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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 August 2014

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

- Yahya Alqam (20 years) was injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian houses in Shufat refugee camp in Jerusalem city. (NBPRS 24 August 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Baq'a area in Dar Salah village, east of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades at Palestinians. (Al-Quds 24 August 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian students from reaching their school in the central of Hebron city. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the southern part of Hebron city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Three Palestinians were injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Budrus village, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live bullets, causing the injury of a 19 years old Palestinian. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted Naser Salah after stopping him at Al-Jalamah checkpoint, north of Jenin city. (Wafa 24 August 2014)

Gaza strip

• Palestinian Center for Human Rights report "On the 49th Daye of Israeli Offensive on Gaza":7 Palestinians, 4 of Whom Are Civilians, Including Woman and Her Child, Killed and 92 Others, Including 34 Children and 19 Women, Wounded; Civilian Dies of Previous Wound; 15 Houses, Shopping Center and Mosque Apartment Tower Building Destroyed and Hundreds of People Rendered Homeless; Israeli Forces Drop Flyer and Send SMS Civilians Threatening to Attack Everything to Combat "Terrorism" Since the Beginning of the Israeli Offensive, 2,122 Palestinians, 1,633 of Whom Are Civilians, Including 507 Children and 292 Women, Killed, and 10,621 Others, Mostly Civilians, Including 3,224 Children and 2,056 Women, Wounded; 895 Houses Targeted and Destroyed by Israeli Warplanes; Thousands of Houses Destroyed Completely or Partially by Israeli Shelling; Thousands of Palestinian Families Resort to Humanitarian Shelters. Israeli occupation forces have continued their brutal and immoral offensive on the Gaza Strip for the 47th consecutive day in violation of the international law. They have employed their fullfledged arsenal to attack the Gaza Strip from the air, sea and land, killing and wounding thousands of Palestinians, mostly civilians, including children and women. Many Palestinians have been killed by Israeli airstrikes that attacked their homes without prior warnings.

Israeli forces have attacked homes and civilian facilities and property. On Saturday evening, 23 August 2014, Israeli warplanes bombarded and destroyed a 13-storey apartment building in Gaza City after ordering its residents to evacuate it. It should be noted that this has been the largest apartment building destroyed by Israeli warplanes since the beginning of the current offensive, which raise concerns that Israeli forces might have started a new stage of escalation under which other apartment buildings may be targeted and destroyed by Israeli warplanes. In the meantime, Israeli forces attacked more houses, apartment buildings, commercial facilities and civilian gatherings. These attacks followed Israeli threats to escalate attacks and launch a new ground operation in the Gaza Strip. Israeli forces dropped flyers and sent SMS messages to the civilian population threatening to attack everything to combat "terrorism." As a result of these attacks, 7 Palestinians, 4 of whom are civilians, including a woman and her child, were killed, and 92 Palestinians, including 34 children and 19 women, were wounded. Additionally, 15 houses, an apartment tower building, a mosque and a shopping center were destroyed. Humanitarian shelters throughout the Gaza Strip are over-crowded as thousands of Palestinian civilians have resorted to them. According to UNRWA's statistics, the number of displaced civilians has amounted to at least 240,000. Most areas in the Gaza Strip lack water and electricity services due to the ongoing offensive. The latest developments from 10:00 (07:00 GMT) on Saturday, 23 August 2014, to 10:00 on Sunday, 24 August 2014, have been as follows: <u>The Northern Gaza Strip:</u> Israeli warplanes launched a number of airstrikes targeting houses, a playground, agricultural plots and open areas. As a result of these attacks, 22 Palestinians, including 4 children and 7 women, were wounded. Additionally, 2 houses were targeted and destroyed, and a number of others were damaged. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli warplanes launched 13 missiles at a site in Beit Lahia. The site was destroyed. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot belonging to the Hamad family in Beit Hanoun. As a result, 4 Palestinian civilians, including 2 women, were wounded. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 4-storey house belonging to Mahmoud Naji in al-Fakhoura area in Jabalya refugee camp. The house was damaged. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a flat belonging to Mohammed Nadi Zain al-Din in Sheikh Zayed apartment buildings in Beit Lahia. The flat was damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to 'Abdul Rahim Raiha in Jabalya refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot belonging to the Wirsh Agha in al-Manshiya Street in Beit Lahia. As a result, a woman and a child were wounded. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural room in Beit Hanoun. As a result, the room and a nearby house were damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot belonging to the al-Kilani family in Beit Lahia. As a result, a woman was wounded. An Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles at Beit Lahia playground damaging it. Two Palestinian civilians were wounded. At the same time, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at a site of a Palestinian group, which was bombarded on the previous day, in Beit Lahia. Gaza <u>City:</u> Israeli warplanes launched 10 airstrikes targeting an apartment tower building, 2 houses, a motorcycle and agricultural plots. As a result of these attacks, 3 Palestinians were killed, and 35 Palestinians, including 12 children and 4 women, were wounded. An apartment tower building and 2 houses were also destroyed. Additionally, a Palestinian civilian died of a previous wound. The most significant attacks were as follows: medical sources at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City declared that Mohammed Nasser al-'Ejla, 64, died of a wound he had sustained in the morning, when Israeli forces fired at him when he was in Juhor al-Dik area where he worked as a guard of a farm. He was hit by a bullet to the abdomen. An Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles at al-Zafer 4 apartment tower building near the campus of the Islamic University. The 13-storey building, which includes 46 flats, where 40 families counting 240 individuals live, was completely destroyed. Additionally, 18 civilians were wounded. The attack terrified Palestinian civilians in the area, and residents of 2 nearby apartment buildings were forced to evacuate their flats. An Israeli warplane fired a missile at civilian car that was traveling near al-'Oyoun intersection in the north of Gaza City. As a result, a Palestinian who was traveling in the car was killed. An Israeli warplane fired a missile at a motorcycle that was traveling near al-Fayrouz apartment buildings in the north of Gaza City. Two members of a Palestinian group who were traveling on the motorcycle were killed. An Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles at a 3-storey house belonging to the heirs of Ibrahim 'Aaref al-Ghalayini, in which 35 people, including 20 children, live in the west of al-Nasser neighborhood in the north of Gaza City. At the same time, an Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles at a 6-storey house belonging to Nasser Hussein al-Bawab, in which 65 people, including 30 children, live in al-Nasser neighborhood in the north of Gaza City. Israeli warplane also launched a number of airstrikes on a number of sites, agricultural plots and open areas. The Central Gaza Strip: Israeli warplanes launched 25 airstrikes targeting houses, agricultural plots and a cemetery. As a result of these attacks, 3 Palestinian civilians, including a woman and her child, were killed, and 17 others, including 9 children and 4

