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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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young Palestinian man and his wife, near the Annexation Wall, west of Zeita village, north of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem. The IOA stationed at the gate of the Annexation Wall in that area, opened fire at Yahia Abu Khater, 25, and his wife, while they were walking near it. The Palestinian couple were both injured, before the IOA detained the husband and took him in an Israeli ambulance, while his wife was transferred to the hospital in Tulkarem. There were no protests or incidents taking place when the IOA opened fire at the Palestinian husband and his wife, and it remains unclear why the soldiers opened fire in the first place. (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- Thirty Palestinians in Israeli jails, have joined a hunger strike in solidarity with six detainees who have themselves been refusing to eat or drink to protest their illegal detention without charge or trial. The prisoners reject the intake of any food or water to step up pressure on the Israeli authorities to meet the demands of the six detainees who have been on hunger strike, particularly Huthaifa Halabiya, whose health condition is deteriorating. The latest group brings to 49 the number of prisoners who have joined the protest action in solidarity with the six detainees. From the Negev prison, Asem Kaabi, Shadi Ma'ali, Majd Barbar, Munther Mifleh Khalaf, Jamil Yousef, Nazim Assous, Mahmoud Abu Srouf, Muhannad Kawar, Mohammed Abu Khdei, Mohab al-Ajarma, Obada Dandis and Maan Awad From Ramon prison, Jihad Ma'ali, Ahmad Mousa, Tariq Abu Ayyash, Zaki Atta, Thaer Hanani, Mahmoud Issa and Tamer Abu Zudud From Ofer prison, Hafez Omar, Nasser Atta, Rami Karajeh, Majdi Nasr, Bassel al-Wawi and Mahmoud al-Lahham. From Gilboa prison, five comrades whose names were not yet reported due to the difficulties of communication imposed by the Israeli prison environment. (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian teenage boy in the town of al-'Isawiya, in occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA detained Odia Ayman 'Obeid, 17, after invading his family's home and violently searching it. The IOA cuffed and blindfolded the Palestinian teen, and took him to an interrogation facility in Jerusalem. (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Several armed Israeli settlers, accompanied by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), invaded the al-Mas'udiyya area, on Palestinian lands in Burqa village, northwest of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and conducted training. The settlers were armed with assault rifles, and conducted training in the archeological site. The IOA closed the area and surrounded it, before allowing the settlers in, and prevented the Palestinians from entering. The settlers were mainly women and children, and almost all of them were armed. Al-Mas'udiyya area is a destination for internal Palestinian tourism and is known for once having the railway station during the Ottoman era. (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) stormed the village of al-Wallaja, near Bethlehem, to issue demolition orders to two homeowners who were in the midst of building on their family land. Demolition crews from the Israeli municipality in the occupied city of Jerusalem, accompanied by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), stormed the village and went to the Ein Al Juwezah area to the north. There, they delivered a notice to Palestinian homeowner Halima Ismail, ordering her to stop construction in her house, amounting to an area of 70 square meters; under the pretext of a lack of license. Ismail was given the notice, along with another Palestinian homeowner, Khaled Abu Gherkin, who had built a home on his land, along with his brother, after their previous home had been demolished by the IOA . Abu Gherkin received a demolition notice under the pretext of lack of license. (WAFA 13 August 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed two local residents notices ordering them to stop the external works on their two inhabited homes to the east of the town of Nahalin, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext. (WAFA 13 August 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed a notice ordering local resident Khaled Salah to stop the construction work on his 300-square-meters house in the town of al-Khader to the south of Bethlehem. (WAFA 13 August 2019)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) invaded the homes of the families of two Palestinian prisoners in Tulkarem and measured them in preparation for demolition. Though the vast majority (around 90% according to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions) of demolitions of Palestinian homes are administrative – with the claim that Palestinians ‘constructed the homes without permits’, around 10% are punitive demolitions, in which Israeli troops demolish the homes of the family members of Palestinians accused of crimes against Israelis. In this case, the two Palestinians in question stand accused of murdering an Israeli soldier and settler, Dvir Sorek. Their family members have not been accused of any crime, but will nevertheless be forced into homelessness by the Israeli policy of punitive home demolitions. The two accused men, cousins Nseir Asafra, 24, and Kassem Asafra, 30, were detained after a widescale manhunt by IOA after an Israeli soldier was found dead. They were taken from their village of Beit Khalil, north of Hebron in the southern part of the West Bank. In addition to the two cousins, the IOA also abducted Kassem’s wife Enas, and another relative, Akrama Asafra, who was suspected of aiding the two suspects. The four were taken to an Israeli interrogation center and subjected to ‘harsh interrogation’ techniques. According to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, “Between 2001-2005, according to B’tselem figures, 664 Palestinian homes were demolished in the Occupied Territory as forms of punishment. Some 4,182 innocent people were displaced, many of them neighbors of the suspect’s family, and this often on the basis of *suspicion* alone.” (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

The Israeli Segregation Wall

- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has decided to build a new concrete wall around all areas in the northeast of the Gaza Strip. According to Israel's Channel 12, the wall is intended to prevent any infiltration attempt by Palestinians on Israel's southern border with Gaza. The wall will be built along Road 34, which is located near Sderot settlement and agricultural settlements. (IMEMC 13 August 2019)

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