

Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 6 February 2020

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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 against Palestinian civilians violence 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) killed one Palestinian and injured at least seven others, including a Palestinian police officer, after the army invaded Jenin city and started the demolition of a home belonging to the family of a political prisoner. The IOA shot Yazan Monther Abu Tabeekh, 19, with two live rounds in the chest, causing very serious wounds before he was rushed to a hospital but died from his injuries. The IOA also injured at least seven other Palestinians, including two who sustained life-threatening wounds, and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the wounded Palestinians is a police officer, identified as Lu'ay Ahmad Badwan, 25, from Azzoun town, who was shot by a live Israeli army round in the upper body. The bullet apparently struck his spine before he was shot by the IOA while he was standing near the door inside a police station in Jenin. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot, a Palestinian cameraman working for Reuters, identified as Mohammad Abu Ghneima, and caused dozens of residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to confiscating surveillance recordings, in Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, in the West Bank. Thirty Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation while the cameraman suffered a minor injury, after the IOA shot him with a rubber-coated steel bullet. The IOA also stormed and ransacked several shops and stores, and confiscated their surveillance recordings and equipment. The IOA also invaded many neighborhoods in Bethlehem city, and fired many live rounds, gas bombs and concussion grenades at Palestinian protesters, who hurled stones and empty bottles at them. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- First Lieutenant Tariq Lu'ay Badwan, aged 24, succumbed to injuries, inflicted by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), while he was inside a police station in Jenin, in northern West Bank. Lt. Badwan, from Qalqilia, died after he was shot and injured by the IOA while working at the special police headquarters in Jenin. Badwan was shot in the stomach. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)

- Israeli warplanes waged several air raids on different areas of the besieged Gaza Strip. Airstrikes targeted plots of agricultural lands in the east of Rafah, south of Gaza. An Israeli warplane also bombed a sanitation vessel near al-Shati refugee camp in the northwest of Gaza. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- The Israeli police banished two pro-Aqsa female activists from the Aqsa Mosque for four months. The women are an elderly woman called Nahida Abu Shaqra, the sister of Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, and a young girl called Samah Mahameed, both from Umm al-Fahm city in the 1948 occupied lands. Three Jerusalemite young men identified as Jameel Issa, Husam Iyad and Areen al-Za'aneen also received police orders banning their entry to the Aqsa Mosque for one week. Their entry ban orders will be renewed in one week, the police told them. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) announced it was reducing the size of the Gaza fishing zone by a third in light of the continued launch of projectiles and airborne incendiaries towards Israeli areas. "Following security consultations, it has been decided today (Wednesday), to restrict the fishing zone of the Gaza Strip from 15 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles, starting from 4 p.m. until further notice," the Israeli military liaison to the Palestinians said in a statement published Israeli newspapers. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

 Dozens of Israeli settlers escorted by police forces desecrated the Aqsa Mosque. At least 58 settlers entered the Mosque through al-Maghariba Gate and toured its courtyards under police guard. The Israeli police close al-Maghariba Gate, which is used by Jews to enter the Mosque, at 10:30 am after the settlers complete their morning tours at the holy site. Later in the afternoon, the same gate is reopened for evening tours by settlers. During the presence of settlers inside the Mosque compound, entry restrictions are imposed on Muslim worshipers at the entrances leading to the Mosque and their IDs are seized until they leave the holy place. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a shack and seized another in the village of Deir Qaddis, north of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah. The bulldozers stormed the area and proceeded to demolish one shack and seize another belonging to Anwar Nasser. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- The Israel occupation authorities, ordered a halt to the rehabilitation of a school playground in the village of Susiya, southern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- The Israel occupation authorities notified a Palestinian resident, Nael Abu Aqel, of Sebastia village in Nablus Governorate of its intention to demolish his structure, and ordered Malik Makhalfeh to remove his tent from the archaeological area of the village.(IMEMC 6 February 2020)
- An Israeli court ordered the eviction of Palestinian families from a • building in Silwan district's Batan al-Hawa neighborhood, east of Occupied Jerusalem, at the pretext that it belonged to Jews in the past. The order was issued in response to another eviction petition filed by Ateret Cohanim, a settler group seeking to increase the Jewish presence in east Jerusalem and the eviction of hundreds of Palestinians from the eastern part of the city. The order was issued by the Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem and would lead to the evacuation of the families of Odeh and Shuweiki, who own the building. The court rejected all the objections put forward by the families against previous court eviction notices it received in 2018 from Ateret Cohanim, which claimed that the families had built their apartment building on land that was owned by Yemenite Jews before Israel's establishment in 1948. The court gave the families until mid-August to evacuate the building. Following multiple legal claims filed by Ateret Cohanim, the same court recently issued eviction orders against many Jerusalemite families living in Batan al-Hawa neighborhood. 84 Palestinian families living in Baten al-Hawa neighborhood received during the past years court eviction notices or orders. (PALINFO 6 February 2020)

