



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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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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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- A Palestinian citizen was injured, in an airstrike by Israeli occupation planes targeting his motorbike, east of Gaza City. The occupation planes targeted, with at least one missile, a motorcycle on Salah El-Din Street, east of the city, which resulted in one injured Palestinian civilian. Tensions have been running high in the besieged Gaza, when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed a Palestinian resistance member and desecrated the slain man's body, also injuring several Palestinians that were attempting to rescue the body.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- A number of citizens were injured by the Israeli aggression in the besieged Gaza Strip. An Israeli missile, fired by the Iron Dome – air defense system, towards Gaza's rockets, landed in a Palestinian citizen's home in the Shejaiya area, eastern Gaza Strip.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, dozens of nonviolent Palestinian protesters near a military roadblock in the northern area of the Jordan Valley of the occupied West Bank, causing many injuries. The protesters marched against the ongoing illegal Israeli annexation of Palestinian lands, and Tel Aviv's policies aiming at the annexation of the Jordan Valley as part of the so-called "Deal of the Century," which was presented by U.S. President D. Trump on January 28th. The protesters marched near Tayasir military roadblock, east of Tubas, before the IOA fired live rounds, rubber-coated metal bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades at them. One Palestinian was shot with live fire, two with rubber-coated steel bullets, and many others suffered the effects of teargas inhalation.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- Several Palestinians were injured while others sustained suffocation as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently quelled a peaceful protest near an Israeli army checkpoint in the northern Jordan Valley. The peaceful demonstration, which was called for by the anti-wall, anti-settlement committee and Fatah movement in Tubas, came to protest possible Israeli annexation of the Jordan Valley based on the so-called deal of the century unveiled in Washington by US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on January 28. The IOA manning a checkpoint near the village of Tayasir, east of Tubas, opened live fire and shot rubber bullets and teargas canisters at the protesters causing injuries. One case of injury in the foot by a live bullet, two injuries from rubber-coated metal bullets and several suffocation cases.(WAFSA 25 February 2020)

- At least eight Palestinian citizens were reportedly injured when the Israeli occupation army (IOA) launched renewed attacks on different areas of the embattled Gaza Strip. eight Palestinians were wounded from areas bombed in the east of the coastal enclave. One citizen was injured when an Israel warplane bombed a motorcycle in al-Zeitoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City.(PALINFO 25 February 2020)
- Two Palestinian citizens suffered rubber bullet injuries when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the car they were aboard in the west of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank. Two citizens suffered from injuries caused by rubber bullets. One of the victims was injured in his shoulder and the other in his leg. The citizens were injured when the IOA unjustifiably opened fire at a car traveling on a road near Beit Sira town, west of Ramallah. Following the incident, the IOA stormed Beit Sira town and clashed with local youths.(PAL INFO 25 February 2020)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, ordered the army to continue airstrikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu announced his decision to persist with the bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip, after speaking with several Israeli officials, including the head of the Shin Bet security agency, defense minister, Naftali Bennett, and the head of National Security. The next day, the Israeli army warplanes targeted posts in the northern part of the Strip. At noon, 14 rockets were allegedly fired from Gaza toward Israel, 12 of them were purportedly destroyed by the Israeli Iron Dome defense system, no reports of any injuries were reported at the time of reporting.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli bulldozers proceeded to raze Palestinian lands in the village of Huwwara, south of the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli bulldozers have been razing lands since the early morning hours near the village's military checkpoint in preparation to build a bypass road for the settlers. Israeli government issued a decision to build the 7-kilometer-long road in April, whose establishment will lead to the seizure of more than 400 dunums of land from seven villages to the south of Nablus. Opening this road will cause losses in agricultural lands and will contribute to Israel's apartheid system of separate roads to settlers and the original Palestinian inhabitants of the area. Israel also started the construction of an 8-kilometer-long road that would connect the settlements of Eli and Shilo in the Nablus district with other colonial settlements in the occupied Jordan Valley to the east.(Wafa 25 February 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- We are building up Jerusalem and the outskirts of Jerusalem. I gave an immediate directive, to deposit plans to build 3500 housing units in E1," the prime minister said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu crossed a diplomatic redline Tuesday when he announced he would advance plans for the construction of 3,500 homes in an undeveloped area of Ma'aleh Adumim known as E1. The settlement, the third largest Jewish West Bank city, is located just east of Jerusalem. Israel considers [Ma'aleh Adumim](#) and the E1 section essential to safeguard a unified Jerusalem. "We are [building up Jerusalem](#) and the outskirts of Jerusalem," Netanyahu told a largely right-wing crowd at the annual Besheva conference in Jerusalem. "I gave an immediate directive, to deposit plans to build of 3,500 housing units in E1," he said to applause. "This thing has been frozen," Netanyahu said, adding that E1 building has "enormous significance," and "I believe that everyone here understands what that is." Netanyahu also confirmed that a tender had been published this week for 1,077 homes for a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, called Givat Hamatos, in the south part of the capital not far from PA-controlled Bethlehem in area A of the West Bank. Both projects had been diplomatically sensitive because the Palestinians and much of the international community believe they harm the territorial contiguity of a future Palestinian state. Under former president Barack Obama, the US

