



# 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

- The Israeli air force fired, several missiles into a few areas in the besieged Gaza Strip, causing damage. The army claimed it was retaliating to one shell reportedly fired from the coastal region. The army fired at least two missiles into Asqalan site, northwest of Beit Lahia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. An Israeli drone fired at least one missile into a land, east of Rafah city, in the southern part of the coastal region. Hours later, the army fired two more missiles into Palestinian lands, south of Rafah. (IMEMC 20 December 2019)

## Israeli Settler Violence

- Many Israeli settlers attacked a Shepherd from Kisan village, east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and unleashed their dogs at him, causing various injuries. The settlers came from the illegal Ibei Hanahal outpost, which was installed on stolen Palestinian lands, near the illegal Maali Amos colony. The settlers attacked the farmer, Atallah Ibrahim Obeyyat, 53, causing many cuts and bruises, before unleashing their dogs toward him. The dogs also attacked and bit some of his sheep. (IMEMC 20 December 2019)
- A group of Israeli settlers burnt, two Palestinian cars and wrote racist graffiti, in Far'ata village, west of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. The settlers infiltrated into the village and burnt two cars, owned by Saher Abdul-Rahim Hussein and his brother Tha'er. The settlers also wrote racist, anti-Palestinian graffiti on several walls and cars in the village, before fleeing the area. (IMEMC 20 December 2019)
- Israeli settlers, uprooted hundreds of olive trees in the southern West Bank town of al-Khader, near Bethlehem. Owner of the trees, Hisham Barmil said that settlers from the illegal Sidi Boaz settlement outpost built on expropriated al-Khader land, uprooted **300** olive trees and stole them. The settlers invaded his 30 dunam plot of land and uprooted the trees, adding that the settlers did the same thing two months ago. (IMEMC 20 December 2019)

- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Fara'ata village near Qalqilya, spray-painted racist graffiti on Palestinian homes' walls, and set fire to a number of cars. Two Palestinian citizens woke up at daybreak to find that their cars had been burned by Israeli settlers. Racist graffiti, threats and insults were spray-painted on the walls of several Palestinian homes. (PALINFO 20 December 2019)

## Other

- The Israeli army has deprived generations of Palestinians in the West Bank of their basic civil rights, including the rights to free assembly, association and expression, regularly drawing on military orders issued in the first days of the occupation. Even if such restrictions could have been justified then to preserve public order and safety, the suspension of core rights more than half a century later with no end in sight violates Israel's core responsibilities under the law of occupation. The responsibilities of an occupying power toward the rights of the occupied population increase with the duration of the occupation. Israel remains principally in control of the West Bank, despite limited Palestinian Authority rule over certain areas, and yet has failed to provide the people living under its control with the rights they are due, including the right to equal treatment without regard to race, religion or national identity. It is long past time for Israel to fully respect the human rights of Palestinians, using as a benchmark the rights it grants Israeli citizens, an obligation that exists regardless of the political arrangement in the Occupied Palestinian Territory now or in the future. ([HRW](#) 20 December 2019)
- A United Nations human rights committee has called on Israel to “ensure equal treatment for all persons on the territories under its effective control and subject to its jurisdiction” – inside Israel, in the Occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem, and in the blockaded Gaza Strip, according to a press release by the Haifa-based Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel. The UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), which reviews states' compliance with the International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) – ratified by Israel in 1979 – issued its concluding observations of Israel on 12 December. (UN, IMEMC 20 December 2019)

- The United States Congress has rejected a request, from the White House, for \$175mn in funds that would go towards pushing the Trump administration's failed Middle East "peace plan". In a bipartisan decision, lawmakers rejected having funds be set aside, in the government's 2020 budget, for the so-called Trump "Deal of the Century." The deal calls for \$50bn in regional investments over 10 years, with \$28bn going to the Palestinian territories – the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip – as well as \$7.5bn to Jordan, \$9bn to Egypt and \$6n for Lebanon. (Haaretz, IMEMC 20 December 2019)