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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 4 August 2020

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 Magistrate Court in Jerusalem ordered release of the Palestinian Authority's Jerusalem governor, Adnan Ghaith, and its intelligence chief, Jihad al-Faqih, after holding them since July 19. Their release was however conditioned on not getting in touch with each other or Fatah and Palestinian leaders and officials in the West Bank. The Israeli occupation authorities detained Ghaith 17 times since he was appointed governor of Jerusalem two years ago. (Wafa 4 August 2020)
- Large areas of Palestinian-owned farmland were set on fire after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) heavily fired stun grenades near Hableh town in the West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya. A huge fire broke out after stun grenades fired by IOA landed on farmlands owned by Palestinian residents of Hableh. Dozens of dunums of agricultural land were damaged partially or completely in the attack. Hableh village is constantly targeted in attacks by settlers and IOF soldiers. It is also one of Qalqilya's hardest-hit areas by illegal land seizure and settlement expansion. (PALINFO 4 August 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers set fire early in the morning to two Palestinian vehicles in Faraata village, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya. Settlers, from the nearby settlement of Havat Gilad, sneaked during the night into the outskirts of the village, set fire to two cars, wrote racist graffiti on walls such as "Price Tag," before leaving the area, he said. (Wafa 4 August 2020)
- A large group of Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinian families, north of Ramallah, in central occupied West Bank. A large number of armed settlers with dogs, attacked Palestinian families, including Sheikh Mohamed al-Hajj and his family in Jibiya village, north of Ramallah. The settlers aimed their weapons at, and physically assaulted Sheikh Mohamed, his wife and children, in addition to other families with children as they trying to have a picnic. Some family members

- documented the incident on their cellphones, but the attackers forced them at gunpoint to erase the evidence. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) started a fire that damaged 14 dunams of Palestinian-owned agricultural land in Al-Mughayyir village, northeast of Ramallah. The IOA fired volleys of tear-gas canisters and stun grenades into almond tree crops, belonging to Suleiman Ahmed, in the east of Al-Mughayyir, which started a fire that burned 14 dunams of crops. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)
 - Dozens of Jewish settlers defiled the Aqsa Mosque in Occupied Jerusalem and performed Talmudic rituals in its yards. 122 settlers entered the holy Islamic site under heavy Israeli police protection and toured its eastern area, which was declared closed military zone by the police. The settlers entered the site in groups through the Maghareba Gate and performed rituals in its courtyards. (PALINFO 4 August 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation authorities raided Kisan village, east of Bethlehem in the morning with a bulldozer and proceeded to demolish animal shelters used by two local residents under the pretext of building without a permit. The owners were informed only a day before of the demolition order and given only 24 hours to empty them of their contents or they will be arrested. The owners were identified as Hussein Abdullah Ibayyat and Talab Musa Ghazal. (WAFA 4 August 2020)
- In the Masafer Yatta village of Shaab al-Batem, south of the West Bank, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) informed four residents of the intention to demolish their tin structures used to shelter their families under the pretext they were built without a permit. 20 people will be displaced if the demolition takes place. (WAFA 4 August 2020)
- Two Palestinian families in occupied East Jerusalem were forced to tear down their homes at orders of the Israeli occupation municipality of West Jerusalem. Iyad Abu Sbeih demolished his family home in Silwan neighborhood and Issa Illan Oweisat demolished his home in Jabal al-Mukabber neighborhood. The Israeli municipality issued demolition orders against the Abu Sbeih and Oweisat homes under the pretext they were built without a permit and gave them a choice of either tearing their homes down by themselves or the municipality will demolish them and

force them to pay exorbitant amounts in fines and costs. Two other Silwan residents, Samir and his brother Suleiman al-Qaq, started emptying their two apartments of their furniture in order to self-demolish them to avoid paying the high cost of demolition if done by the Israeli occupation municipality. (WAFA 4 August 2020)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) issued orders halting the construction of nine Palestinian homes in Kafr ad-Deek town, west of Salfit, in central West Bank. Several army jeeps invaded the village and handed local residents the stop-work orders against the nine homes as a prelude to demolishing them. The latest orders bring the number of ultimatums against Palestinian homes and structures to 25 in just one month. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded the Bedouin areas of Ras al-Ahmar and al-Harsh, west of Atouf village, in the northern Jordan Valley, and handed demolition orders targeting a few tents, homes and barns. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) invaded the at-Tina area, south of Kisan village, east of Bethlehem, and informed the families that they are not allowed to enter their lands because they have been confiscated by the army. The IOA stated that the confiscation orders were made for “security considerations,” an excuse frequently used by the army to avoid providing a real explanation for the theft of Palestinian lands. The Israeli violation took place while Israeli settlers confiscated large areas of privately owned farmlands in the same area, and started planting them, in addition to installing irrigation lines, before the Palestinians managed to remove them. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) issued an order for the demolition of a barn, owned by Hussein Abdullah ‘Obeyyat, and informed him he only has 24 hours to remove the property and leave the land or face arrest in addition to high fines and other penalties, including being imprisoned. (IMEMC 4 August 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- The Israeli occupation authority is going to expropriate 327 dunums of Kisan village land in order to expand the settlement of Aibi Hanahal, built on Kisan village land. Israel Authorities intend to build 224 new housing units in the settlement under plan number 413/1/1. (WAFA 4 August 2020)

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