



Agricultural Development Association (PARC)

Lobbying and Advocacy Department – Monitoring and Documentation Unit

Israeli Occupation's Violation Against the Agricultural Sector

(January & February 2017)

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*Two poultry farms destroyed due to the Israel aerial shelling on Al-Shujaya Neighborhood .*

### ***Background:***

The Israeli occupation continues its increasing violations against the Palestinian farmers and fishermen at the Gaza Strip through exposing their lives and livelihoods to severe dangers. The illegal “Access Restricted Area (ARA)” that prevents the Palestinians from accessing their lands and fishing areas is considered a breach of the International Humanitarian Law and the International Human Rights Law , as it violates several Palestinian rights including the right to work, the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to the highest attainable standard of health. In addition, the “Buffer Zone” is enforced through targeting the Palestinian farmers and fishermen who seek to access their livelihoods with live fire which is a clear infringement to all laws.

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit at PARC:

A specialized unit within the Lobbying and Advocacy Department at PARC that documents the violations of Israeli Occupation against the Palestinian farmers and fishermen as well as their livelihoods at the Gaza strip. The unit aims at monitoring the impact of the occupation's violations on the agricultural sector through a group of well qualified field researchers who use a variety of methods to ensure the accuracy and validation of the given information. These methods vary according to the documented case but in general the unit applies the visual documentation as well as written documentation reports.



*The wounded fisherman “ Mohamed Omran” was arrested with other four fishermen by the Israeli forces after shelling their boat at Beit Lahya.*

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The documented violations of the Israeli Occupation against Palestinian farmers and fishermen during January and February 2017 can be summarized as follows:

### **JANUARY 2017**

- 28 shooting cases against farmers and fishermen including 7 injuries that take place mainly in the “Access Restricted Area (ARA)”*
- Killing of a fisherman after attacking his boat by the Israeli gunboats leading to the drown of the fisherman and his boat.*
- Arresting 5 fishermen and confiscating their own boats.*
- Confiscating and destroying 158 trawls.*
- Three limited incursion operations in the governorates of Khanyounis and Rafah*
- Spraying herbicides from the air along the areas adjacent to the Palestinian agricultural lands leading to severe damages to their crops and livelihoods*

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### Summary of the Israeli violations in January 2017:

Governorate/ Incidence	Killing			Injuries			detention			shooting		incursion	Shelling of agricultural structures	Spraying herbicides	No. of dunums affected by spraying herbicides	Damaged boats	Confiscated boat	Confiscated Trawls
	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	land	sea							
North Gaza	1			6	1		5			1	13			1	0	1	3	158
Gaza										2				1	825			
Middle Area										1				1	759			
Khanyounis										5	3	1		1	1264.5			
Rafah										1	2	2		1	601			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>5</b>			<b>28</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3449.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>158</b>

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### **FEBRUARY 2017**

- *35 shooting cases against farmers and fishermen including 3 injuries that took place mainly in the the "Access Restricted Area (ARA)"*
- *Injuring 3 fishermen as a result of shootings and Israeli air shelling on the beach of Al- Sudanya area.*
- *Arresting 5 fishermen and confiscating their own boats.*
- *Confiscating and destroying 17 trawls.*
- *Three limited incursion operations in the governorates of Khanyounis and Rafah.*
- *Shelling of Palestinians livelihoods causing more than 30000 \$ losses , this included the destruction of 2 poultry farms and 8 dunums of agricultural lands at the east of Shujaya neighboring as well as the destruction of 9 trawls at the beach of Al- Sudanya area.*
- *Opening of the water culverts twice towards the agricultural lands leading to the drawn of crops in addition to the displacement of Palestinians living near the borders.*



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*Agricultural lands damaged due to the opening of the Israeli water culverts against Palestinian lands at Al-Shujaya*

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### Summary of the Israeli violations in February 2017:

Governorate/ Incidence	Killing			Injuries			detention			shooting		incursion	Shelling of agricultural structures	Spraying herbicides	Opening of water culverts	Damaged boats	Confiscated boat	Confiscated Trawls
	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	Fishermen	Farmers	Shepherds	land	sea							
North Gaza				3			5			6	16		1			1	1	
Gaza										1	1	1	2		2			
Middle Area										2		2						
Khanyounis										3	1							
Rafah										1	4							
<b>Total</b>	0			3			5			35		3	3	0	2	1	1	0