



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 4 July 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.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- As dozens of Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists gathered and protested the illegal decision to displace an entire Palestinian Bedouin community in al-Khan Al-Ahmar, southeast of occupied Jerusalem, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) started the destruction of the structures, attacked, injured and detained, several human rights defenders. The peace activists formed a human chain in front of the Israeli bulldozers which started bulldozing lands and

leveling the area to advance towards al-Khan al-Ahmar to demolish it, while the IOA assaulted, injured and abducted many of them, including journalists, and threatened to use live fire if they do not leave. The community is inhabited by 181 Palestinians, more than half of them are children, without basic services, including running water, electricity, health services, and are surrounded by illegal Israeli colonies. The inhabitants are from the Negev Desert, but were forcibly removed and displaced after the establishment of Israel in the historic land of Palestine, and settled in the plains area near Jerusalem. They have the deeds to the land, all legal and registered as part of 'Anata nearby Palestinian town. (WAFSA 4 July 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot three Palestinian women, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, during an all-women protest on Palestinian lands near the Israeli fence, east of Gaza city. The IOA, stationed in their sniper posts hundreds of meters away, fired live rounds and dozens of high-velocity gas bombs at the protesters, wounding three women with live fire, and causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The Israeli attack took place after thousands of women nonviolently marched on Palestinian lands, near the fence, carrying Palestinian flags, and chanting against Trump's "Deal of the Century," which strips the Palestinian of their basic rights, including the Right of Return to all refugees, libertarian and independence. The "deal" also completely removed occupied Jerusalem from any future "peace agreement," after the U.S. President officially recognized the city as the "unified capital of Israel," in direct violation of International Law, and numerous United Nations and Security Council resolutions. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked 36 of nonviolent Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, and the local residents of al-Khan al-Ahmar community, east of occupied Jerusalem, during the Israeli attempts to demolish and displace the Palestinian community. The IOA detained ten peace activists, including one woman, during the violent military assaults against the nonviolent protesters, who gathered to protect the Palestinian community. Israeli army bulldozers eventually left the area, while the IOA remained in full deployment, as the army insists on demolishing the community. It

is worth mentioning that the Israeli High Court decided, in May of this year, to go ahead with the demolition and displacement of al-Khan al-Ahmar. (WAFA 4 July 2018)

- Israeli police harassed volunteers who were cleaning the historic cemetery, known as Bab al-Rahmeh, located at the foot of the closed gate with the same name, known as well as the Golden Gate, which is one of the gates to the Muslim Al-Haram al-Sharif or Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. The police approached the volunteers from East Jerusalem, who have been working on removing weed and dirt from the cemetery for the past week, and took down their names as a prelude to summoning them for questioning. The Israeli measures led at one point to confrontations with the Palestinians, who refused to allow the Israeli authorities to desecrate their cemetery. (WAFA 4 July 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) targeted the Palestinian Minister of Agriculture, Sufian Sultan, while trying to reach Al Khan Al Ahmar Beduoin community for solidarity with the residents. The IOA ordered him to leave the vehicle and prevented him from parking the car nearby and chased him for than three kilometers. The IOA had also stopped the Minister's vehicle earlier today at the Container checkpoint on his way to the city of Hebron, and delayed him for more than half an hour. (WAFA 4 July 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Said Yaser Zakarneh from Qabatyia town south of Jenin after raiding his family house and searching it. The child was taken prisoner after the IOA stormed his family's home, and violently searched it. (WAFA 4 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Yousef Odah and Qussai Mohammad Bisharat, from Tammoun town, south of Tubas. The two were working in occupied Jerusalem when the IOA detained them and took them to a detention facility. (MEMC 4 July 2018)
- A group of Israeli settlers living in Ramat Yishai settlement in Tal Romedia neighborhood in the center of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, attacked many Palestinians, wounding three, before the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian. The settlers attacked many Palestinians, leading to a scuffle with the locals, and injured

Samir al-Mohtaseb, Yasser Abu Markhiyya and Bassam Abu Aisha. The IOA also attacked a number of residents and abducted Abed al-Fakhouri. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)

- An Israeli settler and his wife installed a tent on the sidewalk of the road in Tal Romedia. The tent was installed on the sidewalk in front of a home of a Palestinian identified as Rami Abu Aisha, by a known settler, an Israeli-American, identified as Baroch Marzel. Merzel and his wife, along with other assailants installed the tent, before several colonizers came over to support their violation, while locals gathered to protect their homes in fear of further escalation. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and police detained several Palestinian non-violent protesters, including the Field Research Director of Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem, Kareem Jubran, who was filming at the Khan al-Ahmar Bedouin village east of East Jerusalem in the central occupied West Bank. (Maannews 4 July 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and settlers cheered as soldier Elor Azaria revisited the spot where he shot dead a motionless Palestinian who was lying on the ground injured in Al-Khalil (Hebron), two years ago. Politician and settler Baruch Marzel was among those who welcomed Azaria into Tel Rumeida street, the site where Azaria shot injured 21-year-old Palestinian Abdel Fattah Al-Sharif. The incident was caught on camera and released by Israeli human rights NGO B'Tselem. Azaria was found guilty of manslaughter and handed an 18-month term for the March 2016 killing of Al-Sharif. Less than a month after his conviction, Israeli Army Chief of Staff Gadi Eisenkot reduced the sentence to 14 months. His conviction saw him receive a more lenient sentence than a Palestinian child found guilty of throwing stones. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Dozens of Israeli police officers and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) have surrounded the al-Khan Al-Ahmar Bedouin Palestinian community, east of occupied Jerusalem, in preparation to demolish it, including its school. Several Israeli vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded the area at dawn, and started removing barriers, and creating a path to reach the Palestinian community, to let the bulldozers and vehicles through in preparation for demolishing it. The Israeli army

recently declared al-Khan Al-Ahmar a close military zone, starting on Friday June 6th, which raised fears among the families that the looming demolition orders are about to be carried out. The community is situated between occupied Jerusalem and Ramallah, in central West Bank, and is surrounded by several Israeli settlements. (IMEMC, [Wafa](#) 4 July 2018)

