Israel Violations' Activities in the oPt
20 April 2018

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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and killed, four Palestinians, including one child, and injured more than 729, including 24 children and twelve women, after the army resorted to the excessive use of force against protesters, on their lands, near the border fence, in the besieged Gaza Strip. The IOA killed a child, identified as Mohammad Ibrahim Ayyoub, 15, from Jabalia in northern Gaza, after shooting him with an expanding bullet in the head. The IOA also killed Ahmad Rashad al-
Athamna, 24, from Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, after shooting him with a live round in his neck, east of nearby Jabalia. The IOA Ahmad Nabil Aqel, 25, after shooting him with an expanding bullet in the head, east of Jabalia, in northern Gaza. The IOA killed Sa’ad Abdul-Majid Abu Taha, 29, from al-Qarara town, northeast of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, after shooting him with a live round in his neck. The IOA also shot more than 729 Palestinians. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a Palestinian child with live fire, and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The IOA also assaulted the Palestinians who marched in their village, protesting the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine, and the escalating violations against them, their property and holy sites. The IOA also fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured Mo’men Morad, 8, with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his abdomen, after the army attacked the weekly nonviolent procession in Kufur Qaddoum village, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia. The IOA also fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters, who marched in solidarity with the Palestinian detainees, held by Israel, and demanding the army to reopen the main road, which was blockaded fifteen years ago to provide easy access to colonizers driving to and from Kedumim settlement, which was built on private Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

- Two journalists were wounded when the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked civilians east of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. Journalist Du’aa Zu’arab suffered from tear gas inhalation east of Khan Younis, and cameraman Ahmed Hasballah was shot with a gas grenade directly in the foot. (WAFA 20 April 2018)

**Israeli Arrests**
A Palestinian man, identified as Ziad Zidani, 65 years of age, was injured after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed his home in the al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan town, in occupied Jerusalem, and detained his son during a violent search of the property before hurling a concussion grenade at him. The IOA also detained a child identified as Mohammad Abu Rajab, from his home in al-Westa neighborhood during the invasion. The IOA also invaded and searched many homes in the town, especially in the al-Ein Street, al-Bustan and al-Westa neighborhoods, installed many roadblocks and hurled concussion grenades at the residents. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

**Israeli Settler Violence**

A group of settlers from Bat Ayin settlement, which is a part of the cluster of Israeli settlements making up the Gush Etzion bloc, intercepted five Palestinian chess referees and hurled stones at their vehicle, forcing them to flee their vehicle. The referees were on their way from the northern West Bank to Nahhalin town, west of Bethlehem, to participate in a chess match. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

A group of Israeli settlers uprooted at least 100 olive trees from an Orchard in Burin village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The settlers who came from a nearby settlement, invaded an orchard owned by Mohammad Raja, and cut 100 trees; many of them were planted more than 60 years ago, in addition to cutting several almond trees. The attacked land is the only source of livelihood to Mohammad and his family. The settlers also wrote racist graffiti, including “Death To Arabs”, on big rocks in the orchard. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

Several Israeli settlers invaded the village of Burqa, east of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, wrote racist graffiti and punctured tires of many cars. The settlers came from the Migron outpost, which was installed on private lands owned by the villagers. The settlers wrote racist graffiti on several walls and cars, and punctures the tires of many parked cars. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

**Home Demolition & Demolition threats**
• Israeli police and authorities handed notices for the intended demolition of a number of residential and commercial structures in the neighborhood of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem. Staff from the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem accompanied by police handed notices for demolition of a number of homes and structures in the area, citing construction without a permit as a pretext. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)

Israeli Closures

• On April 12, 2018, Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman issued an order to close the Elia Youth Media Foundation on Salah a-Din Street in downtown East Jerusalem under the pretext of practically recruiting the terrorist youth and preparing them to produce incitement videos. (IMEMC 20 April 2018)