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## Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot, 14 Palestinians, including ten with live ammunition, during protests on Palestinian lands east of Jabalia city, in the northern part of the besieged coastal region. The IOA stationed in their fortified sniper towers across the perimeter fence, shot ten Palestinians with live fire. Four other Palestinians were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, and many others suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. In addition, the IOA fired an artillery shell into two areas east of the al-Boreij refugee camp, and al-Maghazi, causing damage. The Israeli Air Force also fired missiles into lands, east of Rafah, in southern Gaza Strip, causing damage, including in nearby homes and structures. Furthermore, Israeli war jets fired a missile into a site, east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, in Gaza city. The Israeli army claimed it was retaliating to three shells, reportedly fired from Gaza, into open areas in nearby settlements; no damage or injuries were reported. (IMEMC 1 February 2020)
- A Palestinian child, identified as *Ala' Hani al-'Abbassi*, 15, died from serious wounds he suffered in mid-October of 2019, after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot in southern Gaza. (IMEMC 1 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets, caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, and detained one, in Beita Village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Dozens of Palestinians protested near the main junction of the village, before the IOA invaded the area and started firing rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades. The IOA shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets, resulting in moderate wounds, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 1 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a young Palestinian man from Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, causing various cuts and bruises. The IOA stopped a young man, whose identity remained unknown at the time of this report, and detained him while inspecting his ID card at the entrance of the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron. The Palestinian is from Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, and that he suffered various cuts and

bruises before he was moved to a hospital in the area. (IMEMC 1 February 2020)

- A Palestinian boy was injured when the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently dispersed demonstrations in Qalqilya and Ramallah in the West Bank protesting the so-called "Deal of the Century". Violent clashes broke out in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqilya, between Palestinian protesters and the IOA. A boy was injured as the IOA heavily fired live ammunition and tear gas grenades at the Palestinian protesters. (IMEMC 1 February 2020)
- Fierce confrontations were witnessed in Ramallah during a demonstration against the US alleged "peace plan" for the Middle East, known as the "Deal of the Century". The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) showered the protesters with rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas grenades while the latter responded by throwing stones and empty bottles. (PALINFO 1 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) prevented 9 West Bank Palestinians from travelling abroad through al-Karama crossing under "security pretexts" which the IOA refused to reveal. 16,332 Palestinians left the Palestinian territories and 15,790 returned via al-Karama crossing, the only outlet connecting the West Bank with the outside world through Jordan, during the same period.(PALINFO 1 February 2020)
- Israeli warplanes waged some aerial attacks on areas in the northern Gaza Strip after midnight, with no reported casualties. Two airstrikes targeted the site known as Palestine in northern Gaza shortly before a warplane bombed a cultivated plot of land in the same area. (PALINFO 1 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked, dozens of Palestinian protesters with live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades, wounding one journalist in the head, and causing many residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in Hebron, in southern West Bank. The IOA attacked dozens of students of Hebron University, by firing many live rounds and rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to a barrage of gas bombs. The students were marching against the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine and the so-called "Deal of the Century". One journalist, identified as Abdul-Mohsin Shalalda, 27, was shot with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the head, and was rushed to Hospital. The Journalist suffered a fracture in

his skull, and that he is currently in a stable condition. Many Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. (IMEMC 2 February 2020)

- Israeli minister Naftali Bennett decided to freeze entry of cement shipments to the besieged Gaza Strip in response to what he called daily Palestinian attacks on Israeli areas. The Israeli army gave instructions, at the behest of Bennett, to suspend cement exports to Gaza and withdraw permits from 500 cement dealers. The measure, which is to take effect as of Sunday morning, was reportedly in response to daily Gaza attacks, which resumed recently after the Israeli occupation authority deliberately opened floodgates to dams and flooded vast tracts of farmlands and roads in the east of Gaza, causing considerable losses to the agricultural sector in particular. (PALINFO 2 February 2020)
- The Israeli police forces arrested Ahmad Abu Alia, one of al-Aqsa Mosque's guards, and transferred him to a nearby detention center. (PALINFO 2 February 2020)
- In Hebron, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured, many Palestinians, including a photojournalist, in the center of the city. He is the second to be injured by the army, in Hebron. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against dozens of Palestinian protesters in the center of Hebron city, and forced all shops in the area to close. The IOA fired many rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters, in the Shuhada Street, while many local youngsters hurled stones at the military tower in that area. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron city, and attacked several Palestinians. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters, wounding one journalist, identified as [Abdul-Mohsin Shalalda](#), 27, with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the head, and causing many residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot, two Palestinians, and caused several others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, during protests in Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA shot one Palestinian with a

- rubber-coated steel bullet in the eye, and another with a similar round that struck him in the back. Many residents suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- A number of Palestinian civilians were suffocated on tear-gas, when the Israeli occupation army erected a military roadblock on Jenin Street, at the Nablus/Jaba junction. When Palestinians protested, the IOA fired tear-gas canisters, rubber-coated steel bullets, and concussion grenades towards the civilians. (IMEMC 4 February 2020)
  - Two Palestinian young men suffered rubber bullet injuries after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Aqabat Jabr refugee camp, south of Jericho city, and clashed with local youths. The IOA intensively fired tear gas canisters and rubber bullets at angry youths after storming the camp, injuring two of them. Two injured young men reportedly suffered rubber bullet injuries. The IOA also kidnaped 32-year-old Emad Abu Hammad from his home in the same camp. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)
  - Armored Israeli bulldozers carried out a small-scale incursion into the east of Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip. Some bulldozers advanced from a military post behind the security fence into a border area in the east of Khan Yunis and embarked on leveling tracts of land. Meanwhile, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at farmers working their lands in the east of Jabalia city in northern Gaza. Luckily, no one was hurt in the shooting attack. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)
  - The Israeli occupation police banished a Jerusalemite young woman called Aya Abu Nab from the Aqsa Mosque for four months on a charge of her frequent presence near or in the Mosque's Bab al-Rahma prayer area. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)
  - A Palestinian minor was pronounced dead after he was shot by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during confrontations in al-Khalil City, south of the West Bank. Mohammed al-Haddad, 17, was shot in the heart and died immediately. Al-Haddad was killed during confrontations between IOA and Palestinian citizens in Bab al-Zawiya area in al-Khalil. (PALINFO 5 February 2020)
  - The Israeli army fired, at least four missiles into a site, west of Khan Yunis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The missiles struck a building, causing property damage, without leading to civilian casualties. The targeted site is known as al-Qadisiya. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)

- Israeli navy ships attacked Palestinian fishermen in Gaza territorial waters, near Gaza city, by firing live rounds, and using water cannons against them and their boats. The navy attacked the fishing boats only three nautical miles from the shore, by firing many live rounds, in addition to using water cannons against them. The attack led to property damage and forced the fishermen back to the shore in fear of further escalation. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many Palestinian schoolchildren in Teqoua' town, east of Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem in the West Bank. The IOA fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at the student while heading to school. The attack caused anxiety attacks among the children. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)
- Violent clashes broke out in Jaba town, south of Jenin city, between local youths and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA). The clashes took place at the main entrance to Jaba town, where the IOA intensively fired tear gas canisters at young men. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)
- A 22-year-old Ahmed Abul-Rab, a resident of Qabatiya town in Jenin, suffered injuries after Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) physically assaulted him at a military checkpoint near Tubas city in the northern Jordan Valley. (PALINFO 5 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation navy opened machinegun fire at Palestinian fishermen and their boats off the northern shores of the besieged Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at and chased fishing boats in the northern waters of Gaza, prompting them to return ashore. Three Palestinian fishermen suffered injuries and their boat sustained some damage when Israeli naval forces attacked them off the shores of Gaza. (IMEMC 5 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed one Palestinian and injured at least seven others, including a Palestinian police officer, after the army invaded Jenin city and started the demolition of a home belonging to the family of a political prisoner. The IOA shot Yazan Monther Abu Tabeekh, 19, with two live rounds in the chest, causing very serious wounds before he was rushed to a hospital but died from his injuries. The IOA also injured at least seven other Palestinians, including two who sustained life-threatening wounds, and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the wounded Palestinians is a police officer, identified as Lu'ay Ahmad Badwan, 25, from Azzoun town, who was shot by a live Israeli army round in the upper body. The bullet apparently struck his spine before he was

rushed into surgery at the al-Razi hospital, in Jenin city. Badwan was shot by the IOA while he was standing near the door inside a police station in Jenin.(IMEMC 6 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot, a Palestinian cameraman working for Reuters, identified as Mohammad Abu Ghneima, and caused dozens of residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to confiscating surveillance recordings, in Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, in the West Bank. Thirty Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation while the cameraman suffered a minor injury, after the IOA shot him with a rubber-coated steel bullet. The IOA also stormed and ransacked several shops and stores, and confiscated their surveillance recordings and equipment. The IOA also invaded many neighborhoods in Bethlehem city, and fired many live rounds, gas bombs and concussion grenades at Palestinian protesters, who hurled stones and empty bottles at them.(IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- First Lieutenant Tariq Lu'ay Badwan, aged 24, succumbed to injuries, inflicted by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), while he was inside a police station in Jenin, in northern West Bank. Lt. Badwan, from Qalqilia, died after he was shot and injured by the IOA while working at the special police headquarters in Jenin. Badwan was shot in the stomach. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- Israeli warplanes waged several air raids on different areas of the besieged Gaza Strip. Airstrikes targeted plots of agricultural lands in the east of Rafah, south of Gaza. An Israeli warplane also bombed a sanitation vessel near al-Shati refugee camp in the northwest of Gaza. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- The Israeli police banished two pro-Aqsa female activists from the Aqsa Mosque for four months. The women are an elderly woman called Nahida Abu Shaqra, the sister of Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, and a young girl called Samah Mahameed, both from Umm al-Fahm city in the 1948 occupied lands. Three Jerusalemite young men identified as Jameel Issa, Husam Iyad and Areen al-Za'aneen also received police orders banning their entry to the Aqsa Mosque for one week. Their entry ban orders will be renewed in one week, the police told them. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army announced it was reducing the size of the Gaza fishing zone by a third in light of the continued launch of

projectiles and airborne incendiaries towards Israeli areas. “Following security consultations, it has been decided today (Wednesday), to restrict the fishing zone of the Gaza Strip from 15 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles, starting from 4 p.m. until further notice,” the Israeli military liaison to the Palestinians said in a statement published Israeli newspapers. (WAFA 6 February 2020)

- A Palestinian citizen was injured when an Israeli sniper opened fire at him north of the Gaza Strip and injured him in the chest near the border fence east of Jabalia refugee camp in the northern area of the Gaza Strip. (PALINFO 7 February 2020)
- Israeli police, turned back busloads of worshipers en route from northern Israel to Jerusalem’s Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. Police deployed at the entrances of Jerusalem turned back worshipers from Galilee and the Triangle region, in the north of present-day Israel, making their way to Al-Aqsa for Friday morning prayers. Police also barged their way into the flashpoint mosque compound, where they shoved and assaulted worshipers, following the Morning Prayer. (IMEMC 7 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured dozens of Palestinians in Bab az-Zawiya area, in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, while Israeli settlers attacked many Palestinian cars, northwest of the city. The IOA invaded Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron city, before breaking and ransacking many homes, and occupied the rooftops of many buildings. The army fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinians who protested the invasion. Dozens of residents suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 7 February 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) were deployed in many areas around Hebron city, and several surrounding communities, and closed the main entrance leading to Sa’ir town, northeast of Hebron. (IMEMC 7 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many protesters at the main entrance of the al-Fawwar refugee camp, south of Hebron, and closed its main iron gate. Similar invasions, and protests, took place in Beit Ummar town, and the al-’Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, and the IOA also fired gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets.(IMEMC 7 February 2020)



- A Palestinian teenager was pronounced dead shortly after he was shot and critically injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), north of Tulkarem in the occupied West Bank. Bader Nidal Nafla Harsha, 19, was fatally wounded by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during protests near the village of Qaffin, in the northern West Bank. The young man was shot with a live round in the main artery in his neck, and died from his wounds. In a show of excessive use of force, the IOA resorted to the use of live ammunition, which penetrated the teen's neck, striking the main carotid artery, resulting in his death only minutes later. Bader was shot during protests that erupted near the illegal Israeli Annexation Wall, where many residents marched on their lands.(IMEMC 7 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the southern area of Jericho city, in the occupied West Bank, and attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters with gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, wounding many, in addition to detaining two. Dozens of residents held a nonviolent procession at the southern entrance of Jericho city, and chanted against the so-called "Deal of the Century," the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation, its constant escalations, and its colonialist activities. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against the protesters, causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, and abducted two Palestinians, including one from Aqabat Jaber Refugee camp.(IMEMC 7 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, causing many injuries, and detained a Palestinian man. The IOA initiated the attack against the Palestinians, Israeli and international peace activists, just as the nonviolent protesters were gathering to begin their march in front of the local mosque. The IOA shot many Palestinians and an Israeli peace activist with rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to causing several others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA fired many live rounds at the protesters, and even targeted high-voltage electricity transformers. The IOA also detained one Palestinian, identified as Mohammad Roshdi Amer, 31, in addition to chasing dozens of residents while firing gas bombs, live rounds, and rubber-coated steel bullets.(IMEMC 8 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, dozens of Palestinians at the northern entrance of Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, during the funeral procession of a Palestinian

Lieutenant, identified as Tareq Badwan, 24, who was shot dead by Israeli army fire at a police headquarters in Jenin, also northern West Bank. The IOA closed the main entrance of Azzoun town, and resorted to the excessive use of force against the marchers, by firing a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets. The attack led to several injuries, in addition to causing dozens of Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 8 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot five young Palestinian men and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in the al-'Arqa village, southwest of Jenin, in northern West Bank. The five men were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, in their lower extremities. Many Palestinians also suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The incidents took place after the IOA invaded the village and resorted to the excessive use of force against the local youngsters, who protested the invasion. (IMEMC 8 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Kafr Ni'ma town, west of Ramallah in the West Bank, provoking clashes with local young men. The IOA spread through the town's streets, encircled the industrial school before raiding it and confiscated security camera recordings from stores and homes. The IOA stormed the town as part of its manhunt campaign to look for wanted Palestinian. The IOA also shut down in the morning the barrier on the Enab road in the west of Deir Ibzi village and blocked movement of citizens and vehicles for some time. (PALINFO 8 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured many Palestinians near the Annexation Wall, west of Qaffin Palestinian town, north of Tulkarem, in northern West Bank. The IOA attacked many Palestinian protesters on their lands, near the wall and fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets. At least two Palestinians were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, and dozens suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the injured Palestinians was shot with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the chest, and the other was shot with a similar round to his thigh. (IMEMC 9 February 2020)
- Israeli tanks bombed two Palestinian sites north of the besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli tanks stationed at the border fence east of Gaza fired several missiles at two sites in the northern area of the Gaza Strip with no injuries reported. The Israeli occupation army claimed that prior to

