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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

- The Palestinian Health Ministry has confirmed that Israeli soldiers have killed, four young Palestinian men, and injured at least 367, after the army resorted to the excessive use for force against protesters in various parts of the occupied West Bank, including the occupied capital city of Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. The Ministry of Health identified the Palestinians who were killed Friday as: Mohammad Amin Aqel, 19, from Beit Ola, in Hebron in southern West Bank. Bassel

Mustafa Ibrahim, 29, from Anata town, northeast of Jerusalem. Yasser Sokkar, 23, from Sheja'eyya, east of Gaza city. Ibrahim Abu Thuraya, 29, from al-Boreij refugee camp, central Gaza. 103 Palestinians were shot in the West Bank; two of them suffered life-threatening wounds and remain in critical conditions. 264 Palestinians were injured in the Gaza Strip; five of them suffered life-threatening wounds, 100, who suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

- Thousands of Palestinian marched in several parts of the besieged Gaza Strip, especially in Palestinian lands close to the border fence, before Israeli soldiers started firing dozens of live rounds at them, in addition to rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades. One of the slain Palestinians was identified as Ibrahim Abu Thuraya, 29, who was shot by an Israeli soldier with a live round in the head, near the eastern border of Gaza city. The second slain Palestinian has been identified as Yasser Sokkar, 23, who was shot with live Israeli army fire, east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, in the western part of Gaza city. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed Bassel Ibrahim, 29, after shooting him with a live round in the chest, during protests in his town Anata, north of occupied Jerusalem. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed Mohammad Amin 'Aqel, 19, from Beit Ula town, northwest of Hebron, died from serious wounds he suffered at the northern entrance of al-Biereh, in central West Bank. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) used excessive forces against the Palestinian, Israeli and international protesters who held the weekly nonviolent procession in Bil'in village, west of Ramallah. Several protesters suffered the effects of teargas inhalation in Abu Lemon area, after the IOA fired dozens of gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of Nablus, and Sebastia town, northwest of the

city, and attacked dozens of protesters, causing scores to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

- In Jenin, in the northern West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured two Palestinians, and detained another one, near the al-Jalama roadblock, northeast of the city, after the army assaulted protesters marching there. One of the wounded Palestinians was injured after the IOA rammed him with their jeep. He has been identified as Mohammad Nasr Sbeih, 21. Two Palestinians were shot with live fire. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted hundreds of protesters in the city itself, and in nearby Sa'ir and Yatta towns, south of the city, in addition to the al-Fawwar and al-Arroub refugee camp, and Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron. The IOA fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters, and attacked reporters, including Palestine TV Cameraman Eyad al-Hashlamoun. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young man with a live round in one of his legs, in the al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In Qalqilia Governorate, in northern West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters across the governorate, especially in Qalqilia city, in addition to the towns of Kufur Qaddoum, Azzoun and Jayyous. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters in the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, and shot one Palestinian with a gas bomb in his head identified as Khairi Hannoun, in addition to causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In the occupied city of Jerusalem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot at least one Palestinian with a live round, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, at the entrance of Qalandia refugee camp. Thousands of Israeli soldiers and police officers were

deployed in Jerusalem from the pre-dawn hours and throughout the day. They installed iron bars and roadblocks in the Old City, Bab al-Amoud (Damascus Gate), Sultan Suleiman, Salahuddin Street, al-Misrara, Gate of the Tribes, and many other areas. The soldiers also occupied many rooftops, and the walls of the Old City, and closed all roads and alleys leading to the Al-Aqsa Mosque. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) attacked Palestinian protesters in Budrus village, west of Ramallah, and the IOA fired many live rounds. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) used excessive force against Palestinian protesters, in the northern part of the city, and fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. The IOA shot eight Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets; four of them were moved to hospitals, while 13 others suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired live rounds at protesters near Beit Hanoun (Erez) terminal, in northern Gaza, and shot a young man in his leg. The IOA also shot a young man in his back, near the Eastern Graveyard. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with live fire near Erez Terminal, and two others east of Rafah, in southern Gaza. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured many Palestinians east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, southeast of Gaza city, and three others east of Jabalia, in northern Gaza. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- A Palestinian suffered moderate wounds east of the al-Bureij refugee camp, in central Gaza after he was shot by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA). (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 15 December 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a nonviolent Palestinian procession near the al-Azza refugee camp, north of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation in addition to cuts and bruises. The Palestinians marched from the refugee camp, and headed towards the northern entrance of the city, while chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, and escalation, and the illegal recognition of the American president of occupied Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against the protesters. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Atouf village, southeast of Tubas, in northeastern West Bank, and attacked a nonviolent procession, wounding three Palestinians, and abducted three others, including a reporter. Dozens of soldiers invaded the village and used excessive force against the protesters, in addition to firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, concussion grenades and gas bombs. The IOA detained three Palestinians; two of them identified as independent journalist, Zeid Abu Arra, in addition to the head of the Public Relations department of Tubas Governorate, Adham Abu Odah. The IOA also shot three Palestinians, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Anin village west of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters, who were marching and chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, and the American President's illegal recognition of occupied Jerusalem as the unified capital of Israel. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs, at many youngsters. The IOA chased several Palestinians, before assaulting two children, identified as Abdul-Karim Emad Yassin, 13, and Mohammad Lutfi Milhim, 13, and abducted them. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot 25 Palestinians, after the army, stationed across the border fence, attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters in several parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. The IOA shot five young men with live fire; two of them in the eastern part of Jabalia, in northern Gaza. The IOA also shot one Palestinian with live fire, north of Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, causing

