

# ISRAELI-ETHIOPIAN PROTESTS

## TIMELINE APRIL - MAY 2015

**28 APRIL**  
A municipal inspector beats an Ethiopian man, and later argues he mistook him for a migrant.

**3 MAY**  
**Thousands protest in Tel Aviv**, blocking major arteries and junctions, and culminating in violent clashes in Rabin Square. Police use crowd control tactics again, while some protesters try to break into the Tel Aviv City Hall.

**10 MAY**  
Protest leaders **convene press conference** and **demand ministerial committees** be established to address community's needs.

**18 MAY**  
**Several hundred protesters** take to the streets again in Tel Aviv.

**23 MAY**  
A **civil servant takes his own life** after a facebook post detailing discrimination against a black woman by a clerk at his office goes viral.

**27 APRIL**

**Video capturing police beating** IDF soldier of Ethiopian descent, **Demas Fekadeh**, sparks outrage in Israel's Ethiopian community

**30 APRIL**

About **1000 march in Jerusalem**, blocking streets and the light rail, to protest racism and police brutality against Ethiopian Israelis. The protest turns violent and police use tear gas, stun grenades and fire hoses.

**4 MAY**

PM Netanyahu meets with Ethiopian-Israeli community leaders and **publicly denounces racism and police brutality**.

**17 MAY**

At annual memorial for Ethiopians who died trying to reach Israel, **Netanyahu announces establishment of ministerial committee** to address racism against Ethiopian Israelis, and President Rivlin expresses the State's responsibility for the situation, stating "We didn't see, we didn't act correctly and we did not listen enough".

