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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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (Army) in Al-Madares Street (Schools street) and the area surrounding Al-Quds University in Abu Dis town, southeast of occupied Jerusalem, amid heavy firing of sound bombs and tear gas. (WAFA 25 October 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (Army) in Al-Salam neighborhood in Anata town,

northeast of Jerusalem, following an Israeli raid to the area. (Wafa 25 October 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) photographed the road linking Muthalath Ash Shuhada area with Burqin south of Jenin city. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) targeted farmers and their lands east of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip, forcing farmers to leave their farmland fearing for their lives. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented a seminar regarding the Islamic and Christian property from being held in St. George hotel in Jerusalem under the pretext of being sponsored by the Palestinian Authority. The IOA stormed into St. George hotel minutes before the start of the seminar that was entitled "Islamic and Christian Property in Jerusalem"; the seminar was organized by the Scientific Library and the National Coalition for Palestinian Rights. The IOA evicted everyone from inside the hall while intelligence personnel put up the prevention order that was signed by the Minister of Internal Security, Gilad Ardan. The Israeli intelligence handed a group of people participating in the seminar a request for interrogation. (SILWANIC 26 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) manning the entrance gate of "Karnei Shomron" settlement prevented Palestinian farmers of Jinsafut village east of Qalqilya from picking olive in their lands isolated behind the wall, under security reasons. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Ibn Rushd roundabout area in the center of Hebron city and obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles in the area, causing traffic crisis. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian shops in the southern part of Hebron city and ransacked shops' contents. The IOA also checked the ID cards of Palestinians who were in the place for security reason. (Wafa 25 October 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Hebron-area town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank and detained Wahid Zamel Abu Maria, 50, a former prisoner who spent 20 years in Israeli prisons and Yousif Bader Mahmoud Ikhlayyil, 37, also a former prisoner who spent four years in Israeli prisons. The IOA assaulted Ikhlayyil in front of his wife and 8-year-old son after they broke down his front door. The IOA also detained Muhammad Ibrahim Abd al-

Hamid Abu Maria, 22, a former prisoner who spent two years in Israeli prisons. Israeli soldiers reportedly assaulted Abu Maria, his father, mother, and his siblings Mahdi, 14, Alaa, 23, and Baraa, 18, with the butts of their rifles. The soldiers handcuffed the family members and left them inside one of the house's rooms until after the soldiers left, at which time a relative arrived and untied them. Israeli soldiers distributed and hung up fliers demanding locals prevent their children from throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers, threatening to revoke the Israeli work permits of workers from the Abu Maria, Awad and al-Sleibi families. (Maannews 25 October 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, three from the Bethlehem area, an 18-year-old from the Qalqiliya-area town of Joyous, and a 48-year-old man from the Tulkarem refugee camp. (Maannews 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian man and his son from Bani Naim after forces allegedly found ammunition in their home. (Maannews 25 October 2017)
- Israeli police released three minors from East Jerusalem after their families posted a bail of \$285 for each. They teens were ordered to house arrest for five days. (Maannews 25 October 2017)
- Over the course of 10 days, Israeli authorities issued 22 administrative detention orders against incarcerated Palestinians, including one woman. The orders were issued between October 15 and 25, adding that a mother of five, identified as 30-year-old Khadija Rabee from the Yatta town in the southern West Bank Hebron Governorate was sentenced to three months of administrative detention. Four detainees received administrative detention orders for the first time, while the rest had their administrative detentions renewed. (Maannews 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muin Ibrahim Hamarah, 20, and Ahmad Muhammad Khalilieh, 30 , from Jaba' village south of Jenin city at two sudden military checkpoints that were erected by the IOA near Bizariya village and Checkpoint 17 near Nablus. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Mahmoud Muhammad Hussein Ash Shafi'i and Yousif Ibrahim Muhammad Al Hamashri from Tulkarem city while they were near Nablus road and took them to unknown destination. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Taleb Khader Diab, 55, after raiding his house in Tulkarem refugee camp. (Wafa 25 October 2017)

