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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 18 July 2014

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Budrus village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing the injury of Khalaf Sadeq Awad and Mahmoud Ahmed Aliyan. (Wattan 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Bab Huta neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (Wattan 18 July 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and settlements in Nilin village, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injury of two people; Ayham Abd Al-Jabar (22 years) and Khalid Hassan (50 years). (Wattan 18 July 2014)
- Muhannad Qadan (20 years) was injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at him while he was working in his family land in Iraq Burin village, south of Nablus city. (ARN 18 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest in Biddu and Beit Surik villages, northwest of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired metal and rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of a Palestinians. During the operation, the IOA arrested two Palestinians. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired metal and rubber bullets and teargas and stun grenades at participants, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of a Palestinian child. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near Ofar jail, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinian, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of Ashraf Al-Khateb. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Al-Masara village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA assaulted Palestinians. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Halhul Bridge, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets at Palestinians. During the clashes, the IOA occupied the roofs of a number of Palestinian houses, closed the main

entrance of the town, and prevented Palestinians from entering and leaving the town.

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the courtyard of Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and attacked Palestinians by firing rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades. During the operation, the IOA prevented dozens of Palestinians from entering the mosque. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injury of 15 people. The IOA arrested 14 Palestinians. Three of the arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Ashraf 'Awisat (15 years), Mohammad Ahmed Srouf (17 years) and Ahmed Raid Al-Masri. (SilwanIC 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Silwad village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injury of nine people. (Maannews & Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Shuqba village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and injury of Ahmed Tasir Metwa (23 years). (Maannews 18 July 2014)

Gaza strip:

- Twenty-six Palestinians including eight members of a single family were killed by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip on Friday evening, while the death of a young man wounded earlier in the week brought the total number of deaths in Israel's 11-day long assault to 298 and more than 2,200 injured. The deaths bring the total killed since the beginning of the ground invasion late Thursday night to 63, as deaths and injuries across the besieged coastal enclave soared on the first day of the assault in both the northern and southern regions of the territory. Of the 63 killed since the beginning of the Israeli invasion, 26 died after Gazans broke their fast at sunset on Friday evening as Israeli air strikes pounded the Strip. Eight members of the Abu Jrad family including four children were killed when a missile struck their home in Beit Hanoun including Naim Musa Abu Jrad, 23, Abd Musa Abu Jrad, 30, Siham Musa Abu Jrad, 26, Rija Aliyan Abu Jrad, and four children: Haniyah Abd al-Rahman Abu Jrad, Samih Naim Abu Jrad, Musa Abd al-Rahman Abu Jrad, 6 months, and Ahlam Musa Abu Jrad. Four members of the Shaath family were killed and four were injured including one seriously after an air strike on their home in the Hayy al-Manara neighborhood of Khan Younis around 10:30 p.m. Three

members of the Abu Sneineh family were also killed in a strike on their home in eastern Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip and three others were injured. The dead were named by Gaza medical authorities as: Faysal Abu Sneineh, 32, Emad Faysal Abu Sneineh, 18, and Nizar Fayeze Abu Sneineh, 38. Muhammad Talal al-Saneh, 20, died around 10:30 p.m. as a result of an Israeli attack, Palestinian Ministry of Health spokesman Ashraf al-Qidra said. Ismail Ramadan Salmi, 23, was brought dead to the Gaza European Hospital, while Ghassan Salem Abu Musa Abu Azzab, 28, and his brother Muhammad Salam Abu Musa Abu Azzab, 19, from Hayy al-Manara in Khan Younis also died as a result of an Israeli attack. Muhammad Saad Mahmoud Abu Saadeh was killed in an Israeli airstrike in eastern Khan Younis on Friday evening. Hamza Mohammad Abu Hussein, 27, was killed in an airstrike on eastern Rafah on Friday evening, while Mohammad Abu Sa'da was killed in artillery shelling eastern Khan Younis. Imad and Qassim Alwan, both children, were killed as a result of artillery shelling in eastern Gaza City. Rizk Ahmad al-Hayk, 2, perished in air strikes in Shawwa Square in Gaza City, while Sarah Muhammad Bustan, 13, was killed in Hayy al-Tuffah in Gaza City. Yusif Ibrahim Hasan al-Astal, 23, died of wounds he sustained in Khan Younis a week ago. (Maannews 18 July 2014)

