

Israeli Troops Arrest Five Palestinians; Settlers Attack Villagers

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Hebron – PNN – An Israeli military force invaded the villages of Beit Awa and Beit Omer near the southern West Bank city of Hebron on Friday morning, arresting five civilians.



Local sources said that troops searched and ransacked a number of homes in both villages before arresting five men and taking them to an unknown location.

Also on Friday, a group of Israeli settlers stormed the village of Kufer Qaduom in the northern West Bank. Settlers vandalized farmers' property and wrote slogans on residents' homes, telling them to leave or be killed.

Settlers Burn Al-Sawiya Secondary Girls' School Storeroom in Nablus

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Nablus – PNN - The Nablus governorate chief spokesman denounced this morning's burning of a storeroom at Al-Sawiya Secondary Girls' School in southwest Nablus by settlers as a "criminal assault." The storeroom contained furniture and school supplies.



The settlers didn't just burn the storeroom, the spokesman noted, but they also wrote racist slogans on the wall of the school, including "Hill People," the name of a settler terrorist group in Nablus. Major General Jabrin Bakri condemned the attack as the act of an aggressive mastermind working as part of a settler terrorist plot to destabilize the region and create an atmosphere of violence and fear among Palestinian citizens.

Bakri said that if it weren't for unlimited political support the settlers received from Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, recent escalation would have ceased. He pointed to the rise in aggressive actions by settlers—despite warnings from the Palestinian Authority—and said it creates big questions about the role of the Israeli army. As crimes like mosque and school burnings increase without any sign of their perpetrators being brought to justice, he said, the army must be either complicit or negligent, and not fulfilling its supposed duty to protect the citizens under its authority.

Bakri concluded by saying that in light of continued settler assaults, Palestinians have been led to believe that Israel is an occupation state with no regard for human rights laws or the Fourth Geneva Convention. There is no alternative, he said, than to go immediately before the Security Council and ask for Palestinian lands to be put under international control so as to protect Palestinian citizens from the outrageous assaults of settlers.
