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Settlers attack Burin Village

Date of incidents: 03. 12. 2011

Place: Burin, Nablus District, occupied Palestine

Witnesses: Villagers of Burin, IWPS Volunteers, Israel Occupation Forces

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

Description of Incident:

Around 1am Saturday 12 March a family was murdered in Itamar settlement.

Two volunteers went to the village of Burin around 2pm after hearing that settlers were attacking villagers. We went to the Tanweer office and were taken to an isolated house at the foot of a hill. The house had been stoned earlier by approximately 40 male settlers who also tried to snatch an 8 year old boy. We waited on the land for around 30 minutes, watching the settlers walk across the top of the hill.

We were then taken to a group of houses approximately one kilometer from Burin's centre. These few houses were therefore extremely isolated and face frequent settler attacks. In the morning the house furthest up the hill had been attacked by very young boys. We went to the roof of Isam's house and were told there would be more attacks during the night.

We decided to stay the night and three more IWPS volunteers joined us. We were awoken at 10:40pm because settlers were in the area. We could see people moving down the hill toward the village from the illegal outpost of Yitzhar. Close to midnight, there were about 40 settlers walking up the road toward the home we were in and the village. Settlers threw rocks at the house we were in; as well they were screaming. The people in the house appeared frightened. One woman wept profusely in fear. Some of the settlers moved on toward the next house and we heard women screaming, as though they were being physically assaulted but no injuries were reported. The Israeli military came and "corralled" the settlers, keeping them from physically harming villagers. Settlers and military left the area at about 1:30am.

The following morning we observed the damage the settlers had done to 2 businesses. Windows were broken out of a trailer and a tractor. Across the street a nursery was suffered major damage. Tens of tree saplings were broken in half, others uprooted and hundreds of clay pottery pieces were smashed up.

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We also met with a nearby isolated house, closer to the main road. A woman lives alone here with her five daughters and is frequently targeted. On this occasion, settlers had stoned the house, broken the olive trees and damaged the water tanks on the roof.

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