin massacre (9.6.2016)



Source: Intifada-Palestine.com

Palestinians have marked the 68th anniversary of the massacre of over 100 Palestinian civilians by Israeli militia forces in the West Bank village of Deir Yassin. The Deir Yassin massacre was carried out on April 9, 1948 and was led by the Irgun militia group, whose head was future Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, with support from fellow Israeli militiamen affiliated with Haganah and Lehi groups.

The Saturday event in the western Jerusalem village came as Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem and elsewhere in the West Bank continue to struggle for their livelihood in the face of persisting Israeli settlement expansion, widespread detentions, extrajudicial executions by Israeli forces, and a surge in housing demolition.