Israel Violations' Activities in the oPt
21 September 2014

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.

Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Zububa village, northwest of Jenin city. The IOA fired metal bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians and houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. The IOA erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of the village. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wattan & Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house in Birqin village, west of Jenin city, and questioned the residents. The targeted house is owned by Ali Ateq. (Wattan 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped and searched the public buses in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA checked ID cards and questioned Palestinians. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a Palestinian mosque and 12 houses in Bir Al-Basha village, south of Jenin city. The targeted houses are owned by: Shadi Ghawadra, Thair Ghawadra, Sharif Ghawadra, Ja’far Ghawadra, Muayyad Hamdan, Fouad Ghawadra, Ghanam Ghawadra, Abdalla Ghawadra, Faried Ghawadra, Fahed Ghawadra, Ziyad Al-Qadri and Laith Al-Qadri. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a number of Palestinian stores in Al-Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired tear gas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injured of a Palestinian. (Maannews & RB2000 21 September 2014)

**Israeli Arrests**

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abda Al-Qadir Sama’iha (24 years) after raiding and searching his house in Beit Iba village, northwest of Nablus city. (Panorama FM 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Al-Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Raid Badawi after raiding his house in Nablus city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wahed Hassan Sabarnih (23 years) after storming and searching his house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Mohammad Murshid Awad (26 years) from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, while he was interviewing the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Firas At-Titi after raiding his house in Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Zahdi Abd Al-Rahman Mahfoud (55 years) from Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Al-Qawasmi after raiding his house in Hebron city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Mahir Al-Adra (22 years) after raiding his family house in Yatta town, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Tawfiq Yahya (21 years) after storming his family house in Al-‘Araqa village, west of Jenin city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Al-Walaja village, west of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Hamza Saleh Ma’ale (28 years), Mohammad Saleh Ma’ale ((20 years) and Baha Karem Abu At-Tin (24 years). (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Zakariya Abd Al-Hamid Ahmed Awidat (54 years) after stopping him at Al-Container checkpoint, north of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 21 September 2014)
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians women and two children while they were at Bab Al-Amud area in Jerusalem city. Two of the arrestees were identified as: Zahiya Nimir and Muna Baiya. (Maannews 21 September 2014)

Israel Settler Violence
• Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. The Israeli settlers performed Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Israeli Nature Authority demolished 20 graves in Ash-Shuhada’ cemetery near Al-Asbat gate in the old city of Jerusalem. (Maannews 21 September 2014)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints
• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints around Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA searched the areas, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Safa 21 September 2014)

Israeli Closures
• Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to close Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron on the face of Palestinians on the 25th and 26th of
September 2014, under the claim of Jew holidays. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance of Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. The IOA prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the camp. (Wafa 21 September 2014)

**Other**

- Israeli population climbs to 8,904,373 ahead of Jewish New Year. Population increases by 173,811; the number of new Olim to Israel the past year stands at 24,801. As Israelis prepare to ring in the Jewish New Year, the Population and Immigration Authority released a report on Sunday estimating Israel’s population at 8,904,373. This marks an increase of 173,811, or 1.99 percent, in the total population, from 8,730,562 citizens registered with the Interior Ministry a year ago. The number of new immigrants to Israel over the past 12 months was 24,801. During the year, some 176,230 babies were born, of which 90,646 were boys and 85,584 were girls. (JPOST 21 September 2014)

- Senior defense official: No operational reason to build West Bank Battir barrier at present. IDF’s goal is to preserve its right to build the barrier in the area in the future, official tells the Post. Building a three-kilometer stretch of the security barrier near the West Bank Palestinian village of Battir is “not a priority” at present, a senior defense official told The Jerusalem Post on Sunday night. “At present, there is no operational reason to build it,” he explained. The IDF’s goal here is to preserve its right to build the barrier in that area in the future, even though it has no intention to construct it at this time, the official said. The barrier’s route near Battir, located just outside of Jerusalem, in the Gush Etzion region of the West Bank is bitterly contested by Palestinians, environmentalists and settlers before the High Court of Justice, in part because it threatens to harm ancient agricultural stone terraces that date back to Biblical times. In June the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) registered Battir’s terraces as an endangered World Heritage site under the “state of Palestine.” In response to UNESCO’s decision, the High Court of Justice on July 29, asked that the issue of the barrier be brought to the government by October 2 so the minister could be appraised of the implications of the Battir’s placement on the World Heritage List. On Sunday the government debated the security barrier route near Battir, which it had approved in 2006. It issued the following statement after its meeting. “Pursuant to the Supreme Court's July 29, 2014 decision regarding the route of the security fence in the area of Battir and UNESCO’s June 20, 2014 decision, the cabinet did not see fit to change...
its previous decisions.” But it did not take the extra step of voting to affirm it, according to an Israeli official. The court did not obligate the government to reauthorize the route. But the absence of such a vote was widely interpreted by barrier opponents as a sign that the government’s resolve with regard to building the barrier near Battir and in the Gush Etzion region as a whole had weakened. They also believe it bolsters their legal battle against the barrier. A senior security official explained the meeting this way. “The intention from the outset was to confirm the route, but not its construction.” A security and budgetary assessment would have to be done, before moving forward with construction, the official said. (JPOST 21 September 2014)