

Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 12 July 2022

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.

*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 invaded the Al-Isawiya town, in occupied Jerusalem, in the West Bank, leading to protests. Several army jeeps invaded the town, drove through several neighborhoods, and closed roads. Many Palestinians protested the invasion and hurled stones at the army jeeps before the soldiers fired many rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. The soldiers also attacked several Palestinians in a car the army stopped and searched during the town's invasion. (IMEMC 12 July 2022)
- Israeli soldiers abducted a Palestinian while trying to cross the Al-Karama Border terminal on his way to Jordan. The soldiers abducted Hasan Abdul-Salam al-Oweiwi, 39, from Hebron city in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The soldiers interrogated the young man at the terminal and detained him before moving him to an interrogation facility. (IMEMC 12 July 2022)
- Clashes erupted between the Israeli occupation forces and young Jerusalemites, in the town of Al-Isawiya, east of occupied Jerusalem. The occupation forces stormed the town of Al-Isawiya and fired tear gas bombs and rubber bullets at the citizens. (WAFA 12 July 2022)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• Teams affiliated with the so-called "Israeli settlement council" stormed several areas in the northern Jordan Valley, and photographed some housing facilities belonged to Palestinians and animal pens. The Settlements Council took pictures of the facilities who expressed their fear of demolitions and seizures that might take place in the coming period. (WAFA 12 July 2022)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

• The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) approved a group of settlement plans that aim to build 1850 settlement units in Israeli settlements in the

occupied West Bank. The plans aim at expanding settlements established on the lands of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Al-Bireh, Jenin, and Salfit. Seven out of nine settlements located west of the separation wall will be expanded as well. The IOA approved the building of 1,061 new settlement units in Beitar Illit settlement in Bethlehem, in addition to 210 units in Mevo Horon Settlement in Ramallah Governorate, and Efrat settlement in Bethlehem area.. (ARIJ, PALINFO 12 July 2022)

Nachala movement is preparing the logistics and handing out kits to groups of settler activists who will take to strategic hilltops in Area C. Nachala chairwoman Daniella Weiss: The people are behind us. A settlement activist group is planning to set up at least 28 new outposts in Judea and Samaria, three of which it plans to erect days after US President Joe Biden's visit to region this week, Israel Hayom has learned. The Nachala movement is currently coordinating hundreds of volunteers and the purchase of building equipment for three new settlement outposts, the locations of which it is keeping under wraps to avoid running afoul of the IDF Civil Administration, which permits and oversees construction in Area C. Nachala has been preparing to establish new outposts, with a target date of July 20, for some time. The group has already set up dozens of groups of new settlers and held hundreds of meetings in an attempt to enlist support. The group claims that over 1,000 activists from all over Israel have joined the initiative. Nachala chairwoman Daniella Weiss told Israel Hayom that "Now, when reports are saying that the government intends to approve Arab construction in Area C, is the time to say clearly – the Land of Israel in its entirety belongs to the Jewish people. Israel is an independent state. The entire Land of Israel is our, and we will continue to found settlements and towns throughout Judea and Samaria." According to Weiss, "The Jewish people are a healthy people. Since we started this move some weeks ago, we've encountered warmth from the public like we've never seen before. The public understands the importance of new settlements, and how much the pioneering, Zionist progress will lift the people's spirits as we continue the Zionist path up the mountain. With God's help, and with a lot of work, we're poised to break a years-long freeze, and see settlement flourish throughout Judea and Samaria." With US President Joe Biden slated to arrive this week for a visit to the region, Israel Hayom reported recently that the Israeli right is concerned that the issue of illegal Palestinian construction might be glossed over. MKs Orit Strock and Yoav Kisch, who head the Knesset Land of Israel lobby, issued a letter warning that the tolerance of illegal Palestinian construction went against coalition

agreements. Meanwhile, left-wing groups are opposing Nachala's plan to kick off a new round of settlements and claim that the IDF is supporting the move. "Although the establishment of settlements is considered a war crime under international law, the Israeli military will secure the establishment of the settlements and allow them to expand and connect to water, electricity, and other services, thus helping the settlers apply pressure to surround Palestinian communities through methodic violence, so Palestinian families will leave and allow the settlers to take over their lands and property," a number of leftist groups wrote in an open letter. The groups' letter urged the Biden administration and the US Congress to "listen to the calls of Palestinian, Israeli, and American activists to condition continued US aid on stopping the involvement of Israel and its armed forces in human rights violations. The aid should be stopped as long as Israel refuses to change its behavior," the activists argued. General Director of the Betsalmo advocacy group Shay Glick said in response, "It's infuriating that the New Israel Fund supports organizations that are calling on the US president not to provide Israel with weapons, which will just put the lives of [civilians] and IDF soldiers at risk. This crosses a red line, calls for a military boycott of Israel is equivalent to calling to shut down the country. "It's time for Israel to fight the groups that are working to have in boycotted ... and not give them any more legitimacy. We will continue to fight these groups, which are putting the lives of Israeli citizens in danger," Glick said. (ISRALHAYOM 12 July 2022)

Other

The Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee will discuss next Monday (18/7/22) the promotion of c. 2,000 of housing units in East Jerusalem in two new settlements: Givat Hashaked near Beit Safafa and Shorafat, and the Lower Aqueduct plan between Har Homa and Givat Hamatos. <u>The agenda for the discussion</u> has been published hours before President Biden's landing in Israel. Both plans are intended to strike a severe blow at the possibility of a two-state solution, and of the development of East Jerusalem as a Palestinian capital. Following the publication of the agenda in the media, the Prime Minister's office has announced that <u>they will be taken off the agenda</u>, but as of the evening of 12/7/22 the plans are still on the agenda at the Planning Authority's website. For more information, click here. (PEACENOW 12 July 2022)

• The World Zionist Organization Settlement Division is set to invest 29.5 million shekels (\$8.5 million) to connect unauthorized West Bank outposts to the electricity grid and prepare master plans ahead of authorizing them as proper settlements. The money for the project, which will also cover the installation of security cameras, comes from coalition funding the Yamina party received over the past year. The transfer of the funds is part of the policy set in place by Yamina's chairman, <u>former Prime Minister Naftali</u> <u>Bennett</u>, as part of his past role as settlement affairs minister. The public can comment on the Settlement Division's plan until July 12. The budget item is a new one in the Settlement Division's work plan for 2022. Establishing electrical infrastructure in outposts requires government authorization, and the defense minister must also approve the linkup. However, a security source told Haaretz that this approval is not expected any time soon. For more information <u>click here</u>. (HAARETZ 12 July 2022)