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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Letter dated 25 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer for Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Israel, the Occupying Power, continues to wage its military war throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as its military aggressions, war crimes and State-sponsored terrorism, in violation of human rights rules and standards, international law, international humanitarian law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the right to life and the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

On Friday afternoon, 22 November 2002, Israeli occupation forces opened fire in Jenin refugee camp, randomly shooting at civilians and killing a British United Nations employee, Ian John Hawk, and a 13-year-old boy. Mr. Hawk was killed instantly while at work as the Director of Reconstruction at UNRWA's office in Jenin camp. He was shot twice in the abdomen with Israeli high-velocity bullets.

The brutal unjustified execution of Mr. Hawk, a United Nations employee, in a United Nations refugee camp, is yet another crime in the long list of war crimes committed by the Israeli military occupation in the Palestinian territories, not only against Palestinians but also against internationals undertaking their humanitarian mission in the field.

On Wednesday, 20 November, Amer Salman al-Qudsi, 13, was shot to death in the chest by Israeli soldiers while returning home from school.

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On Tuesday, 19 November, the Israeli occupation forces committed another crime of extrajudicial execution in south-eastern Tulkarem, in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which seeks to protect the lives of the protected persons. This operation killed at least seven Palestinian civilians, including three teenage children, and wounded a dozen more. Among those killed were Tareq Zaghal (in his twenties), a security guard Ziyad Mashaqi (in his thirties), Sha'aban Shaker Ibdeer, a 36-year-old taxi driver who happened to be driving in the area, and Ahmad Mohammed al-Jayousi, 33, shot in the chest and head while desperately trying to get home.

At least 179 Palestinians have so far been killed in extrajudicial executions committed by Israel, including 68 Palestinian bystanders.

In addition, attacks against Palestinians, campaigns of beating and sweeps of arrest, attacks against journalists, acts which consist of humiliating and harassing Palestinians at Israeli checkpoints, destroying Palestinians' homes, properties and infrastructure, razing roads, digging trenches in and around several Palestinian cities in an effort to obstruct movement into and out of them and effectively isolate them, harassment and violent attacks by illegal Israeli settlers, damaging and burning Palestinian farmers' groups, uprooting their trees, bulldozing their agricultural lands and destroying their water networks, all are also acts which continue to be perpetrated daily at the hands of the Israeli occupation forces all over the occupied Palestinian territory, in flagrant violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people, at the forefront of which is the right to life, and in grave violation of all the provisions and principles of international law, international humanitarian law and the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Furthermore, Israel continues to impose its military siege, imposing severe restrictions on the movement of persons and goods throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, thus driving a whole people to starvation and to a humanitarian catastrophe due to the lack of drinkable water, food, medicine and the appropriate medical treatment for the hundreds of Palestinian sick and wounded trapped inside their besieged towns, villages and camps.

For further illustration of the daily human rights aggressions and violations at the hands of the Israeli occupation forces against Palestinian civilians, please find enclosed* memorandums issued by the Palestinian National Authority for the period from Sunday, 17 to Sunday, 24 November 2002.

In the light of the escalation of the already drastic situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, we once again appeal to Your Excellency and through you to the international community to directly intervene with the Government of Israel and urge this Government to refrain from its savage aggression waged by its occupation forces against our people and national institutions in most Palestinian towns, villages and camps, to stop its terror and State-sponsored terrorism against our innocent civilian people, to stop shooting to death our children, to abide by international legitimacy and to live up to its obligations under international humanitarian law.

^{*} Reproduced in the annex as received, in the language of submission only.

We also appeal to Your Excellency to use all your offices to provide for an international protection force and presence in Palestine to monitor these Israeli daily aggressions, massacres and crimes perpetrated by the Israeli occupation forces not only against Palestinians, but also against internationals based in Palestine. It is unconscionable that these internationals should put their lives at risk while they are undertaking their noble humanitarian duty, as was the case of Mr. Hawk.

I would be most grateful if you could arrange to have this letter and its enclosure distributed to the members of the Commission on Human Rights, as an official document of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights under its agenda item 8.

(Signed): Nabil RAMLAWI Ambassador Permanent Observer

Annex

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> From: 19.00hrs Sunday, November 17 - To: 19.00hrs Monday, November 18

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[1] Palestinian was killed, [24] were injured among them [9] children including [1] critically and [36] were arrested. [180] Trees were uprooted & [16] dunams were bulldozed and [6] dunams were confiscated. [37] Houses, [21] vehicles, [10] economic establishments and [1] security post, [1] hospital and [1] school were destroyed or damaged. [2] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [18] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [34] times.

