



MA'AN's Jordan Valley Monthly Update

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October 2014



Open Day In Fasayil

Eviction notices to 19 Palestinian families

October 8th saw 19 eviction notices being issued to Palestinian families in the Northern Jordan Valley so the area could be cleared for IDF training. The notices were given to 16 families in Al-Ras and Al-Ahmar for three days beginning on the 19th of the month, and another three families in Al-Burj for seven days beginning on the 22nd of this month. The northern Jordan Valley is very often used for military trainings by the Israeli army who sometimes doesn't bother cleaning the area and leave behind undetonated munitions that can lead to serious injury and death of Palestinian residents when walking over the area.

7 Palestinian water well damaged

On October 15th 2014, dozens of Israel settlers damaged seven water wells belonging to Palestinians in the Khirbet Samra area of the Jordan Valley. They attacked the covers of the wells and then the well

walls leaving some of them completely destroyed, Palestinians view the attack as another method of increasing pressure on Palestinians to vacate the area.

House demolitions in Jiftlik

On the 21st of the same month, Israeli forces damaged three houses and two Palestinian steel livestock shelters and confiscated tractors belonging to Palestinian farmers in the al-Jiftlik area. Additionally, later in the day the IDF went on to confiscate another three tractors in Wadi Baziq. The village of Jiftlik has faced many demolitions throughout the year. Located entirely in area C, the inhabitants are facing building restrictions and are requested to ask for permit to the Israeli military if wanting to build or renovate structures, and these permits are almost never granted. It leaves them with no choice but to build, even whilst knowing they could face a demolition order.



Rest of a residential structure after being destroyed by the Israeli army in Jiftlik

MA'AN's Work in the Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley Opportunity for Undertaking Development

2 open days for the children of Fasayel, Marj Na'aje, Furush Beit Dajan and Al Jiftlik villages were held. Around 600 children gathered in the school play grounds to spend some fun time with the MA'AN team who arranged a lot of entertaining activities for the kids. This project, funded by the Norwegian Representative Office aims to contribute to improving living conditions and resilience of communities in the Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley youth for a change

Visits were conducted to private sector companies and institutions to assess the Palestinian labor market with the aim to increase youth employment opportunities through connecting them with skilled

individuals from the private sector. In addition, MA'AN staff visited different training centers to learn about the scope of possibilities for vocational trainings and held meetings with representatives from these training centers were held to highlight the importance of such trainings. 3 courses training for a group of youth on "How to start your own project" were organized, as well as a career day in Nablus.

"DEEP" project

3 farmers of the village of Bardalah and 3 from EinShibli received multiple animals and fodder. 11 green houses for beneficiaries in the villages of Oja, Froosh Bet Dajan, Jiftlek, Bardalah, Kardalah and Eid al Beida were distributed. In Jiftlik, a water pond was built. In addition, 24 students from the villages of Al-Auja, MarjNaajeh, Jiftlek and Fasayel received school bags, in cooperation with al Ufoq association. Furthermore, in Baradala, the elementary school was rehabilitated, an outdoor playground, a cafeteria and water taps for drinking were built, and in addition, the fences around the school were also secured.

Tours in the Jordan Valley

The 26th of October, 13 people from the French organization, the AFPS (Association France Palestine Solidarite) joined MA'AN for a tour in the Jordan Valley. The tour covered the whole the Jordan Valley, from the north and the community of al-Maleh to the south and the source of Ras al-Auja. The tour aimed to highlight the severe restrictions and issues this region is facing as well as the practices and violations carried out by the occupation forces against the Palestinians.



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