- Dozens of Palestinians were injured after the Israeli Occupation warplanes launched missiles at several areas, houses and land in Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Five Palestinians were killed and more than 40 Palestinians were injured after the Israeli Occupation warplanes launched missiles at dozens of Palestinian houses in several areas in Rafah city, south of Gaza strip. Four of the killers were identified as: Majdi Suliman Abu Jabarih (22 years), Faris Juma' Al-Mahmoum (4 months), Omar Eid Al-Mahmum (18 years), and Bassem Mohammad Madi. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Two Palestinians were injured after the Israeli warplanes launched missiles at Palestinian houses in Beit Lahiya town, north of Gaza strip. (Wafa 18 July 2014)
- Ran Saqir Abu Tawila was killed and dozens were injured after Israeli missiles hit several houses, land and areas in Ash-Shuja'iya neighborhood in Gaza city. Al-Wafa Hospital in Gaza city, evacuated all the Palestinians from the hospital, after several Israeli missiles hit the hospital. Dozens of houses were damaged and destroyed. (Wafa 18 July 2014)

- Palestinian Center for Human Rights published the report about the situation in Gaza strip, on the 11th Day of the Israeli Offensive: Israeli Forces Launch Ground Operation in the Gaza Strip Covered by Unprecedented Shelling; Dozens of Palestinian Civilians Killed or Wounded. **Since the Beginning of the Israeli Offensive on Gaza: 250 Palestinians Killed, of Whom 206 Are Civilians, Including 54 Children and 34 Women, and 1,726 Others Wounded, Mostly Civilians, Including 526 Children and 349 Women; 333 Houses Targeted and Destroyed and Hundreds of Others Extensively Damaged. Thousands of Palestinian Civilians Forcibly Displaced.** Israeli occupation forces have continued their brutal and immoral offensive on the Gaza Strip for the 8th consecutive day, and have continued the policy of collective punishment in disregard for the international law and humanitarian law, which ensure protection for civilians in times of war, and in violation of the principles of necessity, proportionality and distinction. Israeli forces have continued their aerial, ground and sea attacks throughout the Gaza Strip, causing more civilian casualties and damaging civilian facilities, including houses and mosques. Last night, the Israeli government declared launching a ground operation in the Gaza Strip. In effect, Israeli forces moved hundreds of meters into Palestinian areas located along the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, amidst unprecedented shelling. Israeli warplanes supported these incursions. Israeli forces threatened Palestinian civilians of destroying their homes over their head if they stay in these areas. Hundreds of Palestinian civilians were forcibly displaced from these areas, reminding of the tragedy of 1948. Those who were not able to leave these areas have trapped under the Israeli tank shelling, and the International Committee of the Red Cross has not been able to attend them. Overnight, dozens of artillery and smoke shells were fired at these areas, unleashing bad smells that caused suffocation and fainting for many civilians and medical crews. Due to the indiscriminate and intense Israeli shelling, several public and service institutions, including municipalities, have suspended their activities, as 3 municipalities workers were killed in Rafah al-Boreij. This decision will lead to a real crisis in regards to providing drinking water, cleaning and sanitation. Additionally, more than one third of the Gaza Strip's population lack electricity supplies as Israeli forces damaged major electricity lines and obstructed their repair. From 10:00 on Thursday, 17 July 2014 to 10:00 on Friday, 18 July 2014, 29 Palestinians, 27 of whom are civilians, including 9 children and 2 women, were killed. Additionally, 268 Palestinians, mostly civilians, were wounded – this number includes 94 children and 51 women. Israeli warplanes also targeted and destroyed 21 houses. The latest

developments since the press release issued by PCHR yesterday noon have been as follows: **The Northern Gaza Strip:** Israeli warplanes launched 28 airstrikes and Israeli tanks and gunboats fired dozens of shells targeting houses, agricultural plots, open areas and a mosque. As a result of these attacks, 3 Palestinian civilians, including a woman, were killed, and 119 others, including 45 children and 23 women, were wounded. Additionally, Israeli warplanes targeted 5 houses and destroyed 3 of them. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli artillery shell hit Hayel Abdul Hamid School in Beit Hanoun. Fire broke out in the third floor and the building was damaged. An Israeli artillery shell hit a house belonging to 'Abdul Nasser Dabbour in the north of Beit Hanoun. As a result, Dabbour's wife, Amal Khader Ibrahim Dabbour, 41, was killed, and the house was damaged. An Israeli artillery shell landed near a house belonging to Ra'fat al-Za'anin in Beit Hanoud. As a result, 7 members of the family suffered severe suffocation. An Israeli artillery shell hit a house belonging to Hamdi Khader Obaid in the north of Beit Hanoun. As a result, 21 members of the family were wounded, including 7 ones who sustained serious wounds. The house was also damaged. An Israeli artillery shell hit a house belonging to Mahmoud Hussein Nussair in the north of Beit Hanoun. As a result, 2 of Nussair's sons were killed: Nassim, 32; and Karam, 31. A third son, Mohammed, 26, was also wounded, and the house was damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile belonging to the Shubair family in the east of Jabalya. The house was totally destroyed. Israeli forces moved into Um al-Nasser village, north of Beit Lahia. According to local sources, Israeli forces arrested at least 8 Palestinians. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to the al-Salawi family in al-Saftawi neighborhood. The house was damaged. Israeli warplanes bombarded a 2-storey house belonging to Dr. Majdi Jameel Shaqqura, the French Consul in Gaza, near al-Nawras Resort in the southwest of Beit Lahia. The house was completely destroyed. Shaqqura and his family were not in the house when it was bombarded. **Gaza City:** Israeli warplanes launched 15 airstrikes and Israeli gunboats and tanks fired shells targeting houses, civilians, agricultural lands, open areas and al-Wafaa' Hospital. As a result of these attacks, 7 Palestinian civilians, including 5 children, were killed, and 20 others, including 9 children, 3 women and a journalist, were wounded. Additionally, 2 houses were destroyed and 2 flats were damaged. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Khaled Mohammed Muhaisen in al-Shuja'iya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at the roof of a house

