

Three Injured during the weekly Bil'in protest

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Friday July 03, 2009 16:13 -Three injured and dozens suffered from gas inhalation when Israeli troops attacked the weekly protest in Bil'in village near the central West Bank city of Ramallah on Friday.

International and Israeli supporters joined the villagers of Bil'in and marched from the village center after the Friday midday prayers. The protesters demanded the halt of Israeli illegal settlements and construction of the wall. They also called for more resistance to the construction of the wall and settlements in light of the new Israeli plans to take over more Palestinian land near the dead sea and Jordan valley. The villagers asked human right groups to intervene in the case of those kidnapped by the army from the village. The army attacked Bil'in this week and last week and kidnapped a dozen civilian among them five children. As the protesters arrived at the wall, Israeli troops stationed at its gate fired a barrage of sound bombs, tear gas and rubber-coated bullets. Three protesters, Adeeb Abu Rahmah, Judi from UK and Julia from Germany, were lightly wounded and dozens were treated for the effects of tear gas inhalation. This week the Israeli military attacked the village on a number of occasions and kidnapped six people among them two children. In other news this week the Israeli High Court of Justice ordered the Israeli military on Wednesday to press stronger charges against an officer that shot a handcuffed and blindfolded Palestinian civilian from Bil'in. The court decision came based on a petition by Israeli human rights organizations on behalf of the victim Ashraf Abu Rahmeh, 27.