



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 Palestinian protesters were wounded while others were arrested during the Israeli crackdown on weekly peaceful protests along the separation fence in Gaza, and throughout the West Bank. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured five with live ammunition, wounding one seriously, shot 4 protestors with rubber-coated metal bullets, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas in eastern Gaza. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- In the West Bank, dozens of Palestinian protesters suffered the effects of extensive tear-gas fire from Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Kufur Qaddoum, west of the northern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, dozens of Palestinian protesters near Beit El military roadblock, north of Ramallah in central West Bank. Dozens of Palestinians marched in the area of Beit El settlement, and were chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, its escalating violations against the people, their homes and lands, and their holy sites. The IOA started firing a barrage of gas bombs, especially from the automated gas bombs' launchers, mounted on their jeeps. The IOA also fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, while many protesters started throwing stones at them. Many Palestinians were injured. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, several Palestinians at the entrance of the Shuhada Street, in the center of Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA stationed on the permanent military roadblock at the entrance of Shuhada Street, assaulted with clubs and batons many Palestinians, causing various injuries. The IOA attacked the Palestinians when they protested the detention of a young man, who was held at the military roadblocks. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- Over 2,000 Palestinians gathered in various parts of the Gaza Strip to take part in the weekly 'March of Return' protests. Five Palestinians were shot

with live rounds fired by the army across the perimeter fence. One of the wounded Palestinians was shot in the head, and suffered a serious injury. Four Palestinians were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, and dozens suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The protests were held on Palestinian land across the eastern parts of the Gaza Strip, from Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun, in northwest Gaza, to Gaza city and the central district, in addition to Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part of the coastal region. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three protesters, one of them being shot prior to arrest, at the northern entrance to Al Bireh, southeast of Ramallah. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the head of Shu'fat Town Council, and a member of the council, northeast of occupied East Jerusalem identified as Ishaq Abu Khdeir, and a member of the council, Nasser Abu Khdeir. The two were apparently taken prisoner for calling for a procession in front of the local mosque, after groups of Israeli settlers escalated their invasions and violations in the area. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Ahmad Atef Sharif, 14, east of Qalqilia city, in northern West Bank. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers, squatting on illegally confiscated Palestinian lands, south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, hurled stones at Palestinian cars, causing damage. In al-Jab'a Village, southwest of Bethlehem, the Israeli settlers came from the Beit Ayin settlement, which was built on stolen Palestinian lands, gathered in the al-Jamjoum area, located between al-Jab'a and Nahhalin, and started throwing stones at dozens of Palestinian cars. Damage was reported to many cars, especially the windshield and other damage to the body of the attacked vehicles.

- A horde of Israeli settlers hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles on a road near the illegal Gush Etzion settlement bloc in the south of Bethlehem. Settlers from the settlement of Bat Ayin gathered near Jamjoom area, which is located between the Palestinian towns of Nahalin and Jaba, and embarked on throwing stones at cars traveling on a nearby road. However, one car sustained material damage during the stone-throwing attack. The vehicle belongs to a local citizen called Ikrima Hamdan from Jaba town. (PALINFO 14 December 2019)

Other

- Christians from the Gaza Strip will not be allowed to visit holy sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem to celebrate Christmas this year, the so-called Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) announced. Only Christians over the age of 45 will be eligible for a permit to travel abroad, which means that many of Gaza's Christians will be denied access to the holy sites and their families in the West Bank. There are approximately 1,000 Christians living in the Gaza Strip, most of whom are Greek Orthodox, among a majority of Muslims with population of 2 million in the narrow coastal enclave. This year's decision is a break with usual policy, as last year, Israel granted permits for close to 700 Christians in Gaza, to travel to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and other holy cities that draw thousands of pilgrims each holiday season. (IMEMC 14 December 2019)