

Cases of land confiscation in the village:

Date	Location	Area	Dunums	Trees Chopped
1982	East	Al-Minttar	300	200
January, 1986	South East	Al-Mishah	(x)	15
June, 1986	South, West, North	Al-Kurum	1100	3285
		Um-Alshareha		
		Al-Rudum		
		Shaab		
		Al-Kharoubah		
		Jurat Samarah		
		Al-Bayadah		

- (x) This part of the land is included in the 1100 dunums recently vandalized and threatened with confiscation on the pretext that it is state-owned.

UPROOTING OLIVE TREES IN AL-MIDYA VILLAGE:

On the morning of June 19, 1986, the residents of the calm and peaceful village of Al-Midya were surprised by the Israeli army, border police, the so-called Green Patrol, and employees of the Land of Israel. The forces attacked the village, closing its entrances and imposing a siege around it. Meanwhile, the bulldozers they brought with them started to uproot olive trees and load them on trucks to be carried away. The savage operation was carried out without previous notice except for an unofficial one which was hand-written and given by a Green Patrol official to the farmer, Yusef Mustafa Radi. It was addressed only to him, ordering him to uproot his trees on his own before August 1, 1985 lest the bulldozers do the job for him.

Feeling the tremendous oppression inflicted upon them, the villagers came out of their houses in an effort to stop the bulldozers. The army forces started shooting and tossing tear gas and smoke bombs at them. They slapped a curfew on the village in order to allow the aggressors to carry out their savage operation. On that black morning, they were able to uproot 3285 olive trees and to carry them to remote areas for re-planting.

That morning, just before I left home, the Mukhtar of Al-Midya, accompanied by a number of villagers, came to inform me what was going on in their village. We agreed that some of us would go to Ramallah to inform a lawyer while the others would return to Al-Midya. I was among those who went back to the village. There I witnessed sights which violated human conscience. The authorities actually seemed happy and proud as they uprooted the trees and changed the topography of the land in the presence of heavily armed soldiers.