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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

- Palestinian teen, Yahya Maher Zagheer was released on house-arrest until May 17, 2020 and a 5000 shekel fine was imposed. The teen was detained on the 7th of May, from his home in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. (IMEMC 9 May 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian female, near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, southern occupied West Bank. The young lady was detained and transferred to an unknown location. Israel holds 183 youths under the age of 18, including 20 under the age of 16. (IMEMC 9 May 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) apparently not happy with the sight of a Palestinian flag attacked a post set up by local volunteers to check people for coronavirus in the village of Khillet al-Mayeh, in Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank. The IOA attacked the post in an attempt to remove a Palestinian flag raised at the post. The volunteers confronted the IOA and prevented them from interfering in their work or removing the flag. (Wafa 9 May 2020)
- An Israeli army roadblock has for weeks disrupted movement of Palestinian residents of a village northwest of occupied Jerusalem. In the village of Beit Iksha, the IOA have set up a roadblock at the entrance to his village since the start of the holy fast month of Ramadan and obstructed movement of people in an out of the village. the army has intensified its measures of recent to even prevent entry of essential food supplies into the village, allowing only a limited amount in. (Wafa 9 May 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnaped a Palestinian university student at a military checkpoint in southern Nablus. The detainee was identified as Mohamed al-Namrouti, a student of the Arab American University. He already served four years in an Israeli jail. He was taken prisoner at the Za'atara checkpoint as he was on his way to Ramallah city. (PALINFO 9 May 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers chopped down around 40 olive trees belonging to Palestinians in the village of Al-Mughayyir, near the city of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank. The trees belonged to two Palestinian villagers from Al-Mughayyir. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who were patrolling the scene reportedly prevented the two villagers from entering their farm and inspecting the damaged trees. (May 9 May 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- The Israeli Defense Minister [Naftali Bennett](#) gave initial approval to a 7,000 unit West Bank construction project in Efrat, in a move that would help expand building within the settlement's municipal lines in the direction of the Palestinian city of Bethlehem. Bennett's authorization allows planning to commence on a hilltop known as Givat HaEitam, thereby marking a significant turning point in both the 20-year battle to develop that part of Gush Etzion area and in the transformation of Efrat into a city. Left-wing and Palestinian opponents of the project have dubbed it "E2," viewing it as one more step that stymies the potential expansion of Bethlehem which is increasingly squeezed on two sides between development in Jerusalem's Har Homa neighborhood and building projects in [Efrat](#). For the Palestinians, the project plays the same role in the Gush Etzion region as the E1 building project within the Ma'aleh Adumim settlement. That one project only includes 3,500 units. This E2 project is double the size. Both projects are seen by Palestinians as major stumbling blocs to the contiguous development of areas which they hold will be part of the final boundaries of their state. Moving the 7,000 unit Givat HaEitam project forward is one of a number of high level steps Bennett has taken to make his mark in the West Bank, in what are likely his final weeks as Defense Minister. In announcing the project advancement, Bennett's office said it would "enable the arrival of new residents [to Efrat], the continued expansion of the settlement as part of reinforcing the grater Gush Etzion region." Bennett said, "earlier I gave a green light for thousands of new apartments in Efrat in Gush Etzion. I instructed the defense establishment to continue to strengthen the settlements in a resolute fashion." Efrat Council head Oded Revivi said, "Today we mark an important moment in a 20-year journey during which we have overcome a host of political, legal and professionals hurdles to obtain the appropriate permits for Givat HaEytam." He added that this

has included cases before the High Court of Justice. “Over the years Efrat has become the heartbeat of Gush Etzion. [The community] welcomes the faith the government of Israel, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has placed in its ability to expand and build so that it can absorb new immigrants, young couples and families who seek a quality life in a settlement near Jerusalem,” Revivi said. Peace Now charged: “This is a cynical move by a caretaker defense minister at the end of his mandate, while the nation is still reeling from the corona crisis, to advance a dangerous plan aimed at entrenching permanent Israeli domination in the southern West Bank and harming the prospect of a two-state solution. The right thing to do is to allocate the land for Palestinian construction, but the Ministry of Defense is currently run by an irresponsible politician willing to cross any red line in the name of his anti-democratic ideology.” ([IPOST](#) 9 May 2020)