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

- Several Palestinians were injured by Israeli gunfire as hundreds of Israeli settlers forced their way into Joseph’s Tomb near the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted a convoy of buses packed with hundreds of Jewish settlers into the site, located in the Palestinian-controlled area, sparking confrontations with Palestinian residents. The IOA opened fire on Palestinians protesting the raid and attempting to block settlers’ access to the site, injuring several protestors with rubber coated steel bullets. The IOA also showered protesters with tear gas canisters, causing several to suffocate. (WAFA 20 August 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammed Assafra, accused of stabbing an Israeli soldier in the illegal Etzion settlement, two weeks ago, in addition to family members Ahmad Assafra, Mua’weyah Assafra, and E’krema Assafra. (IMEMC 20 August 2019)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Azzahour, Mumen Azzahour, and Mahmoud Al-Atawna. (IMEMC 20 August 2019)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two brothers, identified as Omar and Farouq Badeer, after intruding on their family house in Aida refugee camp in southern Bethlehem. (IMEMC 20 August 2019)
- Mohammed Al-Wahsh, a minor, was detained after his family home in Biet Ta’mour town, east of Bethlehem was stormed by Israeli occupation army. (IMEMC 20 August 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

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- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers in the town of Um Safa to the north of Ramallah, and placed barbed wire on land located in area ‘B’ and ‘C’ of the West Bank as a prelude to seize it. The settlers attacked farmers
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