

# Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 7 February 2012

 $\mathbf{T}$ he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats the occupied Palestinian territory, in the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

*The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and \or news sources.* 

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## Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

• The Israeli Occupation Army attacked Palestinian citizen by beating him at flying checkpoint near Ya'bad town south west of Jenin city and took him to unknown destination. Eyewitness indicated that the IOA set up a flying checkpoint infront of Abu Ya'ish Gaz station near the crossroad of Kafreit southwest of Jenin, forcing the citizens to leave the cars and checked their ID cards. Furthermore, the Israeli soldiers set up another military checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Yab'ad town, conducted military search to Palestinian cars and checked in their ID cards.

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Sabastiya town north Nablus city, arrested 3 Palestinian citizens. Ahmad Raja, one of the arrestees indicated that the IOA raided his house after midnight, gathered the family in one room, where the police dogs searched the house before arresting his sons; Raja (21 years old) and Wajdi (20 years old). Furthermore, the soldiers arrested Majd Abd Al-Karim 'Azim (24 years old) after searching his parents' house.
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Um Ash Sharayt neighborhood in Ramallah city, conducted military and search operations and checked in Palestinian ID cards.
- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed Al Karmel village east of Yatta town in Hebron city, and occupied roofs of Palestinian houses under the pretext of carrying out search operations. Of the houses, an house owned by Mohammad Abu 'Aram was known. In addition to that, the IOA prevented Palestinian workers from continuing there work to construct a road to Khirbet Um An Nar under the pretext that it is adjacent to the wall of Susiya settlement.

#### Israeli Settlers Violence

- A number of Israeli settlers attack Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya village south of Nablus city and wrote racist slogans on its walls.
- Israeli settlers wrote racist and anti Arabs and Christian slogans at the walls of a mixed school in Beit Safafa east of Jerusalem city. Both Jewish and Palestinian students attend the school, which is located between Beit Safafa and the Jewish neighborhood of Katamon.
- "Death to Christians" and "Price Tag" words was daubed and painted in Hebrew on the outer walls of the Monastery of the Cross in Jerusalem. In addition, two cars parked outside the monastery were damaged.

# **Confiscation & Razing of Lands**

• The Israeli Occupation Authorities notified Palestinians to confiscate 10 dunums of lands in Beit Ulla town west of Hebron city. The local farmers found evacuation orders tossed in their lands in Khallet Al Deeb area west of the town under the pretext of being classified by the Israelis as "State lands". The orders target the lands of Al 'Amla family and stated the evacuation of the lands and bring it back to its old status within 45 days. Land owners were also given 45 days from the date the orders were issued to file their objection against the military order at the Ofer military camp in Ramallah. In addition to that, the IOA confiscated agricultural tractor owned by Sadeq Mohammad Al-'Amla

# **Uprooting & Destruction of fruit trees**

- Israeli settlers under the protection of Israeli Occupation Army uprooted around 100 olive trees in Al Sarara area in Qaryut village in Ramallah city.
- The Israeli Occupation Army uprooted more than 25 olive trees in Khallet Al Kutla in Hebron city. In addition, the IOA with Israeli settlers set up new caravans in the confiscated lands in Karmi Tzur settlement north of Beit Ummar town.

## Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• The Israeli supreme court rejected an appeal filed by local residents of Um Al Rukba area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city, against the demolition of 30 Palestinian houses based on military orders distributed to residents ten years ago, and accordingly renewed the demolition of 2 houses (out of the 30 houses) and a water well in the village. The first house is owned by Khaled Abdel Salam Salah and houses 5 family members; the second house is owned by Nader Abdel Salam Salah and the water well is owned by Mufeed Ghneim.

#### Others

- Israel claims that the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) submits bids for Israeli historic monuments and locations to be classified as World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO. The list of sites submitted to the organization includes the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Old City of Nablus, Sebastiya, the ancient port of Gaza, Hisham's Palace and Tel al Sultan in Jericho, Mount Grizim, the monasteries in east Jerusalem deserts, and Rehan Forest in Jenin Governorate. The aforementioned locations are located within the West Bank area, which was illegally occupied by Israel back in 1967. Along with the list, Israel claims that the PNA IS considering submitting heritage sites that are under Israeli control such as Qumran Caves and the Dead Sea.
- Three Jerusalemite families (Ghayth, Sha'lan, Al-Daiya) in At Tur neighborhood appealed for help to open road, which was destroyed by the Israeli bulldozers in the neighborhood. The families indicated that after the bulldozing they were trapped and isolated from the neighborhood and had no other alternative road to use for going into and out of their houses. The razing was done in favor of the Authority of Israeli Nature to establish the Talmudic gardens in the area.
- The Israeli Administrative court responded with the petition filed by a number of Palestinian families of Lefta village west of Jerusalem city to look at the cancellation in the Israeli plan to build settlement neighborhood includes 220 villa, commercial mall, gas station and synagogue on 405 dunums of village's lands.
- The Foundation for Waqf and Heritage committee reported that the <u>Israel</u> Antiquities <u>Authority</u> continues the digging of tunnels and excavations works in Al Kittan cave located between Bab Al Amud and Bab As Sahera, on the northern edges of the old city of Jerusalem, underneath Palestinian lands and houses. Excavation works in Al Kittan cave are going on two ways, (1) the first to link the cave and its tunnels with Al Yabousi tunnel at its exist underneath Al Aqsa Mosque, near Al 'Omariya school south of Jerusalem city and (2) the second, excavation works are to continue towards Bab Al Sahera.