- Ramallah & Al Birah: The occupation forces prevented an official Palestinian meeting, surrounded the suburb of Atteera, imposed curfew, searched houses and ransacked properties. Meanwhile, they tightened measures on entrances of the city and detained tens of Palestinians at military checkpoints.
- Nablus: The occupation forces continue to impose curfew on the city and its suburbs, searched houses, ransacked properties and arrested a number of Palestinians.
- ♦ Jenin: A 14-year-old Palestinian girl was wounded when the occupation forces opened indiscriminate machinegun fire at residential houses. They also imposed curfew and detained tens of Palestinian vehicles in Al Jaberiat.
- Tolkarem: The occupation special forces backed by Apaches invaded the town of Siada, opened machinegun fire at Palestinian residential houses killing a 24-yearold Palestinian youth, injuring his brother and partially damaged the house family. They also stormed and searched houses ransacked properties and arrested six Palestinians.
- Hebron: The occupation forces delivered five house-demolition orders to Palestinians in Wadi Annasara, searched houses and arrested seven Palestinians. Meanwhile, they imposed curfew, erected a number of new settlement outposts, took over several buildings and turned them into military posts and arrested more Palestinians elsewhere.
- *Bethlehem:* The occupation forces invaded Taqoa, stormed houses, ransacked properties and arrested three Palestinians. Meanwhile, Jewish settlers took over six dunams of agricultural land near the settlement of Efrat.

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- *Gaza:* The occupation forces, backed by Apaches, tanks and frigates, invaded and bombarded the city surrounding the Preventive Security HQ compound and the Red Crescent hospital. Eight Palestinians were injured and many buildings were damaged. They also buildozed a Palestinian residential house and prevented ambulances from reaching the scene.
- *North Gaza:* The occupation air forces landed troops near Beit Hanoon.
- *Rafah:* The occupation forces tore down two residential houses and partially damaged nearby houses. They also opened fire from military post at residential houses in Tel Zoarub injuring a number of Palestinians.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Monday, November 18</u> <u>To: 19.00hrs Tuesday, November 19</u>

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[4] Palestinians were killed one of them is a child, [35] were injured among them [8] children including [7] critically and [51] were arrested. [55] Dunams were bulldozed. [28] Houses, [35] vehicles, [22] economic establishments and [3] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [4] New military posts were erected. [1] Bypass road was build and [10] housing units to be built. Palestinian areas were shelled [25] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [41] times.

- Ramallah & Al Birah: The occupation forces closed Beir Ziet-Ramallah road, chased vehicles and held drivers and passengers.
- Nablus: The occupation forces opened fire at residential areas, stormed houses and injured one citizen and arrested three Palestinians in Balata refugee camp.
- ♦ Jenin: The occupation forces invaded the city with heavy gunfire, stormed in the Medical Relief Union & a Palestinian house and transformed them into military posts, closed entrances and roads, erected many roadblocks in several villages and dug up deep trenches near Doutan camp.
- Tolkarem: The occupation special forces, backed up by Apaches circled a Palestinian house and shot & killed four Palestinians, wounded ten others, most of them are children and prevented ambulances from reaching the scene, arrested a number of citizens and damaged Palestinian property.
- *Qalqilya:* The occupation forces arrested three foreign peace activists.
- *Salfeet:* The occupation forces arrested two Palestinian olive pickers.
- Hebron: The occupation forces stormed & ransacked a number of police stations and held staff in several areas, arrested a number of Palestinians, bulldozed the road and Palestinian houses between Cave of Patriarchs and Kryat Arba Jewish settlement and delivered house-demolition orders to a number of Palestinian families.

