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Violations of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A Palestinian child was shot and killed, on Tuesday night, after an alleged stabbing attempt, near Al-Samou' town, south of **Hebron**, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank, the Ministry of Health confirmed. The Public Authority for Civil Affairs informed the Ministry of the shooting death of the child near the illegal settlement outpost of "Eshtemoa", located west of the town. The Ministry identified the slain child as *Muhammad Farid Shawqi Al-Zaarir*, 15, a ninth grade student, stating that the child was shot and killed by Israeli occupation forces. that occupation forces denied the injured child of medical treatment by blocking ambulance crews from approaching him. (IMEMC 1 August 2023)
- an off duty Israeli Border Police officer shot and killed a young Palestinian man near the town of Al-Ezzariyya, east of Jerusalem. According to Israeli forces, the Palestinian had opened fire at Israeli colonial settlers near the entrance to the colony of Ma'ale Adumim, built on lands stolen from Palestinians living mainly in Al-Ezzariya. Six Israelis were wounded before an off-duty Israeli officer shot and killed the shooter. Among those injured were a 40 year old male in serious condition and a 28 year old male in moderate condition. The Palestinian Ministry of Health identified the young man who was killed as Mohannad Mohammad Suleiman Al-Mazra'a, 20 years old. (IMEMC 1 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces raided the archeological site in the town of Sebastia, to the north of the West Bank city of Nablus. A large unit of Israeli soldiers raided the archaeological site, conducting a survey of the area of the Roman amphitheater. The site has been a regular target of settlers and occupation raids and attacks in an attempt to taking over more archaeological sites. Israeli settlers' violence against Palestinians and their property is routine in the West Bank and is rarely prosecuted by Israeli authorities. (WAFA 1 August 2023)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffered from suffocation while others were shot by Israeli gunfire during an Israeli military raid into the eastern area of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. The Ministry of Health said that a Palestinian youth with a serious injury in the abdomen and another injured in the thigh were transferred to the Rafidia Governmental hospital. The Red Crescent in Nablus also reported dozens of suffocation cases, whereas a number of Palestinian suffocated after inhaling toxic gas fired at them by the soldiers. Additionally, a man and his wife were transferred to the Rafidia Hospital after the Israeli forces opened fire at their vehicle. Ambulance crews treated a shrapnel wound to the eye. (WAFA 1 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces invaded, on Tuesday night, two Palestinian celebrations, causing a number of injuries, in the town of Ya'bad and the village of Nazlet Zaid, both west of Jenin, in the northern occupied West Bank. In the northern part of the West Bank, Israeli soldiers invaded the town of Ya'bad, west of the city of **Jenin**, in addition to the nearby Nazlet Zaid village, causing a number of injuries to Palestinian civilians. The occupation soldiers stormed a party in Ya'bad town, for high school students who were successful in their exams. Soldiers fired tear gas

