

Um Salamouna: Israeli military attack on peaceful demonstration is a gross violation of human rights

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Issa Samandar's back injury



6 Israeli soldiers beat Samandar

MA'AN Development Center expresses its horror at the attack perpetrated by the Israeli military against hundreds of participants in a peaceful demonstration in the Bethlehem village of Um Salamouna on 8 June.

Israeli soldiers fired tear gas at a crowd of Palestinians and some Israeli and international activists who were non-violently resisting Israel's Apartheid Wall and Occupation of Palestinian land on the 40th anniversary of 1967 occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 4 Palestinians were violently beaten with butts of Israeli guns, and then were arrested. Many journalists also fell victims to Israeli aggression; they were pushed to the ground and dropped their cameras.

Issa Samandar, MA'AN staff member and a land rights activist, was detained and brutally beaten by 6 Israeli soldiers resulting in back injury. Samandar was held for more than 6 hours in Kiryat Arba' detention facility in Hebron and was released later with a fine of 1000 Israeli shekels (\$250).

MA'AN Development Center condemns the Israeli military humiliating actions against peaceful demonstrations and against its staff and calls on human rights organizations to consider this act as a gross violation of human rights and international humanitarian law.

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