- *Bethlehem:* The occupation forces invaded Al Khader, stormed houses and forced Palestinian women, men & children out of their homes, shot and injured one citizen and arrested a number of Palestinians.
- *Gaza:* The occupation forces shelled & bombarded Palestinian houses in the eastern parts of the city and Sheikh Ejleen area and wounded three citizens.
- North Gaza: The occupation forces bulldozed a Palestinian house and a number of Dunams of Palestinian agricultural land.
- Mid Area: The occupation forces bulldozed greenhouses and agricultural land.
- Khan Younis: The occupation forces opened machinegun fire at Delta residential area and wounded one Palestinian and destroyed one security post and circled several Palestinian security personnel. They also closed Al Matahen military checkpoint and prevented hundreds of passengers from reaching their homes and taking their breakfast of Ramazan.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Tuesday, November 19</u> <u>To: 19.00hrs Wednesday, November 20</u>

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[5] Palestinians were killed, including one child, [57] were injured, among them [33] children including [3] critically and [75] were arrested. [35] Trees and [10] dunams were bulldozed. [45] Houses, [38] vehicles, [16] economic establishments, [3] institutions and [3] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [8] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [22] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [48] times.

- *Ramallah & Al Birah*: The occupation forces invaded, searched and ransacked Palestinian houses in Um Al Sharayet and Qalandia refugee camp and arrested five Palestinians.
- Nablus: The occupation forces continue to impose curfew in the city and refugee camp, and the troops continue to search and ransack houses and properties. The occupation soldiers also took over several buildings and transformed them into military posts. Several vehicles were confiscated and used to chase Palestinians. Seven Palestinians were arrested and three were injured.
- ♦ Jenin: The occupation forces invaded Palestinian houses in the village of Um Al Tout and arrested one Palestinian and stole [2500] Nis. from him.
- Tolkarem: Five Palestinians were assassinated in a new Israeli massacre in the eastern neighborhood of the city. Two others were shot dead and several were wounded when the occupation forces opened fire at Palestinians in the center of the city and in the village of Alar.
- ♦ Qalqilya: The occupation forces invaded tens of Palestinian houses in the city and arrested [15] Palestinians.
- ♦ Salfeet: The occupation forces burst into Palestinian houses in Der Ballot and Abouin villages and arrested two Palestinians.
- Hebron: The occupation forces continue to impose strict siege on the city and to invade Palestinian houses. Nine Palestinians were arrested and four houses

were demolished. Several properties were ransacked in Al Shioukh and Al Daheria and several new military points were erected.

• *Bethlehem:* The occupation forces tightened grips on the province preventing Palestinians from reaching their work places. The occupation troops also invaded Palestinian houses in the area of Al Ebayat, attacked and humiliated Palestinians.

Mid Area: The occupation forces shot and killed two Palestinians near the settlement of Kfar Darom, bombarded Palestinian houses in Al Azaiza area destroying one house and damaging several others. They also bulldozed several dunams of agricultural land and destroyed the water supply network in the area.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Wednesday, November 20</u> <u>To: 19.00hrs Thursday, November 21</u>

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[56] Palestinians were injured, among them [12] children, among them [10] critically including [5] children. [55] Palestinians were arrested. [525] Trees and [175] dunams were bulldozed. [41] Houses, [36] vehicles including [6] ambulances, [24] economic establishments, [9] institutions and [4] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [7] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [25] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [57] times.

- Nablus: The occupation forces continue to impose curfew in the city and its refugee camp, to search and ransack houses and properties. The occupation soldiers also took over several buildings and transformed them into military posts. Six Palestinians were arrested in Al Qaryoun neighborhood and nine others were wounded among them two critically.
- ♦ Jenin: The occupation forces, under cover of heavy machinegun fire, invaded Tubas and searched and ransacked houses and properties. Three Palestinians were arrested. In Attour Asharqia, they tore down a Palestinian's residential house and uprooted his olive trees.
- *Qalqilya*: The occupation forces invaded Deir Estia, searched houses, ransacked properties, imposed curfew and arrested a number of Palestinians.
- Hebron: The occupation forces continue to impose strict siege on the city and its villages. They also dynamited houses and farms, bulldozed vast agricultural land, took over many houses, arrested five Palestinians and critically wounded another one. Meanwhile, Jewish settlers attacked an ambulance and prevented it from reaching hospital. The Israeli troops took over a security post and the city's polytechnic institution, blew up a vehicle and confiscated properties.

