

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

• Scores of Palestinians were injured during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who raided the northern West Bank city of Nablus to arrest Palestinians and to secure a visit to Joseph's Tomb for Jewish fanatics. At least 26 Palestinians, including a woman journalist, were treated for rubber bullet injuries in Nablus, one 14-year-old boy hit by a rubber bullet to the head, while one person was treated from a live bullet injury to the leg. At least 17 others were treated from tear gas and stun grenade injuries. The army raided Nablus to secure

- Joseph's Tomb area, located inside Balata refugee camp, prompting clashes with Palestinians. (WAFA 26 June 2018)
- Clashes took place in Nablus when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided neighborhoods to arrest activists. A number of Palestinians were injured and five detained. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a car in Nablus injuring its occupants identified as Mohammad Abdallah Merie, who was injured by a live bullet in the hand, and his son Abdallah hit in the shoulder. Both, from the village of Marj Najeh in the northern Jordan Valley, were on their way to the central vegetable market in Nablus when shot at for no apparent reason. (WAFA 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided a vehicle exhibit in the town of Arrabeh, south of Jenin, belonging to Mansour al-Badawi. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- An Israeli unmanned aircraft targeted a group of Palestinians close to the borderline area between eastern Gaza city and Israel with at least two missiles. Israeli reconnaissance aircrafts also flew at low altitudes over Gaza. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA invaded the ath-Thaheriyya town, south of Hebron, searched several homes, and detained Ibrahim Shehada Abu Sharkh, before moving him to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded lands owned by members
 of Jweihan family, near the illegal Kharsina Israeli settlement, east of
 Hebron, and installed a military tower overlooking Palestinian lands.
 The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA installed the tower after a group of
 illegal Israeli settlers <u>installed an outpost</u> on Palestinian lands in the alBoweira area, close to the Kharsina settlement. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Shu'fat refugee camp, in the center of Jerusalem, and the ar-Ram town, north of the city, before storming and searching dozens of homes, and detained fourteen Palestinians. Furthermore, the IOA detonated front doors of many stores in the al-Ram town, and Kufr Aqab neighborhood, north of Jerusalem, before breaking into them and searching them, in addition

to breaking into and searching several apartments. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Mohammad Ghorab, Shu'fat. Adham Alqam, Shu'fat. Abed Sweity, Shu'fat. Ahmad Siyam, Shu'fat. Hammouda Houshiyya, Shu'fat. Ali Bader, Shu'fat. Tareq al-A'raj, Shu'fat. Ahmad Sharha, Shu'fat. Yahia Hammoud, Shu'fat. (Unknown fist name) al-Kurdi, Shu'fat. Amir Salah, Shu'fat. Wadea' Salah, Shu'fat. 'Ala Shawabka, ar-Ram. Nayef Shawabka, ar-Ram. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Hamza Enad Abu Jabal,
 22, from the al-Jadeeda town, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, while crossing Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus, in northern West Bank. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- A Palestinian, identified as Anan Mohsin Jaber, 24, from Anabta town, east of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, was detained at Za'tara roadblock. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Balata refugee camp and attacked protesters in the Al-Quds and the Schools Streets, before detaining five Palestinians, identified as Mohammad Ghassan Abu Hweila, Sa'id Abed Majdalawi, Sobhi Jawabra, Hani Abu Ziyada, in addition to Faraj Mustafa Abu Leil, who was shot with a live round in his right leg, before the soldiers detained him. Furthermore, the IOA invaded and searched many homes, including the home of a political prisoner, identified as Omar Abu Leil, in addition to the homes of Daoud Abu Bassam, Anas Abu Hamada and Ata Hannoun. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Kafr Qalil village, east of Nablus, also searched homes and detained Omar Farouq Amer, while resident Majdi Sadeq Shouli was detained at a sudden military roadblock on the Nablus-Qalqilia Road. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- Israel's Police ordered a Jerusalemite Palestinian, from Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, out of the Holy City for six months. The Palestinian, Odai Sonnokrot, a married father of two children, was held under interrogation at the al-Maskobiyya interrogation facility for thirty-two consecutive days. Odai was released and forced under

