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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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A Palestinian man died from serious wounds he suffered two weeks ago, when several undercover Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) repeatedly assaulted and struck him, in Shu'fat refugee camp, in occupied East Jerusalem. The Palestinian, identified as Mousa Abu Mayyala, 60, was assaulted by the undercover Israeli Army (IOA) while standing in front of his home in the refugee camp. Abu Mayyala suffered various serious injuries, including fractures in his ribs, due to the violent assault against him, before he was rushed to a hospital in occupied Jerusalem. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the Container military roadblock, north of Bethlehem, detained Bara' Ibrahim Shakarna, from Nahhalin town, west of the city. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Beit Fajjar town, south of Bethlehem, and detained Majdi Mahdi Taqatqa and Nassar Majed Taqatqa. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Saff Street, in the center of Bethlehem city, searched homes and detained Mustafa Ali al-Mo'ti. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- In Hebron governorate, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, several Palestinian communities in the southern West Bank governorate of Hebron, searched and ransacked homes, and detained three Palestinians. The IOA detained Abdul-Salam Rateb Taha, from his home in Hebron city. The IOA also invaded many neighborhoods in the city, searched several homes, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Saif Abu Fanous, from his home in Yatta town, south of Hebron, and searched the home of a

former political prisoner, identified as Ibrahim Issa Shawaheen. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched homes in Halhoul town, north of Hebron, and detained Assem Emad Tawayha. (IMEMC 19 June 2019) (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained abducted the secretary of Fateh Movement in Beit Rima town, northwest of Ramallah, after stopping him at the entrance of the nearby Nabi Saleh village. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers invaded Kifl Hares village, north of Salfit city in central West Bank, and attacked several Palestinians and their homes. The settlers invaded the village, before assaulting many homes and residents, wounding Mahmoud Hasan Bouziyya, 64, who was injured in his army after a settler hurled a stone at him. (WAFSA 19 June 2019)
- In Kufl Haris village, north of Salfit, settlers threw rocks at a Palestinian house in the village injuring 64-year-old Mahmoud Bouzieh in the hand. (WAFSA 19 June 2019)
- In the village of Madama, south of the city of Nablus, settlers set fire to olive fields. The settlers had earlier razed village land and when the residents stopped them and pushed them away, the settlers set fire to the olive fields in a revenge act. (WAFSA 19 June 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The District Court of Jerusalem ruled to evict the heirs of the late Mariam Abu Zweir from their property in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan, south of Al-Aqsa Mosque. The judges refused the appeal filed by the heirs of Abu Zweir family against the decision to evict them from their property issued by the Israeli Magistrate Court at the end of 2018. The settlers gave the family from 8-28 July to completely vacate the property, with the possibility of eviction during the mentioned period. The property consists of a house in which Mrs. Elham Siam and her four children live, in addition to a land of about

half a Dunum, and a warehouse. Elad settlement association also demands that the family pay "rent" for the property for the past years with a value of NIS 400 thousand, in addition to lawyers' fees of NIS 80 thousand. The heirs of Abu Zweir family have been engaged in a struggle in the Israeli courts for 24 years to protect the property and to prove ownership of it and to refute the claims of Elad settlement association. During the past years, Elad association has worked hard to seize the property in several ways. The first is through collusion between brokers and clients in getting the fingerprints of the late Abu Zweir on a document where she would give three of her sons the right to the property while she was dying. However, in 1999 the Israeli courts rejected Elad's claims stating that the property belongs to her eight children, according to the heirs of the late Abu Zweir. In another attempt to file a case against the family in 2001, Elad claimed that it had purchased three plots in the property (the brothers in the United States, headed by Mahmoud Daoud Khalil), and called for other shares to be classified as the Custodian of Absentee Property. Nihad Siam, one of the heirs, said that after several hearings in the courts, it was revealed that Elad had purchased the shares of four heirs, in addition to two shares under "Custodian of Absentee Property". Two shares remain for the late Munira and her sister Fatima. The District Court's decision means that the property will be divided between the heirs and settlers. Siam added that his late mother Munira Siam and his brothers faced the Israeli courts and the bias to the settlers and settlement associations and the prosecutions and fines imposed on them, and over the past years they were prevented from carrying out any renovations in the house or land. A convoy of border police, Israeli Civil Administration officials, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and two JCB bulldozers arrived in the village of Khalet al Dabeh at around 9am to destroy a house belonging to Mohammad al Dababsh. Twelve members of the al Dababsh family including seven children, who have lived in the region for generations, are now homeless and have been given tents to sleep in by the Red Cross. Members of the al Dababsh family were shouting in distress and at one point attempted to run through the line of border police – who had announced a closed military zone around the house – in a bid to protect his home before it was raised to the ground. Omar al Dababsh was thrown to the floor by

