



ARIJ Daily Report

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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

- Dozens of Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation, on Wednesday evening, after Israeli soldiers attacked them when they intercepted a group of illegal colonialist settlers who invaded their lands, and burnt olive trees, in Madama village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Ehab al-Qet, a member of Madama Village Council, told the Palestinian News & Info Agency (WAFA), that the colonists attacked the southern area of the village, before local youngsters intercepted them and started throwing stones at them. He added that many soldiers were in the area with the colonists and started firing a barrage of gas bombs at the villagers, causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. Al-Qet also said that the colonists set many olive trees ablaze, while the soldiers prevented the Palestinians from reaching their orchards to extinguish the fire. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- In its daily campaign of detaining Palestinians from throughout the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces detained, Wednesday night, into Thursday morning, at least 6 Palestinians, according to the Palestinian Prisoner Society (PPS). The army detained early this morning 2 Palestinians from Beit Kahel village in the southern West Bank district of Hebron, and 1 from Balata refugee camp in the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Soldiers also detained, Wednesday night, a young man, 17, from the Hebron area and another one from Qalandia refugee camp near Ramallah, who was detained after being summoned for interrogation by Israeli intelligence. The last detainee was not identified. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Palestinian citizens suffered from exposure to tear gas, in Madama village, to the south of Nablus, during confrontations with Israeli soldiers and settlers. Village chief Ihab al-Qut said that a hoard of Jewish

settlers from the illegal settlement of Yitzhar, in Nablus, stormed the southern area of the village and fought with local youth, in the presence of soldiers who fired volleys of tear gas grenades. Dozens of young men suffered from inhaling tear gas, during the events. The settlers also set fire to many olive trees under military protection, while soldiers prevented local residents from going to their lands to extinguish the flames. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli authorities in Jerusalem forced a Palestinian homeowner to demolish his own home, using only hand tools, on Wednesday. Jamil Masalmeh told reporters that he was in mourning for his home, which he was forced to demolish on Wednesday or else pay a 48,000 NIS fine. His home is located in Silwan, an area targeted by Israeli authorities for annexation into Israel by the use of force. The municipality gave the resident a 24-hour period to demolish the entire house (walls and ceilings), or be fined 48,000 shekels. Masalmeh was forced to move in with his son, since he had no other place to go once he lost his home due to the Israeli order. The Israeli authorities claim it was “built without a permit” despite the fact that Israel has not issued any permits to Palestinian landowners since it took over the city of Jerusalem by military force in 1967. Israeli Jewish landowners, however, are issued permits nearly 100% of the time they apply. This double standard is one of the reasons that Palestinians in Jerusalem say they are being ‘ethnically cleansed’ from their homeland in Jerusalem. More than 110 “residential, agricultural and commercial” buildings have been demolished this year in various neighborhoods of Jerusalem, more than 30 of which were demolished by their owners, who faced steep fines if they refused to carry out the demolition. Given the high cost of bulldozers, many, like Masalmeh, had to demolish their homes by hand, using sledgehammers and other hand tools. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)
- Israeli authorities, on Tuesday, demolished a Palestinian house in al-Tur town, east of Jerusalem, under the pretext of unlicensed construction. Homeowner Mohamed Abul Hawa said that Israeli police forces and municipal employees demolished his 90-square-meter house in the town because it was built with no permit. Abul Hawa added that he had been served with a demolition notice from the municipality 15 days ago, Days

of Palestine further reports. The Israeli municipality systematically demolishes Palestinian homes and structures in occupied Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed construction, while it prevents the local residents from obtaining permits or make it difficult for them to meet construction conditions. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)

Other

- The US embassy in Jerusalem began constructing a wall surrounding the building of its new quarter, with a height of 6 meters, according to Al Ray. It was agreed upon, previously, to build a wall with a height of 3.2 meters, but it was recently decided to build the wall with a height of 5.8 meters. Israelis living in the same neighborhood reportedly complained that the height of the wall covers the scenery, depriving them from enjoying the sight. It was noted that Israelis living near the embassy sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as to US Ambassador David Friedman, demanding them to retreat from this step. Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon has already signed an order to raise the wall, citing security reasons, as part of the implementation of pre-approved emergency instructions, including the construction of a private street. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)
- Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on Wednesday evening, carried out a provocative “visit” to al-Ibrahimi mosque, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, amidst tight security measures that affected the city’s Palestinian population and which came following another such “visit” by Israeli President Reuven Rivlin. Netanyahu said, at an election campaign to win settlers’ vote in al-Ibrahimi mosque, that “we are not strangers to Hebron and we will stay here forever.” “I am proud that my government was the first to develop the ghetto program in the city [of Hebron] to build dozens of new housing units,” he said, according to Wafa. Israeli forces clamped a curfew on the Palestinian neighborhoods of the old section of Hebron, as hundreds of soldiers and police were deployed in preparation for Netanyahu’s arrival. (IMEMC 5 September 2019)