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Palestinians detained, arrested in Burin

Date of incidents: 14 October 2013

Place: Burin, Nablus district, occupied Palestine

Witnesses: families of victims

Note: IWPS withholds contact information as a courtesy to those involved. However, we will do our best to furnish you with the information you may require, upon request.

Description of incidents:

This morning three families from the village of Burin arrived at their olive groves for collecting their harvest. Burin is surrounded by the settlements of Givat Runen, Yitzhar and Brachar. The settlement of Yitzhar has a documented history of violence towards Palestinians. The villagers were accompanied by international volunteers. As the harvesters were preparing to start a large group of settlers, reportedly numbering between 50 and 75 people, approached and insisted that they depart from their land. It was also reported that the Israeli army, police and border police arrived shortly afterwards. The army positioned themselves between the settlers and the villagers. The internationals were told by the army that they were not needed. They were then informed that if they did not leave they would be arrested and Palestinians would be prevented from harvesting the olives. After the internationals reluctantly left, the army took the identity cards of two of the Palestinians. One was blindfolded and detained in the olive grove while the other was arrested and taken away. The family of the arrested man was not informed of their son's whereabouts.

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