- *Bethlehem:* Under cover of heavy machinegun fire, the occupation forces thrust into the city wounding a Palestinian citizen, storming houses and attacking residents. Nine Palestinians were arrested among them members of the same family.
- *Gaza*: The occupation forces positioned in the Jewish-only Netzarim settlement bombarded nearby residential houses. Meanwhile they looted 45 truckloads of fertile soil.
- North Gaza: The Israeli occupation forces bulldozed more than 150 dunams of agricultural land.
- Mid Area: The occupation forces, under cover of fire, penetrated into Al Hikr area causing severe damage to private and public properties and wounding two Palestinian youths with tank shell shrapnel. In the vicinity of the Jewish-only settlement of Kfar Daroom, 37 Palestinians were wounded when the occupation forces opened indiscriminate fire at residential houses in Al Breij refugee camp.
- Khan Yunis: The occupation forces stormed, searched and ransacked houses and properties in the eastern area. Meanwhile, The Israeli Apaches and tanks bombarded Khazaa and Abasan villages wounding and damaging private and public properties. They also stormed a charitable society and the association of prisoners and detainees bureau and confiscated files and properties. In Al Amal suburb, two Palestinians were injured due to opening indiscriminate fire at residential houses.
- *Rafah*: The occupation forces bulldozed more than ten dunams of agricultural land, an irrigation network and a block factory.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Thursday, November 21</u> <u>To: 19.00hrs Friday, November 22</u>

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[5] Palestinians were killed, among them [2] children, [43] were injured, among them [12] children, [5] critically, including [2] children. [111] Palestinians were arrested. [466] Trees and [75] dunams were bulldozed.[63] Dunams were confiscated for settlement expansion. [91] Buildings, [36] vehicles, [12] economic establishments, [5] institutions and [4] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [11] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [39] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [70] times.

- *Ramallalı & Al Birah*: The occupation forces invaded the village of Der Abu Mishal and opened fire at Palestinians causing severe damage.
- Nablus: One Palestinian infant (20-days- old) was killed when the occupation forces prevented her ambulance from reaching the hospital. The occupation troops also blew up two family houses and damaged several others.
- ♦ Jenin: The occupation forces shot and killed a 12-year-old boy and a UN aid official in Jenin refugee camp. Several Palestinians were wounded including an Irish aid worker. The occupation troops also invaded and reoccupied the city ad the villages of Kfar Rae and Tubas, demolished two residential buildings, imposed curfew, arrested two Palestinians and confiscated [36] dunams of land in the village of Rommana
- *Tolkarem:* The occupation forces invaded Palestinian houses and arrested tens of Palestinians in the eastern and western neighborhoods.
- Hebron: The occupation forces invaded the villages of Dora and Bani Naeem, opened fire and wounded five Palestinians, among them four children.

- Bethlehem: The occupation forces invaded the province under cover of heavy machinegun fire and tank shells, imposed curfew, burst into Palestinian houses, arrested tens of Palestinians in several villages, took over several houses and transformed them into military bases. One family house was blown up and twenty-five other families received demolition orders.
- *Gaza:* One Palestinians was killed when the occupation forces bombarded Al Sheikh Ejleen and AL Ejel station areas.
- *Mid Area:* The occupation forces stormed Palestinian houses in Al Birka area, arrested one Palestinian and bulldozed vast areas of land.
- Khan Yunis: One Palestinian 70 was killed when the occupation troops prevented his ambulance from reaching hospital. And the occupation forces invaded Al Qarara, stormed several houses, blew up two buildings and bulldozed tens of dunams of land including a greenhouse. Curfew was imposed in Mawasi Rafah and Khan Younis. The troops also closed off Al Tuffah crossing.
- *Rafah:* The occupation forces bombarded Palestinian houses in Block O and the refugee camp wounding five Palestinian children. The troops also demolished seven family houses near the boarders with Egypt and arrested two fishermen near the Rafah coast.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Friday. November 22</u> <u>To: 19.00hrs Saturday, November 23</u>

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[1] Palestinian child was killed, [15] were injured among them [5] children and [45] Palestinians were arrested. [560] Trees and [105] dunams were bulldozed. [49] Houses, [17] vehicles, [9] economic establishments, [4] greenhouses, [2] institutions and [3] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [3] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [21] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [40] times.

- *Ramallah & Al Birah:* The occupation forces beaten up Palestinian passengers at Naleen military checkpoint.
- *Nablus:* The occupation forces continued to impose curfew in the city, arrested several citizens and started to dig a 3km long trench in Azmot village.
- ♦ Jenin: The occupation forces invaded the village of Qabatia, imposed curfew, stormed & searched houses and arrested a number of Palestinians and held several journalists & foreign activists and confiscated their cameras and prevented them from communicating.
- Tolkarem: The occupation forces bombarded Palestinian houses in Nour Shams refugee camp and wounded two youths.
- Salfeet: The occupation forces imposed curfew on the towns of Dir Istia & Hares, tightened its punitive measures against the people there and prevented Kefel Hares villagers from harvesting their olive.
- ♦ Hebron: The youth, Abdullah Arafat Al Natsha (15) died of wounds sustained when the occupation forces shot him thee days ago.