women, were wounded. Five houses were also attacked and 3 of them were destroyed. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to 'Omar Mohammed 'Ali, in which 30 people live, in al-Boreij refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Two neighboring houses were damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 4-storey house belonging to 'Ali 'Abdul Jawad Muhaisen, in which 10 families counting 70 individuals, live in Deir al-Balah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it and a neighboring one. Three Palestinian civilians, including a woman and her child, were killed: Nisrin Ibrahim Ahmed, 38; her child Hussein Khaled Ahmed, 8; and 'Abdul Karim Hamad Abu Meddain, 43. A man and his child were also wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Mahmoud Ramadan Abu 'Armana, in which 19 people live, in al-Boreij refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Mahmoud Mohammed Khalaf, in which 18 people live, in al-Boreij refugee camp. The house was damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to the heirs of Khamis 'Ali Noufal, in which 13 people live, in Deir al-Balah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. <u>Khan Yunis:</u> Israeli warplanes launched 16 airstrikes targeting houses and agricultural plots. As a result of these attacks, a Palestinian civilian was wounded. Another civilian also died of a previous wound. Israeli warplanes also targeted and destroyed 2 houses. A number of nearby houses and PCHR's office in Khan Yunis were damaged. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli warplane launched a missile at a tract of land in al-Zanna area in the northeast of Bani Suhaila, east of Kahn Yunis. Israeli warplanes launched 2 airstrikes on an agricultural plot in 'Abassan village, east of Khan Yunis. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Ibrahim Mahfouz al-Farra and his brothers, in which 15 people live, in al-Farra neighborhood in Khan Yunis. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched 3 missiles at the house, 2 of which did not explode while the third one destroyed the house. A number of houses, shops and PCHR's office in Khan Yunis were damaged. Israeli warplane launched 3 airstrikes on agricultural areas in Ma'aan area. Medical sources at an Egyptian hospital declared that Salah Jum'a 'Ayash Saleem, 26, died of a wound he had sustained on 02 August 2014 when Israeli warplane bombarded a house belonging to the Saleem family in al-Qarara village. The attack killed 2 members of the family and wounded 5 others, including Salah. An Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles at an agricultural plot in Abu Draz in 'Abassan village. Israeli forces positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khan Yunis, fired smoke bombs and live bullets at Abu Raida area in the east of Khuza'a village, east of Khan Yunis. Israeli warplanes launched 3 airstrikes on a site and open areas in the northwest of Khan Yunis. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Ma'rouf in al-Manara neighborhood. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Israeli forces positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired shelled the east of Khuza'a village. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in Ma'an area. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 4-storey house belonging to Hani Jalal al-Farra, in which 13 people live, in al-Mahatta area in Khan Yunis. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched 2 missiles, one of which exploded and destroyed the house. Rafah: Israeli warplanes launched 37 airstrikes on Rafah targeting a shopping center, an apartment building, houses, a mosque, agricultural plots, open areas and the tunnels area. Israeli aircrafts dropped flyers threatening to attack houses and inciting against Palestinian armed groups. As a result of these attacks, 17 Palestinian civilians, including 9 children and 4 women. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli aircrafts dropped thousands of flyers demanding the population to evacuate any area from which an attack against Israel is launched, threatening to attacks any house from the vicinity of which an attack is launched and inciting against Palestinian armed group. A box of flyers fell onto a house belonging to Khamis al-Hams in Tal al-Sultan neighborhood in the west of Rafah. The house was damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at the destroyed Gaza International Airport in the southeast of Rafah. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a Palestinian who was walking in Saddam Street in al-Junaina neighborhood. He was seriously wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at an underconstruction house belonging to 'Omar Ahmed al-Qutati in al-Junaina neighborhood. The house was partially destroyed. Israeli forces fired a number of artillery shells at Palestinian houses in al-Shouka village, east of Rafah. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 4-store building belonging to 'Ali 'Abed Nassar, in which 28 people live, in Bashit area in Rafah refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. A small praying hall on the ground floor of the house was also destroyed. Additionally, at least 14 neighboring houses were destroyed completely or partially. Israeli forces fired a number of artillery shells at Palestinian houses in al-Shouka village, east of Rafah. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a house belonging to Mousa Mohammed al-'Arja, in which 8 people live,

