



MA'AN's Jordan Valley Monthly Update

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Demolition orders in Al Meiteh and Al Burj

In April, Israel addressed demolition orders to the community of Al Meiteh and Al Burj, located in the northern Jordan Valley, in Area C. Al Burj counts 50 residents and Al Meiteh, 18. Al Meiteh and Al Burj belongs to the area of Al Maleh, which houses 1,459 people, surrounded by 8 Israeli settlements. Due to restrictions imposed by the Israeli authorities, residents face a very high frequency of demolitions in this area. Over the past 10 years, there have been hundreds of demolitions of Palestinian-owned

structures including homes and animal shelters.

In addition, Palestinians of al-Maleh are repeatedly harassed by settlers, mainly from the settlement of Maskiot and the army carries out regular military trainings in the region.

New palm trees plantation in Yafit

Yafit, a settlement housing 175 Israeli settlers located in the middle of the Jordan Valley, drilled water networks in an area of 50 dunums, in March to prepare irrigation for planting palm trees. The settlement of Yafit already confiscated 800 dunums to cultivate Majdul dates.



MA'AN's Work in the Jordan Valley

Empowering Communities to Advocate for Change and Justice in the Jordan Valley

The project consists of enhancing the skills of beneficiaries in various communities including, Furush Beit Dajan, Jiiftlik, Marj Na'aje, Ras al Auja, Bardala, Kardala, Ein al Beida. 22 beneficiaries were selected in April to learn about documenting human rights violations through paralegal trainings, that will be held in May.

Jordan Valley 'Through Their Eyes'

The main objective of the project is the production of 5 movies by youth from the Jordan

Valley. 12 youth from the villages of Al Auja, Zbeidat, Fasayil, Jiiftlik and Marj Na'aje benefited from a training that focused on technical skills and how to use a camera. 3 other practical trainings were held, this time taking place outdoors, in the field of Yafit upon completion of the project.

Supporting Small Farmers in Date Tree Planting

During April, the beneficiaries were selected; 11 in Marj Na'aje, 15 in Zbeidat and 4 in Marj Ghazal. A needs assessment has been made, examining their existing facilities and what they should be provided with, in order to prepare the plantation of the date trees.

Jordan Valley 'Youth for Change'

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Advocacy tours in Jordan Valley

During April, 3 tours were organized, one for Belgium students and two for a French organization, AFPS, in order to raise awareness on the critical living situation of the communities living in area C in the Jordan Valley.