- the attack a projectile was fired from the Gaza Strip towards neighboring Israeli settlements. (PALINFO 9 February 2020)
- The Israeli Air Force fired, many missiles into several areas in Khan Younis, in southern Gaza Strip, Deir al-Balah, in central Gaza, and in Gaza city, causing excessive damage. The army fired at least ten missiles into an area, northwest of Khan Younis city, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, causing excessive property damage, and fire, to structures and the surrounding homes. The army also fired three missiles into a site, west of Deir al-Balah city, in central Gaza Strip, also causing excessive property damage. In addition, the army fired three mortar shells into a site near the Shuhada graveyard, east of Gaza Strip, causing damage. There have been no reports of civilian casualties. (IMEMC 10 February 2020)
  - Several armored Israeli military vehicles invaded Palestinian farmlands east of the al-Maghazi refugee camp, in central Gaza, and bulldozed them. The vehicles, including five bulldozers, came from a military base across the perimeter fence and invaded the lands through Abu Safiyya gate, east of al-Maghazi. The vehicles advanced dozens of meters across the fence, bulldozed large areas of farmlands, and installed sandhills. During the invasions, military helicopters and drones were seen flying over the area, and several parts of the Gaza Strip. The invasion came hours after the army carried out several airstrikes targeting a few areas in the besieged and improvised coastal region.(IMEMC 10 February 2020)
  - 14 Palestinians were treated for gas suffocation in Abu Dis to the east of Occupied Jerusalem after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired dozens of gas canisters and sound bombs into the town. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at a number of schools and al-Quds University in Abu Dis. The IOA fired the bombs from an area behind the Apartheid Wall. (PALINFO 10 February 2020)
  - At least 14 Palestinian citizens were injured during clashes with Israeli occupation forces (IOA) following a demonstration against the "deal of the century" near al-Bireh City. 14 Palestinians were treated for injuries caused by IOA rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. Violent clashes broke out between the IOA and Palestinian youths taking part in a march against the so-called "deal of the century" at the northern entrance of al-Bireh City. (PALINFO 11 February 2020)
  - Dozens of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the Ibrahimi Mosque in al-Khalil with their shoes on. Groups of Israeli Army stormed the Ibrahimi Mosque and harassed Palestinian worshippers

inside. The raid came a day after the Knesset's so-called Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee held a meeting Monday evening to set a date for the execution of new expansion projects at the Ibrahimi Mosque. (PALINFO 11 February 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a number of Palestinian citizens and confiscated one vehicle during large-scale campaigns in the West Bank. The IOA detained five Palestinian citizens, including minors, during home raids in al-Khalil, Ramallah and Qalqilya. The IOF broke into the detainees' houses and wreaked havoc on them. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)
- In al-Tira neighborhood in Ramallah, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian residents and seized a vehicle owned by one of them. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)
- Violent clashes broke out in Shu'fat refugee camp, east of Occupied Jerusalem, after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed a popular conference held in solidarity with Sheikh Ekrima Sabri and in protest at the US administration's peace deal. Israeli police and intelligence forces stormed the location of the conference, which was called for by noted Jerusalemite families, and forced the participants to leave the venue. The IOA also handed some participants summonses for interrogation over their organization of the event. Soon later, clashes erupted between the IOA and local youths upon the former's withdrawal from the place. (PALINFO 13 February 2020)
- Two Palestinian protesters, including a child, suffered from rubber bullet injuries and dozens from their exposure to teargas fumes during violent clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Qalqilya city. A 14-year-old child suffered a rubber bullet injury in his thigh and a young man was injured by a rubber bullet in his knee during the events. Dozens of young protesters also suffered from inhaling tear gas and received on-site medical assistance. (PALINFO 13 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation navy attacked Palestinian fishermen and their boats off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli gunboats opened machinegun fire at fishing boats in Gaza northern waters, forcing them to return ashore. Luckily, no one was hurt in the shooting attack. About 351 violations against Gaza fishermen were reported by different human rights groups during 2019. (PALINFO 13 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire toward a group of citizens to the east of Khan Younis City, southern Gaza Strip. The IOA opened fire at a group of young men and children who are residents of Kouza'a neighborhood, east of [Khan Younis](#). No injuries were reported. (IMEMC 14 February 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) chased a number of Palestinian shepherds in al-Burj area of the northern Jordan Valley and detained some of them. The IOA detained at least three shepherds in al-Burj area, without stating if they were released later. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) imposed financial penalties on Aref Daraghmeh and another citizen to allow them to get back their vehicles that had been confiscated about two months ago. Daraghmeh was handed a notice ordering him to pay a 3,000 shekel fine for his car, which had been seized about 50 days ago by the IOA when he was documenting Israeli demolitions in Ras al-Ahmar area. Another citizen called Mufdi Sawafta was also ordered to pay over 2,000 shekels in order to reclaim his agricultural tractor. The IOA appropriated the tractor about two months ago when Sawafta was working his land in al-Maleh area of the northern Jordan Valley. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- Israeli Occupation police attacked Palestinian worshipers following the dawn prayer at al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and arrested an elderly citizen. The Israeli police arrested an elderly Palestinian for distributing coffee to worshipers. The Israeli police further assaulted the worshipers who were present in Bab al-Asbat and Bab Hitta areas. The Israeli police since the early morning hours have tightened restrictions in Jerusalem and the roads leading to al-Aqsa Mosque in an attempt to hinder the movement of the Palestinian worshipers taking part in the "Great Fajr (dawn) Campaign". (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) on Friday afternoon opened fire at a resistance post in the east of Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- The Israeli military patrols behind the border fence opened fire at an observation point belonging to al-Quds Brigades of Islamic Jihad in Khuza'a town, east of Khan Yunis. No casualties have been reported in the shooting attack. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- Scores of Palestinian citizens were injured when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently quelled demonstrations in several West Bank areas against the settlement and the "deal of the century". Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian protesters and IOA following demonstrations in different villages and towns in Ramallah, al-Khalil

and Qalqilya. The IOF attacked the peaceful protesters with live ammunition, rubber-coated metal bullets, stun grenades and tear gas canisters injuring dozens of them. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)

- In Beit Ummar town in Hebron in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) climbed the rooftops of Palestinian homes, assaulted their residents, and installed a checkpoint at the entrance of the town. Hundreds of Palestinians took to the streets in the West Bank to protest the recent "peace plan" announced by the US president Donald Trump, which is known as the "deal of the century", and the ongoing settlement expansion on seized Palestinian land. (PALINFO 14 February 2020)
- A Palestinian child was injured and a number of Palestinian citizens were arrested by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in confrontations in Jerusalem and the West Bank. A child identified as Malek Essa was injured after he was shot by the IOA with rubber-coated metal bullets in al-Isawiya village, northeast of Jerusalem City. Essa's injury was described as "serious". (PALINFO 15 February 2020)
- Violent clashes broke out in Nabi Saleh village, west of Ramallah City, between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian youths. The IOA fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at the Palestinian youths who responded by throwing stones and empty bottles. (PALINFO 15 February 2020)
- In the village of Deir Nizam IN Ramallah Governorate, Palestinian residents marched at the entrance of the village and removed the metal gate and the cement blocks the IOF installed five days ago to obstruct their movement. The residents later clashed with the IOA who attacked them with live ammunition and tear gas canisters. No injuries were reported. (PALINFO 15 February 2020)
- Combatants For Peace (CFP) Activists participated in a volunteer day to plant olive trees on the lands owned by Yasuf village farmers, near Salfit in central West Bank. As the activists' bus from Tel Aviv reached the entrance of Yasuf, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the street leading to the village and prevented them from entering. After being stopped and questioned by the IOA for a long time, the activists managed to reach the village, where the residents welcomed them at the Village Council. The activity, which is organized by "Stand Together" and "Rabbis for Human Rights", and aims at supporting the resilience of Yasuf village farmers who face escalating attacks by illegal

colonialist settlers, and the Israeli occupation confiscation of their lands. (IMEMC 15 February 2020)

- A group of Palestinian worshipers were brutally attacked by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who prevented them from reaching the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied Jerusalem. Thousands of Palestinians flooded Jerusalem from all around Palestine as well as some from Israel, to perform the Fajr or early Morning Prayer, in defiance of the harsh Israeli restrictions. Those who were denied entry to the sacred compound, performed the Fajr prayer between the Hittah and Asbat gates, and then the IOA pushed the peaceful worshipers out of the old city of Jerusalem, causing elderly worshipers to fall. Meanwhile, the Israeli police imposed fines on those Palestinians distributing hot drinks and snacks to the worshipers.(IMEMC 15 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured many nonviolent protesters in Bil'in village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, during the weekly procession against the illegal Annexation Wall and Colonies. Dozens of Palestinians, accompanied by Israeli and international peace activists, marched from the center of the Palestinians, carrying Palestinian flags and chanting for liberation, independence, national unity, resisting the occupation and the release of all political prisoners. As the nonviolent Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists marched from the center of the village towards the illegal Annexation Wall in Abu Lemon area, the IOA started firing a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades. Dozens of nonviolent protesters suffered the effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. (IMEMC 15 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) caused many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises, at the northern entrance of al-Biereh city, near Ramallah. The injuries happened when the IOA attacked a procession with rubber-coated steel bullet, gas bombs and concussion grenades.(IMEMC 15 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured many Palestinians, including a young man who was shot with a live round, after the army resorted to the excessive use of force against protesters in the villages of 'Aboud and Budrus, near Ramallah, in central West Bank. Dozens nonviolently marched in 'Aboud village, west of Ramallah, protesting the ongoing closure of the village's main road. The IOA installed an iron gate at the main entrance of 'Aboud, more than four days ago, and

have since been keeping it shut. The IOA fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and concussion grenades at the protesters. A young man was shot with a live round in his leg, suffering moderate wounds. Many Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. In addition, the IOA attacked nonviolent protesters in Budrus village, west of Ramallah, and shot four with rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. It is worth mentioning that a similar procession took place in Ni'lin village, west of Ramallah, where the locals, Israel and international peace activists marched carrying Palestinian flags and chanting against the so-called "Deal of the Century." (IMEMC 15 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured dozens of Palestinians in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West bank. Several army jeeps invaded 'Aseeda area in Beit Ummar, and resorted to the excessive use of force against Palestinian protesters. The IOA fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters and many surrounding homes. Dozens of residents, including children, suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, and many others sustained cuts and bruises. The army also sprayed the protesters and homes with wastewater mixed with chemicals. Furthermore, the IOA were seen choking a young Palestinian man after assaulting him and pinning him under their knees. The IOA also broke into and ransacked several homes, in addition to occupying their rooftops to use them as firing posts and monitoring towers. In addition, the IOA installed a roadblock at the main entrance of Beit Ummar, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated the Palestinians while investigating their ID cards, in addition to detaining two young men for several hours.(IMEMC 15 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, causing many injuries. The Palestinians, accompanied by international and Israeli peace activists, marched from the center of the village while chanting against the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine, its colonies and escalating violation. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades, in addition to sponge-tipped bullets. Several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. (IMEMC 15 February 2020)



- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Khader town, south of Bethlehem, especially the Old City and the al-Bawwaba areas, before storming and ransacking many shops. The IOA interrogated the many Palestinians in the stores, and questioned them while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) chased many Palestinian shepherds in the al-Borj area, in the Northern Plains of the occupied West Bank. The IOA attacked and chased many Palestinian shepherds, and forced them out of grazing lands. The attack comes just two after the IOA chased many shepherds in the same area, and detained a few of them. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired, a few missiles into a site in the besieged and impoverished Gaza Strip, causing damage, after the army claimed that two shells were fired from the coastal region. The army also revoked the permits of 500 merchants in addition to reducing the fishing zone. Israeli F16 warplanes fired missiles into a site west of Deir al-Balah city, in central Gaza, causing damage to the targeted location and several surrounding homes. Israeli war jets and drones were also seen and heard flying over several parts of the coastal region. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The Israeli Navy has decided to reduce the fishing zone allotted to Gaza Strip, for the second time since Wednesday, when it reduced it from 15 to 10 nautical miles, in addition to denying the entry of construction materials into the coastal region. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- Members of the Israeli security service, raided Volunteer for Hope, an organization located in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina, under the pretext of holding “prohibited activities,” and gave its director, Silvia Abu Laban, a summons to appear before Israeli intelligence for interrogation. The Israeli Services seized four computers and other office belongings as they searched the building. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) chased Palestinian shepherds in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA chased a number of shepherds as they were grazing their livestock in the area of al-Burj, where they briefly detained a group of shepherds two days ago. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)

- Israeli navy ships attacked several Palestinian fishing boats with live rounds only three nautical miles from the shore in the besieged Gaza Strip. The navy ships fired many live rounds at the boats, in Palestinian waters in the northern part of the coastal region. The attack did not lead to any casualties but forced the fishermen back to the shore without being able to fish to provide for their families. It is worth mentioning that, four days ago, Israel unilaterally decreased the fishing zone from ten nautical miles to only five. (IMEMC 19 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) on Monday prevented five Palestinian passengers from traveling through Allenby (King Hussein) border crossing with Jordan. The Palestinian Authority police said those passengers were denied travel by the IOA for unexplained security reasons. However, 5,164 Palestinians and foreign passengers were able to travel in both directions of the crossing on the same day, the police stated. Allenby crossing, also known as al-Karama, is a bridge that spans the Jordan River and connects the West Bank with Jordan. The bridge is the sole designated exit and entry point for West Bank Palestinians traveling in and out of the Israeli occupied territories. (IMEMC 19 February 2020)
- In Tulkarem, scores of Palestinians marched in protest at the US deal of the century, raised Palestine flags and burned car tires. The IOA attacked them with rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. Dozens suffered breathing difficulties as a result of inhaling tear gas. (IMEMC 19 February 2020)
- In Ramallah, dozens of Palestinian citizens organized a demonstration in al-Mughayyir village to defend their lands against the seizure by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The IOA violently quelled the gathering, firing rubber-coated metal bullets, stun grenades and tear gas canisters at the villagers. A number of them choked on tear gas and were treated in the field. (IMEMC 19 February 2020)
- In Qalqilia Governorate, a large number of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) barged their way into Nabi Elias village, east of Qalqilia city, where they thoroughly searched several stores and checked the recordings of surveillance cameras. No detentions were reported though. (Wafa 19 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted a raid in Anata town, north of Jerusalem, where they ransacked five houses, turning them

- upside down. One house owner was identified as a local anti-wall and settlement activist. (WAFA 19 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian man near the border fence to the east of Khan Younis in the south of the Gaza Strip. The IOA stationed at Gaza's eastern frontier with Israel opened live fire towards a group of Palestinians near the border fence east of Khuzaa town, injuring one. The man was in moderate condition. (WAFA 19 February 2020)
  - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a prefabricated classroom belonging to Susiya School in the east of Yatta town in al-Khalil. The IOA stormed Khirbet Susiya in the east of Yatta, raided the school and appropriated a prefabricated structure used as a classroom. The IOA also assaulted a number of local residents and rounded up one of them after beating him. About a month ago, the IOA handed the administration of the school a notice ordering it to stop developing the school playground and confiscated a bulldozer and a digger from the site. The school is composed of 15 classrooms and provides education for dozens of local students in Masafer Yatta cluster. (PAL INFO 20 February 2020)
  - A car filled with Palestinian teens was attacked by Israeli occupation Army (IOA). The car was driving near the Palestinian town of Beitin, east of Ramallah, when the IOA stationed at a checkpoint targeted the vehicle and began shooting. The IOA wounded a boy and detained three others, after they shot up a vehicle east of Ramallah. The IOA opened fire on a vehicle that was traveling near the village of Beitin, east of Ramallah, and hit a teen, Mohammad Abdel Majeed Sarma, 16, who was driving the car. Mohammad was struck with a bullet in his abdomen and another in the thigh. The other three teens in the car were detained by the IOA. They were identified as Mahmoud Muhammad Awawda (15 years old), Saif Al-Din Awawdeh (15 years) and Dhia Al-Din Awawdeh (15 years), all from the village of Deir Dibwan, located east of Ramallah. The IOA claimed that they shot the vehicle because it was driving in a suspicious manner, but did not provide details as to the nature of this 'suspicious' behavior. (IMEMC 21 February 2020)
  - Dozens of Palestinian citizens, including a child and a journalist, were injured when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) quelled several demonstrations in the West Bank. The IOA violently attacked a peaceful demonstration in Kafr Qaddoum village in Qalqilya injuring two Palestinians. An Israeli army bulldozer attacked the demonstrators by pushing large rocks towards them injuring 9-year-old Moamen

- Shtewi and journalist Mohammed Enaya, 29. (PALINFO 21 February 2020)
- In Nablus, about 40 Palestinian citizens were injured by IOA rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters in the southern village of Asira al-Qibliya. (PALINFO 21 February 2020)
  - In al-Khalil (Hebron) the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) dispersed an anti-settlement demonstration, attacked Palestinian citizens with batons and rifle butts injuring a number of them, and arrested a Palestinian youth identified as Mahmoud Warasneh, 19. Meanwhile in Ramallah, dozens of Palestinians took to the streets in Ni'lin village to take part in the weekly demonstration against the settlement. Scores of protesters were injured when the IOA quelled the demonstration with live ammunition, stun grenades and tear gas canisters.(PALINFO 21 February 2020)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, the weekly nonviolent procession against the Annexation Wall and Colonies in Bil'in village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The procession started from the center of the village with the participation of Israeli and international peace activists. The nonviolent protesters chanted for national unity, and for the internationally guaranteed Palestinian rights of liberation, independence and the Right of Return of the refugees. The protesters marched to Palestinian lands near the illegal Annexation Wall in Abu Lemon area, before the soldiers started firing a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. Medical sources said many Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, and others sustained cuts and bruises.(IMEMC 22 February 2020)
  - Two Palestinians were injured as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of protesters taking part in the weekly anti-settlements protest in the village of Kufur Qaddoum, near Qalqilia in the central occupied West Bank. An Israeli army bulldozer was filmed pushing large rocks towards the protesters in the village, injuring a Palestinian child, identified as Mo'men Shtewi, 9, who was treated at the scene. Photojournalist for Palestine TV, Mohammad Enaya, 28, was also injured during the attack. The IOA shot at the protesters with rubber-coated steel rounds and tear-gas canisters to force them to leave the area, causing many cases of suffocation from toxic tear-gas inhalation.(IMEMC 22 February 2020)
  - Israeli police forces killed a Palestinian youth in Bab al-Asbat area near al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Israeli police officers stationed at Bab al-