in al-Tannour neighborhood in the east of Rafah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. A number of neighboring houses were damaged and 2 Palestinian civilians were wounded. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in al-Shouka village, east of Rafah. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in Tabbet Zare' neighborhood in the northeast of Rafah. As a result, 6 Palestinian civilians were wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a tunnel at the Egyptian border near al-Salam neighborhood in the south of Rafah. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in al-Shouka village, east of Rafah. Israeli warplane launched 7 missiles at the shopping center in Abu Bakr al-Siddiq Street in the center of Rafah. The center was destroyed. A number of nearby houses, shops and 2 schools, which serve as shelters for at least 500 displaced civilians, were extensively damaged. Additionally, 7 Palestinian civilians were wounded. The shopping center included 14 flats used as offices for private companies, legal firms, clinics, 47 shops, a wedding hall and a restaurant. It is a property of Rafah Municipality. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at the roof of a building belonging to Yahia Shihda Zo'rob near the above-mentioned shopping center. The building was damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an open area in the northwest of Rafah. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an open area in the northwest of Rafah. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in al-Junaina neighborhood. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at the tunnels area at the Egyptian border, south of Rafah. Israeli warplane launched 3 missiles at an agricultural plot in al-Salam neighborhood in the south of Rafah. (PCHR Gaza 24 August 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the main road which link between Nablus city and Al-Badhan village, north of Nablus city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Safa 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the IOA in Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Khalid Fayad and Ahmed Soufan. (Raya 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Mas'oud Al-'Omari (17 years) after storming his family house in Bani Na'im village, east of

Hebron city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Wafa 24 August 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Ahmed Al-'Alami (25 years) after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Suliman Qassem Mohammad Sharabi (31 years) and Ali Yousif Nawahda (28 years) after stopping them at a military checkpoint erected by the IOA near Barta'a village. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding their houses in Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus city. The arrestees were identified as: Mahmoud Ishtawi and Rami Murshid. (Wafa 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wajeh Zuhair Abd Al-Fatah Awwad (25 years) after storming and searching his house in Bethlehem city. (RB2000 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mus'ab Mohammad Jarad Thawabtah (25 years) after raiding his house in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 24 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Mohammad Al-Jawaresh (16 years) during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the IOA in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 24 August 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Israeli settlers escorted the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Wafa 24 August 2014)

Israeli Closures

 Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to close the Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron on the face of Palestinians on the 25th of August 2014, to allow the celebration of the Israeli settlers in their holidays. (Wafa 24 August 2014)

