



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a family of Palestinians who were harvesting wheat on their farmland near al-Mughayyir village east of Jerusalem. The Israeli army was apparently called in by Israeli settlers who had earlier tried to harass the Palestinian family. Initially, the army issued a statement that two Palestinians tried to attack them with sickles (farming instruments used to harvest wheat). But eyewitness accounts paint a far different picture of what happened – and draw into question other statements by the Israeli military in which they claim they shot Palestinians ‘in self-defense’. In this instance, the Israeli settlers, who had established a new colony nearby several days ago, came onto the Palestinian farmland to taunt and harass the family that was working on their farmland. When they could not provoke a response from the Palestinians, they called in the army, who arrived on the scene and promptly shot two members of the farming family. One of the men who was shot, identified as Murad, spoke to their reporters and told them, [the Israeli soldiers “started approaching us while telling us to sit down immediately. And then they shot three bullets at my brother Imad’s left leg. I went a little nearer and asked them to stop shooting him, and then they shot me in the stomach.” The reporters also spoke with Murad’s wife, who said, “We were on our land, far from the settlement, and they came to us, not us to them”, and another eyewitness said, “To claim that he tried to stab a soldier while his wife and children and his whole family were there? It never happened. They’re trying to justify the shooting.” Following the statement by the Israeli military, most Israeli military dutifully reported the statement as fact, with the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahranoth writing, “IDF troops fired on two Palestinians brandishing sickles who attempted to stab them as the soldiers carried out operational activity in the West Bank, near Ramallah. No Israeli soldiers were hurt in the attack and the two assailants managed to flee despite being hit by bullets.” This was an obviously false account of the incident, but was reported by Yedioth Ahranoth and other outlets as if it were fact. Yedioth Ahranoth also claimed that this incident took place during a “riot by Palestinian youth”, another obvious falsehood, since the reality was that a Palestinian family was harvesting their wheat when they were

antagonized by paramilitary colonial Israeli settlers, then shot by armed Israeli soldiers. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- An Israeli settler, ran over and killed three sheep belonging to Palestinian farmers, while injuring a dozen more, in the al-Dirat village, near Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers set fire to Palestinian crops in the southern West Bank. A settler, who was driving a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, sped up when he saw sheep in the fields, running them over, killing three and injuring 12 others, before fleeing the scene. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
- At least two Palestinians were shot and wounded by armed Israeli settlers, in the village of al-Mughayyir, north of Ramallah city, in the central West Bank. Several armed Israeli settlers attacked a number of local Palestinian shepherds in the al-Mughayyir village, near Turmus Ayya village. The settlers used live ammunition to shoot the unarmed Palestinian men, one of whom was shot in the leg, while the other was shot in the abdomen. The two were transferred to the Palestine Medical Compound in nearby Ramallah city, before a contingent of Israeli troops arrived on the scene and began shooting tear gas canisters towards other local Palestinian residents, who were present during the settlers' shooting. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
- An Israeli settler driving a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, sped when he saw sheep in the fields in the al-Dirat village in the southern Hebron Hills and ran them over killing three and injuring 12 others before running away. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
- Israeli settlers from the Havat Maon outpost in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron Hills set fire to more than 30 dunums of land planted with wheat and barley, totally destroying them. (Wafa 25 May 2020)
- Israeli settlers opened fire and injured two Palestinian herders near the Ramallah-area village of al-Mughayyer. Settles attacked the herders while they were in the open fields between al-Mughayyer and Turmous Ayya injuring one in the stomach and the other in leg. The Israeli Occupation

- Army (IOA) attacked with teargas villagers who came to the aid of the shepherds. (WAFA 25 May 2020)
- The Israeli occupation police stormed Jabel Mukaber neighborhood in east Jerusalem and kidnaped two young brothers from their home. A large number of police forces stormed the neighborhood and kidnaped two brothers identified as Riyadh and Akram Basheer. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
 - Israeli Police officers opened fire at a young man from Jabel Mukaber neighborhood in east Jerusalem and seriously injured him. The young man was identified as Ridwan Basheer. (PALINFO 25 May 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a livestock barn and a tent, east of the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The structures were owned by a local Palestinian, who was detained for several hours before being released. The demolition was carried out under the pretext that they lacked an Israeli permit to build. The IOA invaded the area, demolished the two structures and confiscated them. The structures were built in the so-called "Area C", which is under full Israeli civil and military rule. (IMEMC 25 May 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished an animal barn and a tent in the Za'atra wilderness, east of the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem, owned by a local Palestinian, under the pretext they were built without a permit. The IOA raided the area, classified as C, which is under full Israeli military rule, demolished the barn and the tent and hauled them away. The owner was held for several hours before he was released. (WAFA 25 May 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to formulate a thorough Judaization plan for Occupied Jerusalem. "I ask the director generals of the prime minister's office and the heritage ministry, together with finance minister Yisrael Katz, to prepare a special NIS 200 million plan to continue developing and strengthening Jerusalem. This is also important in the corona era. This is important because Jerusalem is always our greatest joy. I can conclude and say: Next year in the rebuilt and healthy Jerusalem,"

Netanyahu said during a cabinet meeting on Sunday. For his part, Israeli minister Rabbi Rafi Peretz stressed the importance of such Judaization plan to strengthen the occupied holy city as a Jewish tourist attraction. "The challenge of restoration after the corona crisis is a great challenge. The city of Jerusalem was specially hit because tourism is a key component of the city's economy. Over 80 percent of tourists who come to Israel visit Jerusalem. We will construct an in-depth and thorough plan to strengthen and improve our capital Jerusalem," Peretz said. (PALINFO 25 May 2020)

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