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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) detained 4 young Palestinian after assaulting them in Qanatir Khudair area of the Old City of Jerusalem. They were identified as Anas Morkasah, Wasim Taha, Biju Taha, and Abd Al-Sharbati. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a truck and a bulldozer owned by Tayseer Mohammed Grahid near Al-Oja village, under the pretext of working in the Israeli-controlled Area C. (NAD 17 April 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A Palestinian herder was injured as Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian herders who were grazing sheep in open pastures near the village of Tuwaneh, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Settlers, protected by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), attacked herders and chased them out of the pastures, injuring one of them. The herder injured was identified as Akram Raba'ee, 20. Shepherds in the area, mainly nomadic Bedouins, make a living from raising livestock and they often take their sheep to the open pastures for their food. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- Israeli Settlers erected a mobile home "Caravan" on lands of "Jub Al-Deeb" village near Al-Fardis, east of Bethlehem. The settlers of the outpost, "Izdebar", erected a new "caravan", as part of their efforts to expand the settlement's borders. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers positioned near Jibiya village assaulted Issa Abdel-Ghani Qatamish {a resident of Jalazon refugee camp} and as a result left him hospitalized with contusions. (NAD 17 April 2020)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at Mukhmas village roundabout to search vehicles and verify citizens' identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint along the main road near "Bet El" settlement to search vehicles and verify citizens' identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint in the area between Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns to search vehicles and verify citizens' identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at the east entrance of Qalqiliya city to search vehicles and verify citizens' identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)

Other

- **In Area C of the West Bank, 18 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished, seized or dismantled citing the lack of building permits, and 1,200 trees were uprooted on grounds they were planted on 'state land'.** Following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Israeli authorities have largely halted the demolition of inhabited homes, but continued targeting livelihood and service-related structures. Of particular concern is the ongoing demolition of water and hygiene-related structures, which could undermine efforts to contain the spread of the virus. During the reporting period, the Israeli authorities requisitioned two mobile latrines and damaged two water tanks in the herding community of At Taybe (Hebron), and demolished three water cisterns in Kafr Ni'ma village (Ramallah). During the latter incident, Israeli forces also uprooted about 1,200 trees, on grounds that the land was declared 'state land'. No demolition was recorded in East Jerusalem since mid-March. **Eight Palestinians were injured and extensive property, including more than 670 trees, was vandalized by assailants believed to be Israeli settlers.** The injuries occurred in three incidents: in the Israeli-controlled H2 area of Hebron city, where two men (one of whom is mentally disabled) were pepper-sprayed; near Kobar village (Ramallah), where three farmers were beaten with rifles while working their land; and in the Ramat Eshkol settlement of East Jerusalem, where three Palestinian workers were physically assaulted, including one stabbed and severely injured. Another four incidents entailed the uprooting or vandalizing of over 670 olive saplings and trees in At Tuwani (Hebron), Turmus'ayya (Ramallah) and Al Khader (Bethlehem). In the latter village, since the beginning of the year around 1,450 trees belonging to farmers from Al

Khader village have been vandalized. Residents from Umm al Kheir herding community reported that settlers poisoned over 20 almond trees. In Ein Qiniya village (Ramallah), settlers ran with motorbikes over land planted with cucumbers, while in Yanun (Nablus) and Al Jab'a (Bethlehem), they herded sheep on, and damaged, cultivated land. In another two incidents, settlers raided the outskirts of Qusra (Nablus) and Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (Ramallah) villages and vandalized property. Since the beginning of March, the weekly average of settler attacks resulting in Palestinian injuries or damage to their property (nine) increased by 80 per cent compared with an average during January-February (five). (Wafa 18 April 2020). (Wafa, OCHA OPT 17 April 2020)