Other

• 89 families killed in Gaza since hostilities began, Palestinians say. Health officials say 16 people were killed on Sunday alone, bringing the death toll over the past seven weeks to 2,120. Officials in Gaza reported on Sunday that that during the seven weeks of fighting in the Gaza Strip, 89 entire families were killed by Israeli bombardments. According to Gaza Health and Interior Ministry officials, the 89th family was added to the list on Sunday, when the Juda family – a woman and her four children -- of Tel Azatar in the northern part of the Strip, was killed by in an air strike. Local reports say the house was struck without warning and the five were killed immediately. Reports were also emerging from Gaza claiming that five people, including three children and their mother, were killed in IDF strike in the Tel A-Zatar neighborhood north of Gaza City. An Aircraft reportedly struck the Judeh family home without prior warning. According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, 16 people were killed Sunday in the Gaza Strip, and another 52 were wounded, bringing the death toll to 2,120 people. Of these, 577 were children, 260 were women, and 101 were elderly people. The number of wounded has reached 10,850, of whom 3,300 are children, more than 2,000 are women and some 400 are elderly. The 49th day of fighting in Gaza opened with reports of two killed and 20 wounded throughout the Strip, including an attack on a group of people near the large apartment complex known as the Al-Fairouz Towers. In Dir al-Balah the home of the Atleini family was bombed, killing one person and wounding 10. In the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City a two-year-old girl and 17-year-old boy was killed, with five people wounded. Khan Yunis reported one of its toughest days of the campaign, with the Israel Air Force attacking the Abu Maarouf neighborhood at least 11 times. While there was heavy damage, no one was killed, though at least 10 people were wounded. There were also two targeted killings by the IAF reported, one involving a motorcyclist in Beit Lahiya, in the northern Gaza Strip, and a second strike at a car in the A-Ramal neighborhood of Gaza City that killed Mohammed Talat al-Ghoul, who was responsible for Hamas' salary transfers. Also among Sunday's targets was a large commercial center in Rafah – a compound of dozens of stores and businesses that was totally destroyed, with the damage running in the tens of millions of dollars. In recent days Palestinian websites have been prominently displaying photos of the damaged residential and office buildings, noting that Israel seems to have altered its policy and is now seeking to do as much damage as possible to infrastructures and commercial centers. The Palestinian school year was supposed to begin on Saturday for some 500,000 children but the school opening has been delayed in Gaza until further notice. Schools opened as scheduled for the West Bank's 700,000 pupils. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency on Saturday announced a three-phase plan to try to help Gaza's students and teachers ease into the new school year, even though school cannot open in the usual fashion. According to UNRWA's website, the plan includes psychosocial interventions, the use of new technology and televised education programs were possible, and self-study materials. (<u>Haaretz</u> 24 August 2014)

Israel forces continue indiscriminate assault against civilians. Israel is expanding its operations to once again target civilians in Gaza. On Aug. 23, the 47th day of the assault, 12 Palestinians were killed in relentless Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, including five women and two children. In a particularly egregious use of lethal force now being called "Gaza's 9/11," Israeli warplanes struck two towers that served as literal pillars of society -- one an office-and-retail complex in Rafah and another an 11-floor apartment building in Gaza City that served as home for nearly 50 families. Although residents were warned to evacuate 10 minutes before the drone attack, the assault was so massive that 17 people – four of them children -- were injured. "The building known as 'Alzafer 4' contained 44 apartments," says Ramy Abdu, chair of Euro-Mid Observer for Human Rights, a watchdog group based in Gaza and Geneva. "Ten minutes' warning is enough time to flee, but not to save all of your possessions. These families now are without food, clothes and personal mementos - all of the manifestations of their lives and history, gone in an instant." The Israeli government claimed that it was targeting several "Hamas operations rooms," no proof was cited. The result was hundreds of more people added to the swelling numbers of people forced to seek shelter with family and friends, in UN schools and elsewhere – a tally that reached 460,000 this week. "The Israeli government is blatantly guilty of collective punishment," says Ihsan Adel, a Euro-Mid legal researcher. "The UN Security Council must take immediate steps to hold Israel to account for the massive loss of life, property and livelihood." Statistics: The death toll from the Israeli assault that first began on July 7 now stands at 2,100, including 535 children and 298 women. A much larger number of Palestinians in Gaza have been injured – 10,628, including 3,214 children and 2,065 women. About a third of the wounded children, will be forced to live with permanent disabilities. The latest civilian onslaught began Saturday after the collapse of the truce negotiations. In one day, Israeli forces waged at least 242 individual attacks using including 192 missiles from the air, 21 shells from the sea and 29 artillery attacks from tanks. Since July 7, Gaza has been hit 59,973 times -- 7,690 by air, 15,673 from the sea and 36,610 on the ground. Israel continues to target homes and civilian institutions. On Saturday alone, 439 homes were hit – 99 were destroyed and 340 were damaged. The total number of homes demolished or damaged since

the beginning of this latest war on Gaza is now 15,671 (of which 2,276 are destroyed). Other civilian structures targeted on Aug. 23 included a mosque and four nonprofit charity organizations. They joined mosques and 26 charities destroyed or damaged since July 7, which had served more than 200,000 persons. Euro-Mid Observer estimates the economic loss to Gaza from the Israeli assault to be \$3.4 billion. (Euro-Mid 24 August 2014)