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) moved into al-Sawahrah eastern village, southeast of occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched family houses of Ibrahim Mohammed ‘Ali Halsah (25), who was killed at al-Container military checkpoint, east of Bethlehem. In the meantime, dozens of Palestinian young men protested the invasion while the latter responded with live and rubber bullets and tear gas canisters. As a result, a civilian was shot with a rubber bullet and another civilian sustained wound in his. The IOA arrested 3 civilians, including Ibrahim, mother, ‘Aeshah Halsah (54) before they withdrew from the village. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Deir Samit village, southwest of Hebron Governorate. They raided and searched Ra’fat Nimir Masalma’s (19) house and detained him. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Abu Roman area, south of Hebron. They raided and searched Anas Ali al-Najjar’s (24) house and detained him. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Deir Jarir, northeast of Ramallah. They raided and searched several houses and detained Abdul Rahman Mosbah Olwi (21). It should be noted that Olwi is a student at Birzeit University. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles and bulldozers, moved 100-meters from the border fence with Israeli into al-Shouka neighborhood, east of Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip. They leveled and combed lands before they redeployed again. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Issaweya village, northeast of the occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched several houses and detained (3) civilians including a child: Mohammed Awni Ateya (15), Mohammed Omar Ateya (20), and Ahmed Jamal Ateya (24). (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out (3) incursions in Betounya, al-Jalazoun refugee camp, and Sarda villages in Ramallah. No arrests were reported. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

• Dozens of Palestinians from the northern West Bank village of Qusra clashed with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) after the army blocked the main access road to their village with cement blocks. The army blocked the main entrance to the village, located south of the city of Nablus, leading to clashes with the village residents who were protesting the closure. The IOA fired rubber-coated metal bullets and teargas canisters at the stone-throwing residents causing several injuries, all light. Closing the main entrance causes serious movement problem for the village residents. (WAFA 22 April 2020)

• Israeli military vehicles infiltrated the southern Gaza Strip border near the city of Rafah and razed land. Six military vehicles breached the border east of Rafah and razed land while shooting in the air, before returning to their base inside Israel. (WAFA 22 April 2020)

• Clashes erupted with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the village of Umm Safa, northwest of Ramallah. The IOA stormed the village, which led to clashes, during which the IOA fired a barrage of sound and tear gas bombs at Palestinians. The IOA also closed the eastern and western entrances to the village. (WAFA 22 April 2020)

**Israeli Settler Violence**

• Israeli settlers, planted trees on Palestinian-owned land, in the southern occupied West Bank, with the intent of stealing the land. Israeli settlers planted olive trees on the property of Zeinab Abu Sneineh, near the village of Irta, south of the city of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)

• Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian shepherd and stole his livestock in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron hills. Two settlers assaulted the shepherd, a resident of the Khirbet Qwiwis village, while he was grazing his livestock and stole two sheep before fleeing the scene. (WAFA 22 April 2020)

**Home Demolition & Demolition threats**
The Israeli army informed a Palestinian farmer in the southern occupied West Bank, that a structure he set up on *his* land will be demolished under the pretext of lack of a building permit. The occupation army presented Mohammad Abu Hammad, a demolition notice for his 120-square-meter agricultural structure in Jourat al-Shamaa village, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)

The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) notified the demolition of two inhabited Palestinian homes in Umm Rukba area in the town of Al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, within 96 hours. The two houses are owned by Muhammad Ya`qub Da`du and Muhammad Ibrahim Da`du, on the pretext of not licensing. (WAFA 22 April 2020)

Other

Israeli so called “Defense” Minister, Naftali Bennett, decided that Israel will stop providing the necessary Coronavirus tests for cases from the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip. Bennet’s decision came following a series of discussions among Israeli army officials that have so far failed to approve conducting tests for fifty potential Gaza-based Coronavirus patients. The decision came shortly after the Israeli army allowed entry and testing of 100 samples from Gaza, based on coordination between Israel and other relevant international health organizations. The testing took place in a nearby Israeli military site, called Tservin, with the help of the Israeli government’s so-called ‘coordinator’ for the occupied Palestinian territories. The Israeli ‘coordinator’ has recently helped bring Coronavirus samples from Gaza, via the Israel-controlled Erez checkpoint in north of the coastal enclave. Bennett’s latest order has reportedly been made with a series of other Israeli army decisions. An Israeli military source, quoted on condition of anonymity said, “It is a mistake that Israel stops doing such tests for Gaza’s potential patients. Preventing the spread of Coronavirus tests comes in Israel’s best interest, as Gaza is directly adjacent to Israeli communities, in south of the country”. Over the past several weeks, Palestinian health ministry officials in the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip have been appealing to all concerned international bodies to ship much needed testing kits for the Coronavirus, so the health ministry itself can carry out the tests. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)
• A detainee died, in the Negev Desert Detention Camp, after fainting in the shower, and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) failed to provide him with any medical aid for more than thirty minutes. The detainee, Nour Jaber Barghouthi, 23, was from ‘Aboud town, northwest of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and he was detained by the IOA four years ago, and was sentenced to eight years in prison. The detainee was showering in Section 25 of the Negev Detention camp when he collapsed and lost consciousness. Barghouthi’s death brings the number of Palestinian detainees who died in Israeli prisons since the year 1967 after Israel occupied the rest of Palestine, including East Jerusalem, to 273. Israel is also still holding the remains of five deceased detainees, identified as Anis Doula who died of medical neglect in the year 1980, Aziz Oweisat, 53, who died on May 20, 2018, at an Israeli hospital from serious complications after he was assaulted by several Israeli soldiers in the prison, Fares Baroud, 51, who died on February 6, 2019, of medical neglect in an Israeli prison, Nassar Taqatqa, 31, who died after having been tortured in an Israeli prison on July 16, 2019, and Bassam Sayeh, 47, who died on September 8, 2019, in an Israeli prison, due to medical neglect. (PPS, IMEMC 22 April 2020)