

ARIJ Daily Report

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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) at the entrance of Beit 'Awa town, west of Hebron city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets and teargas and stun grenades. (RB2000 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets. (RB2000 29 July 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beit Rima village, west of Ramallah city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA opened fire at Palestinians. During the clashes, the IOA arrested Mahmoud Aziz Al-Rimawi and Ghassan Kamal Al-Rimawi. (Rita News 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Khader village, west of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the clashes, the IOA arrested a Palestinian. (Wafa 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Yatma village, south of Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Maannews 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Sur Baher, Al-Issawiya, and Silwan towns and As-Sawana neighborhood in Jerusalem city. In Sur Baher town, the Israeli settlers escorted by the IOA demonstrated in the town, as a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing the injured of two Palestinians. During the clashes, the IOA arrested Palestinian. (Maannews 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Jabal Al-Mukkabir neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 8 people. During the clashes, an Israeli settler opened fired at Palestinians. (Sama News 29 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Maannews 29 July 2014)
- Ala' Aemd Az-Zaghira (21 years) died after he was injured during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Idhna town in Hebron governorate, few days ago. (Maannews 29 July 2014)

Gaza strip:

• The Gaza Strip's sole power plant shut down due to a large fire caused by Israeli shelling on Tuesday morning, after at least 57 were killed in a series of Israeli strikes from land, air, and sea since midnight. The strikes brought the death toll in Gaza to 1,156, including nearly 300 children, with more than 6,700 injured in 22 days of Israeli assault, as

the Israeli military said it launched strikes on 70 "targets" across the Strip. The military also announced its deadliest 12 hours since the beginning of the conflict, with 10 soldiers killed on Monday alone, bringing the total to 53. Meanwhile, Israeli shelling on the Gaza Strip power lead to a major fire at the station, shutting down production for the coastal enclave's 1.8 million people. Fathi al-Sheikh Khalil, deputy head of the power authority in Gaza, said that one shell had hit a fuel container, setting fire to it, after another shell had hit a steam engine in the plant. Khalil said that teams on site were unable to control the fire. Even before the plant shut down, electricity was severely rationed in eight hour increments, a result of the eight-year long Israeli siege on Gaza that has led to frequent shortages of basic necessities including the fuel needed to run the plant. An AFP reporter saw huge fires raging near the plant Tuesday morning, noting that fire department vehicles were still unable to reach the area. The damage of the power plant exacerbated the heavy damage to civilian infrastructure in Gaza already inflicted during the 22 days of the Israeli offensive aimed at stamping out militant rocket fire and destroying attack tunnels. Besides the power plant, Gaza also purchases electricity from Israel, but many of the supply lines have been badly damaged by the recent fighting, Sheikh Khalil said. "Five out of 10 of the Israeli electricity lines into the Gaza Strip were also damaged because of Israeli shelling, and maintenance still cannot reach the areas and fix them," he explained. 'We will resist until freedom' Israeli warplanes on Tuesday struck the house of Hamas' top leader in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh, inside the al-Shati refugee camp. The Hamas leader responded angrily to the attack, pointing out however that the strike would not break the will of the people of Gaza. "My house is not more valuable than the house of any other Gazan, and destroying stones will not break our determination and resistance," he said in a statement. "We will resist until freedom." His son Abed Salam Haniya said the house had been struck twice in the attack. Israeli strikes across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday morning also hit a number of governmental institutions, mosques, and Hamasrelated media centers. Al-Amin Muhammad mosque was struck by Israeli warplanes in western Gaza City, and al-Salihin mosque in Rafah and al-Shujaiyeh. At least two airstrikes were fired at the International Gaza Airport in eastern Rafah, and another targeted the offices of the Hamas-affiliated al-Aqsa TV in al-Sheikh Radwan neighborhood. Israeli warplanes also launched an airstrike at the "financial supervision" offices in western Gaza City. The Israeli military said in a statement that they had hit "two sites used as command and control centers belonging to Hamas, four weapon storage sites concealed within mosques, a concealed rocket launcher located near a mosque and an offensive tunnel." Waddah Abu Amer, his wife, and five children were killed in Khan Younis. Waddah Abu Amer is a leader in the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a leftist party. According to Ministry of Health spokesman Ashraf al-Qidra, 10 Palestinians were killed around noon on Tuesday. Nine Palestinians were killed in a series of strikes on Monday morning. Five killed in shelling targeting the house of the mayor of al-Bureij, including the mayor himself Anis Abu Shamaleh, and seven injured. 10 were injured in Israeli airstrikes targeting the Abu Jame and Abu Daqqa houses in Khan Younis. Three Palestinians, two of them brothers, were killed in shelling targeting al-Hashash family house in Rafah City. Suheil Hussein Nassar was killed and three others were injured in Israeli shelling targeting his family house in Beit Lahiya. 11 Palestinians were killed in shelling targeting al-Bureij refugee camp, three of them are children, and 15 others were injured. Journalist Izzat Duheir, 23, Turkiya Duheir, 80, Yasmin Duheir, 25, Mary Duheir, 12, and Tasnim Duheir, 8, were killed in Israeli airstrikes targeting the Duheir family house in Rafah. Five Najjar family members were killed in shelling targeting their house in the Maan area in Khan Younis. Siham Najjar, 42, was identified as killed, and seven others were injured. Suheila Abdulgadir al-Jaal, 70, was killed in al-Sabra neighborhood in southern Gaza City. Dunia Nader al-Agha, 13, succumbed to wounds she sustained Monday night in Khan Younis. Seven were killed early Monday in Israeli shelling targeting the Abu Zaid family house in al-Jineina neighborhood in Rafah City. A Ma'an reporter said that Israeli warplanes targeted a three-floor house belonging to Abu Zaid family without any warning, killing seven and injuring dozens. Ahmad Abdullah Hassan Abu Zaid, Widad Ahmad Salama Abu Zaid, Shamma Wael Abu Zaid, Maryam Marzouq Abu Zaid, Muhammad Abu Zaid, the child Abduallah Nidal Abu Zaid, and Bisan Iyad Abu Zaid were identified among the dead. Medics pulled the body of an unidentified child from the rubble of al-Far family house in central Gaza. Al-Alami family house in Gaza City, Awad Iseifan house in central Gaza Strip, Abu Aita family house in al-Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City, al-Shurafa family house in western Gaza City, al-Ghrabli family house in southern Gaza City and Abu Shluf family house in Rafah were targeted by Israeli forces. (Maannews 29 July 2014)