Asbat opened fire at a Palestinian youth who allegedly attempted a stabbing attack. Eyewitnesses confirmed that the young man was shot and deliberately left to bleed to death without being provided first aid. (PALINFO 22 February 2020)

- Violent confrontations flared up when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently dispersed a Palestinian demonstration in Kafr Qaddoum village, east of Qalqilya. Local sources said that the IOA attacked the peaceful demonstrators with rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters. (PALINFO 22 February 2020)
- In Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Teqoua' town, southeast of the city, and attacked Palestinian protesters with rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. Many Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. Furthermore, the IOA attacked many journalists and detained a photojournalist, identified as Emad Jabarin, for several hours.
- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Ahmad Sameeh Labbat, 13, after the army attacked protesters near the military roadblock, south of the city. (IMEMC)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and attacked Palestinian protesters, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA invaded Abu at-Toaq area, near the main entrance of Beit Ummar, and fired a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters, and several surrounding homes. Many Palestinians, including children, suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, and received the needed treatment by local medics. The IOA repeatedly invade the area, and constantly attack Palestinian farmers to force them out of their lands. Similar attacks are also frequently carried out by illegal colonialist settlers, squatting on private Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 23 February 2020)
- One Palestinian young man was cold-bloodedly killed and another was seriously injured after their exposure to artillery shelling and intensive gunfire by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in a border area in the southeast of the Gaza Strip. Another three young men also suffered injuries as they tried to get to the victims and evacuate them. The Israeli targeting of the young men happened in the east of Abasan al-Saghira town, east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza. (PALINFO 23 February 2020)

- Israeli warplanes targeted a group of Palestinians, striking north-west of Beit Lahia in the northern besieged Gaza Strip, with four rockets and a reconnaissance missile. Four Palestinians were injured by the airstrikes. (IMEMC 24 February 2020)
- A number of locations in the northern and southern Gaza Strip were shelled by Israeli artillery evening without any reported injuries. Israeli tanks stationed along the borderline fence to the east of the Strip fired several missiles targeting a location to the northwest of Beit Lahiya town, in the northern Gaza Strip, and another to the east of the town of Khaza'a, east of Khan Younis in the southern Strip. Israeli warplanes are seen shelling sites and agricultural lands in the northern and southern Strip from time to time. (Wafa (IMEMC 24 February 2020))
- Six Palestinian citizens reportedly suffered injuries in a spate of aerial attacks on the embattled Gaza Strip. At least 27 Israeli air raids rocked different areas of Gaza, targeting site in the area. Four citizens were wounded during an air raid on al-Tufah area in eastern Gaza and two others in another attack on Rafah. Dozens of air-to-surface missiles were fired by different Israeli warplanes, causing damage to nearby homes and infrastructure.(PALINFO 24 February 2020)
- Israeli warplanes launched at least four airstrikes on a Palestinian site in the southern area of the Gaza Strip. Israeli warplanes fired four missiles at a site west of Khan Younis City with no injuries reported. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks stationed at the border fence between the Gaza Strip and the 1948 Occupied Territories bombed another resistance site east of al-Bureij refugee camp in the central area of the Gaza Strip.(PAL INFO 24 February 2020)
- A Palestinian citizen was injured, in an airstrike by Israeli occupation planes targeting his motorbike, east of Gaza City. The occupation planes targeted, with at least one missile, a motorcycle on Salah El-Din Street, east of the city, which resulted in one injured Palestinian civilian. Tensions have been running high in the besieged Gaza, when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed a Palestinian resistance member and desecrated the slain man's body, also injuring several Palestinians that were attempting to rescue the body.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- A number of citizens were injured by the Israeli aggression in the besieged Gaza Strip. An Israeli missile, fired by the Iron Dome – air defense system, towards Gaza's rockets, landed in a Palestinian citizen's home in the Shejaiya area, eastern Gaza Strip.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, dozens of nonviolent Palestinian protesters near a military roadblock in the northern area of the Jordan Valley of the occupied West Bank, causing many injuries. The protesters marched against the ongoing illegal Israeli annexation of Palestinian lands, and Tel Aviv's policies aiming at the annexation of the Jordan Valley as part of the so-called "Deal of the Century," which was presented by U.S. President D. Trump on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The protesters marched near Tayasir military roadblock, east of Tubas, before the IOA fired live rounds, rubber-coated metal bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades at them. One Palestinian was shot with live fire, two with rubber-coated steel bullets, and many others suffered the effects of teargas inhalation.(IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- Several Palestinians were injured while others sustained suffocation as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently quelled a peaceful protest near an Israeli army checkpoint in the northern Jordan Valley. The peaceful demonstration, which was called for by the anti-wall, anti-settlement committee and Fatah movement in Tubas, came to protest possible Israeli annexation of the Jordan Valley based on the so-called deal of the century unveiled in Washington by US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on January 28. The IOA manning a checkpoint near the village of Tayasir, east of Tubas, opened live fire and shot rubber bullets and teargas canisters at the protesters causing injuries. One case of injury in the foot by a live bullet, two injuries from rubber-coated metal bullets and several suffocation cases.(WAFSA 25 February 2020)
- At least eight Palestinian citizens were reportedly injured when the Israeli occupation army (IOA) launched renewed attacks on different areas of the embattled Gaza Strip. eight Palestinians were wounded from areas bombed in the east of the coastal enclave. One citizen was injured when an Israel warplane bombed a motorcycle in al-Zeitoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City.(PALINFO 25 February 2020)
- Two Palestinian citizens suffered rubber bullet injuries when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the car they were aboard in the west of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank. Two citizens suffered from injuries caused by rubber bullets. One of the victims was injured in his shoulder and the other in his leg. The citizens were injured when the IOA unjustifiably opened fire at a car traveling on a road near Beit Sira town, west of Ramallah. Following the incident, the IOA stormed Beit Sira town and clashed with local youths.(PAL INFO 25 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation invaded the eastern area of Nablus city, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and injured twenty

Palestinians, during protests that took place after the army accompanied hundreds of illegal colonialist settlers in “Joseph’s Tomb” area. Several military jeeps stormed Amman Street and the vicinity of the historic site, and fired gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets towards dozens of young men, who protested the invasion. The army injured 20 Palestinians; four were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, and 16 suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The invasion was carried out by around 2,000 colonialist settlers, and dozens of soldiers in armored vehicles. Joseph the Patriarch is revered by Jews, Muslims, Christians, and Samaritans alike. The Israeli military allows Jews to visit as part of organized pilgrimages, despite the site’s location in Area A of the occupied West Bank, where the Palestinian Authority has full control, and prohibits Muslims from worshipping at the site. (IMEMC 26 February 2020)

- Several Israeli military vehicles invaded Palestinian lands east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, while navy ships opened fire on fishing boats. Three armored D9 bulldozers, a digger, and a few military jeeps, advanced dozens of meters into Palestinian farmlands before bulldozing several sections and digging trenches. The invasion was carried out in the same area where the Israeli army killed, last Sunday, [Mohammad Ali an-Na’em](#), 27, who was not only shot by the soldiers, but also had his body crushed by a military bulldozer, before it was lifted in the air by its blade before it was swung back and forth in the air. In addition, Israeli navy ships opened fire, and used water cannons, against Palestinian fishing boats in Khan Younis sea, forcing the fishermen back to the shore without being able to fish and provide for their families. (IMEMC 26 February 2020)
- In Qalqilya, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnaped three citizens from their homes identified as Mohamed Shaath, Rami Senaineh and Ali al-Badawi. One of the Qalqilya detainees, Rami Senaineh, 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)



- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured, at least seventy Palestinians, including a child who was shot with a live round in his back, in Jabal al-'Arma Mountain, south of Nablus, in northern West Bank. Dozens of residents went to the mountain to protest the escalating Israeli attempts to annex it from them, especially after the illegal colonists, squatting on Palestinian lands, have increased their calls for completely occupying it. 70 Palestinians including a child were injured. The child was shot with a live round in his back. Among the wounded Palestinians, 32 suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, including one who was shot with a gas bomb in the head. 32 Palestinians were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets, including two who were shot in their heads, and one suffered fractures and bruises after falling while trying to avoid the army fire. The Israeli army pushed more troops into the area and declared the lands a closed military zone.(IMEMC 28 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured 191 Palestinians during confrontations in the village of Beita, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. One of the wounded Palestinians is a child who was shot with a live round in the back. The injuries varied as some were shot with live fire, dozens were wounded by rubber-coated steel bullets, and at least 46 suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to one who was shot with a tear gas grenade in the head. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young man with a sponge-tipped bullet in the head, and many others were injured by shrapnel of live ammunition during protests in Kufur Qaddoum, east of the city. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two young men in the al-'Arqa village, west of the city, and injured more than 60 Palestinians, including many who suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA detained Amir Yousef Yahia and Nour Ibrahim Yahia, in the village after several army jeeps invaded it. Protests and dozens of injuries were reported in many parts of the West Bank, especially in Azzoun, near Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, Hebron governorate, in southern West Bank, Ramallah, and al-Biereh governorate, in central West Bank, Jericho, and many other areas. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to

several live rounds at protesters and homes, in Shu'fat refugee camp, northeast of occupied Jerusalem. Protests took place when at least three army jeeps invaded the refugee camp. Dozens of residents suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)

- At least six Palestinians were injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during the weekly protest against Israeli settlement construction, in the village of Kufur Qaddoum in the northern West Bank. The procession started in the center of Kufur Qaddoum, where the locals, accompanied by international activists, nonviolently marched while chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, its illegal colonies, and escalating violations. The IOA attacked the protesters with live fire, rubber-coated bullets, and teargas, while several youngsters burnt tires and hurled stones at the invading IOA. The IOA injured six Palestinians, and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the wounded is a child who was injured by fragments of a live round in the leg. (IMEMC 29 February 2020).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured a number of Palestinians who were planting olive trees in protest at land confiscation in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA heavily fired tear gas canisters at the protesters injuring some of them. A local committee against the settlement had called for a tree planting event in al-Baqi'ah plain in the Jordan Valley to defend Palestinian lands threatened with illegal seizure by the Israeli occupation authorities. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted two Palestinian young men on a road in the south of Nablus, north of the West Bank. A bunch of IOA stopped two young men at the main entrance to Qaryut town and ordered them at gunpoint to sit on the ground before embarking on severely beating them. The victimized young men, whose identities are unknown, were let go after being detained for a while. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently suppressed a peaceful Palestinian march staged in the central area of al-Khalil city to mark the 26 anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre and to condemn Israel's ongoing crimes against the Palestinian people. The IOA showered the participants with stun and tear gas canisters and physically assaulted many of them. The protesters marched to al-Shuhada street, which has been closed since the 1994 massacre that was committed by a Jewish at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of al-Khalil. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)

- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Shu'afat refugee camp, northeast of Jerusalem. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) indiscriminately fired tear gas canisters during the events, causing some families near and inside homes and passersby to suffer from their exposure to gas fumes. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)

## Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of armed Jewish settlers violently assaulted a West Bank family, who lives in Jabel al-Rahma neighborhood in central al-Khalil. Armed settlers from the outpost of Ramat Yishai assaulted the Palestinian family near a military checkpoint on the road leading to Jabel al-Rahma neighborhood. 55-year-old Mohamed suffered bruises and his car sustained material damage in the attack. The aggression also caused extreme panic among other members of the family, who were in the car. The family members were on their way to hospital when the settlers intercepted their car at gunpoint and assaulted them. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stood idly by watching the settlers as they were attacking the family. (PALINFO 2 February 2020)
- Armed settlers stormed the neighborhoods of Jabel al-Rahma and Tel Rumeida in al-Khalil city and threatened to expel Palestinian families from their homes. They also brutalized local residents in these neighborhoods and obstructed their movement with the help of Israeli soldiers. (PALINFO 2 February 2020)
- Groups of Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem under police guard. Over 40 Jewish settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque, roamed its courtyards and performed Talmudic rituals. (PALINFO 2 February 2020)
- More than 140 Israeli settlers stormed, the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound via the Moroccan Gate, heavily protected by Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Several groups of settlers invaded the mosque, and toured its courtyards, guided by rabbis that gave settlers explanations on the alleged "Temple Mount." The IOA detained an Al-Aqsa Mosque guard, Ahmad Abu Aliya, and took him to an interrogation center. A female worshiper was also detained by Israeli police after being assaulted. (PALINFO, IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian family, while they were at their home in Tel Rumeida neighborhood of Hebron city, southern occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers attacked his children while they were playing at the house, causing bruises to his 3-year-old daughter and

terrorizing the rest of the children. Ramadan said the settlers attacked his family while the IOA observed, doing nothing to help the Palestinian family. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)

- Dozens of Jewish settlers desecrated the Aqsa Mosque's courtyards under tight police protection. 45 settlers entered the Mosque through the Mosque's al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards under police guard. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers escorted by police forces desecrated the Aqsa Mosque. At least 58 settlers entered the Mosque through al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards under police guard. The Israeli police close al-Maghariba Gate, which is used by Jews to enter the Mosque, at 10:30 am after the settlers complete their morning tours at the holy site. Later in the afternoon, the same gate is reopened for evening tours by settlers. During the presence of settlers inside the Mosque compound, entry restrictions are imposed on Muslim worshipers at the entrances leading to the Mosque and their IDs are seized until they leave the holy place. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers squatting on Palestinian lands, attacked many cars at the entrance of Beit Anoun area, north of Hebron, causing damage. (PALINFO 7 February 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem while accompanied by a large police force. 62 Jewish settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque under tight police guard. The settlers roamed al-Aqsa Mosque's courtyards and performed provocative rituals before they left. (PALINFO 9 February 2020)
- Scores of Israeli settlers broke into the Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem under heavy protection of Israeli special police forces. 79 settlers, including 30 students, provocatively toured the holy Islamic site. The Israeli police, meanwhile, imposed strict restrictions on the entry of Palestinian Muslims into the site. A Jewish organization had called for mass entry into the Aqsa Mosque on Monday to commemorate their so-called "Tu Bishvat" feast. (PALINFO 10 February 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque amid heavy police presence and tight restrictions on Palestinian worshipers. Israeli police allowed 123 Jewish settlers to storm al-Aqsa Mosque in the morning. The settlers performed Talmudic rituals and roamed al-Aqsa courtyards while receiving presentations on the alleged "Temple Mount". Meanwhile, the Israeli police forces tightened entry restrictions on Palestinian worshipers. Two worshipers named Aren

al-Za'anin and Mohammed Amara were handed orders banning them from entering al-Aqsa Mosque for six months and four months, respectively. (PALINFO 11 February 2020)

- Dozens of Israeli settlers escorted by police forces desecrated the Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem. Police forces were deployed across the holy site as groups of settlers were touring its courtyards under security escort. During the presence of settlers inside the Mosque compound, entry restrictions were imposed on Muslim worshipers at the entrances leading to the Mosque and their IDs are seized until they leave the holy place. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers desecrated the Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem under tight police protection in groups. 122 settlers entered the Islamic holy site through al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards. (PALINFO 13 February 2020)
- [Settlers](#) and right-wing activists warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he would lose votes for the March 2 election unless he applied sovereignty to the West Bank settlements now. "If you want the support of the Right – act like you are the leader of the Right," Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan said as he addressed a rally of several thousand that was held on the street outside Netanyahu's Jerusalem residence. The crowd chanted "sovereignty now" and sang, "the Jewish people live." Netanyahu had initially pledged to apply sovereignty to all the West Bank settlements. But he held off at the request of the Trump administration, which wants both Israel and the US to jointly map out the territory, before any action is taken. At the rally, settlers urged Netanyahu to ignore Washington and focus on his voters at home. ([IPOST](#) 14 February 2020)
- Armed Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian shepherds in the town of al-Mughayyir, in central occupied West Bank, while grazing their livestock. Dozens of armed settlers chased and brutally assaulted several Palestinian civilians, forcing them out of their fields, injuring five, three of whom were transferred to hospital, suffering various fractures and bruises. Israeli military forces installed a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the village of al-Mughayyir, in central occupied West Bank, coordinated with the Settlers. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)
- Armed Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian shepherds while they were grazing their livestock in the town of al-Mughayyir, to the northeast of Ramallah city, and injured some of them. Dozens of settlers chased the Palestinian shepherds out of the grazing fields and brutally beat them up injuring five of them with bruises and fractures, three of whom were evacuated to a nearby hospital for treatment due to their severe

conditions. The IOA deliberately installed a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the village following the attack and prevented anyone from reaching the attacked shepherds. (WAFa 17 February 2020)

