



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 30 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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young man with live fire, east of Gaza city. The IOA shot the young man in his leg, suffering a moderate injury. The IOA also attacked several Palestinian protesters with live fire, in addition to firing high velocity gas bombs at them. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) distributed leaflets warning citizens not to take part in any resistance against the Israeli occupation in Hebron, in the southern West Bank, in the vicinity of Hebron University and Al Salam Street. The IOA also conducted training in Jabal Abu Rumman neighborhood near the Polytechnic University in Hebron. (Wafa 30 July 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- For weeks, the IDF has been restricting the movement of prominent Palestinian political activist Issa Amro, although no restraining order has been issued against him. Amro says that he has been detained without justification at least 20 times in recent weeks at checkpoints in Hebron, where he lives, sometimes for as long as two hours. The IDF says Amro was detained once on the basis of an order that was issued against him after he created a provocation, and other times by mistake. The army insists there is no order to restrict his activity. Amro, a well-known activist in Hebron who earns his living in part by giving guided tours of the city, has been accused in the past of assaulting and insulting soldiers. He says that lately he has frequently been detained, sometimes for a short time but other times for an hour and a half or two hours. He says that at the checkpoints he is told by the soldiers that Yehuda Brigade Commander Itzik Cohen has ordered not to let him pass and that there is a “verbal” injunction against him. The army denies the existence of any such order. In April and May, Amro was detained at least 12 times and his lawyer, Roni Pelli of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, had to ask the army to let him pass, as indicated by the correspondence between Pelli and the judicial unit of the Civil Administration. On April 15, Maj. Hagai Rothstein wrote that a “closed zone order was issued for Amro with the individual approval of a brigade commander. There is no blanket prohibition on his movement in the area.” However, a few days later, on April 22-23, Amro was detained at checkpoints. On April 24, he was detained again near the market in Hebron and only allowed to pass after Rothstein intervened. Similar delays occurred later in April as well as in May and June. In each case, the lawyer contacted the Civil Administration, which contacted the soldiers and told them to let Amro pass. The army confirmed that there were “mistakes” in the past regarding the restriction of Amro’s movement but says these were isolated occurrences that were dealt with. Last Thursday, after Haaretz had inquired about the matter, Amro was detained once more for 15 minutes. The IDF Spokesperson says the soldiers in the area have been

given a refresher concerning the procedures for Amro. Roni Pelli says: "The military command is using its unlimited power in Hebron to harass one man. This harassment is part of the separation policy that the army has followed in Hebron for almost two decades. A policy that has turned the center of Hebron into a ghost town and made the movement of Issa Amro and the city's other protected residents impossible." The IDF Spokesperson says: "Issa Amro has been regularly disturbing the public order in Hebron for years, hindering the activity of the security forces and, more than once, has used violence toward them. Amro is entitled to move about Hebron in accordance with the rules that apply to all the inhabitants, and there is no order that limits his movement personally. Instances in which he claims to have been detained without justification were investigated and dealt with by the relevant authorities." ([Haaretz](#) 30 July 2018)

- The Israeli occupation authorities decided to release two Palestinian women on the condition of being banned from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the next two weeks. The two Palestinian women released by Israeli authorities were identified as Nafissa Khweis, 66, and Aida Sidawi from occupied East Jerusalem. Israeli authorities summoned Khweis to Jerusalem's Old City Israeli police station on Sunday to recover her identity card as it was previously confiscated from her while leaving the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. Upon Khweis' arrival to obtain her identity card, Israeli occupation Authorities detained and immediately took her in for interrogation about her presence and worship at the mosque. Following the interrogation, Khweis was released on the condition of being banned from entering the compound for two consecutive weeks. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Deheishe refugee camp, south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and detained a young man. The IOA stormed the refugee camp from its main entrance, near the Jerusalem-Hebron city, before invading and searching homes, and detained a young man, identified as Mohammad Tahseen Hajajra, 22. Dozens of youngsters protested the invasion, and hurled stones at the IOA, while the army fired live rounds, gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the city of Bethlehem, searched and ransacked a few homes and detained Ata Tayeh al-Hreimi, 55, and Mohammad Ali al-Mo'ti, 18. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Doha town, west of Bethlehem and detained Fahed Monir Abu Swai, 23. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Tubas city, in northeastern West Bank, and detained Mohammad Nasrallah Daraghma, 26, after breaking into his home and searching it. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked the homes of four journalists, before detaining them, and illegally confiscated two of their cars in addition to cameras and other equipment they use in their work. The four have been identified as the head of Al-Aqsa Satellite TV station in the West Bank Ala' Rimawi, Aqsa TV cameraman Hosni Anjass, correspondent Mohammad Sami Alloush, and reporter Qoteiba Hamdan. Their detention by the soldiers brings the number of Palestinian journalists, imprisoned by Israel to 32, including five women. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Deir Samit village southwest of Hebron city and detained Mahmoud Safi Al Hroub, 28, after searching his house and ransacking contents. (WAFA 30 July 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qalqilyia city amid shooting of sound and Gas bombs, and raided several Palestinians homes in the city before detaining eight people. The eight were identified as Mohsen Hardan Shreim, Bilal Maskawi, Nidal Nawfal, Fadi Hourani, Nour Daoud, Hussam Hatem Abu Libdeh, Khalid and Mohammed Wajih Sabri. (WAFA 30 July 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers vandalized Palestinian property in the village of al-Mughayyir in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. The settlers stormed the village on predawn, slashed tires of eight Palestinian-owned vehicles and sprayed racist, anti-Palestinian graffiti on the walls of Palestinian homes. (Maannews 30 July 2018)
- Israeli settlers attacked and injured a Palestinian child in the Old City of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The child, Yousef Fawwaz Qfeisha, suffered various lacerations and bruises to

