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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 10 February 2022

I he 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

- Israeli soldiers opened fire, shortly after midnight, into Palestinian agricultural lands in Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis governorates in the central and southern parts of the Gaza Strip. Eyewitnesses said the soldiers fired a barrage of live fire into the farmlands near the perimeter fence, east Deir al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip. They added that the soldiers also fired dozens of live rounds into farmlands east of Abasan town, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The attacks did not lead to injuries but caused anxiety attacks among several Palestinians, especially children. The army attacks <u>farmers</u>, <u>shepherds</u>, workers, and <u>fishermen</u> across the eastern parts of the coastal region and in Palestinian territorial waters, leading to dozens of casualties, including <u>fatalities</u>, and preventing Palestinians from tending to their lands from fishing to provide for their families. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)
- On Wednesday evening, Israeli soldiers injured seven Palestinians during a procession at the northern entrance of the al-Biereh city, near Ramallah, in the central part of the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) stated that its medics treated seven Palestinians. The PRCS added that the soldiers shot one Palestinian with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused six others to suffer severe tear-gas inhalation. The injuries took place when the soldiers attacked dozens of Palestinians marching near the military roadblock close to Beit El illegal colony, condemning the assassination of three Palestinians in the northern West Bank city of Nablus, Tuesday. In related news, Israeli forces opened fire towards Palestinian young men who protested the incursion of illegal Israeli settlers into the Ein al-Sultan refugee camp, in Jericho city, in the Jordan Valley, wounding two with live fire. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)

Israeli Settler Violence

• On Wednesday, a group of illegal Israeli colonizers uprooted 110 Palestinian olive saplings in Bruqin town, west of Salfit, in the central

West Bank. Resident Ghaleb Sheikh Omar, the orchard owner, said the colonizers uprooted 85 olive saplings in his orchard located in Khirbat Jamaluddin, northwest of Bruqin. He added that he had been working to rehabilitate his 14 Dunams of land for the past several years to plant them. In addition, the colonizers cut twenty-five olive saplings in an orchard, owned by Mahmoud Sheikh Omar, in the al-Matwi area, east of Bruqin. Salfit governor, Abdullah Kamil, denounced the constant Israeli violations, especially since the colonizers are encouraged by the complicity of the Israeli occupation army and the Israeli government. He stressed the importance of holding Israel and its colonists accountable for the ongoing crimes against the Palestinian people and their property. Kamil stated that olive trees are an essential part of the Palestinian heritage, history, and culture and are among the main targets of the dangerously escalating Israeli crimes. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)

- A group of illegal Israeli colonizers and soldiers invaded, on Thursday morning, the Kifl Hares town, north of Salfit in the central West Bank, before the colonizers caused damage to Palestinian cars, in addition to invading historic sites. Ali Jasser, the Mayor of Kifl Hares, said several Israeli army jeeps accompanied the colonizers before invading historical Islamic sites in the town after the army closed the area to the Palestinians. Jasser added that the colonizers smashed the windshield of a car owned by Najdat Saleh and slashed the tires of another vehicle he owns, and a car owned by Khaled Abdul-Qader Shaqqour. In related news, a large group of Israeli colonizers, accompanied by soldiers, invaded the archeological area in Sebastia Palestinian town, northwest of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)
- On Thursday morning, a large group of illegal Israeli colonizers, accompanied by soldiers, invaded the archeological area in Sebastia Palestinian town, northwest of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. Mohammad Azem, the mayor of Sebastia, stated that the colonizers, accompanied by several Israeli army jeeps, came in several vehicles, including buses. He added that the soldiers closed all areas leading to the archeological site in Sebastia and prevented the Palestinians from entering it. The soldiers frequently invade Sebastia to accompany colonialist settlers into the archeological area. During these invasions, the soldiers block all Palestinian traffic, in addition to frequently storming

- homes, abducting Palestinians, and attacking protesters, in addition to removing the Palestinian flag from the site. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)
- On Wednesday, illegal Israeli colonizers uprooted at least sixty Palestinian olive saplings and destroyed an agricultural shed in the ar-Ras area, west of Salfit, in the central part of the occupied West Bank. The owner of the olive orchards, Fayez Abdul-Dayem, stated that the colonizers came from a recently installed illegal colonialist outpost on stolen Palestinian lands in the al-Khalayel lands in the ar-Ras area. He added that he and his family planted the sapling just a few days ago and said that the colonizers also destroyed windows and doors of an agricultural room he built on his land. It is worth mentioning that, approximately three months ago, Israeli soldiers invaded Palestinian orchards in the ar-Ras area and uprooted at least 250 olive trees. In related news, Israeli soldiers demolished hothouses on Palestinian lands in Jayyous village, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia. (IMEMC 10 February 2022)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

• Israel has approved a 1 billion shekel (\$310 million USD) plan to connect the illegal settlements in occupied East Jerusalem with neighborhoods in West Jerusalem with the goal of consolidating the occupation, according to a report by Radio Bethlehem and Kol Ha'ir. The Finance Committee for Occupation Municipality has approved these plans and programs in order link neighborhoods in West Jerusalem with the illegal settlements in East Jerusalem. The plan includes expansion of the light rail, roads and infrastructure construction and replacement. 53 million shekels are slated to build the "American Bypass" road which would be a path from Jabal Al-Mukabber to the Ain Al-Lawza junction. Plans include building sidewalks, widening the road, building retaining walls to separate the road from the neighborhoods it will pass through, and sewage and water replacement. This project and others like it have historically created even

more travel difficulties for Palestinians and in particular the American Bypass road, which was a project started in the 1960's. In 2020 the American Road was criticized as "de-facto annexation" by Daniel Seidemann, a lawyer representing Palestinian families who suffered due to the construction. "What we are seeing here is, again, the seamless integration of the northern West Bank, East Jerusalem under sole Israeli control, and the southern West Bank for the purposes of the settlers," said Seidemann. According to a report by Reuters in 2020. Construction will likely affect Palestinian communities in East Jerusalem as well as in surrounding areas including the allocation of 17.1 million shekels to modernize and expand the road in Beit Hanina heading to the west side of Jerusalem to help facilitate "movement of settlers from the settlements of Bizgat Ze'ev and Nabi Yaakov", and 22.6 million shekels for the expansion of the street in the Gilo settlement - construction that will affect Palestinians as it will connect with the Begin-Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. These new roads may pose another difficult question for the international community and for Israelis. In 2019, Route 4370 opened, a segregated highway built with the intention of ease of movement for settlers and engendered criticism as it is referred to as the "Apartheid Road", built to separate via a wall in the highway, settlers and Palestinians, who are not allowed to enter Jerusalem, Haaretz reported. (HAARETZ, IMEMC 10 February 2022)