

# Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 13 OCTOBER 2021

 ${f T}$ he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats the occupied Palestinian territory, in 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.

*The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and*\*or news sources.* 

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### Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- Israeli soldiers injured, several Palestinians and abducted two in the • southern West Bank governorate of Hebron. Media activist Mohammad Awad stated that the soldiers invaded and ransacked many homes in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, causing property damage, before abducting a former political prisoner, identified as Issa Ibrahim Ekhlayyel, 25. Awad added that the soldiers also caused damage to two Palestinian cars, owned by Khaled Hussein Ekhlayyel and Ribhi Tomar Ekhlayyel. The invasion led to protests, especially near the main mosque in the center of the town, before the soldiers fired gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. Furthermore, the soldiers abducted a former political prisoner, identified as Saleh Ja'bari, from his home in Hebron city. It is worth mentioning that Saleh was imprisoned by Israel for 14 years, and was only released on July 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, 2021. Also, the soldiers invaded and searched several homes in the town of Yatta, Beit Amra village, and Deir Samit town. The soldiers also installed many roadblocks at the main roads leading to the towns of Sa'ir and Halhoul, in addition to Hebron's northern road in Joret Bahlas area, and the southern road in the al-Fahs area, before stopping and searching dozens of cars and interrogated the Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 13 October 2021)
- Israeli soldiers abducted, a young Palestinian man after shooting him near Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia. The soldiers also assaulted a man near Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem. Media sources said the soldiers invaded an area near Azzoun, leading to protests before the army fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. They added that the soldiers shot Mohammad Hussein Falah, 22, with a live round in the leg, before abducting him. In addition, the soldiers assaulted Ahmad Ezzat Shakarna, 53, from Nahhalin town, west of Bethlehem, while crossing into the southern area of the al-Jab'a area, south of the city, causing cuts and bruises to various parts of his body. On Wednesday at dawn, the soldiers <u>abducted four Palestinians</u>, including two teenage boys, from their homes in several parts of Bethlehem governorate. In related news, several Israeli police officers, including

undercover forces, <u>abducted a Palestinian man</u> after smashing the windows of his car and breaking into it while he was listening to music and broadcasting live on Facebook. (IMEMC 13 October 2021)

- Several Israeli police officers, including undercover forces, abducted a • Palestinian man after smashing the windows of his car and breaking into it while he was listening to music and broadcasting live on a social media outlet. The Palestinian man, Marwan Husseini, from the southern West Bank city of Hebron, was parked near Maale Adumim road, east of occupied Jerusalem, and was listening to music and broadcasting live on Facebook, when the Israeli officers smashed the windows of his car, and dragged him out, before abducting him. Eyewitnesses said the Palestinians did not do anything wrong, as he was just sitting in his own car, enjoying some Arabic music and broadcasting live on Facebook when the officers started smashing the windows of the car and dragged him out. "This is just barbaric, and an extremely violated behavior against someone who was just listening to music, not doing anything wrong or endangering anybody's life," one of his relatives said, "They did not have to resort to this type of violence, they could have easily arrested him from his car by ordering him to step out instead of this type of a <u>thuggish</u> behavior." (IMEMC 13 October 2021)
- Israeli soldiers shot and abducted, a Palestinian child near the western entrance of Silwad town, east of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. Medical sources said the soldiers shot a child, 15 years of age, with a live round in the leg, before abducting him. They added that the Palestinian medics tried to render the needed help to the wounded child, but the soldiers prevented them from reaching him. The incident took place after the soldiers invaded the area, leading to protests, and fired live rounds, gas bombs, and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 13 October 2021)
- Israeli navy forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen's boats off Gaza shores. Local sources reported that Israeli gunboats fired live ammunition at fishing boats during their presence within six nautical miles west of Rafah port in the southern Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported in the attack. However, one of the boats sank after being attacked with water hoses. The attack forced the fishermen to return ashore after managing to pull out the sunken fishing boat. Israeli naval forces and their gunboats are around Gaza fishermen almost every day, harassing them, shooting at

them, damaging their boats, and making arrests. Sometimes fishermen are injured or even killed during the gunfire attacks. (PALINFO 13 October 2021)

## Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers vandalized Palestinian-owned property in several northern West Bank towns, causing damage, according to local sources. Settlers sneaked into Marda, village, to the north of the northern occupied West Bank city of Salfit, slashed tires of Palestinian-owned vehicles, and spraypainted racist and death slogans on walls and cars, reported WAFA correspondent. (IMEMC 13 October 2021)
- In Awarta town, east of the city of Nablus, settlers chopped dozens of olive trees and sprayed pesticides on others virtually destroying them. Settlers came from the illegal Itamar settlement built on illegally confiscated Awarta land. Settlers yesterday uprooted 900 olive and apricot saplings and stole olive crops in the village of Sebastia, north of Nablus, as well as uprooted 70 trees in Masafer Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Israeli settlers' violence against Palestinians and their property is routine in the West Bank and is rarely prosecuted by Israeli authorities. (PALINFO 13 October 2021)
- Dozens of Jewish settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy Israeli police protection. Jerusalemite sources reported that the settlers broke into the site through its Al-Magharba Gate, southwest of the Mosque, and performed "silent prayers" in its courtyards. Meanwhile, Israeli police restricted Palestinian presence in Bab al-Amud area in the Old City of Occupied Jerusalem, sparking clashes. The Israeli restrictions and harassment against Palestinian worshipers come as part of a systematic policy aiming to pave the way for Jewish settlers' break-ins. (PALINFO 13 October 2021)