Israeli Closures

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) announced tightening restrictions on the movement of goods into the Gaza Strip and on the movement of

merchants/businesspersons in response to incendiary balloons and projectiles fired towards Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip. In a press release, Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Maj. Gen. Kamil Abu Rokon, announced freezing facilitations relevant to commerce, economy and movement across checkpoints, including decreasing the number of businesspersons permits and ceasing import of cement to the Gaza Strip. The Coordinator proclaimed that these measures are in response to violence against Israel in its border area with the Gaza Strip and launching projectiles towards Israel. According to PCHR followup, Israeli authorities informed the Presidential Committee for Goods Coordination in Gaza that its decision to ban the entry of cement into the Gaza Strip is effective as of February 1, 2020. Simultaneously, IOF annulled 460 exit permits previously issued for businesspersons from the Gaza Strip. It should be noted that this decision followed Israeli authorities' decision 3 days earlier to allow entry of the type of cement used for tiling through Kerm Shalom crossing in a departure from the Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism (GRM) managed by the United Nations. While entry of cement used to make concrete was sustained through GRM. This decision falls under the Israeli closure policy imposed on the Gaza Strip since June 2007, as tight restrictions are imposed on the movement of persons and goods ever since. In terms of commercial crossing, Israeli authorities have 62 items listed on the "dual-use" items, these items include basic materials and commodities. Furthermore, Israeli authorities continue to ban Gaza exports except for a marginal amount that does not exceed 5.7% of the Gaza monthly exports prior to June 2007. As to crossings dedicated for the movement of individuals, IOF continue to impose extreme restrictions on the freedom of movement of the Gaza population through Beit Hanoun "Erez" Crossing and only allows a limited number of categories with great limitations. These newly adopted measures by Israel will deepen the humanitarian and living crises of the Gaza Strip, especially under the skyrocketing unemployment, poverty and food insecurity. The Gaza unemployment has reached 45%, a total of 217,100 thousand workers unemployed, while more than 50% are under the poverty line according to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics poverty in the Gaza Strip is 53%, and more than 67% of the Gaza population suffer from food insecurity according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights is greatly concerned about IOF's decision to tighten the Gaza closure for its grave consequences on the

economic and living conditions of the Gaza Strip population. PCHR believes that this decision is a form of collective punishment and retaliatory action committed by IOA against Palestinian civilians. (PCHRGAZA, IMEMC 6 February 2020)

Other

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) announced it was reducing the size of the Gaza fishing zone by a third, in light of the continued launch of projectiles and flaming balloons toward Israeli territory. "Following security consultations, it has been decided to restrict the fishing zone of the Gaza Strip from 15 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles, starting from 4 p.m. until further notice," the Israeli military liaison to the Palestinians said, in a statement published Israeli newspapers, Days of Palestine reports. However, it should be noted that such attacks on Israeli areas resumed recently after the Israeli occupation authority deliberately and repeatedly opened floodgates to dams and flooded vast tracts of farmlands and roads in the east of Gaza, causing considerable losses to the agricultural sector in particular.(IMEMC)
- Around a week after the ruling ordering the Nasser Rajabi family to leave • their home (three families with 22 persons), the Magistrate's Court <u>ruled</u> last week that the Duweik family would have to evacuate its house in favor of settlers in Batan al-Hawa until August 2, 2020 (five families with 26 persons). Yesterday, the Magistrate's Court ruled that the Shweiki and Odeh families should be evacuated from their house by August 15, 2020 (three families with 19 persons). The lawsuits are part of <u>a series of</u> dozens of eviction lawsuits filed by people from Ateret Cohanim settlers group against some 84 Palestinian families living in the Batan al-Hawa in Silwan, putting a community of 700 people in danger of being evicted. The settlers' claims are based on the fact that in the late 19th century the land was allocated by its Jewish owners to a Jewish trust for the benefit of the poor Yemenite Jews of Jerusalem. Today, in the name of the same trust, settlers seek to evict the Palestinian families who built their homes lawfully on that land after 1948. Since 2015, 14 families have been evacuated from Batan al-Hawa. The three judgments this month ordered the eviction of another 11 families with 57 persons, and another some 80 other families are in court in eviction cases. In all cases of the past month,

families intend to appeal to the district court, a procedure that usually takes several months to a year. (<u>PEACENOW</u> 6 February 2020)