house arrest at his in-law's house in the Old City, for eight days, in addition to being prevented from seeing his father for one week. He also received an order preventing him from leaving the country for six months, and was ordered to pay a 10.000 Shekels fine, while two of his relatives had to sign a bail commitment of 100.000 Shekels. The Palestinian will have to leave his family and relatives and live in the occupied West Bank for six months, otherwise, he will be imprisoned and face high fines, in addition to losing the bail money. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers installed, an outpost on Palestinian lands in the al-Boweira area, close to the illegal Kharsina settlement, east Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The settlers installed four mobile homes on the Palestinian lands, owned by several families, including Jweihan, Eada and Abu al-Halawa. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- Israeli Minister of Economy and Industry Eli Cohen, invaded the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, accompanied by many officials and settlers. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Staff from the Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem demolished a Palestinian-owned home in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina under the pretext of building without permit. The Police cordoned off the area and prevented people from reaching it as municipality bulldozers proceeded to demolish the house. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- Citizen Ibrahim Amira had to demolish his home in Sur Baher town, southeast of Jerusalem, to avoid fines exceeding 90.000 Shekels. Amira filed numerous requests to license his home, which he built, two years ago, on his own land to shelter himself, his wife and four children, but his requests were denied, and the City Council decided to demolish it just as he and his family moved in. Amira filed various appeals with

Israeli courts, including the Hight Court, but all of his applications were denied. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

- In Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, resident Wael Shweiki and his family had to demolish their two underconstruction homes after the City Council issued demolition orders and threatened to impose excessively high fines and fees (up to \$30,000) if its workers are the ones who demolish the property. The family said it started the construction in early May of this year, and their applications for construction permits were denied. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dismantled a residential shed in Khirbet al-Mafqara to the east of Yatta, south of the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. Staff from the Israeli civil administration, backed by the IOA stormed Khirbet al-Mafqara and took apart a residential shed belonging to al-Hamamdeh family and confiscated it. Prior to this incident, the IOA opted to demolish the sheds and attack residents' properties. (WAFA 26 June 2018)

Israeli Military Orders

• The Israeli Occupation Army forced 16 Palestinian families to leave their homes in the village of Khirbet Humsa al-Fouqa in the Northern Jordan Valley under the pretext of conducting military drills in the area. 103 Palestinian individuals were forced to leave their homes at six in the morning and will not be allowed back before eight at night during which Israeli army units will be conducting war games in the area. The army uses the pretext of conducting military exercises in the Jordan Valley in order to force the Palestinian families living there to leave the area as part of an ethnic cleansing policy. The army has ordered families in the Jordan Valley to leave their homes for military drills three times in the past two months. (WAFA 26 June 2018)

Erection of Outposts

 A group of Israeli settlers installed an outpost on Palestinian lands in the al-Boweira area, close to the illegal Kharsina settlement, east Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The settlers installed four mobile homes on the Palestinian lands, owned by several families, including Jweihan, Eada and Abu al-Halawa. The settlers are trying to occupy 70 Dunams of Palestinian lands, to build a new settlement on top of a mountain that overlooks many neighborhoods in Hebron city. Several months ago, the settlers uprooted dozens of olive saplings, planted by the Palestinians from Eada family, on their own lands, in the same area. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

• The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) erected a checkpoint at Arraba junction and started to stop vehicles, search them and check the identities of the passengers. (IMEMC 26 June 2018)

Other

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman has struck an agreement with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades to begin plans to build a seaport for Gaza that will operate in Cyprus and will be supervised by Israel, according to a report on Channel 2 News on Monday evening. According to the report, within two weeks work teams will be established and within three months, the blueprint for the construction of the seaport will be presented which will include an Israel supervision apparatus to ensure that the Gaza-ruling Hamas terror group is unable to exploit the new port for smuggling weapons into the strip. In addition, Israel will assist Americans leading the humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza who intend to pump huge sums of money into the economically crippled enclave as part of an effort to dramatically improve the quality of life for its residents. The handing of the benefits package, however, was said to have been made contingent upon Hamas returning slain soldiers held in Hamas captivity and the release of Israeli citizens who are still alive and who are being held by the terror group. "The moment that all the details are settled and everything is locked and loaded, we will directly turn to the public in Gaza, going above the head of Hamas, and we will put the benefits package on the table in the open and tell them—this is possible, this is the price. Take it or leave it," said one security official on Monday evening. The strategy is intended to corner Hamas by forcing it to provide an explanation to its public and to other Arab countries as to why it is preventing the rehabilitation of the devastated strip by potentially refusing desperately-needed aid. On Friday, the three defense ministers of Cyprus, Israel and Greece agreed that they must forge deeper military ties to bolster security and more effectively counter common threats in a turbulent region. Cypriot Minister Savvas Angelides and his Israeli and Greek counterparts Avigdor Lieberman and Panos Kammenos said they also seek to expand cooperation on cybersecurity, joint military drills and search and rescue operations in the eastern Mediterranean. Also on Friday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Jared Kushner, US President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior aide, and Jason Greenblatt, Trump's envoy to the Middle East. During the nearly four-hour-long meeting, Netanyahu, Kushner and Greenblatt discussed ways to alleviate the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, while maintaining Israel's security, ways to advance the peace process and regional developments. (YNETNEWS 26 June 2018)

