

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 5 March 2019

I he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, the the in 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

- Dozens of Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation in Shu'fat refugee camp, and the military roadblock near its main entrances, in occupied Jerusalem. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the military roadblock, started stripping and searching dozens of cars and buses, and were deliberately causing delays and traffic jams. Dozens school and college students protested being held at the roadblock, and had to leave the buses and cars, before they started walking to their educational facilities, to avoid further delays. The IOA then fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at the students, and dozens of residents and cars near the roadblock, causing scores of Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- In related news, the soldiers <u>abducted three Palestinians</u>, and summoned two others, for interrogation, after invading their homes in Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Kahil town, west of Hebron, and searched several homes, including the home of a former political prisoner, identified as Abu Hamza Zohour. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- Israeli warplanes carried out airstrikes across the besieged Gaza Strip targeting three sites, in Gaza city, in the Nusseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, and east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the coastal region. The air force fired at least two missiles at a site, southwest of Gaza city, causing excessive property damage. The army also fired a missile at another site, west of the Nusseirat refugee camp, in central Gaza. In addition, the army fired at least one missile into a site, east of Khan Younis, also causing excessive damage. The Israeli strikes did not only damage their targets, but also caused property damage to several surrounding homes. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from their homes, in Hebron governorate, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded and searched homes in Bani Naim town, east of the city, and detained Mohammad Fayez Zeidat, and Naim Hashem Irmeilat. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned for interrogation Ehab al-Qawasma, after invading his home in Hebron city. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians, and summoned two others, for interrogation, after invading their homes in Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded and searched many homes in Deheishe refugee camp, south of Bethlehem, and detained Ahmad As'ad Saifi, 20, and Odai Mustafa Abu Nassar, 24. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a teenage boy, identified as Raed Hasan Mousa, from his home in the al-Khader town, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Teqoua' town, southeast of Bethlehem, and summoned Mohammad Jom'a Sha'er, 16, and Ahmad Mahmoud Abu Mfarreh, 16, for interrogation in Etzion military base, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a former Palestinian political prisoner from occupied Jerusalem, just one week following his release after spending a prison sentence of 17 years. The IOA <u>Abdul-Rahman Mahmoud</u>, from the al-'Isawiya town in occupied Jerusalem, after summoning him for interrogation in Ofer prison, near Ramallah. Mahmoud is a former political prisoner who was released just a week ago, after spending a prison sentence of seventeen years, and received an order exiling him from Jerusalem for ten days, before he was sent to Jericho. Following his detention, the detainee was remanded for 24 hours, and will be sent to the District Court, in Jerusalem. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

• 50 Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian High School students and teachers, in the northern occupied West Bank village of Orif village, near the Israeli Yitzar settlement. The settlers attacked and stormed Orif Secondary School for Boys, and subsequently surrounded the school, trapping the school teachers inside. The settlers hurled stones at homes in the village, which led to confrontations with the residents, before the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at the residents attempting to defend their homes. One student was injured by rocks thrown by the settlers. In addition to damaging school windows, the settlers damaged vehicles belonging to some of the teachers. The IOA also raided the village at the same time the settlers attacked, causing clashes with locals. Military vehicles fired tear-gas bombs, and stun grenades at the villagers, with no further injuries reported. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot dead two Palestinians and a third was lightly injured, at the entrance of Kafr Naama village, near the West Bank city of Ramallah. The army claims that two soldiers were wounded in a pre-dawn car-ramming attack in the northern West Bank, saying that forces opened fire on the three occupants of the vehicle, killing two and wounding the third. The two slain Palestinians were identified as Amir Darraj (20), from the village of Kharbatha al-Mesbah, and Yusuf 'Anqawi (20), from the village of Beit Sira. The IOA closed Beit El (DCO) Israeli military checkpoint, near the northern entrance of al-Bireh city, to Palestinian traffic leaving the city of Ramallah, following confrontations that broke out to condemn the killing. The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he will "speed up the demolition of the houses of the two youths," whom he called "murderers". (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- Israeli settlers seized a Palestinian home belonging to the al-Halabi family, in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem. Israeli settlers raided the al-Halabi family home, where an elderly Palestinian couple lives and who were out shopping for groceries, at the time; the couple

was thrown out by settlers upon arrival. Palestinian youngsters attempted to defend the home from seizure, however, Israeli police assaulted them and fired tear-gas bombs in their direction. The Israeli Police detained five of the youth. Their identity remained unknown.. Additionally, the settlers who seized the home pepper sprayed Palestinian residents and students, resulting in a number of severe suffocation cases. The home is located in a Palestinian-owned building which is divided into four ownerships. Two belong to the al-Alami family, the third belongs to the Eshteiyeh family, and the fourth belongs to the al-Halabi family (amounting up to 40%) and measures 100-square-meters. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)

