

The Golan Heights is an area of land annexed from Syria by Israel since the 1967 war. Families and communities living on either side of the ceasefire line have been divided for 40 years. In the Golan Heights there is a place called 'the shouting valley' where the topography creates an acoustic leak across the border and families gather to hear each others voices and wave across the otherwise impervious divide. The shouts that fills this room are the recorded salutations of these families.

The images you see are from the 15th May 2011 when protesters from all over the country gathered on the Syrian side of the shouting valley for the anniversary of the Nakba. However unlike the usual gatherings in the valley – this time the voice was not the only thing to cross the border. 150 Palestinian protesters from Syria unexpectedly broke into Israeli territory. For the first time since 1967 the border was breached. Four protesters were later killed by Israeli soldiers yet the majority managed to exercise, even if briefly, their right of return.

This border breach was captured by someone filming on their phone from the Israeli side - where communities local to the shouting valley had gathered in solidarity with the protestors. On this recording - amongst the loud protest chants of those breaching the border we can just about make out the voices of the families of the shouting valley in the background however they are not shouting their usual salutations. Like the border itself their voices became overpowered by the noise as they shout at the top of their lungs:

Enough
Enough
Stop
Stop
Hey. Stop
Enough
Enough
Enough
Stop. Enough
Stop. Enough
Enough
There are land mines
Stop
Stop
There are land mines. Land Mines
Land Mines. Land Mines
Enough

This whole time there were no land mines 2017