soldiers as he ran. His injuries required urgent medical attention and he was taken to Hebron hospital. The IOA also shoved local activists and ISMers in the scuffle. A Palestinian activist identified as Basil Adraa Adraa was filming the demolition from a roof near the al Dababsh house when the IOA threatened to throw a sound grenade at him if he refused to get down. A separate building storing solar panel batteries was also destroyed and the panels were confiscated. (SILWANIC 19 June 2019)

- A convoy of border police, Israeli Civil Administration officials, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and two JCB bulldozers arrived in the village of al Halawe where they destroyed a further three homes belonging to the Aram family. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished, an under-construction Palestinian home in the al-Matar area, in Jericho, in the occupied West Bank. The IOA demolished a one-story 150 square/meter home, owned by Shadi Sunnoqrot, reportedly for being built without a permit from the Israeli "Civil Administration Office," in the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded the area, after surrounding and isolating it, before demolishing the property. (IMEMC 19 June 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two greenhouses in the town of Tarqoumia in the south of the West Bank belonged to resident Khaleel Al Hroub. The IOA also razed land belonged to resident Shaher Al Hammouri in the town. The IOA blocked rural roads in the same area to prevent farmers and land owners from reaching their lands. (WAFSA 19 June 2019)
- Israeli Court Evicts Palestinian Family From East Jerusalem Home, Lets Settlers Take Over: the Jerusalem District Court on Tuesday ordered the eviction of a Palestinian family from the Silwan neighborhood outside Jerusalem's Old city, dismissing their appeal and ruling in favor of the right-wing Elad Association, a settler organization that owns the majority of the building. The ruling brings to an end a nearly 30-year legal battle over the property. Elad's victory also has symbolic value because the evicted people are relatives of Jawad Siyam, a social worker and community activist who is considered a leader among Silwan's Palestinians. After his family

leaves their apartment and adjacent storefront, Siyam and his brothers will have to share the building with the settlers. Elad has brought six separate legal cases against the Siyam family. At first, the settler group claimed that it had purchased the entire home from Siyam's grandmother, who owned it when she was still alive, and they presented a contract. A court ruled that the contract was not valid and Elad lost the case. The grandmother left the property to eight heirs. In the next stage of the proceedings, Elad managed to buy the rights from the three male heirs. The association then went to court and argued that the female heirs of the family had yielded their claim to the property to the men of the family, and thus the house belonged solely to Elad. But this claim was also dismissed by the court, which ruled that the NGO held only three-eighths of the property. The next stage involved the Custodian of Absentee Property. The custodian argued that since two of the female heirs live abroad, they are considered absentees, and therefore, based on the Law of Absentee Property, their rights were transferred to the custodian – even though several attorneys general and Supreme Court justices were critical of implementing the Absentee Property Law in East Jerusalem. Thus the custodian became the owner of one-quarter of the home. Elad, meanwhile, had purchased the share of another daughter, thus becoming owner of half the home. The last quarter of the property remained with the Siyam family. Last year, the custodian announced it was selling its quarter of the home, which Elad won by bidding more than 2 million shekels (\$555,000) for it. Thus in the end, Elad owned three-quarters of the structure. Based on this, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court ordered Elham Siyam, a single mother of four children and the daughter of one of the absentees, to evacuate the home in favor of the settlers. The family was also ordered to evacuate the adjacent store it owned and the yard. On Tuesday, the district court rejected the family's appeal and ordered them to also pay 10,000 shekels in court costs. "The story of Silwan properties is a David and Goliath story," Peace Now said in response. "An NGO rich in resources and assets uses the best lawyers to file lengthy, exhausting lawsuits against hard-up Palestinian families, families who have to spend lots of money to try to protect their home and who must pay lawyers and experts for expensive legal proceedings, at the end of

