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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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Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli Settlers stormed the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque while accompanied by a squadron of Israeli police. In 2016, protests erupted at the embattled area after Israeli Settlers invaded the compound during the last 10 days of Islam's holy month of Ramadan, in contravention of tradition. The Islamic Endowments Department in Jerusalem reported that the intruders wandered brazenly in the courtyards of the mosque. The Settlers entered the area through the Mughrabi Gate and made their way to the courtyard of the chapel of Mercy. They wandered the al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards, attended presentations on what they call the "Temple Mount" and then left the site through al-Silsila Gate. Meanwhile, Israeli police forces imposed tight restrictions on the Palestinian worshippers entering the site and ordered many of them to stay outside. This not an isolated incident. On February 23rd, Israeli police had killed a young Palestinian man in the grounds of al-Aqsa. (IMEMC 3 March 2020)
- Israeli settlers, uprooted dozens of olive and vine trees belonging to Palestinians in the town of Husan, west of the occupied city of Bethlehem. Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bitar Illit uprooted about 100 olive trees and 60 vine trees in lands belonging to Palestinians. (IMEMC 3 March 2020)
- Several Palestinian villagers from the West Bank village of Beeta, south of Nablus city, have been treated for injuries caused by live and rubber-coated steel Israeli bullets and tear gas. At least three of those villagers were shot and wounded by live bullets, while 20 others were injured by coated-steel bullets, with some 50 others debilitated by tear gas inhalation. Hundreds of local villagers in the area surrounding the Erma hilltop, protested an invasion by armed Israeli settlers of the area. The crowd of Palestinians faced a tough Israeli response, as the Israeli army unleashed live ammunition and fired dozens of tear gas canisters. (IMEMC 3 March 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Palestinian homeowners in the southern West Bank village of Nahalin were informed by the Israeli military that one house will be demolished as two others were ordered to stop construction of their homes. One resident of the village has received a demolition order and two other residents ordered to stop work on building their homes under the pretext they were being built without a permit. The area in question is considered Area C, which is under full Israeli military rule and where Palestinians are denied the right to build even on their own land. It is also located on the outskirts of the village where only in this area the village can expand with the growth of its population. (Wafa 3 March 2020)
- The Israeli authorities demolished the second floor of a Palestinian-owned house in the town of Hezma, to the northeast of occupied Jerusalem, under the pretext that it was built without an Israeli permission. Staff from the Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem escorted by a bulldozer embarked on demolishing the second floor of the two story house, which was inhabited by Rami Khatib, his wife and six children. The municipality evacuated the house located on the main road near the Israeli separation wall before demolishing its second floor, which was built on top of a house constructed since the 1970s. (Wafa 3 March 2020)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) imposed a comprehensive closure on the West Bank and Gaza due to the Israeli elections. The closure was imposed from midnight on Sunday until early Tuesday morning, due to the Israelis going to the polls for the Presidential and “Knesset” elections. The Israeli army said in a statement that “according to an assessment of the security situation and instructions at the political level, a comprehensive closure will be imposed on the Judea and Samaria area [the current Israeli government’s name for the West Bank, based on a biblical translation that they say justifies their claim to control the Palestinian land] and the crossings in the Gaza Strip will be closed, starting from 2 March 2020 at midnight.” The army statement added that “the opening of the crossings and the lifting of the closure will be carried out on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, according to an assessment of the situation and normal working hours.” The army stated that “during the closure, only exceptional humanitarian and medical cases will be allowed to cross,

after the approval of the government's coordinator in the occupied territories." (IMEMC 3 March 2020)

- The Israeli army closed an entrance to the southern West Bank village of al-Jabaa, southwest of Bethlehem. The army blocked the road with dirt and concrete boulders to prevent residents from using or reopening it. The road is the only access way to the village of Surif, north of Hebron. (WAFSA 3 March 2020)
- The Israeli army [closed](#) a road farmers in Khirbet Shaab al-Batm in Masafer Yatta in the south of the occupied West Bank used to reach their fields. The army raided the area and closed the road that connects the hamlet with Masafer Yatta. The Committee against the Wall and Settlements had rehabilitated the road to make it easier for local residents to access their homes and fields. The Israeli army has previously destroyed the same road in an effort to force the Palestinian inhabitants to leave their homes and lands in order to replace them with illegal settlements. (WAFSA 3 March 2020)