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Clashes in Silwan area following failed arson attack on mosque by settlers

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Burning cars belonging to Israeli settlers

Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood said settlers attempted to enter the Al-Ein Mosque early Thursday morning, sparking skirmishes that lasted until after sunrise.

Israeli forces arrived as locals said they were attempting to drive the settlers out of the mosque area. Two settler cars were torched, and several windshields smashed in the violence.

The incoming border police force was described as "massive," and said to have been firing tear-gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets toward Palestinians.

Firefighters called to put out the car blazes were reportedly confronted by angered residents in the area, Israeli daily newspaper Haaretz reported. According to the newspaper, four cars and two motorcycles were set alight.

A 22-year-old settler was said to have been injured, and the paper quoted a settler leader from the area, denying claims that an attempt to gain access to the mosque had caused the clash.

Israeli police said they were looking into the incident.

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Masjid Ibrahimi, Al Khalil (Hebron), West Bank

Water supplied in Gaza unfit for drinking; Israel prevents entry of materials needed for repairs

23 August 2010



Israeli Occupation authorities announced yesterday that it will fully open the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron before the Israeli settlers in the holy month of Ramadan, on the occasion of the Jewish "forgiveness" Day, in reference to fully close the campus before the Muslim worshipers.

Israel Radio said that the Israeli army allowed the opening of the Mosque's campus round the clock during the period of ten days starting with the Jewish New Year and ending with the Day of Atonement (Forgiveness Day).

Israeli Radio added that the decision was made in response to the request filed by the Local Council of Kiryat Arba settlement.

Source: [Palestine Telegraph](#)

Wastewater flowing through the Rafah regional waste dump

Almost 95 percent of the water pumped in the Gaza Strip is polluted and unfit for drinking. This warning was recently issued by the UN Environment Programme, the Palestinian Water Authority, the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility, and international aid organizations. They estimate it will take at least 20 years to rehabilitate Gaza's underground water system, and any delay in dealing with the problem will lead to additional deterioration in the situation and thus might extend the rehabilitation process for hundreds of years. Since it began its siege on the Gaza Strip, in June 2007, Israel has forbidden the entry of equipment and materials needed to rehabilitate the water and wastewater-treatment systems there. The prohibition has remained despite the recent easing of the siege.

Reasons for the water pollution in Gaza

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