- Israeli Settler rabbi Yehudah Glick and dozens of Jewish settlers defiled al-Aqsa Mosque under tight police guard. Glick and scores of Israeli settlers forced their way into al-Aqsa Mosque through al-Maghareba Gate and carried out provocative tours inside the compound before they left through al-Silsila Gate. Meanwhile, the Israeli police tightened restrictions on the Palestinian worshipers entering the site and ordered many of them to stay outside. (PALINFO 19 February 2020)
- Thousands of Israeli settlers stormed the northern Jordan Valley villages of al-Burj and Umm al-Qaba. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted a convoy of buses packed with hundreds of settlers into the two villages, and stayed there for over four hours. (WAFa 21 February 2020)
- Thousands of Israeli settlers stormed the Palestinian villages of al-Burj and Umm al-Qaba in the northern Jordan Valley, northern occupied West Bank. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted a *convoy of buses* packed with some **4,000** settlers into the two villages, where they stayed for more than four hours. The IOA manning the checkpoint of Tayaseer, east of Tubas city, closed it in both directions in the morning in a prelude to the settlers' invasion into the villages. (IMEMC 21 February 2020)
- At least two Palestinians were injured when a group of settlers raided the village of Ein el-Auja, a small Bedouin hamlet to the north of Jericho. Dozens of armed settlers accompanied by attack dogs forced their way into the village and attempted to steal livestock belonging to local residents. The settlers clashed with local residents who attempted to fend off their attack, and at least two locals were injured by the settlers. The two, both are in their twenties, were moved to nearby Jericho. The attack occurred, an Israeli army (IOA) broke into the village to provide protection for the settlers, and while they were there the force briefly detained two Palestinians from the village. (WAFa 21 February 2020)
- Two young men suffered injuries when a horde of Jewish settlers physically assaulted them in Ras Ein al-Auja hamlet, north of Jericho city. Dozens of settlers escorted by dogs stormed the hamlet and tried to steal some sheep from local residents and beat two young men as they tried to fend them off. The wounded young men were identified as Hani Ata, 24, and Haitham Suleiman, 20. They suffered head

- injuries. Soon later, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the area and provided protection for the settlers and detained two other young men for several hours.(PALINFO 22 February 2020)
- Dozens of armed settlers accompanied by many Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Old City of Hebron, and harassed many Palestinians. (IMEMC 23 February 2020)
  - Israeli settlers embarked on fencing large tracts of land in the northern Jordan Valley as they chased Palestinian herders out of pastures in the area. The settlers continued for the second day in a row encircling Palestinian-owned agricultural lands in the aforementioned area with fences, aiming to make it hard for land owners to access their lands and property. The settlers also chased herders off the targeted areas, noting that this will result in blocking thousands of dunums in the Jordan Valley. As a result, Palestinian herders and farmers will not be able to access their lands. (WAFA 23 February 2020)
  - Many Israeli settlers attacked several Palestinian shepherds in the at-Tiwana village, near Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The Israeli assailants came from Havat Ma'on outpost and started hurling rocks at the shepherds. Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) came to the scene but did not intervene, and instead were trying to force the Palestinian shepherds away. (IMEMC 23 February 2020)
  - Dozens of Jewish settlers desecrated the Aqsa Mosque's courtyards under police protection. 48 settlers entered the Mosque through al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards under police guard. Some settlers were reportedly seen performing rituals during their tours of the Islamic holy site. The Aqsa Mosque is exposed to daily desecration by Jewish settlers and police forces in the morning and the afternoon except on Fridays and Saturdays. The Israeli occupation police close al-Maghariba Gate, which is used by Jews to enter the Mosque, at 10:30 am after the settlers complete their morning tours at the holy site. Later in the afternoon, the same gate is reopened for evening tours by settlers. During the presence of settlers inside the Mosque compound, entry restrictions are imposed on Muslim worshipers at the entrances leading to the Mosque and their IDs are seized until they leave the holy place.(PALINFO 23 February 2020)
  - Many Israeli settlers invaded Palestinian grazing lands in the West Bank's Northern plains, before installing fences around them. Settlers invaded the grazing lands, east of Khirbat Makhoul village, and north of Khirbat Samra. Settlers installed fences around large areas of grazing lands in the two areas, to completely prevent the Palestinian shepherds

from entering them. It is worth mentioning that the areas where the attacks took place are near a small illegal outpost that was installed by a settler, who brought his herd with the help of other colonists and remained there due to the complacency of Israeli soldiers.(IMEMC 23 February 2020)

- Israeli settlers continued fencing large tracts of land in the northern Jordan Valley as they chased Palestinian herders out of pastures in the area. Settlers continued for the second day in a row encircling thousands of dunums of Palestinian-owned agricultural lands. Settlers installed fences around large areas of grazing lands in the West Bank's Northern plains. (IMEMC 24 February 2020)
- Groups of Jewish settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem under tight police guard. 39 Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque while accompanied by a large police force. The settlers performed Talmudic rituals and roamed the site while receiving presentations on the alleged "Temple Mount".(PALINFO 24 February 2020)
- Israeli settlers destroyed Palestinian wheat fields with poisonous chemicals near al-Sakout village in the northern Jordan Valley. Israeli settlers sprayed about 12 dunums of wheat fields with poisonous pesticides destroying and burning crops.(PALINFO 24 February 2020)
- In the latest Israeli settler attack, Jewish settlers vandalized at least eight Palestinian vehicles in Yasuf village, located to the east of Salfit city in the West Bank. A group of settlers sneaked their way into the village, where they punctured the tires of at least eight vehicles. Settlers also scrawled graffiti threatening to kill Palestinians in "Judea and Samaria", the Jewish nationalist name Israel gives to the occupied West Bank to reinforce its bogus claims to the territory and to give them a veneer of historical and religious legitimacy. (WAFSA 26 February 2020)
- Scores of Israeli settlers forced their way into al-Aqsa Mosque through al-Maghareba Gate while accompanied by a large police force. Dozens of Israeli settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque, roamed its courtyards and carried out provocative rituals inside the compound. Meanwhile, Israeli police forces imposed tight restrictions on the Palestinian worshipers entering al-Aqsa Mosque. (PAL INFO 26 February 2020)
- A number of Palestinian citizens were injured by Israeli gunfire and tear gas bombs during confrontations after hordes of Israeli settlers forced their way into Joseph's Tomb east of Nablus City. The Israeli



Occupation Army (IOA) escorted about 2000 Jewish settlers into the site, which sparked confrontations with Palestinian residents. The Palestinians closed the roads in the area with car tires while the IOA attacked them with rubber-coated metal bullets, tear gas canisters and stun grenades. Four Palestinians suffered rubber bullet injuries and about 16 choked on tear gas.(PAL INFO 26 February 2020)

- 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. (WAFSA 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)
- Israeli settlers vandalized at least eight Palestinian vehicles in Yasuf village, located east of Salfit city, central occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli settlers managed to sneak into the village late at night and puncture the tires of eight vehicles, as well as covering the vehicles with racist, anti-Palestinian graffiti. Some of the graffiti read "Kill Arabs", "War Against Arabs in Judea and Samaria" and "Price Tag" in Hebrew. The name "Judea and Samaria" is the Israeli nationalist name given to the occupied West Bank, in an attempt to reinforce its claims to the territory, to give those claims a veneer of historical and religious legitimacy. Also, on Thursday, illegal Israeli settlers uprooted hundreds of olive trees belonging to Palestinians south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 28 February 2020)

- Dozens of Israeli settlers attacked, the town of Huwwara, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, before attacking homes and cars, causing damage. Many settlers stormed the village, and fired many rounds of live ammunition. The settlers hurled stones at many homes and cars, causing damage. The Palestinians tried to defend their homes and chase the assailants away, before Israeli occupation Army (IOA), stationed nearby, fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. The IOA and the settlers then withdrew from the town.(IMEMC 28 February 2020)
- Israeli settlers chopped off about 200 grape trees belonging to a Palestinian farmer in the village of al-Khader, near Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. . The Israeli Settlers broke into a grape-planted grove belonging to a Palestinian villager from al-Khader, before proceeding to chop off about 200 trees there. This was the second attack by settlers on the village since yesterday, when a group of settlers forced their way into another ranch and smashed dozens of grape trees that belong to local villagers. (WAFa 29 February 2020)
- A Palestinian man was injured after he was attacked by Jewish settlers near the village of Burqa, to the north of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. A group of settlers attacked and beat up a Palestinian farmer identified as Mahmoud Hussein Hajji, 58, while he was working in a farm of his own near the village. Hajji sustained a moderate injury and was moved to hospital for medical treatment. (WAFa 29 February 2020)

## Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) forced a Palestinian citizen in Khilat Abd neighborhood of Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem, to demolish his own home. The homeowner was identified as Ibrahim Erekat and he had to demolish a residential structure he lived in with his family to avoid incurring a heavy penalty if Israeli bulldozers came and removed it. (PALINFO 1 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed pipelines that were supplying the northern Jordan Valley village of Bardala with irrigation water, according to Ziad Sawafta, deputy mayor of Bardala village council. Mayor Sawafta told WAFa correspondence that Israeli forces regularly destroy the pipes supplying water for irrigation in Bardala, noting that the village suffers from water shortage due to Israel's refusal to provide it with more than 100 cubic meters of water per hour, when the needed amount is 240 cubic meters. He added that this

harms the agricultural crops, which is the village's main source of income.(IMEMC 4 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished, a Palestinian home in Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of occupied East Jerusalem, under the pretext of being built without a permit. The owner of the demolished property was identified as Nidal Shawamra. The IOA broke into Nidal's home and forced him, along with his family, out of the property, without allowing them to remove their furniture and belongings. The IOA then demolished the property rendering the family, including his elderly mother, homeless. Shawamra stated that he built the 120 square/meter property in the year 2018, on his own land, and added that Israel is claiming the land is "owned by Jewish settlers. (IMEMC 4 February 2020)
- A Palestinian resident of Jenin, northern occupied West Bank, was informed by the Israeli army that the house he rebuilt after it was demolished in 2018, will be demolished once again. Homeowner Jamal Qumba received a notice from Israeli occupation Army (IOA) informing him of the intention to demolish his house. An appeal by the Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center (JLAC) was made to the Israeli High Court, on his behalf was rejected. The army stated its intent to seize the land under the same pretext. Qumba said the 160-square meter houses 8 members of his family, belongs to his handicapped brother who has the land deeds to prove ownership of the house.(IMEMC 4 February 2020)
- The Israeli army notified a number of Palestinians in the northern Jordan Valley village of Fasayil of its intention to demolish their under-construction houses and animal barns, under the pretext that they were built without Israeli permission. (IMEMC 4 February 2020)
- Israeli municipal bulldozers escorted by police forces demolished the foundations of a house under construction in the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood in the southeast of Occupied Jerusalem. The structure belonged to a citizen with special needs called Ismail Qara'ain. The Israeli occupation municipality also destroyed a fence surrounding a piece of land in the same neighborhood. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)
- Israeli municipal employees surveyed vast areas in Wadi al-Rababa neighborhood in Silwan town, south of the Aqsa Mosque, as part of infrastructural works for the building of light rail lines in the holy city. (PALINFO 4 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a shack and seized another in the village of Deir Qaddis, north of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah. The bulldozers stormed the area and proceeded to demolish one shack and seize another belonging to Anwar Nasser. (IMEMC 6 February 2020))
- The Israel occupation authorities, ordered a halt to the rehabilitation of a school playground in the village of Susiya, southern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 6 February 2020))
- The Israel occupation authorities notified a Palestinian resident, Nael Abu Aqel, of Sebastia village in Nablus Governorate of its intention to demolish his structure, and ordered Malik Makhalfeh to remove his tent from the archaeological area of the village.(IMEMC 6 February 2020))
- An Israeli court ordered the eviction of Palestinian families from a building in Silwan district’s Batan al-Hawa neighborhood, east of Occupied Jerusalem, at the pretext that it belonged to Jews in the past. The order was issued in response to another eviction petition filed by Ateret Cohanim, a settler group seeking to increase the Jewish presence in east Jerusalem and the eviction of hundreds of Palestinians from the eastern part of the city. The order was issued by the Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem and would lead to the evacuation of the families of Odeh and Shuweiki, who own the building. The court rejected all the objections put forward by the families against previous court eviction notices it received in 2018 from Ateret Cohanim, which claimed that the families had built their apartment building on land that was owned by Yemenite Jews before Israel's establishment in 1948. The court gave the families until mid-August to evacuate the building. Following multiple legal claims filed by Ateret Cohanim, the same court recently issued eviction orders against many Jerusalemite families living in Batan al-Hawa neighborhood. 84 Palestinian families living in Baten al-Hawa neighborhood received during the past years court eviction notices or orders. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- A Palestinian family from Jabal al—Mokabber village, in occupied East Jerusalem, was forced to demolish its own home in, after the City Council claimed that the land where the property is built is “state land” where constructions are prohibited. The owner of the property, Maha ad-Dibis, said she and her family had to demolish their own

home, after receiving a demolition order several days ago, informing them that they have twelve days to destroy the property or face very high fines and fees, in addition to the cost of the demolition if the city uses its workers and machines. The home was built four years ago on land that has been owned by the family for many generations and added that the City Council is alleging the land has been confiscated and is considered a state-owned property. The city also imposed an additional 45.000 Shekels fine that the family has been paying over the last three years, in addition to paying legal costs to the attorney and the courts. (IMEMC 9 February 2020)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) informed the family of Palestinian detainee, Qassam Barghouthi, of its intention to demolish the family's home in the central West Bank village of Kobar. The army told the family that they have until Thursday to object to the order, but the family said it will not, since the court will rule against them, as they have in all similar cases. (IMEMC 11 February 2020)
- The Israeli municipality in Occupied Jerusalem displaced a Palestinian family after forcing it to demolish its own home in Jabel Mukaber neighborhood, southeast of the holy city. Al-Dabs family said that it carried out an Israeli court verdict ordering it to raze the house within 12 days, adding that it had to comply with the order in order to avoid paying demolition expenses to the Israeli occupation authority (IOA). The family had tried for years to obtain a license for the house and incurred all legal expenses and a 45,000 shekel penalty for building with no license. The IOA claims the house was built illegally on land confiscated by the state, although the family has documents proving its ownership of the land. The house, built four years ago, was accommodating five individuals. (PALINFO 11 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) bulldozed Souk al-Halal, a livestock market, in Wadi al-Samen area in the east of al-Khalil city. The market is an important cattle auction hub for Palestinian citizens and provides them with their livestock needs. The municipality affirmed that this market belongs to it, considering such Israeli measure as a flagrant violation of international treaties and agreements. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army on Tuesday stormed Humsa at-Tahta hamlet in the northern Jordan Valley and delivered stop-work orders on housing and livestock structures. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)
- Employees from the Israeli army's civil administration escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) served notices ordering a local resident

to stop building four structures to be used for housing and storing purposes. Mohamed Bisharat, the owner of these structures, had been ordered a month ago to remove other structures in the area at the pretext they were located on an archeological site. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)

- The Israeli Civil Administration confiscates a shack housing a family in Tal a-Smadi in the Jordan Valley. At around 12:00 A.M., Civil Administration personnel came with military jeeps and a crane truck to the community of Tal a-Smadi northwest of the village of al-Jiftlik, in the Jordan Valley. Sixteen families live in this community, 13 of them permanently and three on a seasonal basis. The forces dismantled and confiscated a shack that housed a family of three, including one child, and delivered a “warning order for cessation of antiquity destruction” to four other families. (PCHRGZA 12 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian housing unit in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, under the pretext that it is allegedly on “state lands” and is owned by Bilal al-Rajbi. The IOA accompanied by a bulldozer invaded Jabal Johar neighborhood in Hebron at 9 am and evacuated the 55-square-meter caravan. Bilal’s family, consisting of seven members, has lived in the caravan since September 2019, when the army demolished their home the last time. (IMEMC 13 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) notified Palestinian citizens of its intents to demolish their homes in at-Tuwani village, east of Yatta town in southern al-Khalil. The homes belong to Fadel Wamfadi, Rabhi Rab’iee and Khader Suleiman and are inhabited by their families. The IOA also confiscated a cargo truck carrying construction steel in at-Tuwani village. (PLAINFO 13 February 2020)
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem demolished a house belonging to a Palestinian citizen in the occupied Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, under the pretext of being built without an Israeli permit. Homeowner, Iyad Shweiki said that two days ago, the crews of the Israeli municipality handed him the demolition order, which stated that the family must evacuate the house, where his family of six were living. The family of six has become homeless due to the Israeli policy of denying building permits to Palestinian citizens, and demolishing of Palestinian homes, while allowing illegal settlements to expand, in violation of International Law. (IMEMC 14 February 2020))
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) forced Iyad Shuwaiki to demolish his own home in al-Thuri neighborhood, south of the Aqsa