 Israeli Occupation warplanes launched two missiles at a Palestinian building, south of Gaza city. As a resulted, the building was torched. The Israeli warplanes also, attacked Palestinian apartments near As-Saraiya courtyard in the city. A Palestinian child was killed and others were injured after the Israeli missiles hit a Palestinian house, northwest of Gaza city. Two Palestinian were destroyed after the Israeli warplanes launched missiles at them in Az-Zaytoun neighborhood in Gaza city. The targeted houses are owned by Al-Ja'bari and Sarsour families. (Wafa 29 July 2014)

- In Beit Lahiya town, the Israeli missiles destroyed all the water tanks in Ash-Shiekh Zaiyed residential city. (Wafa 29 July 2014)
- Dozens of Palestinians were injured after the Israeli Occupation warplanes launched missiles at UNRWA School in Tal Al-Hawa neighborhood in Gaza city. Note that the school inhabited by dozens of Palestinians, who were forced to evacuate their houses in Ash-Shuja'iya neighborhood in the city, after the Israeli warplanes attached the neighborhood. (Wafa 29 July 2014)
- Ahmed Mou'nes was killed and 15 others were injured after the Israeli warplanes launched missiles at a Palestinian house in An-Nasirat refugee camp in the central of Gaza strip. (Wafa 29 July 2014)
- Baha Ad-Diyn Al-Gharib and his daughter Ola were killed after the Israeli warplanes launched missiles at a group of Palestinian in Rafah city, south of Gaza strip. Note that Mr. Gharib is a Palestinian journalist.(Wattan 28 July 2014)
- Israeli warplanes targeted offices belonging to the al-Aqsa TV station early Tuesday, a Palestinian media group said. The Palestinian Journalist Bloc said in a statement Israeli forces struck the Hamasaffiliated station's offices in the al-Nasser neighborhood, the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, and the al-Rimal neighborhoods of Gaza City. Al-Aqsa's broadcast stopped briefly after the strike on the al-Rimal neighborhood, although no injuries were reported. The Bloc condemned what it called "crimes against journalists and media." Hamas' station plays a "central role in managing the media battle against the Israeli lies," the Bloc said. It said al-Aqsa channel was crucial for providing information on the ground in Gaza to several other Arabic media organizations. The Israeli army confirmed the strikes on al-Aqsa's offices in an emailed statement. Strikes "targeted the propaganda dissemination capabilities used to broadcast the messages of (Hamas') military wing," the statement said. "'Al-Aqsa' station broadcast capabilities are used to incite Palestinians against Israel, to transit orders and messages to Hamas operatives and to instruct Gaza residents to ignore IDF (army) warnings regarding upcoming military activity in specific areas." During Israel's last major offensive on Gaza, Israel targeted two of the station's cameramen in addition to targeting its office. According to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, an Israeli warplane fired a missile at a car on Nov. 20, 2012, killing Hussam Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Salama and

Mahmoud Ali Ahmad al-Koumi. Days earlier, Israel had struck al-Aqsa's office in the al-Shorouq building in western Gaza City. The building housed offices several other media organizations, and six journalists were injured. PCHR and other rights organizations condemned the attacks, saying Israel was deliberately targeting journalists. (Maannews 29 July 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers tried to kidnap Taha Riyad Tuffah (2 years) while he was with his father walking in Shufat town in Jerusalem city. (Wattan 29 July 2014)
- Israeli settlers torched a number o olive tree at the western entrance of Tequ village, southeast of Bethlehem city. (Wattan 29 July 2014)