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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 19 February 2020

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 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)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- 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)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- 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 preemptively constructing a colonial settlement that encompasses the entire neighborhood around Atarot and displaces the thousands of Palestinian residents who live there. ([PEACENOW](#), IMEMC, Haaretz, [JPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 19 February 2020)