



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 number of Palestinian youth suffocated by tear gas fired by Israeli occupation army (IOA) during clashes that broke out in the town of Taqou' to the south east of the Southern occupied West Bank district of Bethlehem. Clashes erupted at the western entrance to the town of Taqou' between Palestinian youth and the IOA, during which the latter fired tear gas canisters and stun grenades toward youth. Several youth were reportedly treated at the scene from tear gas suffocation. (Wafa 8 March 2020)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffocated during clashes with Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the town of Qabatia to the south of Jenin, the northern West Bank. Clashes erupted during an Israeli military incursion into the town of Qabatia. The IOA fired a barrage of tear gas canisters and stun grenades toward residents, causing dozens to suffocate due to tear gas inhalation. (Wafa 8 March 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), on Saturday, stormed the village of Madama in the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus. The indigenous Palestinians confronted the Israeli settlers, to which the IOA responded by firing tear-gas canisters, arresting one Palestinian young man, and causing several cases of inhalation injuries among the Palestinians resisting the invasion. (IMEMC 8 March 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized construction equipment in Birin area, south of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA seized two excavators belonging to local Palestinian resident Mohammed Abu Turkey. (IMEMC 8 March 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified a local Palestinian family in Yarza area, in the northern Jordan Valley, of an order to remove their residential tents and animal barns. The IOA handed a notice ordering members of Abu Thaher family to remove their residential tents and animal barns, which were already destroyed in December 2019 and January 2020. (IMEMC 8 March 2020)

Other

- Despite a refusal by the Palestinians to be involved in any negotiations and a lack of government in Israel, US President Donald Trump's administration will push forward with the "[Deal of the Century](#)" peace plan, including giving White House approval to Israeli annexation, senior presidential adviser Jared Kushner told US senators in a closed-room meeting last Wednesday, Channel 13's diplomatic correspondent reported through Axios. The news comes just following Israel's third election within a year, which has seen the country still divided as no clear winner has emerged from the political deadlock. Despite this, it seems the Trump administration feels both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his chief political rival, Blue and White leader Benny Gantz, will both support the annexation. Though US and Israeli officials [met in Jerusalem two weeks](#) ago to discuss which areas of the West Bank over which the Trump administration is ready to recognize the application of Israeli sovereignty, Kushner has stated that the overall demarcation process will take months. In the meantime, he urged the Palestinians to start negotiating, saying that they could improve their position through negotiations, but they only have themselves to blame if it goes ahead without their approval, the Axios report stated. The Palestinians have stated their refusal to accept the Trump administration's peace plan well before the plan was even unveiled, and since then have refused to budge on the issue. In addition, the Palestinian Authority has been cracking down on any perceived efforts of "normalization" of ties with Israel in the months since the plan was unveiled. According to Kushner, who presented the senators with the same presentation used at a UN Security Council meeting in February, the situation has become increasingly worsened due to two specific factors: Increasing expansion efforts by Israel in the West Bank, and the increasing dependence of Palestinian leaders on foreign aid. According to a senior White House official, "Kushner's message was that every time

negotiations failed, the Palestinians got more money and Israel was able to keep expanding the settlements, but the peace process became a false notion and didn't solve anything. Both parties' leaderships just kept getting what they want without improving the lives of the people." Kushner cited the support of many Arab states, as well as the EU's lack of opposition to the plan, as reasons why it could still go forward. "Nobody can say we didn't give the Palestinians a chance to go back to the table," a White House official told Channel 13. "If they want to talk we are ready. We think we can make it better for them, but if not the world is going to move on without them. We are not going to do things in the same stupid manner it was done before. We are going to keep moving forward." The Trump peace plan, entitled "Road to Prosperity," was first unveiled by Trump and Netanyahu in January 2020. Under the deal, the Trump administration will recognize the annexation of and application of Israeli sovereignty over 30% of the West Bank. ([jpost](#) 8 March 2020)