Mosque, and displaced his family in order to build a school in its place. The house was accommodating six members of Shuwaiki's family in addition to him and his wife. Shuwaiki received a notice giving him two days to remove the equipment he used to demolish his house and ordering him not to enter his land again. The Israeli municipality demolished another fence belonging to a Jerusalemite citizen near the razed house of Shuwaiki. (IMEMC 14 February 2020)

- In Hebron (al-Khalil), the Israeli occupation army demolished a Palestinian house in Jabel Joher area in the east of the city at the pretext it was located near the settlement of Kiryat Arba. The house belonged to Bilad al-Rajbi and was accommodating a family of five members. (IMEMC 14 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed water holes in Khirbet Allan, in Al-Jiftlik village of the northern Jordan Valley. An Israeli force from the occupation army and the so-called "Civil Administration" raided the area and closed water holes, explaining that the occupation is marketing false arguments for closing water holes by alleging that these holes are illegal. (IMEMC, BTSELEM 17 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a residential compound and confiscated its contents in the Tel Al-Samadi area of Al-Jiftlik, and ordered the evacuation of more than 15 facilities. The policy of eviction notifications was adopted by the occupation during the current year, as a new policy to displace the population and expel them from their areas of residence. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) demolished a crude home, confiscated its content and handed local residents notices ordering them to evacuate over 15 homes and structures in Tel as-Samaddi area of al-Jiftlik village in the Jordan Valley. The military orders claimed the homes and structures are located in an archeological area in the Jordan Valley. (PALINFO 17 February 2020)
- Israeli bulldozers demolished an agricultural shack and razed land in Tarqumiya, to the west of the occupied southern West Bank city of Hebron. The IO bulldozers demolished the shack and razed about five dunums of land owned by Ibrahim Dababseh, a local resident. (Wafa 17 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) destroyed couplings in pipes providing water to al-Shunah area of al-Jiftlik village, located in the Jordan Valley to the north of Jericho. The IOA raided the village and proceeded to destroy the connectors supplying running water to Palestinian crops. Palestinians tend to install water connector to the

main Israeli water carrier lines which supply between 400 and 700 cubic meters of underground Palestinian water per hour to the colonial settlements, which is for them the only way they can get water to their homes, crops and livestock as Israel bans them from building water pipes of their own. (WAFSA 17 February 2020)

- A Palestinian man from Jabal al-Mokabber town, south of occupied East Jerusalem, had to demolish his own home, to avoid excessive Israeli fines and fees. The Palestinian, Montaser Shqairat, had to demolish his two-story home after the City Council claimed that he did not obtain a construction permit. The city threatened to impose dozens of thousands of shekels in fines and fees if he does not destroy his home, in addition to billing him for the demolition costs if it was carried out by the city's workers and equipment. (IMEMC 18 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed couplings in pipes providing water to al-Shunah area of al-Jiftlik village, in the Jordan Valley, north of Jericho. The IOA invaded the village and proceeded to destroy the connectors supplying running water to Palestinian crops. Palestinians are forced to install a water connector to the main Israeli water carrier lines which supply between 400 and 700 cubic meters of underground Palestinian water *per hour* to the illegal colonial settlements. This is the only way Palestinians are able to get water to their homes, crops and livestock, as Israel bans them from building water pipes of their own. (IMEMC 18 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a horse barn and a cesspit in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabal al-Mukaber under the pretext of unlicensed building. The IOA escorted a bulldozer to Jabal al-Mukaber, where the heavy machinery proceeded to tear down the barn and the cesspit. Owner of the demolished structures was identified as Ahmad Warad al-Zatraa. Using the pretext of illegal building, Israel demolishes houses on a regular basis to restrict Palestinian expansion in occupied Jerusalem. At the same time, the municipality and government build tens of thousands of housing units in illegal settlements in East Jerusalem for Jews with a goal to offset the demographic balance in favor of the Jewish settlers in the occupied city. (WAFSA 19 February 2020)
- Israeli police shut down a bakery shop and detained the owner in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israeli police shut down a bakery shop in Bab Hutta neighborhood, citing the distribution of ka'ek, a crusty bread



with sesame seeds, to Muslim worshipers on last Friday free of charge as a pretext. The owner of the bakery shop, identified as Nasser Abu Sneina, was detained. (Wafa 19 February 2020)

- In their efforts to prevent education in the Palestinian areas classified as C, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a caravan used as a school classroom in the village of Susiya, in Masafer Yatta cluster to the south of the occupied southern West Bank city of Hebron. The IOA seized the classroom caravan under the pretext of construction without permit. The IOA recently issued an order to halt the construction of a playing ground in the same school. (Wafa 19 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a residential caravan in Birin village in Masafer Yatta cluster under the pretext it was placed at the site without a permit. The caravan was donated as a charity to two elderly sisters, one 85 years of age and the second 65, to use as shelter and home. (Wafa 19 February 2020)
- The Israeli army issued demolition orders against four Palestinian residential structures in Masafer Yatta in the south of the occupied West Bank. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Masafer Yatta and delivered the demolition notices to the four residents under the pretext that they were built without an Israeli permission. Masafer Yatta is classified as Area C, which is under full Israeli military control. Area C makes up around 60 percent of the area of the occupied West Bank, which Israel plans to annex after expelling its Palestinian population. (Wafa 20 February 2020)
- The Israeli Supreme Court gave the go-ahead to demolish the Ramallah-area family homes of five Palestinian detainees. The Israeli court unanimously approved the demolition despite multiple petitions filed by the prisoners' families against the demolition. The court explained its approval by the need to "establish credible deterrence against attacks." (Wafa 20 February 2020)
- The Israeli Supreme Court gave the go-ahead on Wednesday for the military to demolish the family homes of five Palestinian detainees allegedly involved in the killing of a settler in late August 2019. All five are from the Ramallah area, and are serving long terms in Israeli prison camps. Israeli authorities decided that their families must also be punished, and that the homes of their parents, wives and children should be destroyed. The Israeli court unanimously approved the demolition despite multiple petitions filed by the prisoners' families against the demolition. The court explained its approval by the need to "establish credible deterrence against attacks." Collective punishment

is a violation of international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention.(IMEMC 21 February 2020)

- 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) forced a young Palestinian man to demolish his own home in Shu’fat town, in occupied Jerusalem, reportedly for being built without a permit. The Palestinian, Mohammad Abdul-Salam al-Bashti, 26, from Shu’fat town in Jerusalem, said that an Israeli court ordered him to demolish his home for being built without a permit, despite various appeals and fines. The court told him that if the City Council uses its workers and equipment in demolishing the property, he will be facing a 70.000 Shekels fine, in addition to other costs and penalties. The young man, who lived in the 129 square/meter two-story property with his wife, was ordered to complete the demolition before the end of the day, and started the demolition, Al-Bashti has been appealing with Israeli courts since March of the year 2019. (WAFa 28 February 2020)

- A Palestinian, identified as Maher Siyam, had to demolish his home, in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in Jerusalem. While Israel continues to build and expand its segregated illegal colonies, in direct violation of International Law and the Fourth Geneva Convention, the Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem, and Area C (%60) of the occupied West Bank, continue to be denied construction permits, and face the demolition of their homes and property (WAFA 28 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army demolished four Palestinian-owned structures in Masafer Yatta, south of al-Khalil city in the West Bank. Israeli troops escorting bulldozers stormed different areas in Masafer Yatta and knocked down two homes and livestock stores at the pretext that construction in their areas are forbidden. The homes belonged to Mohamed Abu Arram and Ahmed Hamamdeh and the cattle structures belonged to Ezzat Zain and Kayed Zain. (PALINFO 28 February 2020)
- Dozens of Palestinians were injured when Israeli occupation Army (IO) attacked the weekly demonstration against the settlement in Kafr Qaddum village east of the West Bank city of Qalqilya. Confrontations flared up between Palestinian protesters and IOF soldiers after the latter dispersed the march with live ammunition, rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. six Palestinians suffered injuries by live and rubber bullets, while over 30 Palestinians choked on tear gas and were treated in the field.(PAL INFO 28 February 2020)
- The Israeli municipality in Occupied Jerusalem displaced a Palestinian family after forcing it to demolish its own house in Shu'afat refugee camp at the pretext of unlicensed construction. The homeowner, Mohamed al-Bashti, said that an Israeli court had issued a verdict ordering him to raze his home in Shu'afat camp or get prepared to pay about 70,000 shekels if the municipality carried out the demolition. Bashti had been trying to prevent the demolition of his two-story house since March 2019, pointing out that he was living with his wife in the house. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)
- Citizen Maher Siyam, from Silwan town in the south of the Aqsa Mosque, started to demolish his own home under the same pretext after the Israeli municipality forced him to do so.(PALINFO 29 February 2020)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli authorities issued orders to seize a large tract of Palestinian agricultural land to the west of the occupied West Bank city of

Bethlehem. The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) delivered orders to takeover dozens of dunums of Palestinian land, that are located next to the Israeli colonial settlement of Beitar Illit in favor of establishing an industrial zone and outposts. The land slated for takeover belongs to the Husan and Wadi Fukin villages as well as the depopulated village of al-Qabbu, all located to the west and southwest of Bethlehem. The threatened land is 622 dunums. (IMEMC 12 February 2020)

- Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, ordered the army to continue airstrikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu announced his decision to persist with the bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip, after speaking with several Israeli officials, including the head of the Shin Bet security agency, defense minister, Naftali Bennett, and the head of National Security. The next day, the Israeli army warplanes targeted posts in the northern part of the Strip. At noon, 14 rockets were allegedly fired from Gaza toward Israel, 12 of them were purportedly destroyed by the Israeli Iron Dome defense system, no reports of any injuries were reported at the time of reporting. (IMEMC 25 February 2020)
- 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**

- Israeli settlers from Karnei Shomron settlement razed tracts of Palestinian land in Jinsafut village in Qalqilya province to build new housing units. Palestinian farmers in Jinsafut said that they have lost their most fertile lands to Israeli settlement expansion which is witnessing an unprecedented increase in the area. (PALINFO 5 February 2020)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) pumped large amounts of rainwater into agricultural lands east of besieged Gaza. The IOA opened rainwater dams along the border with the besieged Gaza Strip, causing farmlands east of Gaza City to sink. This is the fifth time this season Israeli forces have caused damage to large amounts of crops in the already-starved Gaza. This repeated move has caused Palestinian farmers in Gaza losses estimated at half a million dollars. (PALINFO 10 February 2020)
- Israeli bulldozers continued to level dozens of dunums of Palestinian land in Hares village, west of Salfit in the occupied West Bank, to prepare the area for the expansion of the settlement of Ariel and the construction of new factories. The bulldozed land, about 250 dunums,

belongs to the Islamic Awqaf Authority and is located between Hares village and Burqin town. The Israeli occupation authority bulldozed over 100 dunums of this land about one month ago and resumed its leveling activities again with no prior notice. The same bulldozers also destroyed a cultivated plot of land belonging to a local farmer called Omar Fazaa in a nearby area. (PALINFO 12 February 2020)

- A Palestinian-owned house in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem, partially collapsed as a result of ongoing underground excavations by Israeli authorities and illegal settler organizations, Mr. Thaher Sharabati said his house sustained minor landslides during the recent low pressure and the accompanying heavy rainfall, which he said were the result of the ongoing Israeli excavations. Sharabati lives in the house together with the rest of his 8-member family. The underground digs by Israeli settler organizations in Jerusalem without any consideration for the safety of the Palestinian families living there have posed serious threats to the Palestinian population. (IMEMC 13 February 2020)
- Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have started construction work on a new road that would link the Israeli settlements of Eli and Shilo in the north of the occupied West Bank with the Jordan Valley. The settler-only road is about eight kilometers long, and passes through fertile agricultural lands in the Palestinian villages of Duma, Telfit, Qaryut and Al-Mughair, south of Nablus all the way to the village of Fasayil in the central Jordan Valley. The new road is one of the most dangerous projects implemented by the Israeli government in terms of the size of the land seized to construct it and restrictions imposed on the movement of Palestinians. In 2014, the Israeli government approved a huge plan to construct dozens of roads and bypass roads for Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank, with the aim of seizing tens of thousands of acres of Palestinian land. ([MEM](#) 14 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) bulldozed privately-owned Palestinian lands in Burin village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The IOA bulldozed and uprooted the lands in Ein al-Jiniyya area, in Jabal Salam al-Farsi Mountain. The bulldozing took place on private property near the Yetzhar settlement. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded, Palestinian lands in the villages of Iskaka and Yasuf, east of Salfit city in central West Bank, and started bulldozing them to expand a Settlement. The 50 dunums-land are privately owned by the villagers and are in the eastern area of Iskaka and the southern area of Yasuf. Israel is trying to expand the

Nofei Nehemia and to install new segregated roads. (Wafa, IMEMC 17 February 2020)

- Several armored Israeli military vehicles invaded Palestinian farmlands near Beit Lahia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, and opened fire at farmers in Khan Younis, in southern Gaza. Several army vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded Palestinian farmlands north of Beit Lahia, and started uprooting sections close to the perimeter fence. The Israeli army fired sporadic rounds of live ammunition during the invasion, before withdrawing to the military base, across the fence. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)
- Israeli military army stationed on military towers across the fence, east of Khan Younis, fired many live rounds at farmers on their lands, forcing them away. (IMEMC 17 February 2020)
- Israeli bulldozers proceeded to raze Palestinian lands in the village of Huwwara, south of the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli bulldozers have been razing lands since the early morning hours near the village's military checkpoint in preparation to build a bypass road for the settlers. Israeli government issued a decision to build the 7-kilometer-long road in April, whose establishment will lead to the seizure of more than 400 dunums of land from seven villages to the south of Nablus. Opening this road will cause losses in agricultural lands and will contribute to Israel's apartheid system of separate roads to settlers and the original Palestinian inhabitants of the area. Israel also started the construction of an 8-kilometer-long road that would connect the settlements of Eli and Shilo in the Nablus district with other colonial settlements in the occupied Jordan Valley to the east. (Wafa 25 February 2020)
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- 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)

## Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) began the groundwork for the construction of a road that would connect the settlements in the northern occupied West Bank with those in the Jordan Valley. The planned 8-kilometer-long road would connect the settlements of Eli and Shilo in Nablus Governorates with settlements in the Jordan Valley, describing the move as one of the most serious Israeli projects aimed to seize more Palestinian land and further restrict Palestinian movement. The fertile agricultural lands which Israeli is exploiting belongs to the Palestinian villages of Duma, Talfit, Qaryout, and al-Mughayyir, south of Nablus, and to the villagers of Fasayel in the central Jordan Valley.(IMEMC 13 February 2020)
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing announced that it plans to construct thousands of new Israeli settlement units in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Kafr Aqab, in violation of international law and all past signed peace agreements, and even violating the Trump-Kushner Plan, which had designated the neighborhood as part of the fast-shrinking Palestinian territory. The Trump-Kushner 'Deal of the Century' had considered Kafr Aqab as one of the few Palestinian areas to be left under Palestinian control. But the Israeli Ministry of Housing has other plans for the land in question, including displacing the existing Palestinian population and replacing them with Jewish-only settlements. According to the Israeli paper *Ha'aretz*, the new settlement "will be built on the lands of Qalandiya Airport, up to the separation wall, so that the wall separates the new settlement neighborhood and Palestinian areas in the Jerusalem area, such as Kafr Aqab." The plan for the new settlement includes about 1,200 acres, and will include the construction of 6 to 9 thousand housing units, with shopping centers comprising an additional 300,000 square meters. The Israeli Ministry of Housing claims that the land is owned by the state and the National Fund for Israel, but acknowledges that a large proportion of the land is owned by individual Palestinian owners. According to the plan, ownership will be redistributed in the area before the licenses are issued, without the consent of the landowners. The settlement plan includes lands at the airport "Atarot" (Qalandia),



which was closed by the Israeli authorities when the Second Intifada broke out in September 2000. Haaretz pointed out that the settlement plan was drawn up several years ago, and it was frozen on more than one occasion due to international political pressure rejecting settlement in the occupied territories in 1967. This included opposition from the previous American administration, headed by Barack Obama at the time, who opposed settlement expansion in Jerusalem. According to Haaretz, “the Trump peace plan’s chapter on Jerusalem includes a section titled ‘Special Tourist Area.’ The plan specifies that ‘The State of Israel should allow for the development by the State of Palestine of a special tourism zone in Atarot, in a specific area to be agreed upon by the parties.’ “This zone, according to the peace plan, ‘should be a world class tourist zone that should support Muslim tourism to Jerusalem and its holy sites,’ and would include restaurants, shops, hotels, cultural centers, and other tourism facilities, along with ‘state-of-the-art public transportation that provides easy access to and from the holy sites.’” But with this announcement from the Israeli Housing Ministry, it seems that Israeli officials are already thwarting the proposal for a Palestinian tourist area in Atarot, by pre-emptively constructing a colonial settlement that encompasses the entire neighborhood around Atarot and displaces the thousands of Palestinian residents who live there. ([PEACENOW](#), IMEMC, Haaretz, [IPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 19 February 2020)