pressured Israel not to advance either project. The E1 neighborhood, first put forward by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, has been viewed as particularly sensitive. Every prime minister since Rabin has promised to build there, but no one ever has, apart from an isolated police station atop the hill of E1. Netanyahu renewed his E1 pledge in 2012 in response to a UN General Assembly decision to upgrade Palestinian status to that of a nonmember state, a move that was considered to be a de facto recognition of Palestinian statehood. But nothing ever came of that pledge, which was similarly made during an election period. At that time, Netanyahu was under pressure from the former Obama administration not to make a move on E1. The Trump administration presumably has no issue with E1 construction, given that it has already said Israel can apply sovereignty to all the settlements, simply not at this time. This presumably includes E1, which is located within Ma'aleh Adumim's municipal boundaries. MA'ALEH ADUMIM Mayor Benny Kashriel has long argued that the area is needed to allow for population growth in his city of some 38,000 people. "This is a celebratory day for Ma'aleh Adumim," he told The Jerusalem Post. "Building in E1 is a housing solution for many young couples... It promises territorial contiguity with Jerusalem." Kashriel said he believes Netanyahu because the professional staff has already been ordered to work on submission of the plans to the Higher Planning Council for Judea and Samaria. Yesha Council head David Elhayani, who is also Jordan Valley Regional Council chairman, welcomed Netanyahu's "important decision," which he said would enable a "broad and strategic" link between Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim. Palestinian officials on Tuesday condemned the E1 project and warned that Israeli policies would lead to further tensions with the Palestinians."(JPOST 25 February 2020)

- A tender was issued Monday for 1,077 homes in a new Jewish neighborhood on east Jerusalem's Givat Hamatos, not far from the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, Peace Now said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pushed forward the project to help cement Israel's hold on a [united Jerusalem](#). Peace Now has warned that it would "sever" the territorial contiguity of a Palestinian Jerusalem-Bethlehem metropolitan area. "Construction in Givat Hamatos is a serious blow to the two-state solution. This is the last point enabling territorial continuity between Bethlehem and east Jerusalem," the NGO said. Bids open March 5 and close on June 22. Peace Now further stated that the IDF's Higher Planning Council for Judea and Samaria intends to meet on Thursday to advance plans for building 1,148 homes in West Bank [settlements](#). Among the

projects on the agenda is a new industrial park, Sha'ar Hashomron, which will be located near Kalkilya. The council will also move on a plan for 620 homes in the settlement of Eli, which had been frozen due to a High Court of Justice injunction against the project. The court removed that injunction last week. All of Israel's building measures over the pre-1967 lines fall within the parameters of the Trump peace plan. But the Palestinians and the United Nations, as well as Peace Now, are holding out for a two-state solution based on the pre-1967 lines, with east Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital. With an eye to that parameter, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov spoke against Israel building over the pre-1967 lines, as well as Israeli moves to advance sovereignty, when he addressed the UN Security Council in New York by video from Jerusalem. "The Secretary-General [Antonio Guterres] has consistently spoken out against unilateral steps and plans for annexation," Mladenov said. "Such steps, including the possible annexation of territory in the West Bank or similar moves, would have a devastating impact on the prospect for a two-state solution. They would close the door to negotiations, have negative repercussions across the region, and severely undermine opportunities for normalization and regional peace." (PEACENOW, JPOST 25 February 2020)

Other

- "Council Members reiterated their support for a negotiated two-state solution... where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders." The UN Security Council unanimously decided on Monday to maintain their stance of support for a potential two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict along with the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel through direct negotiations between both parties. Belgium, which holds the rotating presidency, released a statement saying that "Council Members reiterated their support for a negotiated two-state solution... where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders." The decision was supported by all 15 members of the Security Council, including the United States. "All parties should refrain from undermining the viability of the two-state solution in order to maintain the prospects for a just, comprehensive and lasting peace," the statement added, referring to Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu's recently announced [intention](#) to build thousands more homes in East Jerusalem, in an area with an overwhelmingly Palestinian majority. There was no reference to US President Donald Trump's proposed [peace plan](#) in the decision.(J POST 25 February 2020)

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