

Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 21 March 2020

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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 against Palestinian civilians violence 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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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- Israeli troops shot and wounded, a Palestinian teenaged boy in the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia. Israeli troops, positioned on the northern checkpoint of Qalqilia, opened fire indiscriminately on a group of Palestinian youths. (IMEMC 21 March 2020)
- Israeli police imposed new restrictions on Muslim worshipers who perform prayers five times a day, at the ancient holy Islamic shrine of Al-Aqsa mosque, in the occupied city of East Jerusalem. During the Friday Muslim sermon, Israeli police forces shut down a number of gates to the mosque and that much fewer worshipers were allowed to enter the holy site. As crowds of men, women and children, gathered around the gates, Israeli police responded by firing sound grenades to disperse the worshipers. The police threatened worshipers to stay away from the gates or else a fine of 5,000 New Israeli Shekels (\$1400 US), will be imposed on them. Two Palestinians, Mahdi Sayyad and Yousef Alshawish, received police warrants. (IMEMC 21 March 2020)
- A Palestinian man was injured when Israeli occupation army (IOA) violently dispersed the weekly demonstration against the settlement in Kufur Qaddoum village in the northern West Bank district of Qalqilia. The IOA dispersed the demonstrators by firing rubber-coated metal bullets, tear gas canisters and stun grenades at them injuring a Palestinian man, identified as Moayyad Shtewi, 63, was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet and treated by Red Crescent crews on the scene. Some Palestinians suffered severe breathing difficulties as a result of inhaling toxic tear-gas used as a crowd control measure by the IOA. (IMEMC 21 March 2020)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) issued a fine worth \$1400 to the head of the Waqf Council of Jerusalem, Sheikh Abdul-Azim Salhab, on the pretext of allowing Muslim worshipers into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem on Friday. An Israeli police force raided his home in occupied Jerusalem and handed him a fine order worth 5,000 shekels (about \$1,400) for not closing the compound to Muslim worshipers who

entered the site yesterday to perform the weekly Friday prayer. (WAFA 21 March 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Ras al-Amud neighborhood of Jerusalem fired tear gas and tear gas canisters towards the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing rocks while they were patrolling. (NAD 21 March 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during a raid on Al-Issawiya village, fired sound and tear gas canisters towards the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing rocks while they were searching and searching a house. (NAD 21 March 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A Palestinian man was injured after being beaten by illegal Israeli settlers who broke into the site of abandoned Homesh settlement, south of Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers attacked and assaulted local villager, Mustafa Abu Za'bal. Abu Za'bal, who was working on his farmland near the abandoned settlement of Homesh, suffered minor injuries from the attack, also had his horse stolen by the settlers. (IMEMC 21 March 2020)
- Israeli settlers set up tents and a caravan on a Palestinian land near the village of Khallet Hamad in the Jordan Valley region, the occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers are making use of the ongoing coronavirus crisis in order to expedite their settlement enterprise in the region, the latest of whose manifestation was today's installation of tents and a caravan in that area. Settlers have further escalated their attacks against herders and farmers in the Jordan Valley in order to force them to leave the area. (WAFA 21 March 2020)
- A group of settlers entered the agricultural lands of the citizens near the Al-Tirah neighborhood of Ramallah city, and later withdrew. (NAD 21 March 2020)
- A group of settlers entered the agricultural lands of the citizens east of the village of Kafa, removed the fence surrounding the lands of the citizens, and destroyed pipeline carrying water. (NAD 21 March 2020)

• A group of settlers entered the agricultural land of the citizens in the Bab al-Wad area near the village of Cyrenaica and withdrew at 16:40. (NAD 21 March 2020)