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the construction of thousands of housing units in Israeli settlements in Jerusalem. Netanyahu said there are plans for at least 4,000 houses to be built, with 3,000 of the units set to be constructed in the settlement of Givat HaMatos in south Jerusalem and another 1,000 in Beit Safafa, a Palestinian town in East Jerusalem, and is meant to benefit the local residents. The announcement comes less than two weeks before the March 2 election and eight years since the [plans for construction in the area](#) had been put forward but halted due to international pressure. The plan is meant to connect all parts of the "united" Jerusalem and establish a new Jewish neighborhood. “Today, I announce the establishment of Har Homa Heh, a neighborhood in which we will build 2,200 residential units. This is another approximately 12,000 residents. Har Homa will be a neighborhood with around 50,000 residents. This is like an average-sized city in Israel, just in this neighborhood alone.” ([Ynetnews](#) , [IPOST](#), [PEACENOW](#) , [Haaretz](#) 20 February 2020)

- We are building up Jerusalem and the outskirts of Jerusalem. I gave an immediate directive, to deposit plans to build 3500 housing units in E1," the prime minister said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu crossed a diplomatic redline Tuesday when he announced he would advance plans for the construction of 3,500 homes in an undeveloped area of Ma'aleh Adumim known as E1. The settlement, the third largest Jewish West Bank city, is located just east of Jerusalem. Israel considers [Ma'aleh Adumim](#) and the E1 section essential to safeguard a unified Jerusalem. "We are [building up Jerusalem](#) and the outskirts of Jerusalem," Netanyahu told a largely right-wing crowd at the annual Besheva conference in Jerusalem. "I gave an immediate directive, to deposit plans to build of 3,500 housing units in E1," he said to applause. "This thing has been frozen," Netanyahu said, adding that E1 building has "enormous significance," and "I believe that everyone here understands what that is." Netanyahu also confirmed that a tender had been published this week for 1,077 homes for a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, called Givat Hamatos, in the south part of the capital not far from PA-controlled Bethlehem in area A of the West Bank. Both projects had been diplomatically sensitive because the Palestinians and much of the international community believe they harm the territorial contiguity of a future Palestinian state. Under former president Barack Obama, the US pressured Israel not to advance either project. The E1 neighborhood, first put forward by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, has been viewed as particularly sensitive. Every prime minister since Rabin has promised to build there, but no one ever has, apart from an isolated police station atop the hill of E1. Netanyahu renewed his E1 pledge in 2012 in response to a UN General Assembly decision to upgrade Palestinian status to that of a nonmember state, a move that was considered to be a de facto recognition of Palestinian statehood. But nothing ever came of that pledge, which was similarly made during an election period. At that time, Netanyahu was under pressure from the former Obama administration not to make a move on E1. The Trump administration presumably has no issue with E1 construction, given that it has already said Israel can apply sovereignty to all the settlements, simply not at this time. This presumably includes E1, which is located within Ma'aleh Adumim's municipal boundaries. MA'ALEH ADUMIM Mayor Benny Kashriel has long argued that the area is needed to allow for population growth in his city of some 38,000 people. "This is a celebratory day for Ma'aleh Adumim," he told The Jerusalem Post. "Building in E1 is a housing solution for many young couples... It promises territorial contiguity with Jerusalem." Kashriel said he

believes Netanyahu because the professional staff has already been ordered to work on submission of the plans to the Higher Planning Council for Judea and Samaria. Yesha Council head David Elhayani, who is also Jordan Valley Regional Council chairman, welcomed Netanyahu's "important decision," which he said would enable a "broad and strategic" link between Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim. Palestinian officials on Tuesday condemned the E1 project and warned that Israeli policies would lead to further tensions with the Palestinians." (JPOST 25 February 2020)

- A tender was issued Monday for 1,077 homes in a new Jewish neighborhood on east Jerusalem's Givat Hamatos, not far from the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, Peace Now said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pushed forward the project to help cement Israel's hold on a [united Jerusalem](#). Peace Now has warned that it would "sever" the territorial contiguity of a Palestinian Jerusalem-Bethlehem metropolitan area. "Construction in Givat Hamatos is a serious blow to the two-state solution. This is the last point enabling territorial continuity between Bethlehem and east Jerusalem," the NGO said. Bids open March 5 and close on June 22. Peace Now further stated that the IDF's Higher Planning Council for Judea and Samaria intends to meet on Thursday to advance plans for building 1,148 homes in West Bank [settlements](#). Among the projects on the agenda is a new industrial park, Sha'ar Hashomron, which will be located near Kalkilya. The council will also move on a plan for 620 homes in the settlement of Eli, which had been frozen due to a High Court of Justice injunction against the project. The court removed that injunction last week. All of Israel's building measures over the pre-1967 lines fall within the parameters of the Trump peace plan. But the Palestinians and the United Nations, as well as Peace Now, are holding out for a two-state solution based on the pre-1967 lines, with east Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital. With an eye to that parameter, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov spoke against Israel building over the pre-1967 lines, as well as Israeli moves to advance sovereignty, when he addressed the UN Security Council in New York by video from Jerusalem. "The Secretary-General [Antonio Guterres] has consistently spoken out against unilateral steps and plans for annexation," Mladenov said. "Such steps, including the possible annexation of territory in the West Bank or similar moves, would have a devastating impact on the prospect for a two-state solution. They would close the door to negotiations, have negative repercussions across the region, and severely undermine opportunities

for normalization and regional peace.”(PEACENOW, JPOST 25 February 2020)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) continued, for the sixth consecutive day, to impose tight security measures on movement of Palestinian citizens on roads near the villages and towns of northwestern Ramallah. The IOA shut down the road barriers on the main roads leading to villages and towns in the northwest of Ramallah, set up new checkpoints and obstructed the movement of Palestinian citizens and their vehicles. Such Israeli restrictions on movement always cause a heavy build-up of traffic on the roads, especially when citizens go to and come from their workplaces and schools. The villages and towns affected by these Israeli measures are Beit Rima, Nabi Saleh, Deir Ghassana, Deir Nidham, Aboud, and Kafr Ein (all in Ramallah), as well as Qirawa, Kafr ad-Dik, and Burqin in western Salfit. (PALINFO 15 February 2020)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) placed concrete blocks at the main entrance of Deir Nitham village, west of the city, completely closing it. The IOA placed concrete blocks, and an iron gate, at the main entrance of the village a few days ago, but the locals managed to remove them and reopened the road. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) sealed off the main checkpoint of Tayaseer, east of Tubas city, in the northern West Bank. The IOA manning the checkpoint closed it in both directions, disconnecting Tubas from the northern Jordan Valley and forcing Palestinians to look for longer routes to reach their destinations. Israeli severely restricts Palestinians’ freedom of movement through a complex combination of approximately 100 fixed checkpoints, flying checkpoints, settler-only roads and various other physical obstructions. Closures besides to other measures, taken under the guise of security, are intended to entrench Israel’s 51-year-old military occupation of the West Bank and its settler colonial project which it enforces with routine and frequently deadly violence against Palestinians.(WAFSA 21 February 2020)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) sealed off all entrances to the village of Kisan, east of Bethlehem, southern occupied West Bank, as a

prelude to take over a piece of land there. Ahmad Ghazal, Kisan deputy head of village council, said Israeli military forces stormed the village amid intensive security measures and sealed off all entrances, preventing residents from entering or leaving the village. He said Israeli forces informed him of their intentions to take over a piece of land in the village, and confiscate all equipment in the area, where a new Palestinian school project recently began.(IMEMC 3 February 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) announced tightening restrictions on the movement of goods into the Gaza Strip and on the movement of merchants/businesspersons in response to incendiary balloons and projectiles fired towards Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip. In a press release, Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Maj. Gen. Kamil Abu Rokon, announced freezing facilitations relevant to commerce, economy and movement across checkpoints, including decreasing the number of business persons permits and ceasing import of cement to the Gaza Strip. The Coordinator proclaimed that these measures are in response to *violence* against Israel in its border area with the Gaza Strip and launching projectiles towards Israel. Israeli authorities informed the Presidential Committee for Goods Coordination in Gaza that its decision to ban the entry of cement into the Gaza Strip is effective as of February 1, 2020. Simultaneously, IOF annulled 460 exit permits previously issued for businesspersons from the Gaza Strip. It should be noted that this decision followed Israeli authorities' decision 3 days earlier to allow entry of the type of cement used for tiling through Kerm Shalom crossing in a departure from the Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism (GRM) managed by the United Nations. While entry of cement used to make concrete was sustained through GRM. This decision falls under the Israeli closure policy imposed on the Gaza Strip since June 2007, as tight restrictions are imposed on the movement of persons and goods ever since. In terms of commercial crossing, Israeli authorities have 62 items listed on the "dual-use" items, these items include basic materials and commodities. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- Israel reinforced closure of two access roads to the village of Deir Nidham, northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, already closed with a metal gate and a concrete barrier, with dirt mounds. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) added dirt mounds to the two northern entrances to the village despite the fact that they have been shut for a while with a metal gate and a concrete barrier to make it harder for even people to walk through them on foot, let alone drive

their cars. Only one access road remains for the village, on the eastern side, but that one also has an iron gate installed and a permanent military checkpoint where people are usually stopped and inspected, often delayed for hours.(Wafa 20 February 2020)

- About 5,000 different industrial and economic facilities and businesses were shut down as a result of the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip. The closure of these facilities is a dangerous indicator of the deterioration of the humanitarian situation as a result of the blockade. Thousands of workers, engineers, accountants and technicians stopped working and the economy wheel has come to a halt.(PALINFO 22 February 2020)
- A Palestinian bakery in the heart of Old Jerusalem has been forced to close by Israeli authorities after 60 years in business. The reason provided for the forced closure was that the bakery had been providing baked goods to Palestinian worshipers headed to Al-Aqsa Mosque to pray. The Israeli occupation government in Jerusalem ordered the owner of the bakery, Abu Naser Abu Sneineh, to cease providing ka'ek — an oval shaped bread with sesame seeds that is extremely popular in Palestine — to people praying at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli municipal authorities that gave the order did not say why it was a problem for the bakery to be distributing ka'ek to worshipers. Crews from the Israeli municipality and police stormed the bakery, owned by Abu Naser Abu Sneineh, in the neighborhood of Bab Hittah and detained the son of the owner for several hours. The Israeli municipality had previously stormed the bakery on February 9th and threatened to close it unless Abu Sneineh fulfilled certain terms in one week. The municipality accused the bakery, which has been working for over 60 years so far, of distributing its famous Palestinian Ka'ek to worshipers at Al Aqsa mosque during the “Great Dawn” campaign. The bakery was previously targeted by several Israeli search and raid campaigns.(IMEMC 24 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA), decided to close the territories from next Monday, through Tuesday. The closure will include the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and that the authorities cited parliamentary Israeli elections, which are slated for Monday, March 2, 2020. However, the decision excludes humanitarian cases, involving patients in need of treatment, at Israeli or West Bank hospitals. Other categories of Palestinian travelers will be barred from crossing into Israel-ruled regions. Both Gaza and the West Bank are populated by Palestinians, who have nothing to do with Israeli elections. Closing their territories affects the movement of both people and goods, as

Israeli border crossings are the main gateways, in and out of Palestinian territories. Israeli elections, to be held next Monday, are the third round after two similar rounds in April and September of last year, had failed to bring an elected Israeli government. (IMEMC 29 February 2019)

## Other

- [Israeli War Minister Naftali Bennett](#)'s decision to stop agricultural trade with the Palestinian Authority in the occupied West Bank came into force on Sunday morning. Israeli channel 13 claimed, according to Al Ray, that Bennett's decision was made allegedly in response to the Palestinian boycott of importing cattle and other livestock from Israel. Last September, the Palestinian government announced a complete halt to the import of livestock from Israeli occupation. It attributed the decision to its policy of economic disengagement from the "occupation economy." (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- [Israeli War Minister Naftali Bennett](#) decided, last night, to freeze entry of cement shipments to the besieged Gaza Strip, in response to what he called daily Palestinian attacks on Israeli areas. According to Maariv newspaper, the Israeli army gave instructions, at the behest of Bennett, to suspend cement exports to Gaza and withdraw permits from 500 cement dealers. The measure, which is to take effect as of Sunday morning, was reportedly in response to daily Gaza attacks, which resumed recently after the Israeli occupation authority deliberately opened floodgates to dams and flooded vast tracts of farmlands and roads in the east of Gaza, causing considerable losses to the agricultural sector in particular. (IMEMC 3 February 2020)
- The Trump administration released its long-delayed, much-discussed and highly-controversial peace plan to considerable Israeli acclaim and overwhelming Palestinian protestation last week. View of the border area between Israel and Egypt as it seen from Route 10, southern Israel, on December 5, 2018. (Yossi Zeliger/Flash90) Its main points are by now well known. If implemented, the proposal would hand some 30 percent of the West Bank, including the Jordan Valley, to Israel. A future Palestinian state over the remaining 70% would have restricted sovereignty, especially where its defense is concerned, with Israel maintaining security control over the West Bank's airspace and border crossings into Jordan. There would be no right of return for refugees or the descendants of Palestinian refugees into Israeli territory, and a Palestinian capital would be declared in East Jerusalem, but only in its

easternmost sections that lie outside of Israel's security barrier, some of which, like Abu Dis, are considered part of Jerusalem by Palestinians but not by Israelis. Meanwhile, the Palestinians would need to recognize Israel as a Jewish nation-state. All of that was enough for many observers and pundits to call the US proposal the most pro-Israel in the 27-year history of the peace process. US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu participate in a joint statement in the East Room of the White House, in Washington, DC, on January 28, 2020. (Sarah Silbiger/Getty Images/AFP) The Palestinians have long asserted that the pre-1967 borders should be the basis from which to begin negotiations for a two-state solution with East Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital. The new map pushes those borders deep into the West Bank and accepts numerous longstanding Israeli demands from the Palestinians as key planks of the plan — such as Palestine's demilitarization. The Trump administration has argued its new map recognizes the realities on the ground of Israeli settlement expansion and security needs — and may constitute the Palestinians' "last chance" to stop Israel from "expanding" further and secure for themselves a state. At the same time, the discussion around the American proposal has sometimes overlooked some of its key stipulations and suggestions — some of them favorable to Israel, but not all. These include a re-examination of the prohibition on Jewish prayer on the ultra-sensitive Temple Mount, the idea of a deeply controversial remarcating of a handful of Arab Israeli towns adjacent to the West Bank to the new Palestinian state, the transfer of a section of Israeli territory south of the West Bank to the Palestinian state, the release of many Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails, and a strangely shaped new section of the Palestinian state that runs nearly half the length of the Israel-Egypt border — but does not touch the border, which remains in Israeli control.

1. Temple Mount prayer The Trump plan appears to both support and reject Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, a contradiction Trump administration officials tried to explain by saying Jewish prayer would be permitted only by "agreement of all the parties." Muslim men attend Friday prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City on January 31, 2020. (Ahmad Gharabli/AFP) The US plan calls for maintaining the decades-old "status quo" on the Temple Mount — according to which only Muslims may pray at the site, while Jews are permitted only restricted visits — but appears to contradict itself in stating: "People of every faith should be permitted to pray on the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif, in a manner that is fully respectful to their religion, taking into account the times of each religion's prayers and holidays, as well as other religious factors." The



situation at the holy site — the holiest place in Judaism, and the third holiest in Islam — is acutely sensitive. The proposal has already drawn ire and even a veiled warning from Jordan, long the agreed-upon “custodian” of the holy site. Right-wing Israeli Jewish religious groups have recently made efforts to pray at the Temple Mount and stepped up their visits to the site. Palestinians and Jordanian authorities have opposed such visits as provocations, and have expressed concerns that Israel intends to take over the site or partition it. The Israeli government has repeatedly said it has no intention of changing the arrangements. Illustrative: Israelis walk by the Dome of the Rock Mosque in the Temple Mount compound in Jerusalem, June 2, 2019. (AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

2. Arab Israelis remarcated to Palestine  
The Trump administration provided two maps with its proposal, but did not demarcate the current Green Line on the maps, leaving some guesswork as to how the new lines compared to the existing ones. Vision for Peace Conceptual Map published by the Trump Administration on January 28, 2020 Those who superimposed the Trump maps with the current situation and carefully read the administration’s “vision” document could better understand two unexpected elements of the plan: talk of the possible handing of several Arabpopulated Israeli towns in the north to the future Palestinian state, as well as the reallocation to a future Palestine of a significant stretch of semi-arid desert near Arad. The dark green section in the map attached to the above tweet shows areas earmarked, and possibly earmarked, to be handed by Israel to the Palestinians. The most controversial areas are, not surprisingly, the ones populated by Israeli citizens. The plan envisages a possible ethnic division of the land – the core of international partition plans of the past, but an idea that has been called racist when applied by present-day Israel to its Arab minority. The plan suggests entire towns, including Umm al-Fahm, Ar’are and others in the so-called “Triangle” area adjacent to the northern West Bank, could be handed over to the Palestinian state, but does not explicitly state whether those towns’ residents would see their Israeli citizenship revoked in favor of a Palestinian one. Aides to Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday rejected the remarcation idea.