## Israeli Military Orders

• Israeli authorities notified of its intentions to seize dozens of durums of land belonging to Palestinians in the village of Yasuf, east of the West Bank city of Salfit, as a prelude to expanding a nearby illegal settlement.

Israeli forces delivered a number of notices for the seizure of around 40dunums of land belonging to Palestinians in the area for the benefit of expanding the nearby illegal Israeli settlement of Taffouh. (IMEMC 13 October 2021)

• Israeli occupation authorities issued an order to raze the recently built road connecting town of Yabad and the village of Khirbet Emreha, southwest of the occupied northern West Bank city of Jenin, local sources said. The road was built two months ago to facilitate students' access to their schools and farmers and workers to their farms and places of work. Israel sabotages all development projects in that area, practices collective punishment through its daily raiding of homes and detentions, as well as closing side roads, suffocating the town's economy and stealing more of its lands in favor of illegal settlements. (WAFA 13 October 2021)

#### **Expansion of Israeli settlements**

- On October 13, the Local Planning Committee approved expropriation of lands designated for public use in the Givat Hamatos area for the construction of roads, public buildings and the development of open space for the planned new settlement/neighborhood. The funding comes from the Arim Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Construction and Housing. While expropriation of public lands in lead up to the establishment of a new neighborhood is standard procedure, such a step indicates that <u>construction of the tendered 1257 housing units</u> is imminent. A once longstanding international redline due to its sealing-off effect of the southern perimeter of East Jerusalem from the West Bank, Givat Hamatos is slated to become the first new settlement/neighborhood built over the Green Line in Jerusalem in over two decades. (IR-AMIM 13 October 2021)
- Today, the Jerusalem Local Planning Committee advanced a new outline plan (TPS 977964) for a Wadi Joz business park designated for 78 dunams in the area of Wadi Joz. This should not be confused with the East District Plan, a separate, but equally as problematic, outline plan for a locale adjacent to the area in the Wadi Joz plan. Today's session at the Local Planning Committee marks the first stage in the planning process needed to approve the Wadi Joz plan. Known as the "Silicon Wadi" plan, the municipality has engaged in major publicity surrounding its intent to

transform the Wadi Joz commercial area into a large industrial high-tech hub ostensibly for the benefit of East Jerusalem Palestinians. The plan, however, involves the eviction and/or demolition of many of the existing Palestinian businesses and buildings along the main commercial street in Wadi Joz and has been met with strong opposition from East Jerusalem residents, particularly those who stand to be affected. According to the provisions of the plan, the construction will include complexes from 8-14 stories high, the majority of which is designated for office and commercial space. Only 10% of the construction area will be allotted for residential use, while the plan itself only includes 166 housing units. The plan likewise entails construction of a wide boulevard, which will be built at the expense of the currently built-up area. Beyond the devastating impact of widespread demolitions of existing businesses and structures, the plan also raises concerns that the Israeli authorities will exploit the planning procedures to locate alleged Palestinian absentee properties and transfer lands into the hands of the State. It should also be noted that while Israel focuses on bolstering employment and economic activity in East Jerusalem, it simultaneously continues to suppress residential development in Palestinian neighborhoods. As with nearly all outline plans advanced in East Jerusalem in recent years, the Wadi Joz business park plan only allocates a marginal amount for residential use, which hardly meets the acute housing needs of the Palestinian population. Rather than undertaking measures to rectify the housing crisis, these plans only exacerbate the current situation and perpetuate the residential planning stranglehold, which ultimately serves to push Palestinians out of the city. (IR-AMIM 13 October 2021)

In parallel to the aforementioned developments, on October 13, the Local Planning Committee recommended for deposit a new outline plan (TPS 759894) for 470 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev. Although promoted as an urban renewal project for the existing built-up area, in practice, the plan will expand the settlement/neighborhood eastward towards the Separation Barrier and the area of Hizma, depleting the few remaining open land reserves in the area. These various developments are neither isolated nor independent of one another, but rather part and parcel of a concerted and coordinated attempt to predetermine the endgame of the conflict by undermining conditions necessary for a negotiated political resolution. It is therefore vital that measures are undertaken to block these lethal processes in this narrow window of time. the areas in red

mark the major settlement advancements that threaten the remaining viability of a two-state framework. (IR-AMIM 13 October 2021)