belonging to the sons of Marzouq Mohammed Shuhaiber, where 5 children from the family were feeding birds. As a result of the attack, 3 children were instantly killed: Jihad and Wissam 'Essam Marzouq Shuhaiber, 10 and 8 respectively; and Afnan Wissam Marzouq Shuhaiber, 8. The other two children were seriously wounded. Israeli tanks fired dozens of shells at al-Sha'af neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. One of the shells hit a house belonging to 'Abed 'Ali 'Abdul 'Aal Entaiz. As a result, 3 members of the family, including 2 children, were killed: 'Abed 'Ali 'Abdul 'Aal Entaiz, 24; Mohammed Ibrahim Entaiz, 13; and Mohammed Salem Ibrahim Entaiz, 2. Another 4 members of the family, including a child and 2 women, were wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Hamada Jaber Habib in al-Mughrabi Street. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Israeli warplanes launched 3 missiles at the 1st and 15th floors and a store of the Customs Authority in Dawod building in al-Remal neighborhood. The building was damaged. An Israeli artillery shell hit a house belonging to Saqer Mansour Abu Tawila in al-Shuja'iya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. As a result, Abu Tawila's son, Rami, 47, was killed. Three members of the family, including a child, were also wounded. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an engineering office belonging to the Abu Ras family in al-Jawhara building. The office was extensively damaged. As a result, Mohammed Ahmed Shabat, 45, a journalist, was lightly wounded. It should be noted that there are 13 media institutions based in the building. **The Central Gaza Strip:** Israeli warplanes launched 10 airstrikes and tanks fired dozens of shells targeting houses, agricultural lands and open areas. As a result of these attacks, a Palestinian civilian was killed, and 25 others, including 4 women and 7 children, were wounded. A house was destroyed and another one was damaged. The most significant attacks were as follows: An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Nidal Mohammed Noufal, in which 25 people live, in al-Nussairat refugee camp. As a result, Palestinian civilians, including 2 children, were wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Musallam 'Abdul Karim 'Eissa, in which 20 people live, in Juhor al-Dik village. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. As a result, 'Eissa's son, Hussam, 28, was killed, and his brother was seriously wounded. Israeli tanks fired dozens of shells at the east of the central Gaza Strip. A number of Palestinian civilians were wounded and some houses were damaged. An Israeli artillery shell hit a house belonging to Yousef Ahmed Mughassib in Wadi al-Salqa village, east of Deir al-Balah. As a result, 4 members of the family (2 children and 2

