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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

- On Saturday, Israeli police in Jerusalem shot and killed an unarmed, autistic Palestinian man, then left him lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds for over an hour until he bled to death. Eyad Khairi al-Hallaq, 32, was on his way to an institution for people with special needs, where he would go each day, in Wad al-Jouz neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem. The police who killed Hallak claimed that they thought he had a suspicious object in his hand. But Israeli police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld confirmed to reporters that no weapon was found. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stated that the killing of Hallaq was “a real crime”, and that “those who committed it must be brought to justice, and be convicted by the International Criminal Court”. He stated that the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should be held fully responsible for the killing. Following the Israeli police shooting, protests erupted in the city of Jerusalem. Israeli police closed all the gates leading into Jerusalem’s old city, banning all entry and exit. The police also raided Hallaq’s home in Wad el-Joz and questioned his family. Khairi Hallaq, the father of the deceased, told reporters “They found nothing”, and noting that police had cursed his daughter when she became upset at them. Rana Hallaq, the mother of the deceased, told Israeli Channel 12 that her son “was killed in cold blood”. On social media, many drew comparisons between the shooting and the ongoing police violence in the U.S. According to Israeli Channel 12 news, members of Israel’s paramilitary border police fired at Halak’s legs and chased him into a dead-end alley. The Israeli channel reported that a senior officer ordered a halt in fire as they entered the alley, but that a second officer did not listen and fired six or seven bullets from an M-16 rifle. They claimed that both officers were taken into custody and then released.(IMEMC 31 MAY 2020)
- Israeli forces, on Friday, blocked Palestinian Muslim worshipers from performing the dawn prayer, evicted hundreds of worshipers and banned the call to prayer at the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron/AI-Khalil, Quds News Network reported. Sheikh Hifzi Abu Sneineh, the head of the local Waqf Department, stated that military barriers were

placed by Israeli troops, on the roads leading to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-recognized [Ibrahimi Mosque](#) as a World Heritage site. He said that soldiers invaded the mosque, evicted him and held one of the worshipers for a number of hours. Abu Sneineh added that the empty mosque was then opened for the illegal Israeli settlers, one of whom reportedly threatened Palestinian worshipers before being removed by police. On February 25, 1994, an extremist Israeli settler, Baruch Goldstein [massacred](#) 29 Palestinian muslims and wounded 150 more, when he opened fire inside the mosque during the dawn prayer. In the aftermath, an additional 21 Palestinians that protested the murder, were killed by Israeli forces.(IMEMC 31 MAY 2020)

- RAMALLAH, Sunday, May 31, 2020 (WAFA) – Israeli forces detained a Palestinian minor after shooting and injuring him near the village of Kafr Malik to the East of Ramallah, in the central occupied West Bank, according to local sources. Sources said Israeli forces shot and injured an unidentified minor with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the foot, near the bypass road adjacent to the town of Kafr Malik. The minor was detained by the forces.(WAFA 31 MAY 2020)
- organization B'tselem on Sunday allegedly show Israeli soldiers slashing tires and throwing tear gas canisters toward a house in the Palestinian village of Kafr Qaddum in the West Bank on Saturday. Weekly protests [against the occupation](#) take place in [Kafr Qaddum](#) and the videos were filmed when soldiers entered the village during one [such protest](#). Murad Shetewi, the central organizer of the protests and the man whose home was targeted by the tear gas, told Haaretz that the canisters were thrown while his wife and five children were at home. Shetewi said that the family required first aid afterwards, as the gas penetrated the house. The canisters landed on the porch of his home, Shetewi said, although the protest was not taking place nearby. "It's not the first time this has happened. Tear gas has been thrown toward my house many times over the past years," Shetewi said. "Over the last two months, many of the village's water containers, which are kept on people's roofs, have been damaged by army fire – They were damaged by shooting so that during the coronavirus period we lost precious water, which is also key to hygiene in this time."(Haraatz 31 may 2020)
- Funeral of Eyad Hallaq, a 32-year-old autistic man, who was shot near the special needs school he attended in Jerusalem's Old City, commenced late Sunday evening. Results of the forensic autopsy on the body of Eyad Hallaq, an autistic Palestinian man who was killed by Israeli police in Jerusalem's Old City on Saturday, revealed Sunday that Hallaq died from two bullet wounds to his torso, a source involved in the investigation said. (Haraatz 31 may 2020)
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Israeli Settler Violence