canisters and concussion grenades, striking one young man in the back with a tear gas canister, fired at high velocity, while dozens of other youths sustained inhalation injuries. North of Ya'bad, Israeli troops invaded a wedding party in the village of Nazlet Zaid, and fired tear gas canisters and concussion grenades, causing several people to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation forces shot and injured, on Tuesday night, three Palestinian young men, one seriously, and caused dozens more to sustain inhalation injuries, during settlers' storming of the eastern area of Nablus, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Under the full protection of the Israeli army, illegal settlers invaded the site of Joseph's Tomb, in the eastern part of **Nablus** city, in the northern occupied West Bank. A large army force, along with 2 military bulldozers, invaded the eastern region of Nablus, closed Amman Street with dirt mounds, and increased their presence from there down to the Beit Furik military roadblock, southeast of the city. Local Palestinian youths protested the incursion by burning tires, and throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at the military vehicles. Soldiers responded by firing live rounds and a heavy barrage of tear gas canisters at those who resisted the incursion. The Ministry of Health announced that a total of three Palestinian young men were shot by the occupation army, with live ammunition. The Ministry said that one young man sustained a serious gunshot wound to the abdomen, another suffered a moderate gunshot wound to the thigh, and another was shot in the leg, all of whom were admitted to Nablus hospitals. At least 35 citizens suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation, including a woman and her infant, while one person was injured after falling from an unknown height. Israeli soldiers fired live ammunition at a vehicle in Askar al-Balad, without causing any injuries. (IMEMC 2 August 2023)
- Israeli Navy gunboats shot and injured, a Palestinian fisherman while he was sailing his boat off the northern coast of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Fishermen's Syndicate said that the Israeli Navy shot Iyad Kaskin with a rubber-coated steel round, and damaged his boat while he was fishing off the northern coast of the Gaza Strip. The Navy opened fire at Kaskin and others while they were fishing within 3 nautical miles, in the Al-Waha area, northwest of Gaza City. The injured man was transported to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where medical staff said he was in stable condition. (IMEMC 3 August 2023)
- Israeli forces Thursday uprooted dozens of olive saplings in the town of Battir, to the west of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. An Israeli army unit was accompanied with a bulldozer when raiding the eastern part of the village, and proceeded to raze a land of 4 donums, uprooting dozens of olive, owned by local resident Mazen Abu Ne'me. He added that the area has been recently targeted by settlers, who are razing tracts of lands, uprooting trees, setting up settler-only caravans and preventing people from accessing their lands. (Wafa 3 August 2023)
- A Palestinian fisherman was Thursday injured after he was shot by Israeli navy forces as he was sailing in the Gaza Sea. A Palestinian fishermen suffered from

injuries after he was shot by Israeli navy in the eastern area of al-Waha, northwest of the Gaza City. He was taken to al-Shifaa hospital to the west of the city. (Wafa 3 August 2023)

- Israeli forces shot and injured, three Palestinians, including a child, in various parts of the West Bank, and abducted two, including a child. Israeli forces shot and injured, a Palestinian young man in Zababdeh town, southeast of **Jenin**, in the northern occupied West Bank. The army invaded the town which sparked local youths to protest the incursion. Occupation forces opened fire with live ammunition, shooting and injuring a young man in the thigh with a live round. The young man was transported to hospital, however his condition was unknown at the time of writing this report. Soldiers invaded neighboring towns and villages including Qabatiya town, and Masliyah village south of the city, in addition to Ya'bad town to the west, and Arraba town, southeast of the city. Israeli forces stormed, the Al-Fara'a refugee camp, south of **Tubas**, in the northeastern West Bank, and abducted a child. The incursion triggered protests among local Palestinian youths, which soldiers responded to by chasing a group of young men who resisted the incursion. . (IMEMC 3 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces attacked, the weekly anti-settlement procession, in the village of Kufur Qaddoum, east of **Qalqilia**, in the northwestern part of the West Bank. Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters at the Palestinian demonstrators, injuring two young men with steel rounds, while dozens of others sustained inhalation injuries. All of those who sustained injuries were treated by local medics at the scene. Israeli colonists from the nearby illegal “Kedumin” settlement, established on expropriated Palestinian lands, have full access to the street, while Palestinians are forced to take longer routes east to Nablus city, the nearest major commercial center, prolonging travel time and causing undue hardship. (IMEMC 4 August 2023)
- Several Palestinians suffocated by tear gas during confrontations that erupted in the town of Biddu, northwest of occupied Jerusalem. Israeli military forces stormed the said town and detained two residents, including a former prisoner in Israeli jails, after raiding their homes, leading to violent confrontations. Several residents suffocated due to tear gas inhalation. (Wafa 4 August 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and killed, a Palestinian teenager in the Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarem, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank. The Israeli army stormed the Nour Shams refugee camp, east of **Tulkarem**, which sparked protests among local Palestinian youths. It was added that armed Palestinian resistance fighters exchanged fire with the invading army. There were no reports of any injuries among the army. According to eyewitness reports, the soldiers fired a barrage of live rounds, tear gas canisters, and concussion grenades at the young men who resisted the incursion. Israeli soldiers shot **Mahmoud Abu Sa'an**, 18, in the head with a live round, reportedly from a short distance. (IMEMC 4 August 2023)