women) were wounded. **Khan Yunis:** Israeli warplanes launched 51 airstrikes targeting houses, agricultural plots, open areas, security sites and a mosque in the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis. Israeli tanks and gunboats also fired dozens of shells at agricultural and open areas. As a result, 12 Palestinians, including a child, were killed, and 45 others, including 12 children and 8 women, were wounded. These figures include 9 Palestinian who were killed and 29 others were wounded during an Israeli incursion into al-Qarara village and al-Zanna area. Israeli warplanes also targeted 4 houses and destroyed 3 of them. They also bombarded a poultry farm. Overnight, dozens of artillery and smoke shells were fired at these areas, unleashing bad smells that caused suffocation and fainting for many civilians and medical crews. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli warplanes launched 3 airstrikes on a poultry farm belonging to the 'Abdul Ghafour family in al-Qarara village, northeast of Khan Yunis. The farm was destroyed, but no casualties were reported. Israeli warplanes dropped thousands of flyers over the eastern areas of Khan Yunis ordering the inhabitants of Khuza'a, 'Abassan and Bani Suhaila to leave their homes and move towards the center of the town. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Ibrahim Abu 'Eid in 'Abassan village, east of Khan Yunis. The house was damaged and members of the family were forced to evacuate it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to al-'Abadla family in al-Qarara village. As a result, Hamza Hassan 'Ali al-'Abadla, 29, was killed. An Israeli drone fired a missile at 2 Palestinian children who were playing in the yard of their family's house in al-Manara neighborhood in the south of Khan Yunis. As a result, Rahaf Khalil Hamada al-Jbour, 4, was killed, and her brother, 6-year-old Hamada, was wounded. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at the office of the Customs Authority in Khan Yunis. A Palestinian civilian was wounded. Israeli warplanes launched 10 airstrikes on agricultural lands in al-Qarara, al-Zanna and 'Abassan areas, damaging them. Israeli tanks positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khan Yunis, fired dozens of shells at Palestinian areas near the border. As a result, 6 Palestinian civilians were wounded. The tank shelling was intensified at 22:00, when the Israeli government declared launching a ground operation in the Gaza Strip. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at a house belonging to Khaled al-Sinwar in al-Qarara village, northwest of Khan Yunis. The house was extensively damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at the campus of the University College of Applied Sciences in the west of Khan Yunis. As a result, Salah Saleh Ramadan al-Shaf'ei, 24, was killed, and another one was wounded. Both of them are service works in the college. Shortly before midnight, Israeli tanks

positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired dozens of artillery and smoke shells at all villages to the east of Khan Yunis. In the meantime, Israeli forces were moving into the east of al-Qarara village. The shells fired by Israeli forces unleashed bad smells that caused suffocation and fainting for many civilians and medical crews. Hundreds of Palestinian civilians were also forced to leave their homes in the affected areas. They resorted to mosques, schools and relatives. Israeli warplanes launched 5 airstrikes at Asdaa' City and Khan Yunis Central Prison in the west of Khan Yunis. An Israeli drone fired a missile at al-Mawasi area in the west of Khan Yunis. As a result, 3 Palestinian civilians were wounded. In the meantime, Israeli forces moved hundreds of meters into al-Zanna area. They took positions atop a number of houses. Israeli warplanes launched several missiles at Abu Radwan quarter in al-Zanna area in Banil Suhaila village, east of Khan Yunis. As a result, 4 members of the Radwan family were seriously wounded. Medical crews were not able to attend him because of the intensive shelling, so the 4 civilians bled to death. They were identified as: Ahmed and Mahmoud Fawzi Radwan, 23 and 24; Bilal Mahmoud Radwan, 23; and Munther Nabil Radwan, 22. For 4 hours starting from 03:30, Israeli warplanes launched at least 15 airstrikes at al-Zanna area in Bani Suhaila and al-Qarara villages, east of Khan Yunis, while tanks intensively shelled the area. As a result, 5 Palestinian civilians were killed: Hammad 'Abdul Karim Hammad Abu Lihya, 23; Mohammed 'Abdul Fattah Rashad Fayad, 26; Mahmoud Mohammed Fayad, 25; Hani As'ad 'Abdul Karim al-Shami, 35; and Mohammed Hamdan 'Abdul Karim al-Shami, 35. Another 29 civilians, including 8 women, were wounded. According to local sources, Israeli warplanes bombarded and destroyed 2 houses in 'Abdul Ghafour area in al-Qarara village. **Rafah:** Israeli warplanes launched 46 airstrikes and Israeli tanks and gunboats fired dozens of shells targeting houses, agricultural lands and open areas in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah. As a result, 6 Palestinians, including 5 civilians, were killed, and 79 others, including 21 children and 13 women, were wounded. Seven houses were destroyed. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli tanks positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, southeast of Rafah, fired dozens of shells at the debris of Gaza International Airport and houses in al-Nahda neighborhood and al-Shouka village. Dozens of families were forced to leave their homes. Israeli warplanes dropped flyers on Rafah ordering residents of al-Shaboura refugee camp, Tal al-Sultan neighborhood and al-Dehniya village to leave their homes and move towards the south of Rafah, allegedly for their safety. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Ussama Abu Taha in al-Brazil