- Israeli police released from detention three minors from East Jerusalem after their families posted bail of \$285 for each and on condition they are kept under house arrest for five days, said local sources. (Wafa 25 October 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers renewed their incursions to Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem through the Moroccan gate and performed religious rituals in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque under the escort of armed Israeli forces. (Wafa 26 October 2017)
- The Israeli Knesset member, Yehuda Glick broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque to bless his son's wedding. The Glick broke-in through Dung Gate during the afternoon break-in session, and conducted a tour in the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque while heavily protected by occupation forces. (SILWANIC 25 October 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers, escorted by the Israeli occupation army (IOA), stormed the Iraqi army martyrs cemetery in Muthalath Ash Shuhada area, south of Jenin, and began filming the cemetery from the inside. The cemetery includes graves and remains of Iraqi soldiers who participated in the 1948 war. (Wafa 25 October 2017)
- Israeli settlers, attacked Palestinian farmers with stones while they were harvesting olives in Deir Nezam village, near the West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. Israeli soldiers stood by while settlers from the nearby Halamish settlement, built illegally on land belonging to Palestinians, hurled stones at olive pickers. Settler attacks have escalated in the recent months, particularly after Israel's seizure of the main road that connects several villages in the area and the ongoing expansion of Halamish settlement. The Israeli occupation's military government issued orders, expropriating Palestinian land near the illegal settlement of Halamish, northwest of Ramallah. Soldiers passed on notices to the farmers informing them that their land will be confiscated "for security reasons." (IMEMCE 23 October 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern occupied West Bank Bethlehem-area village of al-Walaja and delivered a demolition notice to an under-construction two-story home in the village. (Maannews 25 October 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli soldiers invaded, al-Walaja village, northwest of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, installed barbed wires along the Separation Wall, built on the villagers' lands, and handed a demolition order targeting one home. The soldiers installed barbed wires along the Separation Wall, extending from the village's northern entrance near the Cremisan Monastery all the way to al-Hadafa Spring area. The soldiers also invaded Ein Jweiza area, in the northern part of al-Walaja, and handed a demolition order against a two-story home, owned by Mahmoud Mohammad Radwan, under the allegation of being built without a permit. It is worth mentioning that the army previously issued many similar orders targeting homes in the same area; some were demolition orders, and others were orders to halt construction, which is usually the step that precedes demolition. (IMEMC 25 October 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- Israeli authorities on Wednesday approved a major settlement expansion in a Palestinian neighborhood in East Jerusalem. The Jerusalem municipality and the Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee issued building permits for 176 housing units in Jabal Mukkaber, in the southeast of the city. The settlement of Nof Zion currently includes 91 apartments, and the expansion would make it the largest settlement inside the Palestinian neighborhoods of Jerusalem – surpassing Ma'ale Zeitim with its 200 families. Nof Zion was first populated six years ago. Despite the issuing of the permits, construction is expected to be delayed due to a dispute between the land owners. In response to the decision, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on the Trump administration to intervene immediately in an attempt to save the peace process. The land for the project was purchased in the 1970s by developer Rahamim Levi. The Digal company that built it failed to market the project because of its proximity to the Palestinian neighborhood. Palestinian-American entrepreneur Bashar al-Masri tried to purchase the land, but right-wing activists eventually purchased it with the help of Jewish-Australian businessman Kevin Bermeister, one of the founders of Skype who has been instrumental in assisting right-wing organizations in East Jerusalem. Abbas' spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh condemned Israel's decision to build an additional 176 housing units in Jabel Mukaber. In an announcement published by Palestinian Wafa news agency, he

noted that any building in the settlements is illegitimate according to resolutions adopted by the international community and the UN Security Council, and that striving for a diplomatic solution requires agreeing to an independent Palestinian state in the 1967 borders. To achieve this, international intervention is needed, including by the administration in Washington. The request for building permits was made by Shmini Properties, which is owned by a number of foreign companies registered in Australia, the U.S. and the Cayman Islands. Peace Now estimates that Bermeister is behind the company. Israeli businessman Rami Levy owns 15 percent of the company. ([Haaretz](#) 25 October 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed Um al-Rehan military gate leading to the town of Yaabad southwest of Jenin city, and prevented people from entering the town especially employees, school students, and patients who had to wait for more than two hours to cross the checkpoint. (Wafa 25 October 2017)

The Israeli Segregation Wall

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up an iron gate at the entrance of private Palestinian graveyard in the southern occupied West Bank Bethlehem-area village of al-Walajah. the plot of land where the gate was set up around belongs to Ahmad Barghouthi, and holds the graves of several of his family members. The IOA told Barghouthi that the land is located inside the route for Israel's separation wall, therefore cutting off his access to the graveyard. (Maannews 25 October 2017)

