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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Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinian women in Bab ar-Rahma area, east of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied East Jerusalem. Four women were attacked by the IOA, before they were detained and taken to a nearby police center. The army claimed the women were “obstructing the visit” of a group of settlers and IOA, who invaded the courtyards of the al-Aqsa Mosque. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A Palestinian mother and her daughter were injured, after being attacked by an Israeli settler in Tel Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city, in the southern occupied West Bank. Palestinian residents in Tel Rumeida are subjected to nearly daily harassment by Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ramat Yishai. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

- Far-right rabbi Yehuda Glick as well as dozens of Jewish settlers broke into the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound via the Moroccan Gate, heavily protected by Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Glick and the settlers carried out provocative tours in the courtyards of the mosque and received explanations on the alleged “Temple Mount”. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two Palestinian residential structures in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA escorted a bulldozer into Maghayer al-‘Abeed area near Masafer Yatta, where the heavy machinery demolished a room belonging to Ibrahim Shehadeh. A residential room was also torn down in As-Samu’, a town located to the south of Hebron. The owner of the demolished structure was identified as Khader Ismail al-Hawamdeh. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)
• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two Palestinian homes in Jabal al-Mokabber town, south of occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA accompanied by employees of the City Council, invaded Khallet Abed area in Jabal al-Mokabber and demolished two homes owned by members of Shqeirat family. The demolitions were carried out under the pretext of being built without construction permits from the city council. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed Jamal Ata Oleyyan, from the al-'Isawiya town in Jerusalem, an order for the demolition of his home. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

• The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) went on the rampage through Tana hamlet in the east of Nablus, destroying homes, trees and agricultural structures. Two bulldozers and vehicles boarded by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and employees from the Israeli army’s civil administration stormed Tana hamlet after cordoning it off to prevent entry of citizens and journalists. The bulldozers demolished three tents and one cave used as homes as well as agricultural stone barriers and rainwater catchment wells. The bulldozers also razed the fences surrounding agricultural reservations and uprooted about 3,000 olive trees recently planted by the Beit Furik municipal council and other trees that have been there for long trees. (PALINFO 24 December 2019)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized a truck and a bulldozer owned by Palestinian residents in the town of Beit Ummar to the north of Hebron, the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA confiscated a truck and a bulldozer while the land-owners were working on rehabilitating Palestinian land, previously seized by illegal Israeli settlers, north of Beit Ummar town. The IOA coerced the Palestinian land-owner and workers to leave the land, preventing them from entering or working. The IOA then seized the truck and the bulldozers, before declaring the area a ‘closed military zone’. Nabil Breghith, the owner of the land, has been working the land for years, and has all documents to prove his ownership. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)
• Israeli bulldozers, razed a large tract of Palestinian land, which belongs to the Nablus-district villagers of Jalud, in order to expand the nearby illegal Israeli colonial settlements. Settlers escorted bulldozers to al-Khafafish area, located south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, classified as Basin 13, for the expansion of nearby colonial settlements of Shilo and Shivot Rahil. The land was razed, despite an Israeli court ruling upholding a halt on the expansion of Shivot Rahil. Israeli bulldozers proceeded to level Palestinian farmlands, classified as Basin 12, to build 175 new settler units in the nearby settlement of Shilo. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)

Other

• Israel is considering preventing the entry of officials from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in response to the chief prosecutor’s decision to investigate its possible war crimes in the occupied Palestinian territories. Representatives from the Israeli ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice and National Security, have discussed practical ways to respond to the ICC chief prosecutor’s decision to investigate Israeli actions in the occupied Palestinian Territories. Representatives from the three ministries met, in the office of Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and discussed the possibility of preventing the entry of ICC staff into Israel. Israel is considering taking steps similar to the ones taken by the US administration, which refuses to grant entry visas for ICC employees, in response to the court’s intention to investigate American soldiers who participated in the war in Afghanistan. Netanyahu is to transfer all deliberations on the matter to the Israeli security cabinet, and impose a gag order to prevent the disclosure of Israel’s future actions on the issue, the paper said. (IMEMC 24 December 2019)