

Checkpoint Established as Israeli Forces Advance Deeper into Quneitra Countryside

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Israeli occupation forces in the Quneitra countryside. (Photo: video grab)

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Israeli occupation forces have intensified ground incursions in Syria's Quneitra Governorate, erecting checkpoints and advancing into multiple towns, prompting protests.

An Israeli occupation army patrol entered the village of Ain Ziwan in the countryside of Quneitra Governorate on Saturday, where occupation forces established a military checkpoint and inspected civilians passing through the area, Al-Jazeera reported.

Syrian state television said the move constituted a renewed violation of Syrian sovereignty, noting that five Israeli military vehicles were used to set up the checkpoint inside the village.

The incursion came one day after Israeli forces advanced toward the towns of Al-Asha, Bir Ajam, Bariqa, Umm al-Azam, and Ruwayhina in the southern Quneitra countryside, according to the Syrian News Agency.

On Friday, dozens of residents gathered in the city of Al-Salam in Quneitra Governorate to protest ongoing Israeli attacks against civilians and their property. The demonstration was organized by the "Syrians with Palestine" group in coordination with local residents, with participants holding banners rejecting repeated Israeli violations of Syrian territory.

Israeli occupation forces have carried out near-daily incursions into southern Syria in recent months, particularly in Quneitra Governorate. These operations have included arrests, the establishment of checkpoints, and land bulldozing, fueling growing public anger.

Despite a reduction in overt military escalation, Israeli occupation forces continue to carry out airstrikes that have caused civilian casualties and damaged Syrian army sites and infrastructure.

Following the fall of Bashar al-Assad's government on December 8, 2014, Israel declared the collapse of the 1974 disengagement agreement and began occupying the buffer zone, expanding its military presence deeper into Syrian territory.

Residents and observers warn that the continuation of these violations undermines efforts to restore stability in southern Syria and further complicates attempts to revive the region's fragile economy.