

The Phoenix



PALESTINIAN NONVIOLENCE BULLETIN

This bulletin, initiated by Mend (Middle East Nonviolence & Democracy), is intended to increase the visibility of the growing Palestinian Nonviolence Movement. It is named after the Phoenix Garden, where one of the most famous non-violent heroes, Mahatma Gandhi, developed his nonviolent theory.

In Bethlehem,

- 'Popular Committee Against the Wall In South Bethlehem' demonstrated nonviolently against the wall in South Bethlehem on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of May, 2007. It will be again demonstrating against the wall in June of this year on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.
- PCR (the Palestinian Center for Rapprochement between people) will coordinate action in all the Bethlehem area for a demonstration against "the wall and all forms of occupation" on the 5th of June.
- HLT (Holy Land Trust) will organize a Palestine Summer Encounter on the 4th and 5th of June from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. every day.

In the Jerusalem region,

- Central Jerusalem,

- LRC (Land Research Center) will be participating in a conference about nonviolence in June. On the 5th, it will be giving a presentation about Jerusalem.

- Anata,

- Local Palestinians will be organizing an International Nonviolence Gathering entitled 'Two States for Two Peoples Living in Peace' on June 5th of this year in memory of 40 years of occupation

In Nablus,

- Mend Nablus wrote and performed a play on the problems of internal roadblocks in the first week of May. The audience numbered roughly a hundred each night each night.

In Gaza,

- The Friendship and Peace Society is lobbying Israeli political and military figures for a ceasefire in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel

In the Ramallah region,

- Central Ramallah,

- Mend (Middle East Nonviolence & Democracy) held a conference on 'Media, Nonviolence and Human Security' on May 30th, 2007. Speakers included John Kjaer (European Commission Representative in the West Bank and Gaza Strip), Dr. Nabil Amro (Presidential media advisor and former Minister for Information) and Karim Lebour (Journalist, Radio France International).

- Bil'in Village,

- Bil'in Popular Committee coordinates nonviolent demonstrations against the wall with up to 200 participants every Friday for the last two years. In May of 2007, demonstrations were held on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. It has scheduled demonstrations for the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of June.

In Hebron,

- LRC participated in a Nonviolence March in Hebron in May. On the 15th of May, 2007, it gave a presentation about the occupation in Hebron.

- In the beginning of May, local institutions situated in Ghwein village (in the Hebron area) organized a two day training workshop in Nonviolence entitled ' How To Deal Nonviolently With Settlers and Soldiers'. Seventeen children and ten mothers attended


- On the 27th of June, the Hebron Scouts will take clothes and gifts to the old city of Hebron, a place constantly under attack from settlers.

In Jenin,

- Local institutions organized a demonstration against the wall on May 15th.

- The final of a series of football matches for all the West Bank was held in Jenin on May 15th. The final was between Jenin and Amari (a Ramallah refugee camp). It was organized by the local refugee camps in memory of 1948.

- All the local institutions organized a demonstration against the wall on June 6th.

 indicates areas of nonviolent activity

In Qalqilya,

- On the 1st of May, Mend organized a demonstration in Azzit Tabib village in reaction to sixty houses being threatened with destruction because of the wall. Over 200 people attended, including many Israelis.

- In early May, Mend and the local village council organized a demonstration against the wall in Ka-freen village. Thousands of local Palestinians, Israelis and internationals attended.

In Tulkarem,

- On the 7th of May, local institutions organized an International Nonviolence Gathering entitled 'Two States for Two Peoples Living in Peace'. Thousands attended.

- Mend organized a training for 20 students from Alquds Open University on nonviolent popular struggle from the 10th to the 13th of May.

- Badil (a local nonviolence organization) organized a march for refugees on the 15th of May.



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* This list is not yet comprehensive, there are many more activities going on that will be included in our next issue!



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