Israel has approved a plan to build a solar field in Israel to pump power into the Gaza Strip and ease the electricity crisis in the Palestinian enclave, an Israeli newspaper reported Tuesday. According to the report in the Yedioth Ahronoth daily, which quoted unnamed diplomatic sources in Jerusalem, the panels would be set up near the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel as a unilateral measure, without the involvement of the Hamas terror group, which rules the Strip. Its construction would reportedly be funded by private donors in Israel and abroad. The step could change the situation in the power-starved territory, the report said, adding that it was discussed this week with the visiting US envoys Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, who toured the Middle East ahead of the unveiling of US President Donald Trump's peace plan. Gaza currently gets about 120 megawatts from Israel, after the Strip's sole power plant shut down earlier this year and Egypt recently stopped providing electricity, claiming that power lines were damaged by the Islamic State terror group. That reportedly allows the Strip's residents some four hours a day of power. Just doubling that to eight hours could require a solar field some 300 acres in size — 15 times bigger than Israel's current largest field, at Kibbutz Ketura, which is a mere 20 acres large. According to the report, the original plan was to put the field in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, but Cairo rejected the initiative. Another reported plan to ease Gaza economic woes was to allow 6,000 residents to work in Israeli communities near the Strip. But that plan was said to have been shot down by Shin Bet security agency, which regards workers exiting Gaza as a concrete security threat. It said such a measure could provide Hamas with intelligence and be used to smuggle money into the Strip for terror purposes. Officials in Israel and elsewhere have been scrambling to find ways to ease the humanitarian situation in the Strip and possibly fund new infrastructure projects, seen as a key to reducing violence in the beleaguered enclave. On Monday, Hadashot TV reported that Israel has agreed to set up a floating dock in Cyprus to receive goods bound for Gaza as a way to ease the rehabilitation of the ailing Palestinian enclave, conditioning the plan on the return of two Israeli civilians and the bodies of two IDF soldiers held by the Hamas terror group. Israel reportedly intends to put together a working plan in the coming months and then pitch it directly to the public in Gaza, also bypassing Hamas. Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman proposed the idea to Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades in Cyprus over the weekend, the report said. The plan is to set up a project team within two weeks, with the goal of putting together a working scheme within three months. The dock would include a system enabling Israeli monitoring to prevent Hamas, which seeks to destroy Israel, from using the opportunity to smuggle weapons and materials for terror attacks into Gaza. Hamas has long made access to a sea port a key strategic goal. Two apparently mentally ill Israeli civilians - Abera Mengistu and Hisham al-Sayed - who entered Gaza of their own volition in 2014 and 2015, respectively, are currently being held Hamas, along with the remains of two IDF soldiers: Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul. Hamas seized control in 2007 of Gaza from the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority, which is dominated by the rival Fatah party. Several attempts at reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah have failed. Gaza is buckling under severe problems with its infrastructure that have left limited access to drinking water and severe shortages of electric power, as well as an economic slump. Israel and Egypt are imposing a sea blockade on the territory to prevent arms smuggling by Gaza terror group. Goods arrive at Israeli ports, where they are screened for weapons or military-capable material, and then transferred to Gaza on hundreds of trucks a day. Israel says Hamas has diverted hundreds of millions of dollars in international financial aid and materials toward building its military forces and infrastructure. (<u>TOI</u> 26 June 2018)

The United States has frozen aid funds to the Palestinian Authority. The aid has been suspended under the "Taylor Force Law," which was passed in March of this year, and will prevent the Palestinian Authority from paying monthly stipends to families of killed, wounded and imprisoned Palestinians. The move comes two months after the US Congress passed the Taylor Force Law, which aims to force the Palestinian Authority to stop its policy of paying the stipends of Palestinian prisoners and the families of Palestinians killed after or during attacks they carried out. (Maannews 26 June 2018)

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