- Dozens of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers invaded, Abu Nuwwar Bedouin community, east of the al-'Ezariyya town, east of occupied Jerusalem, and demolished 40 residential sheds and barns in the community. The demolished residential sheds are in two areas in Abu Nuwwar community. The IOA demolished the structures, displacing the families, while dozens of soldiers have also been deployed in the area, in preparation for the destruction of al-Khan al-Ahmar nearby community. Abu Nuwwar is one of 45 Bedouin communities in al-Khan al-Ahmar, surrounded by several settlements, and facing constant harassment, demolitions and complete destruction as part of Israel's so-called E1 Project, which aims at confiscating 12,000 Dunams extending from occupied East Jerusalem to the Dead Sea. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)
- Israeli bulldozers demolished a pool used for gathering water in the northern Jordan Valley, east of the occupied northern West Bank. The pool was built by supporting institutions in the al-Farsiya area of the Jordan Valley for residents to use as drinking water and for their cattle due to the lack of water in the area after the Israeli authorities had confiscated water wells for nearby settlements' use. The pool was built in October 2016 and given a demolition notice in November of the same year under the pretext of lacking a building license. (Wafa, IMEMC 4 July 2018)

Confiscation and Razing of Lands

- Several armored Israeli military vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded Palestinian lands, east of the al-Boreij refugee camp, in central Gaza. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) advanced dozens of meters into the Palestinian lands, heading toward the Great Return March encampment, east al-Boreij, and started bulldozing them. The IOA also started the installation of a new fence on Palestinian lands near the Great Return March tents, to prevent the Palestinians from marching towards main parameter barbed-wire fence. The Israeli army conducts

ongoing invasions into Palestinians lands agricultural lands near the fence area, and frequently open fire at farmers, and workers, in addition to constantly targeting fishermen in Gaza territorial water. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) denied Palestinian farmers from Iskaka village, east of Salfit, access to their farmlands, adjacent to Ariel settlement. A group of farmers from the village were denied access to their farmlands, separated by a section of Israel's apartheid wall, although they obtained the necessary entry permits. ([Wafa](#), IMEMC 4 July 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a piece of land in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron Hills, to be used for an Israeli camp. The IOA began digging and razing a piece of land adjacent to the Israeli camp established on lands of Abu Hassan and Halleis families. The IOA also prevented residents and landowners from reaching the area on the grounds that it was declared "a closed military zone" by military order. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel's Civil Administration's Higher Planning Committee presented six architectural plans to build more than 1,000 new settlement units in occupied East Jerusalem. The new settlement housing units are intended for the expansion of the illegal Israeli settlement of Pisgat Zeev, in the Jerusalem Governorate. The current project includes the construction of 1,064 new housing units that would lead to the rapid expansion of the illegal Pisgat Zeev settlement, near the neighborhood of Beit Hanina, from its western side, and the neighborhood of Hizma, from the east. The project is the largest that has been launched during the past two years, in the occupied areas of Jerusalem. The original settlement plan was submitted to Israel's Civil Administration's Higher Planning Committee in July of 2017, as part of a large campaign to begin construction of about 2,000 settlement units in Jerusalem. (IMEMC 4 July 2018)
- Israeli army bulldozers were seen opening roads that lead from the main Jerusalem-Jericho highway to Khan al-Ahmar Bedouin

community, east of Jerusalem, to facilitate access of bulldozers to the area to demolish the Palestinian community. The bulldozers started early in the morning removing rails on the main highway and leveling the land to the community to open access road for its heavy machinery to reach Khan al-Ahmar and demolish it. Israel has declared the area on Tuesday night a closed military zone, closing roads and banning movement on these roads. Israel wants to demolish the community to build a settlement on the land. (WAFA 4 July 2018)

- The Binyamin Regional Council disclosed detailed information about the funds it provides to non-governmental organizations. The information shows that between 2013 and 2015, the Council distributed over NIS 65 million to various organizations. 85% of the support funds (more than NIS 55 million) were transferred to political NGOs striving to affect public opinion and government bodies to support the settlements, and to Amana, which engages in illegal activity. Only 15% of the funds were transferred to other non-profit organizations that deal with welfare, education, sports, etc., in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Interior. ([PEACENOW](#) 4 July 2018)

Other

- Israel continues to facilitate provocative entry of extremist Jews into the Muslim al-Haram al-Sharif compound in Jerusalem, site of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, including the announcement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he would allow Israeli lawmakers to enter the compound. Netanyahu had previously banned the lawmakers from entering the Muslim site in fear that their presence would provoke confrontations with Palestinian Muslim worshippers. However, he changed his decision and said the lawmakers, most of them right-wing fanatics who promote demolishing the Muslim site in order to build a Jewish temple on its location, can visit the compound once every three months. (WAFA 4 July 2018)
- Israel barred a Jordanian singer from entering the West Bank to participate in a festival in al-Bireh, Ramallah's twin city. Mutab al-Saqqar was turned back at the crossings between Jordan and Israel but did not say why. Saqqar was scheduled to perform on Wednesday. (WAFA 4 July 2018)