



## 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

- In Qalqilya, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnaped three citizens from their homes identified as Mohamed Shaath, Rami Senaineih and Ali al-Badawi. One of the Qalqilya detainees, Rami Senaineih, has a broken pelvis and uses a wheelchair. One young man suffered a rubber bullet injury in his neck during clashes between local youths and IOA during the IOA campaign in Qalqilya city .(PALINFO 27 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the northern entrance to Azzun town in Qalqilya with the road barrier deployed there after local youth hurled stones at Jewish settlers' cars on Road 55, damaging a car's window. The IOA also kidnaped nine citizens during dawn and morning raids on homes in other areas of the West Bank.(PALINFO 27 February 2020)

## Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers uprooted hundreds of olive trees and vine trees in the town of al-Khader, south of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem, according to a local activist. Settlers from the Israeli settlement of Eliazar uprooted approximately 200 olive trees and 80 vine trees from Palestinian lands near the colonial settlement. Israeli settlers have been increasingly targeting and attacking Palestinian villages, especially those close to settlements, by razing lands, uprooting trees and preventing farmers access to their lands. (IMEMC 27 February 2020)
- Israeli settlers slashed tires of cars and wrote racist graffiti in the village of Yasouf in the north of the West Bank and broke into the city of Nablus under army protection. Residents in Nablus clashed with the settlers causing some injuries among at least 20 Palestinians from Israeli army firepower. (Wafa 27 February 2020)
- Israeli police provided protection for scores of Jewish settlers on a tour of the Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem. 114 Jewish settlers toured the yards of the holy Islamic site while listening to statements on the alleged Temple. 38 of those were students of religious institutes and Hebrew

universities while 20 others were described as “guests” by the Israeli police. The settlers entered from Maghareba Gate and got out through al-Silsila Gate escorted by special forces and policemen.(PAL INFO 27 February 2020)

## Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two Palestinian homes and two animal barns in Masafer Yatta, southern Hebron hills, under the pretext they were built without a permit. The IOA raided several areas in Masafer Yatta and demolished two 80-square-meter residential structures in al-Mafqara and in Rakiz hamlets. Israeli army bulldozers demolished two animal barns in Saffi hamlet in Masafer Yatta, in Area C, where Israel has full military and administrative control over the occupied West Bank. Israeli occupation authorities regularly demolish Palestinian homes in the occupied West Bank, using a lack of an Israeli building permit as justification for destroying people’s homes. This, along with the fact that Palestinian’s are very rarely granted a permit, allows Israel to control the demographics of the occupied territories, allowing illegal Israeli settlers to build and expand on Palestinian lands, while forcing Palestinians out. (IMEMC 27 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian-owned house in the village of al-Walaja, northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The IOA raided the village and proceeded to demolish the 80-square-meter house, which belongs to Abdul Qader Abu Hammad, under the pretext it was built without a permit. The IOA demolished a workshop in another area of the village owned by Saleh Khalifah. Al-Walaja, five kilometers west of Bethlehem, has a population of some 2,800 people. A total of 97 percent of the village land is completely isolated by Israel’s apartheid barrier and most of it was joined by Israel to Jerusalem. The majority of this land is agricultural land, forests and open space.(WAFa 27 February 2020)

## Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that he gave the approval for the construction of 3,500 units in illegal Israeli colonies, in the

E1 area between Ma'ale Adumim colony and occupied Jerusalem. Netanyahu stated that the United States and its President D. Trump recognizes what he called "Israel's sovereignty in the Jordan Valley of the occupied West Bank, the areas north of the Dead Sea, and in every part of the West Bank." Referring to the so-called "Deal of the Century," Netanyahu stated that he has ordered the construction of 3500 units, in E1. Netanyahu stated that he is reviving larger construction and expansion plans of the colonies in the occupied West Bank, a move that is meant to prevent any continuity of a future Palestinian state, and only aims at more annexation of Palestinian lands, and more construction of colonies, in direct violation of International Law, the Fourth Geneva Convention, and various United Nations and Security Council resolutions. The Israeli Prime Minister also reiterated the demand that the Palestinians must recognize what he called the "unified Jerusalem," as the capital of Israel – thereby nullifying any Palestinian claim to the city. He demanded that the Palestinians agree to what he called "disarming Hamas, stopping incitement and implementing a democratic constitution. In response to Netanyahu's declaration of expansion of Israeli colonies, Dr. Saeb Erekat, Chief Palestinian Negotiator, and Secretary-General of the Palestine Liberation Organization, stated that Netanyahu's announcement of massive colony expansion is unprecedented, and is a direct result of Netanyahu's meeting with U.S. Ambassador Friedman in which the two consulted over which Palestinian land would next be taken by force and annexed into Israel. In addition, Netanyahu's government declared that 1,000 new Israeli-only colonial settlement units would be constructed in the settlement of Givat Hamtos, south of Jerusalem. And Netanyahu announced a plan to construct another 5,200 colonial settlement units in East Jerusalem. On his part, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Ahmad Majdalani, said Netanyahu's approval of the new colonies in part of the election campaign in Israel, which is always accompanied by more bloodshed and more illegal annexation of Palestinian lands. He added that Netanyahu is emboldened by the stances of President Trump, especially the political support the US President provides to Netanyahu, his illegal annexations and violations. The Palestinian official also welcomed the international condemnation of the Israeli violations in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and added that the countries that recognize the two-state solution must act accordingly, and must take decisive and punitive

measures against Israel for its escalating violations.(IMEMC 27 February 2020)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a house and a car garage in Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem. A bulldozer escorted by a large number of Israeli troops stormed al-Walaja village, northwest of Bethlehem, and demolished a house in Khilat al-Hoor belonging to a Palestinian citizen called Abdul-Qader Abu Hammad. The IOA also demolished a garage in Khilat al-Samak area belonging to a local resident called Saleh Khalifa. The IOF claimed as always that the demolished structures had no licenses. (PALINFO 27 February 2020)