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During the week we have been invited to two meetings, one in Biddu and in one in the Kalkilia area (Izbet Tabib). On Thursday we went to Bi'lin for the a demonstration of the 42nd "anniversary" of the 1967 war of occupation. On Friday, we participated in regular demos against the separation fence and occupation in Bil'in, Um Salmuna and Ni'ilin. In Ni'ilin the Israeli state force murdered Yousef Akil Srour (36) - the fifth martyr of this village. On Saturday AAtW comrades tried as usual to join the Saffa villagers trying to cultivate their land in spite of the attacks of the neighboring settler colonialists of Bat Ain. That day, 15 of us came to Ni'ilin for the funeral of Yousef Akil Srour. In Tel Aviv we had a 100 strong block in the demo of 42nd "anniversary" for the 1967 war.

NI'ILIN

Israeli forces kill Palestinian demonstrators in Ni'lin

Friday, 5 June 2009 Israeli forces have killed a demonstrator in the West Bank village of Ni'lin. Israeli army shot Yousef Akil Srour, aged 36 years in the chest with 0.22 caliber live ammunition. He was dead upon arrival to Ramallah Hospital.

Yousef Akil Srour is the 5th Palestinian to be killed by the Israeli army in Ni'lin during a demonstration against the theft of his land for the construction of the Annexation Wall.

Israeli forces also shot Mohammad Mouslah Mousa, aged 15 years, in the lower chest shortly after shooting Srour. He was taken to Sheikh Zayed Hospital in Ramallah. Another 3 demonstrators were shot too with live ammunition: one in the leg, one in the side and one in the shoulder. Yousef Akil Srour (36), was shot with 0.22 caliber live ammunition in the chest on 5 June 2009 and pronounced dead upon arrival at Ramallah hospital.

In spite of the participation of the Israeli Anarchists Against the Wall in all demonstrations a total of 35 people have already been shot there by Israeli forces with live ammunition (killing three of the five Martyrs). Numerous others were injured by tear gas canisters and rubber coated metal bullets (which penetrate the body when shot from short range). AAtW activists (one of whom had to be operated on in hospital) were not immune from being shot at.

Ni'ilin Friday 5-6-09 - Yusuf Aqel Srur was killed by sniper - link to video

Detailed report and picture of Yousef Akil Srour on:

http://awalls.org/akal_srur_murdered_by_israeli_border...nilin

Media article at:

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=124403500806...wFull>

BIL'IN

Thursday, 4 June 2009 at 11am: The Popular Committees, along with the Ministry of Agriculture, call for a demonstration against the construction of Settlements and the Apartheid Wall.

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International activists and few of the AAtW participated in it too.

On Friday we participated as usual in the 224th demo:

R. W reported: "Approximately 20 Israelis and 10 internationals joined several dozens of Palestinians for the weekly demonstration in Bil'in. The demonstration followed yesterday's big demonstration commemorating 42 years since the Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The demonstrators marched with huge Fatah and Arafat yellow flags, and were escorted by a pick-up truck with sound gear playing national songs and orchestrating the slogans against the occupation and in praise of Allah. While most demonstrators were still on their way to the fence, the army used their multi-canister cannon to flood the area with gas, immediately turning the demonstration into a clash between the few stone throwing shabab at the front and the army's gas canisters, shock grenades and rubber bullets. The army's ammunition caused several small fires in areas adjacent to the separation fence. The demonstrators tried to change their position according to the wind and army deployment in order to maintain the demonstration. I know of one person injured from a rubber coated metal bullet, one from a direct hit of a gas canister, and several who needed treatment for gas inhalation. When we were about to leave the village, we heard of the murder of the demonstrator Aqel Srur in Ni'ilin"

Bil'in Friday 5.6.09 demo video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqR2YKjnQg4>

UM SALMUNA (Ma'asara region - south of Bethlehem)

As the belligerent Israeli state force commander was replaced, the demonstration was very peaceful - no beating no tear gas, no shooting and no arrests.

SAFFA

Like every Saturday in the past few weeks, we were going to Saffa this Saturday to join the local farmer in their work. This Friday the state forces succeeded to block the way of our comrades and arrested few of them.

Detailed report and pictures at:

http://awalls.org/farmers_and_activists_attacked_by_set..._army

TEL AVIV

Friday, activists participated in the protest against the Jewish gentrification of Palestinian remnants of Jaffa (annexed to Tel Aviv municipality long ago). On Saturday evening, June 6, 2009, at 6.00 pm, a protest demonstration was planned by a wide anti-occupation coalition - to mark the 42nd anniversary of the occupation and say a loud and clear NO to the plans and policies of the Netanyahu-Lieberman-Barak government.

In the demo, about 100 strong anarchists and oldie antiauthoritarians of the left marched as a block with headed with our banners, our samba drumming band and the clown troop. We We chanted all the way about occupation and the murder in Ni'ilin the day before.