- Armed Israeli settlers in the Palestinian West Bank city of Hebron, reportedly invaded, on Saturday afternoon, some local markets in the city, causing panic among local Palestinians. Palestinian Wafa News Agency reported that a large group of armed colonists invaded the Allaban, Alqasaba and Ein Alaskar local markets and began provoking local shopkeepers and customers, as Israeli soldiers in the area were watching, without intervening. Wafa, quoting witnesses, said that the provocative actions included staring at local Palestinians in a strange and frightening way. Earlier this month, Israeli defense minister, Naftali Bennet, endorsed a new colonial settlement project in Hebron, involving confiscation of large areas of Palestinian-owned lands, adjacent to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-recognized ancient Palestinian mosque of Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi. Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Ahmad Al-Tamimi of Hebron, was quoted as saying that such provocative actions by armed colonial settlers are believed to be part of the Israeli occupation's attempts to undermine the 'Semoud' or steadfastness of our people, in light of Israel's planned annexation of the Palestinian West Bank, expected by July of this summer. Al-Tamimi issued a statement, in which he called on the international community to curb Israel's colonial illegal plans, expressing the belief that the Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi mosque of Hebron will remain an Arab-Palestinian heritage, as labeled by UNESCO.(IMEMC 31MAY 2020)
- A horde of extremist Jewish settlers on Saturday attacked Palestinian homes in ash-Shallala street in the Old City of al-Khalil in the Occupied West Bank. Youth Against Settlement said that settlers escorted by soldiers hurled stones at Palestinian homes, especially the house of Sadr family, in the street. The family of Sadr had been exposed to assaults several times before by Jewish settlers, who seek to force it to leave the house in order to take it over. The Palestinian families living in ash-Shallala street have been facing great pressure from the Israeli occupation army, which allowed settlers to seize several Palestinian homes and buildings. Ash-Shallala street used to be one of the most active

commercial streets in al-Khalil, but the ongoing violations by the Israeli army and settlers led to the shutdown of dozens of businesses and paralyzed the commercial life in the area, which is located near illegal Jewish outposts. (PALINFO 31 MAY 2020)

- Dozens of extremist Jewish settlers on Sunday morning desecrated the Aqsa Mosque's courtyards a few hours after the Islamic Awqaf authority in Occupied Jerusalem reopened its doors to Muslim worshipers for dawn prayers. According to local sources, about 75 settlers, including rabbi Yehuda Glick, entered the Aqsa Mosque through al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards under police escort. Temple mount groups on Saturday incited their followers to participate in mass break-ins at the Aqsa Mosque on the first day of its reopening after the Islamic Awqaf decided over two months ago to close it as a preventive measure against coronavirus. Meanwhile, Israeli police forces arrested two Palestinian young men and two women, including a female journalist, as they were standing peacefully in the Mosque's courtyards during the settlers' tours. The detained young men were identified as Ihab Abu Sneineh and Louay Jaber and the women were identified as Ra'eda al-Khalili (a pro-Aqsa activist) and journalist Sundus Owais. The Israeli police also kidnaped a young man called Obada Najeeb from the Old City of Jerusalem and handed Aqsa guard Tareq Abu Subaih a detention summons after raiding his home. (PALINFO 31 MAY 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- HEBRON, Sunday, May 31, 2020 (Wafa) – Israeli occupation forces today informed residents of Birayn, a small village near the town of Yatta to the south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, about their intention to demolish five residential structures and the building of the village's council, according to a local source. Foad Amour, a local activist, told Wafa that an Israeli army force raided the village and handed notices to local residents informing them of the demolition order, citing the lack of construction permits as a pretext for the intended demolitions. Amour urged all local and international human rights organisations to annul the demolition order which he said aims at emptying the area of its indigenous Palestinian population for the benefit of the Israeli colonial settlement enterprise. The village is located in an area designated as Area C, under full Israeli military and civil control. Nearly all Palestinian

applications for building permits in Area C, more than 60 percent of the area of the occupied West Bank that, are denied by the Israeli authorities, forcing communities to build illegally, and placing them under the constant risk of demolitions by the Israeli forces.(Wafa 31 MAY 2020)

Erection of Israeli Outposts

- Illegal Israeli colonialist settlers installed, on Saturday evening, a big tent on Palestinian lands in the at-Tiwana village, in Masafer Yatta area, south of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. Fuad al-'Amour, a local nonviolent activist and a member of the Civil Protection Committee south of Hebron, said the colonists came from the illegal Ma'on and Havat Ma'on outposts, which were built in private Palestinian lands east of Yatta. He added that the colonists, accompanied by many soldiers, installed the tent on the invaded lands, and stayed in them along with their families. Al-'Amour also stated that the colonists have recently escalated their violations against the Palestinians and their lands in that area, in an attempt to force them out and establish illegal colonialist outposts that would eventually lead to expanding existing colonies. All of Israel's colonies in the West Bank, including this in and around occupied East Jerusalem, are illegal under International Law, the Fourth Geneva Convention in addition to various United Nations and Security Council resolutions. The so-called "Deal of the Century" of U.S. President Donald Trump is an official recognition of these colonies, and of Israel's illegal colonialist occupation of Palestine, and similar to policies of the various Israeli governments, including the current led by Netanyahu, only aim at turning the West Bank into isolated ghettos, surrounded by Israeli colonies and military bases, in addition to stripping the Palestinians of basic rights, such as self-determination, independence, and sovereignty of their own homeland.(IMEMC 31 MAY 2020)