

# **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.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and \or news sources.

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A number of Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters, including a journalist, during protests in Surif town in Hebron. Journalist <u>Moath Amarneh</u> was shot with a rubber-coated metal bullet in the eye. Dozens of Palestinian citizens marched in Surif to protest land seizure by the Israeli authorities in favor of settlement construction. (IMEMC 16 November 2019)
- Confrontations flared up in Kufur Qaddoum in Qalqilia, after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently quelled the weekly demonstration in the town. The IOA showered the peaceful demonstrators with tear gas canisters, stun grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets, while dozens choked on tear gas and were treated in the field. (IMEMC 16 November 2019)
- Israeli warplanes attacked, several targets throughout the besieged Gaza Strip, causing heavy damage but no bodily harm. Israeli Warplanes fired more than 10 missiles at targets and agricultural land northwest of Gaza City and in Beit Lahia. Heavy destruction was reported in targeted areas and nearby property. (IMEMC 16 November 2019)
- Dozens of Palestinians were injured near the central West Bank city of Ramallah, from teargas fired by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Palestinians protesting Israel's recent attacks on Gaza. Students from Birzeit University were demonstrating at the Israeli army roadblock in Ramallah and were attacked with teargas. The military roadblock was closed after this incident. Two youth were injured by Israeli fire, previously. One was shot in the foot with live ammunition and the other was struck in the head by a rubber-coated steel bullet. (IMEMC 16 November 2019)
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen and their boats off the northern coast of the embattled Gaza Strip. Several fishermen were on their boats off the shore of al-Sudaniya area in northern Gaza when Israeli naval forces suddenly opened fire at them and forced them to return ashore. Israeli gunboats are around Gaza fishermen almost every day,

harassing them, shooting at them, damaging their boats, and making arrests. Sometimes fishermen are injured or killed during gunfire attacks. Under the 1993 Oslo accords, Palestinian fishermen are permitted to fish up to 20 nautical miles off the coast of Gaza, but since then Israel has kept reducing the fishing area gradually to a limit of three nautical miles as part of its blockade on Gaza. (PALINFO 16 November 2019)

# Israeli Settler Violence

 A group of Israeli settlers invaded Palestinian olive orchards in Sheikh Bishir area, east of Jaloud village, south of Nablus. The settlers assaulted several Palestinians, and chased others, in addition to preventing them from harvesting their olive trees. (IMEMC 16 November 2019)

#### Home Demolition & Demolition threats

The Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied territories, B'Tselem, has released a report showing that in 2019, the Israeli authorities demolished more Palestinian homes than any other year in the past 15 years. "From 2004 to 2018, the Israeli authorities demolished 54 residential units [belonging to Palestinians] a year, on average. In 2019, the authorities demolished 140 units by the end of September." Other statistics regarding Israel's demolition policy, including that "from 2006 until October 31, 2019, Israel demolished at least 1,489 Palestinian residential units in the West Bank (not including east Jerusalem), causing 6,508 people – including at least 3,264 minors – to lose their homes." "In Palestinian communities unrecognized by the state of Israel, many which are facing the threat of expulsion, Israel repeatedly demolishes residents' homes. From 2006 through October 31 2019, the homes of at least 1,048 people living in these communities - including 499 minors - were demolished more than once by Israel." "In addition, from January 2016 through October 31 2019, the [Israeli army's] Civil Administration demolished 756 non-residential structures (such as fences, cisterns, roads, storerooms, farming buildings, businesses and public buildings) in the West Bank (excluding east Jerusalem)". (BTSELEM, PALINFO 16 November 2019)