

## **Palestine News Forum 12/5/16-18/5/16**

### **1. Netanyahu against the French UNESCO initiative (15.5.16)**



*Source: Al-Arabiyah*

Benjamin Netanyahu said French support for a Unesco resolution on Jerusalem can cast doubt on the impartiality of its Middle East peace initiative, a claim Paris denied. Netanyahu in his meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean Marc Ayrault discussed the “scandalous resolution accepted at Unesco with France’s support, that does not recognize the bond between the Jewish people and the Temple Mount”. The Israeli premier was referring to a resolution adopted last month by the Paris-based UN cultural body on the flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem, which made no reference to the fact it is also revered by Jews as the Temple Mount and is the most sacred side both in Judaism and Islam.

### **2. 25 Palestinian children were killed in the past 3 months (15.5.16)**



*Source: Al-Arabiyah*

The United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has reported that the Israeli army killed 25 Palestinian children in the last three months of 2015, and expressed its concern about the dangerous increase in the arrest and imprisonment of Palestinian children. One of the cases mentioned by the UNICEF was the death of a 17-year-old Palestinian girl, who was shot with at least five live rounds, after the Israeli soldiers took her for a search.

### **3. Hezbollah blames Sunni extremists for the death of Badreddine (14.5.16)**



*Source: Al-Arabiyah*

Hezbollah blames top commander’s death on Sunni extremists. Lebanon’s Hezbollah militia blames the recent killing of a militant described as its top commander in Syria on extremist Sunni insurgents.

### **4. Key Hezbollah member killed in Syria (13.5.16)**



*Source: Al-Arabiyah*

The leading member of Hezbollah, Mustafa Badreddine, was killed in an artillery attack in Syria, stated the organization. Hezbollah fights against the insurgents opposed to its ally in Syria. When Hezbollah announced his death, Lebanese media outlet sympathetic to the group initially blamed Israel, the group’s main enemy, for the attack. The attack

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targeted one of Hezbollah's bases near Damascus airport, the group's nerve-centre in the Syrian capital. He was believed by the US government to be responsible for Hezbollah's military operations in Syria.

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