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Water Resumed After Bills Paid TA1105043488 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0400-GMT 11 May 88

[Text] Our correspondent Arye Gus reports that the Civilian Administration resumed water supplies to the village of Bayt Fajjar near Hebron because the residents paid their water bills.

The Civilian Administration is threatening to cut off water and electricity supplies to 10 other villages which have still not paid their debts.

The curfew on the Al-Duhayshah refugee camp near Bethlehem continues.

Al-Shawwa on New Gaza ID Cards

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[Excerpts] Authorities in the Gaza Strip will continue their project today to replace the 400,000 identity cards in the area. The effort is now being conducted in the (Rima) neighborhood of Gaza City. [passage omitted]

The project has come under criticism from prominent Gaza residents. Steve Rodan interviewed the former mayor of Gaza City, Rashad al-Shawwa. Al-Shawwa said the residents are overtaxed. He also told our reporter that the fact that some Gaza residents are taking new identity documents does not mean that the uprising is over.

[Begin Al-Shawwa recording] It doesn't prove that the uprising has ended, nor does it prove that people accept the circumstances. People are definitely against the present conditions, they are against occupation, and I don't think even using these methods is going to make some change. [end recording]

Trade Conducted Out of Houses TA1005115888 Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew 10 May 88 p A3

[Report by Shefi Gabay]

[Excerpt] Extensive trade is being conducted out of houses and on sidewalks in the territories. This household industry has sprung up following the punitive measures imposed by the Israeli authorities on merchants who refuse to open their stores when ordered, and in the face of the intimidation campaign against them by local committees in various towns. The committees seek to force them to open for business only during the hours set by the unified national command of the uprising.

The East Jerusalem daily AL-NAHAR reports that many merchants have moved goods into their homes. According to the paper, homes in Tulkarm, for example, have turned into major shopping centers. Several houses have been turned into slaughterhouses, replacing those on strike, and into butcheries where the local population goes to shop for meat.

In accordance with the opening hours set for the afternoon by the unified national command of the uprising, sidewalks fill with stalls selling various products. Trucks arrive loaded with fruits and vegetables but prices are very high: A crate of tomatoes costs some 30 new Israeli shekels, and a crate of eggplants costs up to 28 shekels. Bakeries bake pita bread behind locked doors and make door-to-door deliveries. Workshops, such as shoe factories in Hebron, operate under difficult conditions behind locked doors.

As a result of this set-up, the population in the area does not suffer from hunger or food shortages. Although products are easily accessible, savings accumulated by years of work in Israel are running low. Many people complain about the sky-high cost of many basic staples compared to their price in Israel, especially of sugar, rice, tea, coffee, and canned fish and meat. The residents are afraid to shop in Israel, but the few laborers who report for work in Israel try to conceal products they purchase in stores in Tel Aviv or Beersheba in their bags. [passage omitted]

Newspaper Editor's Detention Extended 5 Days TA1005155588 Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew 1400 GMT 10 May 88

[Text] The detention of Ya'aqov Ben-Efrat, an editor of DEREKH HANITZOTZ, [THE WAY OF THE SPARK] was extended by an additional 5 days today. The details of the court deliberations are still blacked out, so this is what our legal affairs correspondent Yasmin Qeyni can tell us:

[Begin recording] This is the third extension of Ya'aqov Ben-Efrat's detention. This DEREKH HANITZOTZ editor has been in custody for 25 days now, and still the specifics of the court's discussions are censored. His attorney, Walid (Zahalata), was allowed to meet with him, and he reported that Ben-Efrat was looking well.

In the course of the past few days, the lawyers handling the DEREKH HANITZOTZ affair, have been allowed to consult with all their clients. They maintain that an Arab detainee, who had been beaten up, was introduced into their cell to intimidate them into breaking their vow of silence. This is the background for a message the attorneys sent to the prime minister's office today complaining about this Shin Bet questioning method.

It should be pointed out that this time Ben-Efrat's interrogators requested only a 5-day extension of his detention, because if they want a longer extension, they must seek the approval of the attorney general. Further extension beyond that will require such a license before the courts are approached. [end recording]