- The Israeli occupation authorities, issued a court order against the Maragha family, demanding the land on which they built their residential building, located in Batn Al Hawa neighborhood in Silwan town, in occupied Jerusalem. The Ateret Cohnim company, a Jewish company aiming to ethnically cleanse Palestinians in Jerusalem, had handed over judicial orders to nine members of the Maragha family carrying their names, saying they must evacuate the land on which they built their residential building consisting of five apartments and parking for vehicles. The building is inhabited by 15 family members. The Maragha family have been living in the building for more than 100 years, and that they have all the supporting documents confirming their ownership of land and real estate. The Maragha family building is part of the "Ateret Cohnim" plan to control five dunams and 200 square meters of the central part of Batin Al-Hawa neighbourhood, under the pretext of its ownership by Jews from Yemen, since 1881. The Israeli Supreme Court approved the ownership, of the settlers from Yemen, to the land. The eviction also threatens 30-35 residential buildings in the area, where about 80 families (436 people) live, even though the entire population has lived in the neighborhood for decades, after the purchase of land and property from their former owners with official papers . (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- The Israeli authorities issued warrants against the Maraga family, demanding that they evict their property in Baten Al-Hawa neighborhood in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. The Ateret Cohanim Jewish settler group handed the Maraga family nine

judicial warants, ordering them to evict their five-apartment residential building and hand the plot of land on which they live to the settlers' group. The judicial notices were handed to Hmeidan, Izziya, Salah, Fadwa, Munira, Na'im, Rabi'a, In'am and Itaf Maraga. A total of 15 Palestinians would be displaced as a result of the imminent eviction. The Maragha family noted that they have been living on these premises for more than 100 years, and that they have all the supporting documents confirming their ownership of the land and the real estate. The Ateret Cohanim seeks to take over the Maraga's property as part of a larger plan to seize 5,200-square-meter of land in the heart of Silwan, where several dozen right-wing Jewish settlers live among more than 40,000 Palestinians. (WAFA 5 March 2019)

Israeli Military Orders

The Israeli authorities issued court notices demanding ownership of a • land on which a Jerusalem family owns a building in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan of occupied East Jerusalem. The Ateret Cohanim Israeli Jewish organization delivered the notices to nine members of the Maragha family; Hmeidan, Azziyeh, Salah, Fadwa, Munira, Naim, Rabia, Inaam and Itaf Maragha, demanding ownership to the land on which the family's building was constructed. The building consists of five apartments and a parking lot, and houses 15 members of the family. The Maragha family said that their family has been living in this building in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood for more than 100 years, adding that they have documents proving the family's ownership of the land and the property. The notices come under Ateret Cohanim's plan to seize control over 5 dunams and 200 square meters of the neighborhood, under claims that they belong to Yemeni Jews since 1881. There are between 30 and 35 buildings on the entire land demanded by the organization. (Maannews 5 March 2019)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

 The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Barta'a village southwest of Jenin city and razed, without pre-notification, Makab As Samen area (50 Dunums) to install electric poles on lands belonging to citizen Younis Qabha. The IOA also assaulted citizen Sabri Hasan Qabha and detained him for two hours after his attempts to prevent the Israeli bulldozers to raze the lands. (WAFA 5 March 2019)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed roadblocks on Hebron's northern and southern roads, in addition to the entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)

Other

- The US Department of State announced, the merging of the US Consulate General into the US Embassy in Jerusalem, a step that is evoking the anger of Palestinian leadership. This step follows Secretary Pompeo's October 18, 2018 announcement that the two missions and teams would be combined. (IMEMC 5 March 2019)
- Israeli authorities banned Palestinian mosque employees from playing the Muslim call to prayer through the speakers of the Ibrahimi Mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron 44 times in February. The restrictions are attempts by the Israeli occupation to give the impression that the mosque is Jewish property. (Maannews 5 March 2019)