- Bethlehem: The occupation forces invaded the province under cover of heavy machinegun fire and tank shells, imposed curfew, burst into Palestinian houses, arrested tens of Palestinians in several villages, took over several houses and transformed them into military bases. A number of family houses, public & private institutions, police stations were either damaged and ransacked or blown up.
- *Gaza*: The occupation forces bombarded the southern areas and imposed a complete naval siege on the Gaza strip & prevented Palestinians from fishing.
- Northern Area: The occupation forces continued to bulldoze Palestinian agricultural land and water wells near the settlement of Doghiet.
- Mid Area: Under the cover of heavy bombardment, the occupation forces invaded El Birka area in Dir El Balah, stormed & ransacked Palestinian houses, arrested one Palestinian and bulldozed vast areas of agricultural land, irrigation network and hundreds of olive & palm trees.
- Khan Yunis: The occupation forces continued to impose curfew in Mawasi Rafah and Khan Younis and bombarded several Palestinian residential neighborhoods causing damage to Palestinian houses.
- *Rafah:* The occupation forces bombarded Palestinian houses in a number of neighborhoods and closed Salah Din Road.

<u>The Israeli Daily Aggression on the Palestinian People</u> <u>From: 19.00hrs Saturday. November 23</u> To: 19.00hrs Sunday, November 24

Israeli occupation troops continue their aggression and now they occupy virtually every Palestinian population center on the West Bank, and maintain a system of checkpoints, security cordons and curfews in the rest of the Palestinian territories. Israeli occupation forces have also cordoned off the Gaza Strip and conducted military attacks against Palestinian installations and houses inside its borders. Under the occupation, Palestinians are prohibited from leaving their homes to go to work or shop, and transport for relief provisions has been made difficult, if not impossible; up to half of the 3.3 million Palestinian population is verging on serious malnutrition.

[1] Palestinian was killed, [15] were injured among them [6] children, [3] critically and [27] Palestinians were arrested. [460] Trees and [57] dunams were bulldozed & [17] dunams were confiscated for settlement expansion. [31] Houses, [24] vehicles, [11] economic establishments, [9] greenhouses, [2] institutions, [1] school, [2] mosques and [2] security posts were destroyed or damaged. [3] New military posts were erected. Palestinian areas were shelled [15] times & bombarded by machinegun fire [31] times.

- *Jerusalem:* Jewish settlers attacked a number of Palestinians, stabbed & critically wounded one of them, ransacked property and damaged cars.
- ◆ *Ramallah & Al Birah:* The occupation forces invaded Qalandia refugee camp and searched & ransacked houses and arrested a number of Palestinians, arrested ambulance driver and his brother and prevented the Minister Ghassan El Khateb from reaching the southern area.
- Nablus: The occupation forces shot & killed the 70-year old, Ahmed Ishtya in Salem village and continued to impose curfew in the city and its suburbs, opened fire at & injured two Palestinians and arrested another two.
- *Jenin:* The occupation forces circled one mosque and invaded the village of El Yamoon and arrested one Palestinian.
- *Qalqilya*: The occupation forces, backed by Apaches invaded the city, imposed curfew, stormed houses in Azzoun village and arrested two brothers.
- Bethlehem: The occupation forces invaded the province under cover of heavy machinegun fire and tank shells, imposed curfew, burst into Palestinian houses, arrested tens of Palestinians in several villages, took over several houses and transformed them into military bases. They also confiscated [17] dunams of Palestinian owned land for the Israeli Electricity Co.

- Northern Gaza: The occupation forces continued to bulldoze hundreds of Dunams in Bit Lahya, demolished a number of greenhouses and prevented fishermen from fishing for the second day in the entire strip.
- *Mid Area:* The occupation forces invaded El Birka area in Dir El Balah and bulldozed vast areas of agricultural land, irrigation network and trees.
- *Khan Yunis:* The occupation forces increased its punitive measures against Palestinians and searched Palestinians at El Matahen military checkpoint.
- *Rafah:* The occupation forces invaded Brazil neighborhood and bulldozed two family houses, bombarded Palestinian houses in a number of neighborhoods and wounded a number of Palestinians one of them is mentally handicapped.

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