3. The southern West Bank grows  
I recreated the map Kushner/Dermer/Friedman/Berkowitz/Greenblatt attached to their plan. I had to make some judgement calls because some key parts were hidden under a bridge/tunnel marker. [pic.twitter.com/vsJC7tubEU](https://pic.twitter.com/vsJC7tubEU)” — Dan Rothem (@drothem) January 30, 2020” “ The dark green area just below the West Bank includes semi-arid desert, and is today home to a sparse population of Bedouin and

some military training areas. It marks a third significant chunk of what is Israeli territory intended for land swaps with the future Palestine, to compensate for the 30% of West Bank territory — notably including the Jordan Valley area and all the settlements — that is to be annexed by Israel with American backing. The two other chunks of Israeli territory to be swapped are both in the Negev, near the Israel-Egypt border. A view of the Ma'ale Adumim settlement in the West Bank, Jan. 28, 2020. (Menahem Kahana/AFP) 4. Lines in the sand One of those two Negev chunks is designated in the plan for a large Palestinian industrial zone. The other is intended as a residential and agricultural area still further south. Both sit on a strip of future Palestinian territory attached by a thin line to the Gaza Strip; this line of new Palestinian areas stretches nearly half the length of the Israel-Egypt border, but doesn't touch the Egyptian border itself, where a narrow Israeli-held band controls the border clear up to Gaza. Asked to comment on the feasibility of that stretch, the plan's chief architect Jared Kushner told the Egyptian outlet El Hekaya on Saturday, "We have one of the biggest developers in the Middle East who will hopefully announce soon that he's going to come on board to help us do a master plan for the new additions in Gaza." He did not name the developer, but said the individual would help establish a high-tech manufacturing industrial zone and a residential agricultural zone for Palestinians in the two pockets. Israel's border with Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. (Judah Ari Gross/Times of Israel) 5. Cover-ups The White House has lauded its plan by saying it places some 97% of Israelis living in the West Bank within contiguous Israeli territory and some 97% of Palestinians in the West Bank within contiguous Palestinian territory. By "contiguous," Trump administration officials mean a series of "bridges and tunnels" set down in the plan that would allow Palestinians and Israelis to travel over and under each other between areas belonging to their respective states without having to pass through Israeli checkpoints or drive around the other side's enclaves, Kushner said on Saturday. But some observers have noted that the American "conceptual map" provided with the peace plan was drawn for clarity rather than detail, and places large circular crossing symbols at sites where those bridges and tunnels would be placed — covering up their actual locations and much of the surrounding areas where the plan envisages them being constructed. With its thickly drawn lines, the map is as vague about Palestinian interconnectedness as it is about how Israelis will access 15 Israeli enclaves that require them to drive through Palestinian areas. Vision for Peace Conceptual Map published by the Trump Administration on January 28, 2020 As such, it's not clear from the plan exactly how many

passages would need to be built, how long each would stretch, and where these passages might create bottlenecks for the flow of people and goods inside a “contiguous” Palestinian state. 6. Freeing prisoners, but not murderers In a final, largely overlooked clause, the plan also calls for Palestinian prisoners to be released from Israeli prisons, except those convicted of murder, attempted murder or conspiracy to commit murder, or those who are Israeli citizens. ([TOI](#) 3 February 2020)

- The so-called “Trump Plan” proposes for Israel to annex large, invasive swaths of the West Bank, while entertaining an idea for Israel to swap out populated Israeli territory in the Wadi Ara region to a Palestinian statelet and to remove the citizenship of hundreds of thousands of Arab citizens of Israel. Both of these aspects of the plan make them a non-starter for Palestinians, are morally indefensible, and pose critical questions on Israel’s security and democracy. To read more on why Israel must oppose the Trump annexation plan, read [Peace Now’s full paper here](#). Data on the plan’s annexation and populated land swaps reveals the following: **30% of the West Bank to be annexed by Israel:** 327,070 Palestinians to officially be brought under Israeli sovereignty – 107,070 (West Bank) + 220,000 (East Jerusalem). 647,072 Israelis to officially be brought under Israeli sovereignty – 412,798 (settlements), 14,274 (settlement enclaves in Palestinian territory), 220,000 (East Jerusalem). Israeli territory equal to 13.5% of the West Bank to be swapped out to a Palestinian statelet. 132,028 Arab citizens to be swapped out according to the Trump Plan map. 257,050 Arab citizens to be swapped out according to the Trump Plan list. 120,000 East Jerusalem Palestinian non-citizen permanent residents to be swapped out. ([PEACENOW](#) 5 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army, on Wednesday, announced it was reducing the size of the Gaza fishing zone by a third, in light of the continued launch of projectiles and flaming balloons toward Israeli territory. “Following security consultations, it has been decided today (Wednesday), to restrict the fishing zone of the Gaza Strip from 15 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles, starting from 4 p.m. until further notice,” the Israeli military liaison to the Palestinians said, in a statement published in Israeli newspapers, Days of Palestine reports. However, it should be noted that such attacks on Israeli areas resumed recently after the Israeli occupation authority deliberately and repeatedly opened floodgates to dams and flooded vast tracts of farmlands and roads in the east of Gaza, causing considerable losses to the agricultural sector in particular.(IMEMC)

- Around a week after [the ruling ordering the Nasser Rajabi family](#) to leave their home (three families with 22 persons), [the Magistrate's Court ruled](#) last week that the Duweik family would have to evacuate its house in favor of settlers in Batan al-Hawa until August 2, 2020 (five families with 26 persons). Yesterday, [the Magistrate's Court ruled](#) that the Shweiki and Odeh families should be evacuated from their house by August 15, 2020 (three families with 19 persons). The lawsuits are part of [a series of dozens of eviction lawsuits](#) filed by people from Ateret Cohanim settlers group against some 84 Palestinian families living in the Batan al-Hawa in Silwan, putting a community of 700 people in danger of being evicted. The settlers' claims are based on the fact that in the late 19th century the land was allocated by its Jewish owners to a Jewish trust for the benefit of the poor Yemenite Jews of Jerusalem. Today, in the name of the same trust, settlers seek to evict the Palestinian families who built their homes lawfully on that land after 1948. Since 2015, 14 families have been evacuated from Batan al-Hawa. The three judgments this month ordered the eviction of another 11 families with 57 persons, and another some 80 other families are in court in eviction cases. In all cases of the past month, families intend to appeal to the district court, a procedure that usually takes several months to a year. ([PEACENOW](#) 6 March 2020)
- More than 100 House Democrats signed a letter to US president Trump rejecting his Middle East peace plan (informally known as the deal of the century), saying it would "harm Israelis and Palestinians alike and push them toward further conflict." The two-page letter, led by Democratic Congressmen Alan Lowenthal (Jewish) and Andy Levin, warned that Trump's plan "paves the way for a permanent occupation of the West Bank." "It does not have our support, and the Israeli government must not take it as license to violate International law by annexing all or portions of the West Bank," their letter read. The House in December passed a bipartisan resolution Lowenthal and affirming US support for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that is achieved through direct negotiations and without any unilateral annexation of territory. The Democratic lawmakers accuse Trump of "an inappropriate intervention in the coming Israeli elections by releasing his peace plan while Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu is facing formal corruption charges. (PALINFO 8 February 2020)
- Israel has begun preparing a precise map of the parts of the West Bank it will [annex](#) in accordance with the new US peace plan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Saturday. "We are in the middle of the process of mapping out the territory that will be part of Israel

according to the Trump [plan](#),” Netanyahu said at a Likud event in Ma’aleh Adumim. “It won’t take much time... Within a few weeks, it will happen.” ([IPOST](#) 8 February 2020)

- The Jerusalem municipality on Thursday rescinded a decision to name streets in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan after rabbis. A municipality official said that a tour of the area made it clear that residents of the streets were primarily Arabs, and that it had been recommended that the streets be given more neutral names, the Walla news site reported. A city committee in June 2019 approved a proposal to name streets in the area after rabbis and Yemenite Jewish community leaders who lived in the area in the past, including the rabbis Avraham Al-Naddaf, Shalom Halevi Elsheich and Yosef Medmoni. The committee’s proposal was met with some internal resistance, but the mayor’s office claimed that the streets in the proposal did not have Palestinian residents and that the plan could go forward. Silwan residents petitioned the decision to the Supreme Court, saying that “giving Jewish names to streets and alleyways in a neighborhood which has an overwhelming majority of Arab residents infringes on their rights of identity and respect.” The petition said that forcing Jewish street names in the neighborhood disregarded residents’ heritage, identity and culture and was an attempt to marginalize them from the city’s public spaces. ([TOI](#) 8 February 2020)
- Israel's war minister Naftali Bennett has ordered a ban on the transfer of Palestinian agricultural products to Jordan, the Occupied West Bank's only direct export outlet to the outside world. The so-called Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, that all Palestinian agriculture products would be banned from export to world markets through Jordan starting Sunday, 9 February 2020. The move is part of the sanctions that Israel has placed on the Palestinian Authority after the latter limited the import of calves from Israel. Last week Israel decided to stop agricultural imports from the Palestinian Authority. (PALINFO, Haaretz 9 February 2020)
- Israel banned the export of Palestinian produce via Jordan, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Maj. Gen. Kamil said, marking a further escalation in a trade dispute between Israel and the Palestinians that began in October. According to the office of Defense Minister Naftali Bennett, the move is part of the sanctions that Israel placed on the Palestinian Authority after the PA [limited the import of calves](#) from Israel. The sanctions are tiered, and will be increased so long as the crisis remains unresolved. For full story , read here ([Haaretz](#) 9 February 2020)

- Israel has begun to draw up maps of land in the occupied West Bank that will be annexed in accordance with US President Donald Trump's proposed peace plan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday. "We are already at the height of the process of mapping the area that, according to the Trump plan, will become part of the state of Israel. It won't take too long," Netanyahu said at an election campaign rally in the Maale Adumim settlement. Netanyahu said the area would include all Israeli settlements and the Jordan Valley - territory Israel has kept under military occupation since its capture in the 1967 Middle East war but which Palestinians want in a future state. "The only map that can be accepted as the map of Palestine is the map of the Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital," said Nabil Abu Rdainah, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Prospects for annexations, which have already been widely condemned, are unclear. Israel will hold a national election on March 2 and Netanyahu, who is facing criminal corruption charges, is hoping to win a fifth term in office. He presently heads a caretaker government, whose legal authority to annex territory is still undecided by judicial authorities. ([NST](#) 9 February 2020)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel will only extend sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and areas of the West Bank with the agreement of Washington, taking another step back from his initial declarations that he would speedily move ahead with the measure. Many settler leaders, along with Defense Minister Naftali Bennett, have been urging Netanyahu to immediately begin the process of extending sovereignty — tantamount to annexation — ever since US President Donald Trump allowed for it in his peace plan, unveiled last month. But Washington has since made it clear it wants Jerusalem to wait until at least after the coming March 2 elections in Israel before taking any steps. Speaking at a tree-planting ceremony in the Mevo'ot Yeriho settlement in the Jordan Valley to mark Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish new year for trees, Netanyahu said the consent of the Palestinians is not necessary. "We will do this with the agreement of the Americans, because what we are doing is not unilateral," Netanyahu told members of the Jordan Valley Regional Council. "Trump said he will recognize sovereignty in the Jordan Valley, the northern Dead Sea, and all the settlements in Judea and Samaria," he said. "It does not depend on the agreement of the Palestinians. We are, at the moment, dealing with the mapping." The prime minister said Trump has made good on previous promises to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the US embassy to the city in 2017, to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, and to pull out of



a nuclear deal with Iran in 2018 — all moves strongly backed by Netanyahu. “Now he is saying that he will recognize sovereignty after the work, that we are in full swing of, is completed,” Netanyahu said. ([TOI](#), [MFA](#) 10 February 2020)

- The UN human rights office released a list of more than 100 companies it said are complicit in violating Palestinian human rights by operating in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. The UN step is considered the first-ever international attempt to name and shame businesses that have ties with Israel’s illegal settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territories. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, released a statement along with the report, saying she was “conscious this issue has been and will continue to be highly contentious.” “However, after an extensive and meticulous review process, we are satisfied this fact-based report reflects the serious consideration that has been given to this unprecedented and highly complex mandate, and that it responds appropriately to the Human Rights Council’s request contained in resolution 31/36,” she added. In 2016, the UN Human Rights Council adopted resolution 31/36, requesting the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to produce a report investigating the “implications of settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including east Jerusalem.” Due to Israeli and US pressure, the publication of the report was delayed for years to the disdain of human rights groups around the world. The release of the report on Wednesday was swiftly criticized by Israel and its supporters. Israeli foreign minister Israel Katz called it a “stain” on the OHCHR, and threatened to take action against the council by Israel. The report names 112 business entities the office says it has reasonable grounds to conclude have been involved in different activities related to illegal settlements. They include Airbnb, Booking.com, Expedia Group and Motorola Solutions. However, the report does not call for sanctions or have any concrete impact on the companies. Human Rights Watch (HRW), a vocal critic of Israel’s settlement activity, applauded the report. “The long-awaited release of the UN settlement business database should put all companies on notice: To do business with illegal settlements is to aid in the commission of war crimes,” Bruno Stagno, HRW’s deputy executive director for advocacy, said. The list contains names of 94 Israeli and 18 international companies — that have ties to illegal settlements, and are

involved in one or more of the following 10 activities as stated by the OHCHR. (IMEMC 13 February 2020)

- Israel has suspended its ties with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights several hours after the UN body published a list of 112 companies that do business in West Bank settlements. FM Israel Katz's office said that the Minister ordered the "exceptional and harsh measure" in retaliation for Michelle Bachelet's office "serving the BDS campaign," referring to the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement. Katz intends to protect the companies operating in Israel, his office stated. He claimed that by publishing the list, the Human Rights Council joined the anti-Israel boycott movement, but stressed that the database is not legally binding. [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#) also slammed the council and similarly vowed to fight the database, Al Ray Palestinian Media Agency reports. "Not for nothing have I already ordered the severing of ties with it. It was also not for nothing that the American administration has taken this step together with us," he added, referring to the Trump administration's June 2018 decision to leave the council, citing its "chronic bias against Israel." The chairman and ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday slammed a report by a United Nations human rights body for blacklisting U.S. companies that operate in the Israeli-controlled parts of the West Bank. In separate statements, Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), the panel's chairman, and Sen. Bob Menendez (N.J.), the committee's top Democrat, criticized the report as politically motivated and encouraging the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Wednesday identified at least six American companies, including Airbnb, Expedia, Tripadvisor, Booking Holdings Inc., General Mills and Motorola, as operating in "illegal" Israeli settlements The United Nations views Israeli settlements as illegal under international law. "I am conscious this issue has been, and will continue to be, highly contentious," said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Bachelet. "However, after an extensive and meticulous review process, we are satisfied this fact-based report reflects the serious consideration that has been given to this unprecedented and highly complex mandate, and that it responds appropriately to the Human Rights Council's request contained in resolution 31/36," she said, referring to the council resolution that asked for the report.(IMEMC 13 February 2020)



