



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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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

- A Palestinian child fainted after he got a sunstroke while detained by Israeli occupation soldiers together with a group of solidarity activists in Masafer Yatta area, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Israeli occupation soldiers briefly detained a group of international activists in the village of Fakhit in Masafer Yatta region while they were distributing stationery to students, and also detained a number of children who were accompanying the activists. The activists and children were thrown out under the searing sun by the Israeli soldiers for a few hours, causing Sinmar Le'mour, one of the children detained, to get a sunstroke and faint as a result. Jabour said the international activists were visiting the area in order to stand by its residents who are facing a series of Israeli closures and restrictions, including Israeli imminent demolition threats facing hundreds of structures in the region, including schools. (Wafa 4 September 2022)
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the village of Atouf, southeast of Tubas, and carried out intensive search campaign. The Israeli occupation forces closed the entrances to the village and turned it into a military post. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation soldiers on the eastern side of the village. The occupation forces arrested two young men, Muhammad Walid Turkman, and Ahmed Maher Turkman, in Sahel Al Atouf area, who suffered burns when their vehicle caught fire. (Wafa 4 September 2022)
- The Israeli occupation forces arrested a journalist from the occupied city of Jerusalem. The Israeli intelligence police arrested journalist Lama Ghosheh after raiding her house in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, east of the city. Later, the occupation authorities extended the detention of journalist Ghosheh until tomorrow, Monday. (Wafa 4 September 2022)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers today demolished a Palestinian-owned mobile home on the road connecting the occupied West Bank cities of Jenin and Nablus. A group of settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, demolished a mobile home placed inside a land owned by Iyad Ameen Ash Sheikh on

the road between Jenin and Nablus near Al Mas'oudiya checkpoint. The settlers also cut off and stole the entire fence surrounding the land. The Settlers also (Wafa 4 September 2022)

- Scores of Israeli settlers escorted by police broke into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem and performed rituals in its courtyards, according to witnesses. Scores of Israeli settlers entered the compound through the Moroccan Gate in groups and performed rituals and Talmudic prayers there under the protection of Israeli police officers. (September 4 September 2022)
- Israeli Settlers attacked citizens' vehicles on the road connecting Huwwara with Jit junction in Qalqilya, and threw stones at the vehicles, causing damage to some of them. (Wafa 4 September 2022)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli occupation authorities notified of its intentions to demolish a Palestinian-owned house in the town of al-Issawiya, east of occupied Jerusalem, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext. Israeli authorities issued a demolition notice against a house, which was built almost seven months ago and owned by a Jerusalemite resident in the town of Issawiya. (Wafa 4 September 2022)
- Israeli occupation forces ordered the removal of utility poles that distribute electricity to dozens of houses in Um al-Rokba area in the town of al-Khader to the south of Hebron. Israeli forces delivered seven-day notices ordering the removal of all the electricity poles that supply electricity to around 60 Palestinian houses in Um Al-Rokba area, under the pretext of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit. This measure aims at tightening the noose around the Palestinian residents in the said area to force them to leave for the benefit of settlement expansion. (Wafa 4 September 2022)
- Israeli occupation authorities yesterday forced a Palestinian family to self-demolish their own house in the occupied Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext. Witnesses told Wafa that members of Hadia family demolished their privately-owned house yesterday to avoid paying exorbitant fees if the Israeli municipality crews carried out the demolition on their own. Owners say their house, which was inhabited by three households from the Palestinian family of Hadia, was built 12 years ago, and that throughout the past years they had been trying to get a construction permit from the Israeli municipality, all but in vain. Using the pretext of building without a permit, which is rarely

granted to Palestinians in the occupied city, the Israeli municipality has demolished or forced Palestinians to demolish hundreds of Palestinian-owned houses as part of a policy aimed to restrict Palestinian expansion in occupied Jerusalem. At the same time, the municipality and government build tens of thousands of housing units in illegal settlements in East Jerusalem for Jews with the goal to offset the demographic balance in favor of the Jewish settlers in the occupied city. (Wafa 4 September 2022)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- The Israeli occupation is Planning and Building Committee in Occupied Jerusalem is considering the approval of two settlement plans in the city comprising a total of 3,412 housing units over the next week. The two plans, which bear the numbers (TPS YOSH 420-4-7) and (TPS YOSH 420-4-10), will see the construction of more than 3,412 new settlement housing units, which will be built on an area estimated at 2,100 dunums in the eastern outskirts of the occupied capital. The approval by the occupation authorities of these two plans would expose about 2,000 native Palestinians living in small Bedouin communities in this area (Jabal al-Baba, Wadi al-Jamal, Bir al-Maskoub, Wadi Snisil, and Abu George Bedouin), to the risk of forced displacement, which amounts to a war crime. The implementation of the two settlement plans will separate the north of the West Bank from its south, and that it will disconnect Palestinian neighborhoods in the heart of Jerusalem from their Palestinian environs east and south of the city, preventing the possibility of future expansion of the city as capital of a future Palestinian state. "The two plans would link all settlements in the eastern region and outside the boundaries of the Jerusalem municipality with the settlements within the municipal boundaries, thus transforming Palestinian villages into enclaves besieged by settlements, establishing what is called "Greater Jerusalem", and bringing about a profound change in favor of the settler population as far as demography is concerned," Shaaban said. The implementation of the so-called E1 settlement plan is a serious violation of the foundations of the political process, as it will separate the West Bank from East Jerusalem, which will deal a fatal blow to the two-state solution. (Wafa 4 September 2022)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli occupation forces impeded the movement of Palestinian citizens on Al-Maarrajat road, which connects the governorates of Jericho, Al-Aghwar, Ramallah and Al-Bireh. The occupation forces set up a military checkpoint west of Jericho, obstructed the movement of vehicles coming