several parts of his body. The Israeli settlers attacked the child close his home near the Religious Court, in the Old City. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished a steel structure used for housing sheep east of Yatta City in the southern West bank Governorate of Hebron. An Israeli bulldozers escorted by the IOA demolished the structure, in the Tuba area east of Yatta, under the pretext of being built without the nearly impossible-to-obtain Israeli building permit. The demolished structure belonged to Ismail Elayyan and that he had not received a prior notice regarding the demolition. The demolished structure provides economic lifelines to many Palestinian families; the damages have yet to be counted. (Maannews 30 July 2018)

Other

- The Israeli Occupation authorities have announced temporary cancellation of all family visits from Gaza to Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli prisons that were scheduled for Monday until further notice. The Israeli authorities informed the Ministry of Detainees regarding the cancellation of all family visits of Gaza prisoners scheduled for Monday due to urgent technical reasons. (Maannews 30 July 2018)
- At the beginning of the year 2018, the Israeli Knesset approved a law for annexing academic institutions within Israeli settlements constructed in the occupied West Bank (e.g. Ariel University and the 2 Education faculties in the Akena and Alon Shvut settlements) to the Israeli Higher Education Council, knowing that the above mentioned law is a part of the annexation policy led by the Israel Baitona party, which openly declares its intention to annex all “C” areas, constituting approximately 60% of the West Bank. Moreover, the Hebrew University in occupied Jerusalem held a conference, under the title “The Environment Behind the Green Line”. The conference was organized by the Environment College at the university, with participation from Environmental Minister Zeev Elkin and Nature Protection Authority Director Shaul Goldstein, among many other Israeli officials. To prolong the occupation and the enabling of settlers to confiscate more Palestinian lands, and intensify settlement efforts, as well as creating a state of geographical contiguity around Jerusalem,

the Israeli government has approved the construction of 270 housing units in the illegal settlements of Daniel and Kfar Dadd, to the southeast of Bethlehem. It also approved the building of 170 housing units near Al-Khader town, to the south of Bethlehem as well as 100 units in "Kfar Dadd" outpost, located on the Ta'mra area, noting that 500 housing units in the settlement outpost of Dad were also added. Moreover, the Israeli government has approved the addition of 20 new settlement units in the settlement of Metasad. At the same time, Minister of Defense Avigdor Lieberman decided to approve the expansion of the Adam settlement project, to the southeast of Ramallah, by building 400 new housing units. According to the National Bureau, US officials agreed to this measure. On the other hand, PNN further reports, the Israeli District Committee for Planning and Building in Jerusalem decided to carry out a plan to build a tunnel extending from the Hebron Gate to the Damascus Gate, in the Old City district of Jerusalem, at a cost of NIS 360,000,000. The National Bureau stated that the Israeli decisions are part of the government's plans to satisfy extremist settlers, in light of the international silence on Israel's crimes and violations of international laws, condemning these racist decisions which contravene international norms and charters. According to Khalil Tofakji, Director of Plans and Data System at the Arab Studies Association, it was disclosed that Israeli authorities are intending to transfer 2,500 land plots within the so-called municipal boundaries of Jerusalem, to public institutions in Israel, which means transferring their status from private property to state property, for public interest. This announcement coincides with an additional announcement of carrying out settlement operations in a number of Jerusalem neighborhoods, in order to occupy large areas of land. In Jerusalem, the Israeli government continues its policy of racial discrimination, as it has implemented a plan to identify, in mere weeks, special tourist routes for Muslims within the Holy City, extending from Damascus Gate to Al-Aqsa Mosque, in addition to establishing a new Israeli police monitoring station. On the 13th anniversary of the evacuation of settlements in the northern West Bank, 200 settlers returned to Sanur settlement, which was evacuated in 2005. MKs Shuli Maalem and Bettsiel Smutrich, along with about 200 settlers, entered the area under protection of Israeli occupation soldiers, saying that

they will return to the settlements, as this is part of their ideology. In a maneuver to restrict citizens' movement and push them to emigrate, military bulldozers destroyed the agricultural water lines in the northern Jordan Valley and leveled areas of land in Khirbet al-Ras al-Ahmar, east of Tammon town, under the pretext of constructing a military road for the Israeli army. Israeli occupation forces also closed water lines feeding the village of Froush Beit Dajan, to the east of Nablus, under the pretext that they were illegal, while additionally legitimizing the status of more than 100 illegal outposts. (IMEMC 30 July 2018)

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