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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

- Israeli troops detained four Palestinian residents in the West Bank city of Ramallah and the town of Albeira, after invading their towns and their homes. Among the four detained was a local lawyer, and that the detention occurred in the early morning hours when Israeli troops invaded the Palestinian district of Ramallah. The Israeli troops broke into the home of the al-Barghouti family and vandalized the home itself, before they detained Omar al-Barghouti, the father of the late Saleh, who was killed by the Israeli military, and Asem, who is currently imprisoned by Israeli authorities. The army also detained the man's son, Mohammad. The family lives in Kober village, north of Ramallah city. (IMEMC 31 March 2020)
- Israeli troops invaded Budras village, west of Ramallah city and broke in the home of Mahmoud Marar and detained Mahmoud himself. (IMEMC 31 March 2020)
- In the town of Albeira, Israeli army broke into the home of Ja'far Erbash and detained J'afar. (IMEMC 31 March 2020)
- The Ramallah municipality moved quickly today to sterilize areas of the city raided this morning by Israeli occupation army (IOA) to make sure they are clear from the novel coronavirus disease. In a precautionary move, city employees began since the morning sterilizing streets, public places and buildings raided by the IOA. The IOA incursions of Palestinian cities and towns threaten preventive measures taken by the Palestinian Authority to control the outbreak of coronavirus. There has also been suspicious behavior of a number of the IOA and settlers, which appeared to be an attempt to spread the infection and hold those responsible to account. (Wafa 31 March 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the headquarters of the emergency committees in the town of Hizma, north of occupied Jerusalem and assaulted the emergency workers. The IOA rampaged the headquarters of the emergency committees before they assaulted and insulted the volunteers working at Palestinian checkpoints to prevent the

movement of citizens to stop the spread of COVID-19. (PNN 31 March 2020)

## **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers razed Palestinian land in the north of the West Bank near a settlement. Settlers have been working on several dunums of land in the villages of Jaloud and Qaryout, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The land is located near the settlement of Shavot Rahel and is planted with olive trees. (Wafa 31 March 2020)

## **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) ordered a Palestinian resident of al-Tabban village in Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank, to stop work on an animal barn he was building. The IOA raided several villages in that area and ordered one man in al-Tibban to stop work on his 110-square meter animal barn. Residents of Masafer Yatta earn a living from raising and herding livestock, mainly sheep. (Wafa 31 March 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian-owned house that was still in the construction stage in the northern West Bank village of Jubara, south of Tulkarm. The village was invaded by a large army force who broke into the village early in morning with two bulldozers, closed all entrances to the village, cordoned off the area and proceed to demolish the one-floor house. The house owner had received a demolition notice from the Israeli military on the ground it was built without a permit. The army had demolished three other houses in the same area last year and seized three caravans, while several other houses are under threat of demolition under the pretext of construction without permit. (Wafa 31 March 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) Khalaf A Rashayda family in Wad Ad Daraja near the Dead Sea a military order to evacuate their tin shacks and leave the area. (PNN 31 March 2020)

## **Expansion of Israeli settlements**

- The Higher Planning Council \ the Subcommittee for Settlement put forward a plan to expand the Efrat settlement on the lands of Bethlehem, and put it up for opposition within a period of 60 days. The proposal for this plan came at a time when the Palestinian territories are witnessing a movement ban and a quarantine to prevent coronavirus pandemic, and amid the declaration of a state of emergency and the closure of Israeli institutions that issue some of the documents necessary for the objection. Israel intends to confiscate about 569 dunums, 477 of which are outside the boundaries of the Efrat Settlement. This settlement plan aims to change the usage of lands from agricultural to building land in order to construct roads and open areas. (NBPRS 31 March 2020)

## Israeli Closures

- Palestinian farmers were surprised by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) storming the greenhouses they were working in and forcing them to leave them while a bulldozer started to close nearby agricultural roads with dirt. The bulldozer of the Israeli army closed with dirt mounds agricultural roads linking the villages of Kafa and Shufa with a number of neighboring villages southeast of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarm. The Israeli army closed several roads used by local farmers to reach their lands and which are located near the settlement of Avni Haifetz, built on village lands, and thus preventing the movement of farmers, access to their farmland and grazing their sheep. The goal of closing these roads is for settlement purposes, to seize more Palestinian lands, and to protect settlers, especially one settler who unilaterally set up a mobile home and three plastic greenhouses in that area, in addition to raising more than 100 sheep grazing on local farmers' lands, and, who, under threat of arms and protected by the soldiers, assault farmers working on their land in that area. (Wafa 31 March 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) closed the Ibrahimi Mosque and prevented the guards from entering it without any justification, while only allowing the muezzin to enter for the call prayer. This behavior is considered as an Israeli attempt to fully control the Mosque, in a move that may continue beyond the end of the coronavirus crisis. (PNN 31 March 2020)
- In Jenin, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) isolated about 8 thousand citizens in the eastern town of Barta'a, behind the apartheid wall under the pretext of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. The IOA closed the Barta'a military checkpoint in both directions, the only exit for the people of the village and its surroundings. (NBPRS 31 March 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Al-Jeeb military checkpoint that connects the Al-Khalaila neighborhood and the village of Nabi Samuel with the Al-Jib town, northwest of Jerusalem. (NBPRS 31 March 2020)

## Other

- In the midst of global preoccupation with combating the outbreak of the Coronavirus COVID19, the Israeli forces continue to storm Palestinian cities, assaulting the civilian population, without taking any preventive measures, and completely ignoring the dangers this behavior might cause in light of the spread of the infection in Israel, the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor (Euro-Med) said in a press statement. It said it followed with a great concern reports of suspicious behaviors of Israeli soldiers and settlers, during the storming of Palestinian houses, as some of them spat at parked cars, ATMs and shop locks, which raises fears of deliberate attempts to spread the virus and cause panic in the Palestinian society. Since the Palestinian government has declared a state of emergency in the Palestinian Territories on March 6, as a preventive measure to control the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus, Euro-Med has documented 207 Israeli incursions into Palestinian cities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. These incursions included the arrest of 191 Palestinians, attacks on dozens of others, and demolishing Palestinian houses. The majority of these operations took place without any preventive measures and without soldiers wearing appropriate masks to prevent the spread of the virus. ([WAFSA](#), EUROMED 31 March 2020)