

ARIJ Daily Report

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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 Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired several shells into a structure and Palestinian lands, between Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, killing two Palestinians and seriously wounding one. The two were identified as Hussein Samir al-'Amour, 25, and Abdul-Halim Abdul-Karim an-Naqa, 28. (IMEMC 27 May 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many homes in occupied Jerusalem, and caused damage to furniture and property, in addition to terrifying families during the violent dawn raids, and detained four young men. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Amro Abu Arafa, 25, Ma'moun ar-Razem, Amer al-Bazlameet, Mohammad at-Taweel, Sami Abu al-Halwa and Akram Shurafa. (IMEMC 27 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, before storming and ransacking homes in Safa area, north of the town, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Mohammad Kassab Abu Dayya, 20. The IOA also invaded the family home of former political prisoner, Malek Bassam at-Teet, 19, and summoned him for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, north of Hebron. The army fired concussion grenades and gas bombs at dozens of Palestinians while leaving a local mosque, following dawn prayers, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 27 May 2018)
- The Israeli occupation court in Salem camp in Jenin Governorate sentenced Omar Kamel 'Azat al-Jabari from the town of Yamoun, west of Jenin, to one year in prison and a fine of 2,000 shekels. (WAFA 27 May 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Israeli settlers cut down 700 vine trees from the lands of Baloutat Eweis, east of Hebron, southern West Bank. The targeted 12 dunams of vineyards are located next to bypass road 60, to the east of Hebron, and are the property of two brothers from the Tamimi Family. The settlers cut down the fruited trees with a mechanical saw, and sprayed slogans on the walls of the land in Hebrew saying, "Returning everywhere" and "No to agricultural terrorism," in what seems to refer to the burning of Israeli settlement farms outside of Gaza using kites. (IMEMC 27 May 2018)

• Israeli settlers, escorted by the Israeli Occupation Police, raided Al Aqsa Mosque and carried out provocative Talmudic rituals near the closed Bab Al Rahma area. (WAFA 27 May 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stopped the Municipality of Azzoun east of Qalqilya from completing the rehabilitation of agricultural roads that the municipality has been carrying out for some time. The IOA surrounded the area where the roads are being rehabilitated and detained a bulldozer belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture and its driver, Sufian Jaber, after forcing them to stop working on the grounds under the pretext that the road is adjacent to the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron. Two months ago, the municipality of Azzun and at its own expense and in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, started to construct and rehabilitate agricultural roads in the village of Azzun to serve Palestinian farmers in the village and the neighboring Palestinian communities. (WAFA 27 May 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) issued a military Order to demolish 20 Palestinian houses in the village of Aqaba east of Tubas after 60 days in case the houses remain uninhabited under the pretext of unlicensing. (WAFA 27 May 2018)

Other

In recent years there has been an increase in the threat of expulsion hovering over the communities of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan in East Jerusalem. A wave of eviction lawsuits is being conducted before the courts, with well-organized and well-funded settler groups equipped with direct or indirect assistance from government agencies and the Israeli General Custodian. Sheikh Jarrah - Umm Haroun (west of Nablus Road) - approximately 45 Palestinian families under threat of evacuation; At least nine of them are in the process of eviction in the courts and at least five others received warning letters in preparation for an evacuation claim. Two families have already been evacuated and replaced by settlers. See map. Sheikh Jarrah – Kerem Alja'oni (east of Nablus Road) – c. 30 Palestinian families under threat of evacuation, at least 11 of which are in the process of eviction in the courts, and 9 families have been evicted and replaced by settlers. See map. Batan al-Hawa (Silwan) - about 100 Palestinian families under threat of evacuation; 84 of them are in the process of eviction in the courts; 14 families were evacuated and replaced by settlers. See map. The basis for all claims is the same: the Legal and Administration Arrangements Law enacted in 1970 by the Knesset determined that Jews who owned property in East Jerusalem and lost their property in the 1948 war, can receive it back from the Israeli General Custodian. The law was not applied to Palestinian land owners who lost properties in the same war and in the same circumstances, and did not take into consideration the fact that all of these Jewish owners had already received alternative assets from the state in 1948. Settler groups began to acquire property rights from the owners' heirs and succeeded in gaining control over Jewish trusts who owned properties before 1948. The Custodian General directly or indirectly assisted them in demanding the evacuation of the Palestinians from these properties, and recently launched a wave of eviction lawsuits against the Palestinian tenants. It is important to emphasize that most of the Palestinian families are families of refugees from 1948 and have entered their properties legally during the Jordanian period. (PEACENOW 27 May 2018)

Bill aims to pave way for Israelis to return to four northern Samaria settlements evacuated as part of 2005 disengagement Pullout failed to achieve its stated aim of ensuring better security and better political and demographic reality, bill states. The Knesset was set to debate a bill Sunday that aims to lift the existing ban preventing Israelis from entering areas in northern Samaria from which Israel pulled out as part of the 2005 disengagement. In 2005, Israel evacuated all the Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, 21 in all, and four settlements in Samaria. After the four settlements - Kadim, Ganim, Homesh and Sa-Nur - were evacuated, Israelis were barred from traveling there. A new bill, sponsored by Habayit Hayehudi MK Shuli Mualem-Rafaeli and backed by several coalition members, calls for the lifting of this restriction. "Despite the expulsion of the Jewish residents from northern Samaria, no change has taken place with respect to the status of the area or the military presence on the ground," the bill explains. "Therefore, it makes sense that reverting back to before the disengagement will begin in northern Samaria." "To this end, it is proposed to annual the prohibition placed on the entry of Israeli citizens to the area and allow the Jewish settlers to return to the settlements from which they were uprooted," the bill said. The bill reasons that "the purpose of the 2005 disengagement was to facilitate a better security, political, economic and demographic reality, but the situation on the ground has proven it created the opposite." Habayit Hayehudi has introduced similar bills in the past, all of which were shelved by the coalition itself. (ISRAELHAYOM 27 May 2018)