moderate wounds. In addition, the IOA shot two young men, east of Rafah, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. At least twenty other Palestinians suffered burns or the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters, marching in Bab al-'Amoud area (Damascus Gate) in occupied Jerusalem, and injured at least 26 including children. Hundreds of soldiers and officers are deployed in occupied Jerusalem, to suppress and try to prevent protest against the illegal declaration of U.S. President Donald Trump, recognizing the city as the unified capital of Israel. The IOA also detained a young Palestinian man in Sahera Gate area, after repeatedly attacking him, and took him to a nearby police station. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- A number of Palestinian civilians suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Burin village, south of Nablus, following Friday prayers at Salman al-Farsi mosque, which is threatened with demolition. The IOA fired sound and teargas bombs at Palestinians who took to the streets to demonstrate Trumps decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. (Wafa 15 December 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Al Thorwa area in Halhoul town north of Hebron amid heavy barrage of sound and teargas bombs causing a number of suffocation among Palestinians. (Wafa 15 December 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians, including a journalist identified as Bilal Tawil, in Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron city, and Mohannad Jaradat, in Sa'ir town. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- In Nablus governorate, in the northern West Bank, the **Israeli** Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, near Huwwara

roadblock, south of Nablus city, in addition to Beita nearby town. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

- In occupied Jerusalem, the soldiers attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters, marching in Bab al-'Amoud area (Damascus Gate), and injured at least 26, including one who was moved to a hospital. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)
- Furthermore, medical sources have reported that Israeli soldiers shot 25 Palestinians, after the army, stationed across the border fence, attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters in several parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 15 December 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Some 40 settlers stormed the area of Solomon's Pools, south of Bethlehem, under the protection of the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and performed Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 15 December 2017)

Other

- Senior Trump administration officials outlined their view Friday that Jerusalem's Western Wall ultimately will be declared a [part of Israel](#), in another [declaration](#) sure to enflame passions among Palestinians and others in the Middle East. Although they said the ultimate borders of the holy city must be resolved through Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, the officials—speaking ahead of Vice President Mike Pence's trip to the region—essentially ruled out any scenario that didn't maintain Israeli control over the holiest ground in Judaism. The issue is sensitive because the wall is beyond Israel's pre-1967 borders and abuts some of the Islamic world's most revered sites. "We cannot envision any situation under which the Western Wall would not be part of Israel. But as the president said, the specific boundaries of sovereignty of Israel are going to be part of the final status agreement," a senior administration official said. Another official later added by email, "We note that we cannot imagine Israel would sign a peace agreement that didn't include the Western Wall." The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the vice president's upcoming trip. Nabil Abu Rdeneh, a senior adviser to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, reacted indignantly to the comments. "We will not accept any changes on the borders of east Jerusalem, which was occupied in 1967," Abu Rdeneh told The Associated Press. "This statement proves

once again that this American administration is outside the peace process. The continuation of this American policy, whether the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, or moving the American embassy, or such statements, by which the United States decides unilaterally on the issues of the final status negotiations, are a violation of international law and strengthen the Israeli occupation. For us, this is unacceptable. We totally reject it. And we totally denounce it." Pence plans to visit the Western Wall next week. The administration officials said he would be accompanied by a rabbi to preserve the spiritual nature of his planned visit to the hallowed wall in Jerusalem's Old City. The officials said Pence's Wednesday visit would be conducted in a similar manner to when President Donald Trump [visited in May](#). Jerusalem's status has been a central issue in the decades-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Trump's announcement last week declaring Jerusalem to be Israel's capital shook up decades of US foreign policy and countered an international consensus that Jerusalem's status should be decided in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, who claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state. Pence plans to depart for the Middle East on Tuesday after presiding over the Senate's vote on a sweeping tax overhaul. The vice president will meet Wednesday with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi in Cairo and then travel to Israel. Pence's two-plus days in Israel will include meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a speech at the Knesset and a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital has sparked protests in the Middle East, and Abbas [pulled out](#) of a planned meeting with Pence. Abbas had originally been scheduled to host Pence, a devout Christian, in the biblical West Bank town of Bethlehem. A third senior administration official noted the reaction to the Jerusalem decision and "a lot of the emotions that have been displayed on that." The official said Pence's trip is viewed as part of "the ending of that chapter and the beginning of what I would say the next chapter." Trump officials said Pence would reinforce Trump's announcement on Jerusalem, but the administration also understands the Palestinians may need a cooling-off period. Israel captured the Old City, home to important Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious sites, along with the rest of east Jerusalem in the 1967 war. The US has never recognized Israeli sovereignty over territory conquered in 1967, including east Jerusalem. For this reason, US officials have refused to say explicitly that the wall is part of Israel. The Western Wall, a retaining wall from the biblical Jewish Temple, is considered the holiest site where Jews can pray. Israel controls the wall and treats it like Israeli territory, routinely holding solemn state ceremonies there. It

is widely assumed that Israel would retain control over the site under a potential peace deal. But complicating any deal is the adjacent hilltop site revered by Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and Jews as the Temple Mount. The compound is home to Al Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam, and is where the Jewish Temple once stood. It is considered the holiest site in Judaism. ([YNETNEWS](#) 15 December 2017)

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