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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) caused several Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, after the army attacked, local and international activists, holding a nonviolent procession in Ras Karkar village, west of Ramallah, in central West Bank. The protesters were nonviolently marching in the weekly procession against the Annexation Wall and Colonies, on Palestinian lands in the ar-Reesan Mountain, threatened with illegal Israeli annexation orders. The IOA

fired many gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a Palestinian journalist, and caused many residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in northern West Bank. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against the weekly nonviolent procession, and fired many rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs at the protesters, and many journalists. The IOA shot Nidal Eshteyya, a cameraman working for the Chinese News Agency, with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his chest, and caused scores to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the Israeli rubber-coated steel bullets also struck and broke a camera held by a journalist working for the Palestinian TV. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked and injured a young Palestinian man, 23 years of age, in the West Bank governorate of Bethlehem, while on his way to his friend's wedding. The young man was stopped and assaulted by the soldiers in Wad Abu al-Hummus area, near al-Khass and an-No'man villages, east of Bethlehem. The young man suffered various cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinian children, injured another in the head, and caused many residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA attacked Palestinian protesters with gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA injured a teenage boy, 17 years of age, with a concussion grenade in the head. Furthermore, the IOA detained Qais Mohammad Abu Mariya, 15, Khattab Waheed Abu Mariya, 16, Rakan Nasser Abu Maria, 16, and Sayel Jihad Sabarna, 16, and took them to a military post at the main entrance of the town. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) surrounded the [al-Khan al-Ahmar](#) Palestinian Bedouin community, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and abducted two Palestinians, and one French peace activist, during a nonviolent protest against the village's pending illegal demolition and displacement. The soldiers closed all main and minor roads leading to the community since early morning hours, and issued tickets and fines for cars parked nearby. The army then assaulted many nonviolent protesters, and abducted three, including an international peace activist, who tried to prevent the army from closing the roads and isolating the community. Media sources said the soldiers abducted Ibrahim Hussein Abu Dahouk and Suleiman Eid Hathalin, in addition to French peace activist, lawyer and author, Prof. Frank Romano. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)
- The Israeli military court in Salem army base, in northern West Bank, sentenced a Palestinian teenage boy, who suffers from a rare childhood condition, to two years in prison. The teen, Anas Hamarsha, 17, was detained from his home in Ya'bad town, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, after dozens of soldiers stormed the property and ransacked it on October 7th, 2017. Hamarsha suffers from a rare childhood condition, known as Perthes disease, which occurs when blood supply to the rounded head of the femur (thighbone) is temporarily disrupted. Immediately after abducting him, the soldiers took him to the al-Jalama interrogation facility, where he was denied medical treatment, including when he was transferred to the children's branch of Majeddo prison. The family stated that the Israeli Prison Authority is also denying Anas the right to receive the needed medical treatment. It is worth mentioning that Anas's father and brother are both imprisoned by Israel, and his mother was previously detained for several months. He was a high-school student when he was taken prisoner, and has been denied the right to continue his education. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli authorities has decided to illegally confiscate 1079 Dunams and 666 Square/meters of Palestinian land in the al-Ras al-Ahmar area, in the Northern Jordan Valley of the occupied West Bank, for what the

military called “security considerations.” The order targets 15 plots of land, located in five basins, and are all owned by the Palestinians. The lands are in al-Boqei’a valley, which also includes the lands of al-Ras al-Ahmar. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out a limited invasion into Palestinian lands east of the al-Qarara town, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. Five armored military vehicles, accompanied by a robot vehicle, invaded the lands and started bulldozing and leveling sections close to the perimeter fence. The vehicles came from Kissufim military base, across the border fence. (IMEMC 14 September 2018)

Other

- An American Jewish woman was temporarily detained at Israel’s Ben-Gurion airport, and initially denied entry, as she had visited Palestinians facing home demolitions in West Bank. Julie Shayna Weinberg-Connors, aged 23, who arrived on a flight from the United States in order to start studying at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, in Jerusalem, was finally “informed that she could enter Israel on condition that she did not go into the West Bank without a permit. On arrival at the airport, Weinberg-Connors had already obtained a temporary resident’s visa and a potential immigrant’s visa. (IMEMC , [Haaretz](#) 14 September 2018)
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- The underground barrier that Israel is building along the Gaza border to thwart tunnels that infiltrate Israel will not fully remove the tunnel threat, a senior officer in the army’s ground forces told Haaretz. “The barrier very significantly blocks the Hamas tunnels that penetrate into Israeli territory...but we can’t delude ourselves. It is understood today that there is no barrier that can’t be breached. We will continue to look for tunnels after the construction of the barrier in Gaza,” added the Israel Defense Forces officer, whose comments contradict the claims heard in the last few months from other senior IDF officials. “Today in Gaza there is an entire world of tunnels

