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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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in Hebron city, and the surrounding towns of Sammoa', Yatta, Deir Samit, and Sa'ir, in addition to Tarqoumia town, where the IOA also invaded and violently searched homes, causing serious damage, in addition to confiscating a computer. The IOA also installed roadblocks at the main entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, in addition to Hebron's northern road, before stopping and searching dozens of cars and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot, late at night, a young Palestinian man with a rubber-coated metal bullet, and caused others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in Halhoul town, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. Several army jeeps accompanied dozens of settlers into the archeological area of the town, after closing it and its surrounding areas. The invasion led to protests, and that the soldiers fired many rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. A young Palestinian man was shot with a rubber-coated steel bullet, and several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and settlers invaded the Sammoa' town, south of Hebron, and headed to an archeological area after the soldiers closed many roads and prevented the Palestinians from crossing. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) intensified their presence and security measures around the Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of al-Khalil. The IOA at the entrances leading to the Mosque prevented Muslim worshipers from entering the Mosque and allowed to Jewish settlers to defile it. The IOA also prevented journalists from doing their job, expelled them from the Mosque and deleted all the photos and videos from their cameras. The journalists were covering the Israeli arbitrary measures against the Muslim worshipers and the desecration of the Islamic holy site by Jewish settlers. (PALINFO 30 December 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- Several army jeeps invaded the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, before ransacking many homes, and detained Ali Walid Jawabra, 19, Mohammad Nayef Badawi, 22, Roshdi Salim Awlad Issa, 16, and Omar Zohdi Mahfouth, 16. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- In Ramallah governorate, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Um as-Sharayet neighborhood in Ramallah city, in addition to al-Biereh city, the al-Am'ari refugee camp, and Beit Rima town, before storming and searching homes and detained four young men. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Yahia Rommana, Ziad Abu Kweik, Abdul-Mo'ti Karam Rimawi, 18, and Nabigh Yahia Rimawi, 19. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Anabta town, east of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, before detaining Ahmad Omar Abu 'Asal, 21, Moath Ahmad Abu 'Asal, 25, Ahmad Mahmoud Sharaqqa, 21, Anas Eithar Abu Khmeish, 20, and Yousef Mohammad Nassar. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- About 200 Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem under tight police guard. Israeli police allowed dozens of Jewish settlers to storm al-Aqsa Mosque through al-Maghareba Gate in consecutive groups at 7:30 in the morning. The settlers carried out provocative tours and Talmudic rituals in al-Aqsa courtyards before they left the site through al-Silsila Gate. (PALINFO 30 December 2019)
- Nine Palestinians were injured, by Israeli army gunfire as hundreds of Israeli settlers forced their way into Joseph's Tomb. The IOA escorted a convoy of buses packed with hundreds of illegal settlers onto the site, near the northern West Bank city of Nablus, located in the 'Palestinian controlled' area, sparking confrontations with Palestinian residents. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot rubber-coated steel bullets, and tear-gas canisters at Palestinians protesting the invasion, and attempting to block settlers' access to the site, resulting in the injury of several protesters. 3 Palestinians shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, while 6

- others were treated on the scenes after suffering the effects of inhaling tear gas, used by the IOA to break up protests. (IMEMC 30 December 2019)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) forced several Palestinian citizens to leave their agricultural plots of land near the illegal settlement of Shavei Shomron, north of Nablus. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and security guards from the settlement forced a group of farmers at gunpoint to leave their lands. Farmers were working their lands in order to plant them with apricot trees as part of a project in the area funded by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission and the Economic Development Center. The Israeli army justified its measure against the farmers by saying they needed prior coordination before entering the area. (PALINFO 30 December 2019)
 - Israeli minister Naftali Bennett defiled the Ibrahimi Mosque in al-Khalil at the pretext of marking a Jewish event called Hanukkah. Bennett was accompanied during his tour of the Mosque by senior army commander Itamar Ben-Haim, Kiryat Arba settlement chief Eliyahu Liebman and Jewish religious figures. Addressing settlers at the Islamic holy site, Bennett claimed that al-Khalil was the heart of Israel and that the Jewish people could not live without this heart. He vowed to build more settlements and neighborhoods for Jewish settlers in al-Khalil, affirming that he became the minister of the Israeli army in order to achieve that. (PALINFO 30 December 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli occupation authorities have demolished and seized over six hundred Palestinian structures in the occupied West Bank since the beginning of 2019. 617 structures have been demolished or seized so far this year, displacing 898 Palestinians. The figures represent a 35 and 92 percent increase respectively, compared with the same period in 2018. In addition, over 20 percent of all structures targeted this, and some 40 percent of all donor-funded aid structures were located in firing zones, which cover about 30 percent of Area C, an administrative division of the West Bank, set out in the Oslo Accord. The OCHA further highlighted that Israeli forces uprooted or chopped down about 2,500 trees and saplings during a demolition operation in a shooting area east of Nablus, and that the trees were part of a recreational area that served about 14,000 residents of Beit Furik town and nearby Khirbat Tana village. Israeli authorities

have demolished 29 Palestinian buildings or forced their owners to demolish them in Area C and occupied east Jerusalem during the past two weeks, under the pretext that they have been constructed without proper permits. The demolitions led to the displacement of 45 Palestinians and incurred losses on more than 100 others. Moreover, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured 14 Palestinians, including at least three children, in several incidents across the West Bank. Israel has advanced or approved plans for over 22,000 housing units in the occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers injured four Palestinians and damaged about 330 olive trees and seven vehicles during eight attacks in the West Bank over the past two weeks. (OCHAOPT, PNN 30 December 2019)