Other

- According to reports, on Sunday (29.10) the Ministerial committee for legislation is expected to discuss a bill proposed by MK Yoav Kish (Likud) calling to annex Ma'ale Adumim, Gush Etzion and Givat Ze'ev to Jerusalem, and excise the Palestinian neighborhoods of Kufr Aqab, Shuafat refugee camp and Anata from Jerusalem. The Ministerial committee's discussion of a bill usually occurs days prior to its introduction in the Knesset through a preliminary reading, and during it the government determines its position regarding the bill. Typically, coalition members would then vote in the Knesset based on the government's position. Thus, if the law will pass the ministerial committee, it will likely also pass a preliminary reading. The bill calls

to expand Jerusalem's jurisdiction so that it includes the jurisdictions of the settlements Ma'ale Adumim and Givat Ze'ev, as well as the local councils of Gush Etzion, Beitar Illit and Efrat. All of the above will act as sub-municipalities of Jerusalem, with elected councils which authorities will be determined by the Minister of the Interior. Additionally, the bill states that the Palestinian neighborhoods of Kufr Aqab, Shuafat Refugee Camp and Anata – which are currently apart of Jerusalem and are located beyond the separation wall – will be considered sub-municipalities of Jerusalem. The bill does not give much detail regarding its legal implications on the status of the territories added to the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem in terms of applying the Israeli law in them, or in terms of the different bodies that will operate in them – and not by coincidence. The meaning of the bill is a de-facto annexation of these territories to Israel, even if it would be possible to argue that this will not constitute de-jure annexation. The bill states that its implementation would allow to maintain a “demographic balance” between Jews and Palestinians in Jerusalem, and will allow for the expansion of construction of housing units and industry in the area. It is clear that the idea is to allow rapid settlement construction in settlements near Jerusalem and create facts on the ground which will prevent the chance for a two state solution, and at the same time excise Palestinian neighborhood by the formation of “sub-municipalities” or if you will, Bantustans, devoid of resources which will allow them to be self-sufficient. Peace now: “This is a reckless step of a government that seems to be determined to ruin the possibility for a two state solution. If passed, this bill will constitute a de-facto annexation and a clear step towards a de-jure annexation. We cannot let this bill become law!” For the full text of the bill in Hebrew [click here](#). For an unofficial translation [click here](#). ([PEACENOW](#) 25 October 2017)

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged Wednesday to earmark NIS 800 million in the upcoming budget for bolstering security provisions in the West Bank during a meeting with heads of settler movements. Convening the meeting a day after a protest tent was pitched outside his residence by families who had lost relatives to terror attacks in the West Bank, the prime minister informed the Yesha Council that he had worked during recent weeks to ensure that their requests were met and claimed that in the last several months he had instructed his staff to examine the requirements, the feasibility of the projects and ordered them to look into recruiting the necessary number of workers. Bereaved families and the movement leaders, including head of the Samaria Regional Council Yossi Dagan, Beit Aryeh Council

head Avi Naim, and the head of the Kiryat Arba Regional Council Malachi Levinger, [erected the protest tent](#) outside the Prime Minister's Residence Wednesday to protest against what they claim is Netanyahu's persistent failure to deliver on promises to boost their security. "We have received promises and spins. Until the decision about the budget is passed through the necessary paths, we will sit here opposite the Prime Minister's Residence with the bereaved families. Our residents won't be neglected," they said. Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) also paid a visit to the tent on Wednesday where he reassured its occupants that Netanyahu shared their desire to see his promises come to fruition. ([YNETNEWS](#) 25 October 2017)

- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his bureau chief Yoav Horovitz met this afternoon with the Yesha Council in a followup to a meeting held several weeks ago, when the Council presented the PM with a letter demanding equality for Judea and Samaria in infrastructure budget allocation. In today's meeting, the Prime Minister told the Council that he had worked in recent weeks to implement the request, culminating in the approval of a road development program for the population in Judea and Samaria amounting to some 800 million shekels that is to take effect in the coming 2018 budgetary year. "This decision expresses the government's perception of settlement, which sees Judea and Samaria as an inseparable part of the State of Israel in the future as well," the Yesha Council said. Yesha Council Chairman Avi Roeh said that "This is significant and strategic news for the general population living in Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley. After a long period of intensive work with officials in various government ministries, the Prime Minister is promoting, together with [Judea and Samaria leaders] an appropriate response that bridges a gap of decades in transportation and infrastructure. We were pleased to see that the Prime Minister is committed to upgrading it that nrastructure." ([INN](#) 25 October 2017)

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