- The Israeli occupation authorities last week prevented 57 Palestinians from the West Bank from travelling abroad through al-Karama border crossing with Jordan. 57 Palestinian passengers were banned from travel through al-Karama crossing for "security reasons" which the Israeli authorities refused to reveal. (PALINFO 15 February 2020)
- Global ecommerce web giant Amazon has been accused of discriminating against Palestinians by offering free shipping to illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank, but not to Palestinians living in the same area. In findings released in an investigation by the *Financial Times*, the newspaper discovered that by taking all of the illegal settlement addresses and entering them into Amazon's delivery portal, the company extends its website's offer of free shipping "if your shipping address is in Israel, your items are eligible, and your total order meets the minimum free shipping threshold of \$49." However, customers who list their address as "the Palestinian Territories" are forced to pay shipping and handling fees starting from \$24. Amazon spokesman Nick Caplin told the paper that Palestinians can only circumvent the issue "if a customer within the Palestinian Territories enters their address and selects Israel as the country, they can receive free shipping through the same promotion." All the company's deliveries have to pass through Israel in order to reach the occupied West Bank, causing long delays, Days of Palestine reports. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)
- The US government has appointed members of a committee tasked with mapping out areas of the occupied West Bank that Israel plans to annex as part of President Donald Trump's self-proclaimed "Deal of the Century." A senior Trump administration official told Israel Hayom daily that US ambassador to Israel [David Friedman](#) will lead the joint committee. Other committee members will include Friedman's senior adviser Aryeh Lightstone, and Scott Leith, a US National Security Council expert on Israel. Israeli members will include tourism minister Yariv Levin and Israeli ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer. The committee was announced by Trump last month during the unveiling of his scheme, which would see Israel control swathes of the West Bank in violation of the fundamental rights of the Palestinians. Trump said the joint committee would be formed to "convert the conceptual map into a more detailed and calibrated rendering so that recognition can be immediately achieved." There is still no set timeline for when the committee will finish its work, but Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been pressured by right-wing lawmakers in recent weeks to announce the immediate

annexation of all settlements before Israelis head to the polls. (IMEMC 16 February 2020)

- A plan by an Israeli group to hold a Burning Man-style event in the deserts of the occupied territories has sparked frustration among Palestinians and dismay from Israeli festival enthusiasts who say it goes against [the original event's founding principles](#). The annual gathering in the Nevada desert in the US, with its massive art installations, costumes and symbolic burning of an effigy of "The Man", has gathered a global following. In [Israel](#), its official partner, Midburn – which combines the Hebrew word for desert, "midbar", with "burn" – has been running events, or "burns", since 2014. But since the group had trouble finding a location in Israeli deserts, several "burners" broke away to form their own, unofficial festival. Organisers say the Dead Sea Burn event has already received approval by Israel's military for up to 15,000 people to assemble on land near the border with Jordan, the Dead Sea and the Palestinian city of Jericho. It will still need Israeli police permissions before it can go ahead in April. Yaron Ben Shoshan, who is a joint-lead on the project, says he has been pushing for Palestinians to attend and argues his efforts are not political, although he understands why people would see it that way. The bad side is fighting about the area and arguing with each other and making the gap deeper. The other way of reacting is to say, 'we have an opportunity here to show our leaders that we as people can communicate and enjoy ourselves together.'" However, the military has far more restrictive rules for Palestinians who live in the area than it does for Israelis. West Bank Palestinians who would like to attend need first to secure permission from the Israeli army, organisers say. The location at which the event is scheduled to take place belongs to a territory claimed by Israeli settlements, which are often built on land taken from Palestinians. Local Palestinian residents and authorities were not consulted. ([The Guardian](#) 16 February 2020)
- The members of a joint US-Israeli committee tasked with mapping out areas of the West Bank that Israel intends to annex as part of US president Donald Trump's deal of the century (peace plan) have reportedly started their work. The committee includes US ambassador to Israel David Friedman and his adviser Aryeh Lightstone, as well as Scott Leith, director of the Israeli and Palestinian affairs at the US national security council. The Israeli members are tourism minister Yariv Levin, Israeli national security council chief Meir Ben-Shabbat, the prime minister's office director-general, Ronen Peretz and Israel's

ambassador to the US Ron Dermer. The committee will work on producing maps of the occupied Palestinian areas where Israel have been given the green light by the US administration to annex to its sovereignty. Friedman, a known supporter of Jewish settlements, had told reporters at the White House immediately after the Trump administration's peace plan was announced that Israel could "annex settlements at any time" and "should not wait at all" to do so. Under the plan, the US administration has approved Israel's intent to annex about 30 percent of the West Bank and Jerusalem, including all of the illegal settlements and the Jordan Valley. (PALINFO, [IPOST](#) 17 February 2020)

- A Palestinian family living on the border between the Jerusalem-area village of Beit Izja and the Jewish [settlement](#) Givon Ha'hadasha have found themselves living in an isolated sectioned-off area surrounded by the settlement. The Gharib family claims that they built the home more than 40 years ago on land they claimed has belonged to their family since the Ottoman period. When Givon Ha'adasah was founded in 1977, the Israeli founders claimed ownership of the land surrounding the Gharib family's home, according to a report by BBC's Middle East correspondent Tom Bateman, who ran a video segment titled "The Palestinian family with its own checkpoint." For security purposes, the perimeter of the family's home was enclosed within a fence standing six meters high all around – leaving the family with only one entrance and exit as well as their own personal checkpoint. Pointing to an orange gate, Sa'adat Gharib told Bateman: "This is a special entrance for the occupation army. For any problems facing them, they come from this gate. They close off the entrance of the house, and we can't come in or out. They see this as protection for the settlers." When the security fence was initially built, the family claimed that the entrance-exit was consistently closed – forcing them to negotiate with security officials in order to leave their house, according to Haaretz. The family told Bateman that their housing situation was similar to living in a prison, due to the amount of control Israeli security forces have over his family home, mainly regarding the lone entrance-exit leading into the village of Beit Izja – which could be closed off at any moment – as well as the closed-circuit cameras surrounding and watching his property 24/7. To enter Givon Ha'hadasha, which is right outside the fence, Bateman had to travel through Palestinian neighborhoods, winding roads and even protests – a drive which took roughly an hour and a half – in order "to get right [back to] pretty much where we started." Givon Ha'hadasha resident Ilanit Gohar, whose family built their house 25 years ago, told Bateman

that the Gharibs had chosen their own lot. He chose this type of living," said Gohar to the BBC. "Once it was ruled that these lands aren't his, and that they belong to the State of Israel, he can't stop people [from] settling on this land. We can't move him, [but] he won't move us." Within the implication of the new Trump peace deal, without any changes, Givon Ha'hadasha, home to some 1,000 Israelis, would become recognized internationally as a formal part of Israel. ([IPOST](#) 17 February 2020)

- Authorities have given approval to move forward with a controversial plan to place a train station in the heart of Jerusalem's Old City and whisk tourists from Ben-Gurion Airport to the Western Wall, Transportation Minister Bezael Smotrich's office said Monday. In a statement, Smotrich's office said the plan, initiated by his predecessor Israel Katz, had been hindered over the past year, without elaborating. However, following a directive from Smotrich, the National Planning and Building Council approved a new route for the train, the Transportation Ministry said. It did not specify the details of the altered route. The plan involves extending the high-speed Jerusalem-Tel Aviv train line to the Old City. The plan would involve constructing two underground stations and excavating over two miles (three kilometers) of tunnel beneath downtown Jerusalem and under the politically and historically sensitive Old City – a project likely to raise fierce opposition by archaeologists, religious authorities and Palestinians. The Western Wall is the holiest site where Jews are allowed to pray. Smotrich praised the development as "historic," adding in a statement that the new train line "is huge news for Israeli residents and the millions of tourists who come to Jerusalem." "We are also succeeding in promoting the Zionist and Jewish agenda," he said. The plan was first introduced by former transportation minister Katz in 2017, who said the Old City train station would be named after US President Donald Trump, who had recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital a month earlier. Transportation Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadia said at the time that the project was estimated to cost more than \$700 million and, if approved, would take four years to complete. ([TOI](#) 17 February 2020)
- The government has approved a plan on Monday to extend the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem train line to the Western Wall, under pressure from Transportation Minister [Bezael Smotrich](#) of the far-right Yamina alliance – and despite objections from planning professionals. Several planning officials said the chances of the extension actually being built are virtually nil. However, the decision, made by the National Infrastructure Committee, means a lot of money will now be invested

in preparing detailed plans for it. The extension would run from the existing train station at the entrance to [Jerusalem](#) through two other stops in the city – one downtown and one near the Khan Theatre, which is southwest of the [Old City](#). From there, it would run underground for several hundred meters, culminating in an underground station to be built near the Old City's Dung Gate... The entire extension was originally proposed by former Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz; in his plan, the final stop was supposed to be inside the Old City. But the Antiquities Authority objected, so the station is now slated to be outside the Old City walls, between the Dung Gate and the City of David. ([Haaretz](#) 19 February 2020)

- The Palestinian Authority's Energy Authority has condemned an Israeli master plan for the development of an electricity grid in the West Bank, designed "to establish Israeli sovereignty in the West Bank and to support the brutal presence of the settlements on our land." The plan, which was not coordinated with the [PA](#) and is in the process of being approved by Israel's National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Ministry, seeks for the first time to provide a blueprint for the electricity market in the West Bank through 2040 and to develop infrastructure for Israeli settlements as well as for the Palestinians residing there. The Israeli portion of the plan, which is devoted to the settlements, is to be funded, planned and executed by Israel. However, it calls for the Palestinian Authority to carry out the Palestinian portion of the plan. Therefore, if the PA refuses to agree to it, that portion won't be implemented. The IEC supplies 99 percent of the electricity market in the West Bank, according to a 2017 World Bank report. The IEC's own financial report for 2018 states that during that year, the consumption of electricity from the Palestinian Authority constituted 7 percent of the Israeli power utility's customers. According to the new plan, the existence of which was first reported last week by the Israel Hayom daily, the IEC will build a network of high-tension transmission lines, which is the most expensive component of the plan and will serve both the settlements and the Palestinians in the West Bank. However, the Palestinian substations, where the high-tension electricity supplied is lowered to middle-level voltage and distributed to individual households, is to be planned and built by the PA. The substations for the settlements will be built by Israel. ([Haaretz](#) 20 February 2020))
- The Israeli authorities proceeded with a process to build a new road to be used only by Jewish settlers in the north of the occupied West Bank. The planned road will start from the village of Zaatara, south of Nablus, and will pass through land owned by the towns of Huwwara,



Beita and Odala. The Israeli government issued a decision to open this 7-kilometer-long road in April 2019, whose establishment will lead to the seizure of about 406 dunums of land from seven villages to the south of Nablus. The opening of this road will cause losses in agricultural lands and will contribute to Israel's apartheid system of separate roads to settlers and the original Palestinian inhabitants of the area. To be noted, Israel last week started the construction of an 8-kilometer-long road that would connect the colonial settlements of Eli and Shilo in Nablus district with other colonial settlements in the Jordan Valley. (Wafa 20 February 2020)

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had hoped that the unveiling of the US's Middle East [peace plan](#) would be his Trump card ahead of the March 2 election, energizing his base and presenting the electorate with an unprecedented diplomatic coup. Immediately after the White House ceremony at on January 28, where he stood side by side with US President Donald Trump as he revealed details of the far-reaching plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, [Netanyahu](#) promised that the following week he would bring to the cabinet a proposal to annex the Jordan Valley and extend Israeli sovereignty to West Bank settlements. Such a move would have been a major milestone, marking the first time since the 1967 Six Day War that Israel had formally annexed areas of the West Bank beyond east Jerusalem. ([IPOST](#) 21 February 2020)
- Defense Minister Naftali Bennett has told the ministry's legal adviser he opposes Palestinian construction underway in West Bank land south of Nablus, located in Area B, citing potential security threats to nearby Jewish settlements. The case of Palestinian construction in the area of the settlement Shiloh, south of Nablus, is currently being reviewed by the High Court of Justice. According to the Oslo Accords, Area B is defined as West Bank territory under Palestinian civil jurisdiction and Israeli security jurisdiction. Israeli interference in Area B construction is seen as highly unusual. According to the Ynet new site, preliminary Palestinian construction work in the area began in mid 2019, but local settlers became concerned over the work, as the land in question is on the border of Area C – under full Israeli control – and very near several Jewish communities. In a letter to the ministry's legal adviser in light of high court petitions on the matter, Bennett's adviser on settlements, Avi Roeh, said "there is no real justification for the construction in its current location of all places, and it seems its main purpose is to challenge Israeli security forces." ([TOI](#) 21 February 2020)
- A winery in the Israeli settlement of [Psagot](#) has introduced a special label named for U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. In a statement

earlier this week, the West Bank winery thanked Pompeo for repudiating a State Department finding that Israeli settlements were illegal. The [Psagot](#) winery has been active in efforts to resist international efforts to prevent goods produced in Israeli settlements from being labeled “Made in Israel.” In November, in a ruling in a case brought by the winery, the European Court of Justice decided that products made in Israeli settlements must be labeled as such when they are marketed in the European Union. The Pompeo bottle is not a new flavor but a a special label printed that will be used on several varieties of Psagot wines. ([IPOST](#) 22 February 2020)

- Israeli Defence Minister Naftali Bennett has announced that the Israeli government will never give up one inch of land to Arabs, Al Watan Voice reported on Friday. “In order to achieve this goal, we must continue the settlement enterprise,” Al Watan Voice reported Bennet informing Israel Hayom. He added: Settlement is one of the poles of Zionism so we must expand and continue going ahead with it. Meanwhile, Israel Hayom have revealed that the Israeli Planning and Construction Committee is slated to approve 1,900 new settlement units in West Bank settlements. “This is the decision of the Defence Minister Naftali Bennett,” the newspaper confirmed. “Based on his orders, the committee will convene on Wednesday in order to approve the plans before the elections,” it added. ([Middle East Monitor](#) 22 February 2020)
- The US members of a committee that will map out areas of the West Bank that Israel may annex as part of US President Donald Trump’s peace plan have set out for Israel, Channel 12 news reported. The American members of the joint committee are US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, his adviser Aryeh Lightstone, and C. Scott Leith, senior adviser for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict of the National Security Council. In Israel, they will join Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer, acting director of the Prime Minister’s Office Ronen Peretz, and Likud Minister Yariv Levin. Washington has said that Israel must hold off on annexing areas of the West Bank until the committee concludes its work, which could take weeks or months. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel will extend sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and areas of the West Bank only with the agreement of Washington. Any settler leaders, along with Defense Minister Naftali Bennett, have been urging Netanyahu to immediately begin the process of extending sovereignty — tantamount to annexation — ever since Trump allowed for it in his peace plan, unveiled last month. But Washington has since made it clear it [wants](#)

[Jerusalem to wait](#) and Netanyahu has backed off of promises to speedily take the step. ([TOI](#) 23 February 2020)

- “Council Members reiterated their support for a negotiated two-state solution... where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders.” The UN Security Council unanimously decided on Monday to maintain their stance of support for a potential two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict along with the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel through direct negotiations between both parties. Belgium, which holds the rotating presidency, released a statement saying that “Council Members reiterated their support for a negotiated two-state solution... where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders.” The decision was supported by all 15 members of the Security Council, including the United States. “All parties should refrain from undermining the viability of the two-state solution in order to maintain the prospects for a just, comprehensive and lasting peace,” the statement added, referring to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s recently announced [intention](#) to build thousands more homes in East Jerusalem, in an area with an overwhelmingly Palestinian majority. There was no reference to US President Donald Trump’s proposed [peace plan](#) in the decision.(J POST 25 February 2020)
- The Israeli defense establishment has created a new body aimed at coordinating efforts among different elements of the security sector in the event that settlements in the [West Bank](#) are annexed by the Israeli government. Some of the scenarios that would trigger the use of this new framework would be major terrorist attacks against Israelis, mass entry of Palestinians into Israeli settlements or Gazan residents into Israel, rocket launches from Syria and Lebanon, and widespread demonstrations. Similarly, additional concerns are being presented over mass demonstrations by Israeli Arabs, in protest of the decision to annex West Bank settlements. Jerusalem may also become a major area of escalation, and Palestinian residents of east Jerusalem may commit attacks and barricade access to the Temple Mount. The possibility of a third intifada remains low, however, according to the report. The report also detailed that preparations for serious escalations have already begun, under the assumption that after the elections, the government will make the decision to extend Israeli sovereignty to West Bank settlements. The new body will be referred to as the Cooperation Administration, which combines the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Israel Police and Shin Bet (Israel’s internal security service). The



combined system will be divided into separate sections that focus on security, intelligence and legal issues, with separate responsibilities and powers. Israel Police are likely to be responsible for incidents within Israel proper and the West Bank settlements, while the IDF will prevent terrorist attacks and defend Israel's borders. The Shin Bet will be solely responsible for intelligence, as is typically the case for the organization. The Foreign Ministry is also involved in the process, as [Israel](#) is expecting condemnation from states in the Arab world and European countries, where demonstrations are expected. It is estimated that the budget will be in the hundreds of millions of shekels. As part of the preparation process, joint exercises are expected to take place that will include representatives from all participating organizations. (JPOST 29 February 2020)