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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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Teqoua' town, southeast of the city of Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, and attacked Palestinian protesters with rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. Many Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. Furthermore, the IOA attacked many journalists and detained a photojournalist, identified as Emad Jabarin, for several hours. (IMEMC 23 February 2020)
- 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 23 February 2020)
- 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. Many 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. (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. Israel claimed a military force spotted two young men near the security fence and opened fire at them after they were suspected of their attempt to plant an explosive device in the area. Some young men risked their lives to reach the two victims to evacuate them and managed to carry one of them suffering from serious injuries, while the other's body was appallingly abused and dragged by a

military bulldozer into the Israeli side of the border fence. An armored bulldozer was filmed repeatedly crushing the body of the slain Palestinian with its blade, then grabbing the corpse with the blade and swinging it back and forth in the air. (PAL INFO 23 February 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 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 settlement and started hurling rocks at the shepherds. The 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. (PAL INFO 23 February 2020)

Other

- 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 Sunday. 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)

- Israeli Settlers invaded Palestinian grazing lands in the West Bank's Northern plains, before installing fences around them. The settlers invaded the grazing lands, east of Khirbat Makhoul village, and north of Khirbat Samra and installed fences around large areas of grazing lands in the two areas, to completely prevent the Palestinian shepherds from entering them. The areas where the attacks took place are near a small outpost that was installed by a settlers, who brought his herd with the help of other colonists and remained there due to the complacency of Israeli army. (IMEMC 23 February 2020)