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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) shot a Palestinian man with special needs at the Qalandia Terminal, north of occupied Jerusalem. The IOA fired live rounds at the man, 60 years of age. The wounded Palestinian had a hearing and speech impairment; he approached the terminal on foot in a lane that is only meant for vehicles and was shot in the lower limbs after he did not heed to the IOA' demands to stop. Only after shooting him, the IOA realized he couldn't hear or speak. After the shooting incident, the IOA closed the terminal on both directions, and forced the Palestinians away, before reopening it later. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- The Israeli army fired several missiles into two sites in the Gaza Strip, causing damage. The army fired many artillery and tank shells into a site, east of Beit Lahia, in northern Gaza. The attack caused damage to the targeted site, in addition to several surrounding homes and buildings. The army also fired three artillery shells into another site, east of Gaza city, causing damage. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- The Israeli army fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs at Palestinians on lands near the fence, in Abu Safiyya area, east of Jabalia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. One Palestinian was injured after high-velocity gas bombs struck him in the chest. Several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- A Palestinian worker was shot and injured, by an Israeli soldier near the Israeli apartheid wall, near Far'un village, south of Tulkarem, in the northern West Bank. Suhair Ebeit, 35, was shot by Israeli occupation army (IOA) as he was going to his job inside Israel. The sources described his condition as stable. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- A young Palestinian man from Bethlehem, in the central occupied West Bank, was shot in the leg by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who were stationed near Bilal Bin Rabah mosque. His medical condition was described as stable. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear-gas canisters at Palestinian young men in eastern Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, wounding one young man in the chest. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)

- A 60-year-old Palestinian was shot and wounded by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the Qalandiya checkpoint, a busy crossing between Jerusalem and the northern West Bank, a few hours after a separate shooting incident in Bethlehem. The elderly man approached the checkpoint on foot in a lane reserved for vehicles. The IOA shot him in the lower limbs when he did not reply to calls to stop. They then realized he has a disability and cannot hear or communicate. (PALINFO 17 August 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Many Israeli settlers burnt thirteen Palestinian cars, and wrote racist graffiti, in Beit Safafa town, south of the occupied Palestinian capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The settlers infiltrated the town at dawn, before setting thirteen Palestinian cars ablaze, while parked in front of their owners' homes. The cars were completely burnt and destroyed. The Israeli settlers also wrote racist, anti-Palestinian graffiti, before fleeing the town. The attack is part of numerous and escalating Israeli violations against the Palestinians, their property, and their holy sites in several parts of the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)
- Dozens of Jewish settlers broke into al-Aqsa Mosque and Bab al-Rahma cemetery under police escort. Groups of Israeli settlers, led by the rabbi Yehuda Glick, defiled al-Aqsa Mosque and the adjacent Bab al-Rahma cemetery and performed Talmudic rituals. The settlers, accompanied by heavily armed Israeli police officers, carried out provocative tours inside the Mosque amid tightened restrictions on the Palestinian worshippers entering the site. (PALINFO 17 August 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) notified a Palestinian citizen of its intent to remove structures belonging to him in Atouf village in the south of Tubas within 96 hours. Khalil Bani Odeh was notified of a military order threatening to remove a cattle shelter and a tent used as a house by his family at the pretext of unlicensed construction. (PALINFO 17 August 2020)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) accompanied with Israeli Civil Administration officers moved into al-Sahel area in Beit Dajan village, northeast of Nablus. IOA hanged a demolition notice on Mostafa 'Ali Mostafa Salama's 400-square-meter barrack's gate used for breeding sheep, under the pretext of illegal construction in Area C. (PCHRGAZA 17 August 2020)
- Ahmed Yousef Shoqirat implemented the Israeli Municipality order and self-demolished his 3 commercial shops in al-Sal'ah neighborhood in Jabel Mukaber village, southeast of occupied East Jerusalem, under the pretext of non-licensing. 3 years ago, Shoqirat rebuilt his shop established in 2000 and built 3 others small shops (90 sqm) beside it. Shoqirat received a demolition notice 4 months ago in favor of establishing the American Street Project in the area, despite the fact that Shoqirat's shops are located 10 meters away from the plan supposed to be established. Shoqirat managed to delay the demolition, but on 13 August 2020, the court issued a self-demolition order against his 3 shops, in addition to refusing the appeal against the demolition decision. Shoqirat pointed out that the Israeli Municipality threatened him to pay NIS 100,000 for the municipality staff, if they demolish the shops. Shoqirat's shops were used for selling foodstuff, and he was forced to vacate the shops' contents before demolishing them and place them out, causing spoilage of food stuff. Shoqirat's losses were estimated at NIS 10,000. (PCHRGAZA 17 August 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli military bulldozers began, to raze Palestinian-owned lands of the village of Shufa, near the northern occupied West Bank city of Tulkarem. The bulldozers leveled the area, which was planted with olive and almond trees. The reason given to the owners for the expropriation of their land, is the opening of a new road, most likely to serve Israeli settlers. The owners of the lands are families from the village, who have legal documents proving their ownership. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)

Other

- The Gaza Strip's sole power plant, serving 2 million impoverished Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip, runs on industrial fuel, which the

occupying state of Israel is blocking from entering the coastal territory. The power plant will stop operating as a direct result of the Israeli authorities' closure of Karm Abu Salem crossing, preventing the entry of industrial fuel since last Wednesday. The crossing, located southeast of Rafah city, in the south, is the only commercial border crossing between Israel and Gaza. This could have disastrous effects on an already desperate population, holding the Israeli authorities responsible for the additional suffering caused by the power shutdown. (IMEMC 17 August 2020)

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