



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

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses of freed prisoners in the town of Zawiya, west of Salfit, and seized funds from them, including: the house of the freed prisoners Raafat Rashid Abdullah Muqadi, Alian Rashid Abdullah Muqadi and Ahmad Hamdan Ali Musleh. The IOA seized around 50,000 shekels (\$14,500). (IMEMC, WAFA 4 March 2020)
- Israeli navy opened gunfire towards Palestinian fishermen who were sailing off the Gaza shore to the west of the town of Beit Lahia, north of the enclave. No injuries were reported, however. Despite the signed agreements between the Palestinians and Israel, which allow fishermen to go 12 nautical miles inside the Mediterranean Sea, the Israeli navy targets fishermen almost daily and does not allow them to go further than three nautical miles, which the fishermen say is not enough to catch fish. A large number of Gazans rely on fishing for daily living in light of the tight decade-old blockade imposed by Israel on the Gaza Strip. (WAFA 4 March 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers placed a fence around a privately-owned Palestinian land in Beit Ummar, a town in the south of the occupied West Bank, in an effort to take it over. Settlers, under army protection, placed the fence around a 12-dunum plot of land planted with almonds, grape vines, olive trees and forest trees in the north of the town owned by Saqer Abu Ayyash. Abu Ayyash has been leading a 20-year legal battle against the settlers to prove his ownership of the plot by presenting land deeds proving ownership. "They came back today and placed a fence around the land and when I showed up to stop them, they said I should go to the (Israeli military) Civil Administration and ask them about the land," said Abu Ayyash. (WAFA 4 March 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation authorities demolished the second floor of a Palestinian-owned house in the town of Hezma, northeast of the occupied city of Jerusalem, under the pretext that it was built without Israeli permission. The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem, escorted by a bulldozer, evacuated the home, and proceeded to demolish the second floor of a two story home. The house, located near the Israeli annexation wall and built on top of a house constructed 40 years ago, was inhabited by Rami Khatib, his wife and six children, whom are now homeless. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)
- The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem demolished part of a Palestinian-owned home in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabal a-Mukabir. Bulldozers of the Israeli municipality broke into Jabal al-Mukabir and demolished part of the house of Mr. Iyad Fatafta,, a local Palestinian citizen, under the pretext of construction without an Israeli permit. The demolition took place despite of an Israeli court's order putting the demolition on hold until further proceedings. (WAFA 4 March 2020)

Israeli Military Orders

- Palestinians in the 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, located in the southern occupied West Bank, received a demolition order, while two others were ordered to stop work on building their homes, under the pretext they were lacking an Israeli permit. The village in question is in Area C, under full Israeli military and administrative control, where Palestinians are denied permits to build on their own land. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the neighborhood of Al Jaidi in the northern occupied West Bank city of Qalqilia, where wide confrontations occurred with Palestinian youths, during which Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired live ammunition, sound grenades, and tear-gas canisters towards the youths. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)
- In the village of Qusra in the northern West Bank city of Nablus, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinians resisting the levelling operations of the agricultural land. Israeli heavy machinery and IOA stormed the village and started a large-scale leveling operation in Mount Najma. The IOA attacked two unarmed young Palestinian men, beating them with rifles while the bulldozers continued to level the lands. The injured young men were identified as Mahmoud Owdeh and Thaer Hasan. The IOA fired tear-gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the Palestinians resisting land annexation, causing injuries. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)
- Several Israeli military vehicles invaded the southern besieged Gaza Strip in eastern Rafah. Five bulldozers entered through Mutebeq military entry, invading 50 meters into Palestinian lands, in eastern Rafah, erecting barbed wire in the area to prevent Palestinians from entering. Additionally, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters at farmers in Sreij, in eastern Khan Younis. Also, off the coast of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza, Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, no casualties were reported. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) razed Palestinian-owned lands in the area of Wadi al-Makh'rour, to the west of Bethlehem city in the occupied West Bank. Israeli bulldozers Israeli forces imposed a curfew in the area and prevented citizens from entering or leaving it, before embarking on razing about five dunmus of private-owned land. Wadi al-Makhrour is a popular hiking space for Palestinians. It is best enjoyed during the late afternoon in the summer when the sun is about to set. The area encompasses both natural and agricultural landscapes and is well known for its ancient terraces and stone towers called qusur, built of neatly

placed rocks that used to serve as storage rooms for various crops planted in the wadi. (Wafa 4 March 2020)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) bulldozers razed Palestinian lands in Shweier village in the northern Jordan Valley after forcing local shepherds to leave the area. The IOA who did not give a reason for the Israeli action. (Wafa 4 March 2020)

Israeli Closures

- Several Israeli military checkpoints were installed at the entrances to towns and camps in the Hebron Governorate, and the vehicles of the Palestinians driving in those areas were searched and their identities checked. (IMEMC 4 March 2020)