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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine
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The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of [Ahmad Nabeeh Abu ar-Rob](), and violently searched it, in Misilyah town, south of the city, causing property damage, before detaining the young man. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qabatia town, south of Jenin, and drove around its steel and alleys before withdrawing. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- In the Hebron governorate, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes, detained four Palestinians, and injured several others. The four detained Palestinians were identified as Mo'taz Thieb al-'Oweiwi, from his home in Hebron city, in addition to Eyad Ayman Aby Oleyyan, 18, from Yatta town, south of Hebron, and Walid Hussein Mizyin, 44, from the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of the city. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Za'ta area in Beit Ummar town, north of the city, and fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets at local protesters, and surrounding homes, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. During the invasion into the town, the IOA detained Mohammad Ahmad Abu Mariya, 32, a former political prisoner who was held by Israel for five years. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- In Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a former political prisoner, identified as Abbas Mohammad Shehada, 22, after storming his home in the city. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Hindaza area and the al-Mawaleh Mountain, in Bethlehem, in addition to Teqoua' town, east of the city. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a former political prisoner, identified as <u>Hotheifa Bader Halabiyya</u>, from Batn az-Zeit neighborhood in Abu Dis town, southeast of the city. It is worth mentioning that Hotheifa is a former political prisoner who was released in December of 2019, after he held a hunger strike for 67 days. Hotheifa, a married father of one child, was first detained on June 10th 2018, and was slapped with three consecutive arbitrary Administrative Detention orders, holding him captive without charges or trial, and was only released after holding the extended hunger strike which ended after reaching an agreement for his release without renewing the orders. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- In Jericho, in the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of Shaker Amara, 59, in Aqabat Jaber refugee camp, south of the city, and detained him after ransacking the property. The invasion into the refugee camp led to protests between several local youngsters and the IOA, while the army fired a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades, in addition to rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted, a young Palestinian man in Misilyah town, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and detained him after searching and ransacking his home. Several army jeeps invaded the town, before the IOA stormed and ransacked the home of Ahmad Nabeeh Abu ar-Rob, causing excessive property damage. The IOA assaulted the Palestinian in his own home before detaining him, and took him to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qabatia town, south of Jenin, and drove in various streets and neighborhoods before withdrawing. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Several Israeli settlers hurled stones, at the building of the Local Municipal Council of Teqoua' town, east of Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem in the West Bank. The settlers stopped their car in front of the Local Council's building, before jumping out of their vehicle and throwing stones at the building. The attack is the second in the last few days, while in the first attack, the settlers drew their weapons and threatened to shoot the Palestinians, before fleeing the town. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- Several Israeli settlers invaded, a Palestinian olive orchard, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and cut more than 40 olive trees. The settlers stormed an olive orchard in Ras ad-Deir area in Yitma village, south of Nablus. The settlers then cut more than 40 olive trees, owned by a Palestinian, identified as Mohammad Nassim Najjar. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- Israeli settlers cut down dozens of olive trees in the town of Nahalin, west of the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem. Settlers from the settlement of Givout, located within the Gush Etzion settlement bloc, cut down 40 olive trees owned by three brothers and another local resident. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- An Israeli settler stabbed, a Palestinian teenage boy in the neck, in occupied East Jerusalem, causing a mild-to-moderate injury. The settler assaulted the teen, Mohammad Natsha, 17, and stabbed him with a sharp object in his neck. The Israeli assailant is an ultra-orthodox Jewish settler, who fled the scene directly after assaulting the teen. The Israeli police was called to the scene, but did not make any arrests or reveal further information. The attack took place in the al-Misrara area in Salaheddin Street, in Jerusalem. The wounded teen is from Wadi al-Jouz neighborhood, north of the Old City. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and settlers joined forces in destroying 15 dunums of land planted with olive trees in an area located between the villages of Kaffa and Shoufa, southeast of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarm. The army and settlers used 10 bulldozers to destroy the land and uproot the trees and all crops planted there owned by Palestinians who live the village of Kaffa. The land is located near the settlement of Avni Hefetz, built on expropriated Palestinian land. The army has blocked off all roads leading to this land more than one month ago to prevent its owners from reaching it and as a prelude to taking it over. (WAFA 18 May 2020)

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Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- In the al-Walaja village, west of Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Nab'at al-Hadfa area, and demolished an 80 square/meter structure, owned by Fayez Abed-Rabbo, allegedly for being built without a permit from the so-called Civil Administration Office, the administrative branch of Israel's illegal occupation. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli police invaded the "Volunteer for Hope" charitable organization in Jerusalem, ordering it's closure for a total of six months. The charity is located in Beit Hanina village, in occupied East Jerusalem. The order included the closure of the charity as well as the suspension of all employees the charity which serves to support struggling families with special needs children, and youth. An alleged violation of "Israeli sovereignty" was the reason given by Israeli Minister of Internal Security, Gilad Erdan, for the closure. No further details were provided. (IMEMC 18 May 2020)