underground,” says the senior ground forces officer, noting that Hamas is constantly upgrading. “This is not a tunnel like we know, one with an entrance and exit. Today in Gaza there is a very large network of tunnels whose entrances are inside a house, factory or public building that leads to different places, connects to various tunnels. This is really a network of tunnels more like the subways in different countries around the world,” he added. The IDF is well aware of the voices in the political echelons calling for a military operation in Gaza. But the IDF views the need to complete the anti-tunnel barrier as more important at this stage than any military operation inside Gaza. Officers in the army’s Southern Command believe that the IDF’s entry into the Gaza Strip to act against Hamas, even if it is a limited operation, will present new challenges. An IDF maneuver inside Gaza is exactly what Hamas wants, according to IDF assessments. “Hamas understands that the barrier presents a problem and is investing fewer resources today in building tunnels into Israeli territory, but it is continuing to strengthen its network of tunnels inside Gaza. Hamas will do anything so that in the next confrontation the IDF will be forced to enter the Gaza Strip. It understands that this is where its advantage is and so they are continuing to build tunnels inside their territory,” said the officer. “If the IDF is required to maneuver inside Gaza, then without a doubt the issue of the tunnels will be the biggest challenge facing the forces,” he said. “This does not require us to enter every tunnel but the assessment is that there will be cases in which it will be necessary to act inside the tunnels and despite the difficulty, we will know how to do that,” said the officer. In recent years, the IDF has established special units, trained elite forces and purchased special equipment for underground battles– all to counter the threat of the tunnels in Gaza. In the last few months, the IDF has seen a rise in the number of explosive devices planted near the border fence, with the latest incident taking place on Thursday morning when Israeli troops dismantled such a device. Since the cease-fire after the latest round of fighting, the number of incendiary kites and balloons sent from Gaza into Israel has dropped dramatically. But the IDF is concerned that despite this, Hamas has realized the potential of this weapon, which is cheap, effective and causes a stir in the media and insecurity among the civilians living

near the Gaza border. The army expects this weapon to be used by Hamas again in the future, and in different ways if the quiet does not continue in the region. According to the IDF's assessment, Hamas has the ability to use drones and model aircraft as flying bombs. As opposed to the balloons and kites, the unmanned aerial vehicles are much more accurate and can find targets within Israeli towns or IDF troops near the border in a much more effective manner. "We are continuing to prepare and learn the matter of explosive devices attached to balloons and kites. For now, these are simple means but the assessment is that Hamas realizes their potential," said the officer. He also noted that [Hamas](#) has significantly improved its capabilities in the area of explosive devices and bombs in recent years, including the quality of the explosives and the operating mechanisms of these devices. Evidence of this can be seen in the two cases in which such devices went off next to IDF soldiers. In the first incident, a powerful explosive device was placed on the pole of a Palestinian flag and was detonated by remote control, a blast that injured four soldiers. The second incident occurred in May when an explosive device was planted inside an implement for cutting the border fence, and in this case, too, the army was surprised by the force of the blast. "Over the past year, Hamas significantly increased the quality of the bombs and explosive devices that it operates against IDF forces along the [border] fence," said the senior officer. "They have more sophisticated operating mechanisms than in the past. If during Operation Cast Lead [in 2008 and 2009] Hamas' devices were not detonated in real time against IDF soldiers, then during Operation Protective Edge [in 2014] it was already a completely different story; the explosive devices that Hamas prepared against IDF forces blew up and were certainly better devices than what we knew before. Since then, we can say with certainty that they have improved even more." ([Haaretz](#) 14 September 2018)

- President Donald Trump's son-in-law and Mideast advisor Jared Kushner said on Thursday that the Palestinian leaders deserved to lose US aid for their vilification of the current administration, adding that much of the funds allocated to the main UN Palestinian refugee agency had been misspent, according to a report in the New York

Times (NYT). “Nobody is entitled to America’s foreign aid,” he said. Kushner argued that the series of measures recently taken to scrap US funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and to shut down Palestinian offices in Washington should not have a negative impact on the prospects of achieving a peace agreement with Israel. ([Ynetnews](#) 14 September 2018)

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