
MachsomWatch

Women's Fund for Human Rights

Annual Report

2016



Achievements

CHECKPOINTS

MACHSOMWATCH ACTIVISTS MONITORED CHECKPOINTS THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES 1124 TIMES

Our checkpoint monitoring continued to interest the local and foreign media. Notably, in May, the Times of Israel ran a report about Qalandiya, and in October 2016, the Nation, a leading progressive weekly paper in the United States, published a report about the privatization of the checkpoints, based on information from MachsomWatch activists.



MILITARY COURTS

MACHSOMWATCH ACTIVISTS ATTENDED 82 MILITARY COURT HEARINGS

Many of the cases this year dealt with possession of weapons (knives) and membership in an unauthorized organization (as many organizations are). In September, a Palestinian was indicted for posting on Facebook (incitement), the first such case we have seen in the military court. Many cases dealt with extending the administrative detention of Palestinians, including minors; Palestinians caught without permits in Israel; throwing of rocks and Molotov cocktail. MachsomWatch sees the detention of Palestinians as the ultimate means used by the Israeli military administration to deny and prevent Palestinians from exercising their rights to freedom of movement.



BLACKLISTING

WE ASSISTED 8,000 PALESTINIANS IN APPEALING AGAINST THEIR BLACKLISTED STATUS

- There was a huge increase in the confiscation of permits from Palestinian workers and merchants.
 - With the individual acts of violence beginning already in late 2015, one of the ways of collective punishment was confiscating permits of veteran workers.
 - At the beginning of the 2016, people with the same family names and from the same village as those who participated in the recent violence lost their work or merchant permits. Most of them who appealed to the Court got their permits back, indicating that it was impossible for the State to defend this action in Court. We managed to alert the press about this, and an article was published in Haaretz.
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RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

- One of our activists toured the Jordan Valley with Knesset Member Tamar Zandberg who sought to better understand the water restrictions in the Jordan Valley.
- We ran an announcement in Haaretz in English, condemning the demolition of Tel al-Hema village in the Jordan Valley, and the erection of an outpost in its place. This announcement appeared on the front page and was seen by members of the diplomatic community, journalists, as well as by tens of thousands of the international public.



- We sponsored a tour to the public on October 8, together with other organizations, to the village of Ayn Khima in the Jordan Valley, which not only suffered from water restrictions, but was also demolished by the Israeli army
 - MachsomWatch members took the spokesperson of B'tselem and members of Taayush to see the demolitions that had taken place at Ras al-Akhmar village, which left many families homeless in 40-degree heat, and to visit with the families whose homes had been destroyed.
 - MachsomWatch activists took diplomats from the American Consulate to see Tel al-Hema and Ras al-Akhmar, but the army denied us entrance, on claims that the areas were a closed firing zone.
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TOURS TO THE PUBLIC

879 PEOPLE TOURED THE CHECKPOINTS

647 PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR LECTURES

47 PEOPLE JOINED OUR VIRTUAL TOURS

- Several tours were done in cooperation with Breaking the Silence, which brought American Jewish writers to Israel to better understand the Israeli occupation and the human rights issues. These tours were reported in the press.
- Our film “Fading Valley” (from 2013) about restrictions in the Jordan Valley was screened at the Vienna Jewish Film Festival in November.



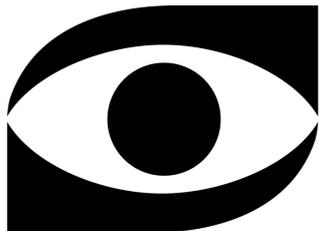
YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTREACH

362 YOUNG ISRAELIS TOURED THE CHECKPOINTS AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

725 YOUNG ISRAELIS ATTENDED OUR LECTURES



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لا لمחסومים



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