neighborhood in the south of Rafah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. As a result, Mukhles Jaber al-Loulahi, 4, was wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Salem Shihda Siam, in which 10 people live, in al-Shaboura refugee camp in Rafah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. A number of nearby houses were damaged. Before the attack, Israeli forces phoned Siam's son to evacuate the house. Israeli tanks positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, southeast of Rafah, fired dozens of shells at the debris of Gaza International Airport and houses in al-Nahda neighborhood and al-Shouka village. Palestinian civilians called ambulances and civil defense crews to evacuate them from these areas. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Nazmi Selmi Shallouf, in which 7 people live, in al-Shouka village, southeast of Rafah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Ismail Mahmoud 'Abdul 'Aal, in which 15 people live, in Tabbat Zare' neighborhood in the east of Rafah. A few minutes later, Israeli warplanes launched 2 missiles at the house and destroyed it. As a result, the owner's child, 4-month-old Malak, was wounded. A number of nearby houses were also damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Mohammed Sameer al-Jazzar in al-Brazil neighborhood in the south of Rafah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. A nearby house belonging to the family was also destroyed. A number of houses in the area were also damaged. Medical crews were able to evacuate bodies of 3 Palestinian civilians who were killed and 20 other civilians who were wounded by the intensive Israeli tank shelling of houses near the Gaza International Airport, and in al-Shouka and al-Nasser villages, east and north of Rafah respectively. The victims were identified as: Majdi Suleiman Jebara, 22; Fares Jum'a al-Tarabin, 3 months; and 'Omar 'Eid al-Mahmoum, 17. Two hours later, ambulances evacuated the body of Selmiya Suleiman Abu Ghayad, 70, who was hit by shrapnel when Israeli tanks shelled Gaza International Airport. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Ahmed 'Asfour Dwai'er in the center of Rafah. As a result, Hanan Ahmed Dwai'er, 41, was wounded. An Israeli warplane fired a missile at a house belonging to Mohammed Ibrahim Zo'rob, 45, in al-Nasser village, north of Rafah, without a prior warning. Zo'rob's child, 11-year-old Siham, was killed, and 11 members of the family were wounded. Medical crews found the body of Yasser Mohammed Madhi, 22, in Kherbat al-'Adas neighborhood in

the north of Rafah. According to medical sources, he was hit by shrapnel of an artillery shell. ([PCHR Gaza](#) 18 July 2014)

Other:

- **Human Rights NGO's: A procedure to evacuate those injured in the Gaza Strip is required immediately. In light of last night's events: A procedure to evacuate those injured in the Gaza Strip is required.** B'Tselem – Gisha-Legal Center for Freedom of Movement – Machsom Watch – Physicians for Human Rights- Public Committee Against Torture in Israel – Rabbis for Human Rights – The Association for Civil Rights in Israel – Yesh Din Information received during the night, following the ground invasion, indicates that the movement of ambulances to evacuate the wounded and the independent evacuation of civilians from areas/homes under bombardment is impossible due to continuous and heavy fire in residential areas. Last night at around 21:00, reports were received of damage to Al Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital in Sejaiya. According to media reports rockets were stored in a building near the hospital, which was bombed later. Inside the hospital at the time were 17 patients in serious condition (for whom evacuation presents a real danger to their condition), staff and international activists. Physicians for Human Rights and B'Tselem warned in advance about their presence in the building but in spite of this, and after additional warnings to the hospital, the building was damaged. In this case, evacuation was eventually made possible following intervention and pressure from many bodies. In another case, which continued through the night, the Alswarka family from Beit Lahiya area turned to PHR-Israel with a desperate call for assistance to evacuate them from the line of fire. The family of several dozen people, including women and children, called from the ground floor of their home which had been damaged by the shelling, while heavy fire continued around them. Some family members were injured and required medical treatment. Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances that tried to reach them, as well as other sites in the neighborhood encountered firing. For hours, attempts were made to contact different official organizations for help to evacuate the family. Towards morning contact with the family was lost, but it seems that some of them were evacuated. It should be noted that as part of the lessons learned the "Cast Lead" operation, and in accordance with its legal obligations, the military pledged to prepare a coordination mechanism that would allow incidents of last night clearly illustrate that this mechanism, even if it exists on paper, is not sufficiently effective. Accordingly, we urge immediate action to honor this legal obligation to institute a

mechanism to regulate the evacuation of the wounded in the Gaza Strip. We call for protection to be provided to rescue teams and medical personnel in the Gaza Strip, to allow them to perform their duties without exposing them to danger. This is to ensure the principle of the sanctity of life and to avoid delays in evacuating the wounded - delays which may be critical and result in more victims. Moreover, given the enormous difficulty that civilians face in evacuating areas that are under heavy fire, we request that the parties ensure a safe corridor for citizens seeking to vacate areas under bombardment to save their lives and allow them to move to safe areas. ([B' Tselem](#) 18 July 2014)

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