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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, 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

• Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Tell village, west of Nablus city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 6 people; identified as: Amir Basel Al Hindi (19 years) Yahya Abed Al Karem Ramadan (21 years), Adnan Khalid Ramadan (65 years), Anas Yousif Hamdi (21 years) and Ahmed Abed Al Fatah Asidi (21 years). (Maannews 29 August 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Yabad town, west of Jenin city. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA detained Fadi Abu Saleh and questioned him. (Pal Info 29 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and toured in several areas and neighborhoods in Al Yamun and Silat Al-Harithiya towns in Jenin governorate. (Pal Info 29 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house owned by Anas Malash in Ad-Doha town in Bethlehem governorate. (Wafa 29 August 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Bethlehem city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians. (Wafa 29 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA0 attacked a non-violent protest against the confiscation of "Beit Al Baraka" which located near Al Arroub refugee camp,, north of Hebron city. The IOA assaulted participants. Causing the injury of: Youaif Abu Mariya, Rateb Jabour, Bade Dwiek and Younis Arar. (RB2000 29 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Navy opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city and at Al Waha shore, northwest of Beit Lahiya town. (Raya 29 August 2015)

Israeli Arrests

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Ramzi Abdalla Al Hrami 918 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming his house in Bethlehem city. (Wafa 29 August 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

 Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed an area in Al Karmel village, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city, and performed Talmudic rituals near a water well. (Pal Info 29 August 2015)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Al Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. (Pal Info 29 August 2015)

Other

Study: Americans make up 15% of settler population in West Bank. The study is the first time evidence has been presented approximating the number of American settlers living in the West Bank. Fifteen percent of the total Jewish settler population in the West Bank are Americans, an Oxford University scholar revealed Friday, detailing for the first time the number of US citizens living beyond the Green Line, according to Newsweek. Speaking at the Limmud conference in Jerusalem, Sara Yael Hirschhorn, in a promotional lecture for her soonto-be published book, said that out of the approximately 400,000 Jews living in the West Bank, 60,000 were Americans. The figures did not include east Jerusalem, Newsweek added. "This provides hard evidence that this constituency is strikingly over-represented, both within the settler population itself and within the total population of Jewish American immigrants in Israel," Hirschhorn said. Anat Ben Nun, director of development and external relations for the dovish Israeli NGO Peace Now, said that the findings reveal that the settlement enterprise has expanded beyond its internal dimensions and has morphed into "an international problem." "Unfortunately, while the Obama administration has been persistently vocal against settlement developments, some 60,000 American citizens are taking an active part in an attempt to make the two state solution impossible," Ben Nun said. "With no possibility for real bilateral negotiations in sight, the American administration must be actively involved in promoting a solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict through the international arena," she added. Hirschorn, whose efforts span over a 10-year period, went on to say that despite common tropes labeling American emigrants to Israel as Right-wing or religious ideologues, many of the settlers were left-leaning, educated professionals with strongly held Zionist beliefs. "What my studies reveal is that they were young, single, highly-educated... upwardly mobile," she said. "Most importantly, they were politically active in the leftist socialist movements in the US in the 1960s and 70s and voted for the Democratic Party prior to their immigration to Israel." Hirschorn went on to say that the picture that emerged from her years-long study of American settlers "is one of young, idealistic, intelligent and seasoned liberal Americans who were Zionist activists, and who were eager to apply their values and experiences to the Israeli settler movement," according to Newsweek. The US State Department's official position is that under international law, Israeli settlements are illegal. (IPOST 29 August 2015)