which they are also required to pay court costs. For its part, the Custodian of Absentee Property is helping the settlers take control of the homes." Last week, the Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by Elad, which attempted to keep the state from releasing information about the association's properties to the Movement for Freedom of Information. The state agreed to release the information, but Elad appealed and even demanded that the hearing be held behind closed doors and without allowing the movement to attend. The Jerusalem District Court dismissed Elad's arguments and ruled that the movement would be part of the proceedings and the hearings would be open. Elad appealed this decision to the Supreme Court, which, as noted, dismissed the appeal. Elad was ordered to pay the Freedom of Information Movement 1,000 shekels in expenses. Elad said in a statement, "The rulings and decisions speak for themselves. We will continue to work in accordance with the law to advance and develop ancient Jerusalem." ([Haaretz](#) 19 June 2019)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) razed lands south of the village of Burin and in the village of Madama, to the south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli bulldozers proceeded to raze lands in Burin and Madama. (Wafa 19 June 2019)
- Israeli military bulldozers leveled Palestinian farmlands in Battir town, west of Bethlehem. An Israeli military force stormed al-Khimar area, and provided protection for a military bulldozer as it leveled a large tract of farmland belonging to Khalil Abu Ni'meh, Omar al-Qaisi, and Jawad al-Qaisi. (Wafa 19 June 2019)

Other

- What does it mean to roll one's eyes? Well, in Hebrew it means to try to look innocent, to play dumb. Is it an acquired talent or an inborn trait? On one thing we can all agree: The eye-roll has caught on and become policy. It's the foundation on which the settlers have built their expansionist theory, which is based on building illegal outposts and creating a warped separation between systematic land grabs known as "settlements" and the "land grabs by chance" known as "outposts." But this is all passé now. Now the time has come for the festival of the new glaring lie, the pinnacle of the settlement movement's achievements:

annexing Area C of the West Bank. What's so bad about an annexation that would merely put most of the "legal" settlements and "consensus" blocs under Israeli sovereignty? Nobody wonders anymore about which law lets the settlements enjoy such status. Area C is home to some 80,000 Palestinians, a small number easy for the sensitive Jewish Israeli digestive system. What could be more legal than an annexation supported by most of Donald Trump's senior advisers, the owners of Trump Heights, which overlooks Israel from the Golan mountaintops? These Palestinians could even be granted limited citizenship so that we wouldn't, perish the thought, be accused of apartheid. But to borrow from that famous song, "First we take Area C, then we take the West Bank." This is exactly where the big deception is, going back to the days of the deceit in the construction of the settlement Kiryat Arba near Hebron, and the fraud that surrounded the establishment of Hebron's Avraham Avinu neighborhood, which began with an innocent request to clean the Avraham Avinu synagogue. In the same way the infamous settlements Migron, Amona and all the other malignancies were built. This is all just the beginning of the redemption that seeks to legitimize the annexation of Area C, and the aspirations of the new transportation minister, Bezalel Smotrich, to annex all of Judea and Samaria, the West Bank. Back in 2006, Hanan Porat and Uri Elitzur presented their grandiose plan "Peace in the Land," which spoke of annexing 60 percent of the West Bank including all the areas of Jewish settlement and all territories needed to establish defensible borders (the Jordan Valley, western Samaria and Binyamin, Gush Etzion and the Southern Hebron Hills). According to this plan, Israel would also have annexed some 300,000 Palestinians, residents of the smaller villages in the more sparsely populated areas of the West Bank. At the end of the process they would have become Israeli citizens. When would the end of the process have been, and under what terms would they have received citizenship? Would they have been required to declare their loyalty to the state or at least recognize it as a Jewish state? After all, there can be no citizenship without loyalty. The people who drew up the plan didn't comment on this issue, and they have since died. Six years later Naftali Bennett's "Plan for Calm" came along, which was aimed at neutralizing the apartheid sword by granting citizenship. Bennett doesn't mention that this is part of a gradual plan, but it's no secret that it is. The diplomat Ran Yishai wrote this month on the website Sovereignty that the applying of only partial sovereignty could place a great stranglehold on settlement because any settlements that weren't developed wouldn't thrive. As he put it: Transportation difficulties and an aging population, as a result of young couples having difficulty purchasing new homes – which wouldn't exist – would be like a noose

around the neck of those settlements, to which access has been difficult from the start. Yehudit Katsover told a Sovereignty conference a week and a half ago that applying “sovereignty would strengthen the Jewish majority with the construction of settlements and absorption of immigrants from around the world.” Katsover added that “the Arabs of Judea and Samaria would receive residency status under Israeli sovereignty and could later request citizenship in accordance with the terms of loyalty.” What could be more generous than that? Yes, let’s give the eye-rollers Area C, and they’ll finish the job. ([Haaretz](#) 19 June 2019)

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