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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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Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) ravaged civilian homes in Jerusalem's eastern town of al-Issawiya and kidnapped 12 Palestinians. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Burin village, south of Nablus, and kidnapped the Palestinian youth Namer al-Tirawi from his family home. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beita and Qusra villages, south of Nablus, and kidnapped the Palestinian ex-prisoner Baraa

Hamayel from his home, in Beita al-Fouka. Youngster Fares Oudeh was also kidnapped in the assault. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of the Palestinian civilian Ziad Hamdan, in Tulkarem's northern village of Balaa, and aggressively attacked his family members after they subjected them to intensive questioning. A number of Israeli army jeeps were further spotted near Tulkarem's Western Mosque at predawn time on claims of hunting for a wanted anti-occupation youth. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Azzun village, east of Qalqilya, at the crack of dawn and kidnapped two more Palestinian youngsters, identified as Mohamed Emad and Udai Salim. The IOA also sealed off the northern entrance to Azzun and wreaked havoc on civilian homes. The campaign culminated in the abduction of the Palestinian ex-prisoner Fahd Sbeih from his family home in the southern occupied West Bank province of Hebron. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a 22-year-old Palestinian man from Jenin on his return from Saudi Arabia where he performed Umrah. The Israeli intelligence apparatus questioned Ibrahim Abu Baker at the crossing for hours. He was then arrested and taken to an unknown destination. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque compound from Mughrabi Gate, under heavy guard from Israeli special police, in a clear deliberate violation of its sanctity on the third day of the holy month of Ramadan. At least 91 Israeli settlers and 40 students broke into the holy shrine amid heavy presence of Israeli police and carried out provocative tours in various parts of its yards. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)

Other

- Two Israeli Knesset members have been advancing a new project to annex Maaleh Adumim and Gush Etzion settlements to occupied Jerusalem. According to Maariv Hebrew newspaper, the MKs Yehuda Glick (Likud) and Betzalel Smotrich (the Jewish Home) are scheduled to submit their proposal for Knesset discussion on Monday. The proposal aims to connect the illegal Maaleh Adumim and Gush Etzion settlements to the occupied holy city of Jerusalem. On Dec. 23, 2016, the UN Security Council has voted in favour of a resolution demanding

the halt of settlement activity by Israel on occupied Palestinian territory with the United States notably abstaining. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)

- Human Rights Watch (HRW) has accused Israel of seeking to make the Palestinian natives of Occupied Jerusalem a minority in their own city by stepping up the demolition of their homes. “[Israeli] municipal planning documents have had the stated goal of ensuring that Palestinians are a minority in the city,” HRW said in a recent report. According to the international rights group, the UN has estimated that 90,000 Palestinians in east Jerusalem live in homes without permits. “Many Palestinians in east Jerusalem could not obtain a building permit for their homes. Israel has zoned only about 12 percent of the land there for Palestinian residential construction, and most of the zoned area is already overcrowded. By contrast, Israel has zoned 35 percent of the land in east Jerusalem for Jewish settlement construction.” One of those Jerusalemite homeowners is called Ashraf Fawaqa who was forced to pay 60,000 shekels (US\$17,000) in fines for having built his home without a permit. When he received the demolition order in 2017, he paid another fine of 25,000 shekels (\$7,000) to obtain a delay order from an Israeli court in order for his family to have a home when his wife gave birth. On May 4, his time ran out. At a court hearing that day, a Jerusalem district court judge ruled that the freeze on the demolition of Fawaqa’s home had expired, allowing a municipal wrecking crew to raze the house to the ground on the same day. Under Israeli law, Fawaqa will have to pay more thousands of shekels to cover the cost of demolishing his home. He and his family, including four children, now live in a tent pitched beside the rubble of their house. On May 4, the Israeli occupation authorities demolished nine other Palestinian buildings in east Jerusalem. In 2016, Israeli demolitions left 254 Palestinians homeless, around half of them children. In most cases, the pretext of unlicensed construction were used to justify the demolitions. “The international law of occupation, which applies to east Jerusalem, prohibits the destruction of property except for reasons of military necessity. For decades, Israeli officials have violated these prohibitions with impunity. Families like the Fawaqas are paying the price,” HRW stated. (PALINFO 29 May 2017)