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1. Netanyahu: The Golan Heights will remain part of Israel (19.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

Benjamin Netanyahu stated during the weekly cabinet meeting, that the Golan Heights will remain part of Israel forever. The meeting was held at the Golan Heights, the archaeological site, where 2,000 years ago Jewish rebels stood off against Roman soldiers. Israeli PM said to US Secretary of State, John Kerry, Israel does not oppose to any political agreement efforts to end the Syrian civil war, but that Israel's boundary line with the country will not change.

2. Syria: Israel's meeting in the Golan Heights is provocative (19.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

According to the Bashar Jaafari, the Syrian Representative to the UN Headquarters, the Israeli weekly cabinet meeting this time on the occupied Golan Heights was characterized as provocative by Damascus, since it was the first time after the 1967 conflict. "This is an irresponsible challenge by the Israeli PM," he said. Syria responded to the Cabinet with reporting that Damascus had sent letters to U.N. Secretary-General and to the head of the U.N.

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Security. The letters called on the United Nations to intervene in order to ensure that such a meeting would not be repeated.

3. Bus attack in Jerusalem (19.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

Fifteen people were injured from a bus explosion in a region in southwest Jerusalem. A man, who was heavily injured and did not have any identity papers on him, is a suspect and is now held responsible for the explosive mechanism in the bus.

4. An Israeli is accused of the murder of a 16-year-old Palestinian (19.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

The man is held responsible for the murder of a 16-year-old Palestinian boy in 2014. The man was adjudged as sane, and so he is to be judged for the murder. According to Tel Aviv, it was proved but the man was fully conscious and not psychotic.

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5. IDF uncovered and “neutralized” tunnel that connected Gaza Strip with Israel (18.4.16)



Source: Al-Arabiya

IDF troops uncovered a tunnel, which had been constructed by Hamas. According to IDF Spokesperson, Peter Lerner, the tunnel was 30-40 meters deep and was found a few miles away from Gaza. Hamas did not directly comment on the report, but claimed that IDF announced the discovery of an old tunnel in order “to gain continued US support for its anti-tunnels project.”

6. Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian man (15.4.16)

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Source: Al-Arabiya

A Palestinian man was shot dead while he attacked Israeli officers with an ax, injuring one of them. This incident in Hebron was the first bloody incident after three weeks in the West Bank. According to the Israeli authorities, Palestinian attacks have been declining for the past weeks after the outbreak of violence in October.

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