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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.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and\or news sources.

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- Israel blocking efforts by Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem to combat the deadly coronavirus disease. The Israeli Police closed a Palestinian health center in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan which was set up specifically to test for corona cases in the neighborhood after discovering dozens of cases and detaining those involved in setting it up under political pretexts have raised serious concern among the city's vulnerable Palestinian population of not being able to prevent spread of the deadly disease. (WAFA 15 April 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Several Israeli settlers, set up a mobile home in the northern occupied West Bank village of Qaryout, south of Nablus. Settlers from Shilo settlement placed a mobile home on lands of the Palestinian village of Qaryout, in order to seize more Palestinian land and establish an illegal settlement outpost. Earlier the Israeli settlers chopped 36 olive trees in the same village. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers attacked, a Palestinian youth center, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Under Israeli military cover, the settlers attempted to break into the Youth Against Settlements center in Tel Rumeida, until Palestinian activists rushed to protect the center, and confronted the settlers, blocking their attempts to invade. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers unleashed their cattle, onto Palestinian-owned farm lands in the northern Alghour area of the Jordan Valley. Tens of cows belong to Israeli settlers living nearby were released onto farm lands of wheat and barley, in the Umm al-Qaba village in the Alghour area. Those cattle have been herded excessively, causing large quantities of wheat and barley to be destroyed. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian shepherd to the east of Yatta, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. A number of Israeli settlers

forced their way into farmlands in At-Tuwani locality, east of Yatta, under heavy military protection by Israeli forces, where they assaulted shepherds, injuring one of them and causing terror among local residents. (WAFA 15 April 2020)

- A group of radical settler youths who had been put in a coronavirus quarantine facility in the West Bank on Thursday abandoned the camp, which was set up for them by the military. A source in the defense establishment said that several army tents were stolen. Police arrested two suspects. On Monday, the group attacked Palestinian campers and torched their cars. Israeli police opened an investigation into the incident which took place in the southern West Bank, near the Dead Sea. According to an initial investigation, two Palestinians from Jenin and a third from Haifa, an Israeli citizen, set up their tent in a camping site near the quarantine compound. The settlers approached them and asked for cigarettes, then returned to the quarantine compound. About 15 minutes later, they came back to the site and began throwing stones at the group of campers and set their two cars ablaze. The three Palestinian required no medical treatment, and were questioned by police. The group of settlers, all from the area of the infamous settlement of Yitzhar, south of Nablus, were placed in a secluded tent last week, after they came in contact with a confirmed coronavirus patient. They refused to go into quarantine in one of the state-run coronavirus hotels, because they would have been placed there in separate rooms, which would not have allowed them to celebrate the Passover seder together. Jewish Israelis were asked to refrain from celebrating last Wednesday's seder with people outside of their household in an attempt to prevent the spread of the virus during the holiday. A defense official commented that the incident is further proof that the settlers, belonging to the hilltop youth from Yitzhar are a "violent, extremist and racist group that reigns terror wherever it goes." Their actions show "their gratitude to the State of Israel for taking care of them during the coronavirus crisis," said the official sarcastically, adding that security forces will bring the suspects to justice. Last week, the youth was transferred to the quarantine compound in a military bus. En route to the Dead Sea some of them broke the vehicle's windows and escaped. They were later caught by the police. The settlers were in quarantine because they had come into contact with a sick patient. That same patient had been in contact with an army major general, who also had to be quarantined. (Haaretz 16 April 2020)

House Demolition and Demolition Threts

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied with a military SUV moved into Beit Dajan village, northeast of Nablus. They confiscated a bulldozer belonging to Yousef Sari Yousef Nasasrah (58), from Beit Foreek village, while working in 'Adel Abu Helwan's land, under the pretext of non-licensing in Area C. IOA forced Nasasrah at gunpoint to drive the bulldozer toward "*Makhoura*" settlement in northern Jordan Valley and allowed him to leave later. (PCHRGAZA 15 April 2020)

Erection of Israeli Checkpoints

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) established 2 checkpoints at the entrance to Ethna village and on a road connecting between Beit 'Omrah and Karma villages. (PCHRGAZA 15 April 2020)

Other

- Israeli occupation authorities in the internationally-recognized occupied East Jerusalem have imposed restrictions on the work of UNRWA-affiliated medical crews serving refugee populations there. Such Israel-imposed restrictions on UNRWA, only *add* to a great deal of restrictions Israel has imposed over the past few years, particularly following the US administration's recognition of both East *and* West Jerusalem, as Israel's capital. The UNRWA's mandate includes Palestinian refugee populations in East Jerusalem and that over the past several weeks, the UNRWA has been making some efforts to curb the Coronavirus (COVID-19), among those populations. Israeli practices, including invasion of Palestinian neighborhoods of the old city, would leave a very negative impact on the Palestinian economy and prevent smooth UNRWA-run services, including food rations, education, health and sanitation. (UNRWA, IMEMC 15 April 2020)