- from Ramallah, checked citizens' ID cards and interrogated them, which led to huge traffic on Al-Murajat road. (WAFA 4 September 2022)
- The Israeli occupation forces intensified their military presence in the vicinity of Jenin governorate and set up mobile checkpoints in Faquq'a, Deir Ghazala, Beit Qad, Deir Abu Daif, Al-Jalameh, Qabatiya, and Al-Zababda village. The Israeli military Jeeps toured in the area without any arrests being reported. The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint between Qabatiya and Zababdeh towns, impeding the movement of Palestinians after stopping their vehicles, checking their ID cards, their cell phones and interrogating them. (WAFA 4 September 2022)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation forces closed the iron gate leading to the village of Nabi Saleh and the western villages of Bani Zaid northwest of Ramallah, and prevented citizens' vehicles from entering and leaving the area. (WAFA 4 September 2022)
- The Israeli occupation forces closed the Eastern dirt entrances of Atouf and Al-Ras Al-Ahmar village, southeast of Tubas, declared them closed military areas, and searched a number of homes in the area. (WAFA 4 September 2022)

Other

- New Israeli rules set to take effect next week require foreigners entering the West Bank to declare if they have "formed a couple" with a Palestinian and are in a relationship with them, along with other new restrictions likely to make future visits harder for foreign nationals. The rules — which do not apply to those visiting Israeli settlements in the West Bank — are due to come into force on Monday after being delayed twice by legal challenges. The new rulebook was drafted by COGAT, the Defense Ministry body responsible for Palestinian civil affairs. Under the regulations for visa extensions, first published in February, a foreigner married to a Palestinian, planning on marrying one, or entering a relationship with one, must notify COGAT. Additionally, if the relationship starts after a foreigner arrives in the West Bank, they must notify Israeli authorities within 30 days of their engagement, wedding, or the start of cohabitation — "whichever occurs first." "A foreigner married to a resident of the Area, or forming a couple

with one, must proceed to make arrangements... before arriving at the Area. If the relationship starts after the foreigner arrived at the Area, then the authorized COGAT official must be informed in writing within 30 days of the relationship's start. At the same time, an application must be submitted to the Palestinian Authority for formalizing the status," the rules state. If their relationship status is not formalized within 90 days, then their Israeli permit will expire and the foreigner would be obliged to leave the country immediately, according to the rules. Regardless of formalizing their status, the Israeli permit can only be extended for up to 27 months. After which, the foreigner would have to leave the country for a six-month cooling-off period. The rules also state that foreign passport holders — including Palestinians living abroad — who are planning to visit the West Bank (with the exception of settlements), will no longer be able to obtain visas on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, and instead will have to apply for them at least 45 days in advance. The measures will also place significant curbs on the ability of foreigners to study, volunteer or work in the West Bank, in a major blow to student exchange programs operated by the European Union among others. The new rules will deprive "thousands of Palestinian families of the right to live together without interruption and to live a normal family life," said HaMoked, the Israeli rights group that led the Supreme Court appeal against the measures. HaMoked's director Jessica Montell said in a statement that international humanitarian law gave Israel the right as the "occupying force" in the West Bank to act in the name of its security and "for the well-being of the local population." But she said the new regulations had "nothing to do with either," and that the goal of Israel was to "restrict the growth of the Palestinian population through family reunification." Asked by AFP, COGAT said the new regulations were a "two-year pilot" aimed at making the entry process "more efficient and more suited to the dynamic conditions of the times." In the West Bank city of Ramallah, Palestinian lawyer Rasem Kamal said he has been inundated with clients from the diaspora wanting to register power of attorney amid deep uncertainty about arranging their affairs. "Many people are rushing to come to the West Bank and finish their business here or give the power of attorney because they understand... there may be restrictions on their ability to visit," he said. Canadian doctor Benjamin Thomson, one of the 19 plaintiffs involved in the legal challenge, said the Israeli move would disrupt the work of health professionals. "These draconian measures will severely impact their work, and impair the lives of the Palestinian people," said Thomson, director of the Keys of Health project aimed at

rebuilding healthcare in the Palestinian territories. “This is micromanaging, with the purpose to damage the Palestinian social fabric,” said Sam Bahour, a Palestinian-American businessman who moved to the West Bank from Ohio in 1995. The new rules will also set quotas for academic exchange programs, allowing just 150 foreign professors and 100 students to attend Palestinian universities each year. The proposed quotas drew a strong rebuke from the European Union, whose Erasmus+ exchange program will be particularly hit. In 2020, 366 European students and professors took part in courses in the West Bank, significantly more than the overall quota for the next two years. “While Israel greatly benefits from Erasmus+, the [European] Commission considers that it should facilitate and not hinder the access of students to Palestinian universities,” Education Commissioner Mariya Gabriel said in July. (TOI 4 September 2022)