- A Palestinian and his wife were injured after being attacked by Israeli forces in Masafer Yatta to the south of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank, said a local activist. Osama Makhamreh, an activist against settlements in the south of Hebron, told Wafa that a Palestinian, who was identified as Hisham al-Hrini, and his wife sustained bruises and fractures after being severely beaten up at the hands of Israeli soldiers at the entrance of Carmel-Tawana in Masafer Yatta. They were transferred to a nearby medical clinic for treatment. Forces also placed a flying checkpoint at the Carmel-Masafer Yatta Road, where they searched Palestinian-registered vehicles and checked the identity cards of passengers. (Wafa 4 August 2023)
- Two Palestinians were shot and injured by rubber-coated metal bullets, and dozens of others suffocated as Israeli forces attacked the weekly anti-settlement protest in the village of Kafr Qaddum, in the northern West Bank province of Qalqilia. Israeli occupation soldiers attacked the protesters with rubber-coated rounds, stun grenades and teargas, injuring two of them and causing dozens of others to suffocate from gas inhalation. (Wafa 4 August 2023)
- On Thursday evening, Israeli occupation forces invaded Tura al-Gharbiya village, west of Jenin, in the northern West Bank, and caused a number of civilians to suffer inhalation injuries. Tariq Qabha, head of the Tura village council said that the Israeli army stormed the village of Tura al-Gharbiya, which triggered protests among local Palestinian youths. Soldiers responded to those who resisted the incursion by opening heavy fire of tear gas canisters, causing several citizens to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. It was added that the army stormed Rummanah village, northwest of the city, and increased their presence in other towns and villages in the northern West Bank governorate of Jenin. Israeli forces shot and killed, a Palestinian teenager in the Nour Shams refugee camp, east of **Tulkarem**, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank. Israeli occupation soldiers shot *Mahmoud Abu Sa'an*, 18, in the head with a live round, reportedly from a short distance. (IMEMC 4 August 2023)
- Israeli troops assaulted, a Palestinian official, in Deir Istiya town, northwest of Salfit, in the central West Bank, and injured dozens of other civilians in the southern West Bank town of Tuqu', south of Bethlehem. Israeli soldiers injured, a Palestinian official and attacked other demonstrators at an anti-settlement protest in Deir Istiya town, northwest of **Salfit**. Participants performed the Friday prayer on the land, and proceeded to demonstrate against the new colonial outpost set up on June 24, in the northern part of the town. According to Nazim al-Salman, a local activist, Israeli soldiers assaulted Minister Moayad Shaaban, the head of the of the Wall and Settlement Resistance Commission, causing him bruising and injuries to his chest and abdomen. Al-Salman added that the army fired tear gas canisters directly at Shaaban and the other non-violent demonstrators, there were no other injuries reported. Shaaban was transported to hospital for medical intervention, his condition was not known at the time of writing this report. (IMEMC 5 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation soldiers opened fire tonight at a vehicle with Palestinian registration plates at the entrance to the town of Turmus Ayya, to the north of

Ramallah. No injuries were reported. Israeli soldiers fired live shots at the vehicle, causing physical damages. It was not confirmed whether there were any people inside the vehicle at the time of the Israeli attack. (Wafa 5 August 2023)

- Israeli forces attacked the peaceful anti-settlement protest, and injured several Palestinians in the village of Beit Dajan, southeast of Nablus, in the northern occupied West Bank. Palestinians gathered for the weekly march in Beit Dajan village, southeast of **Nablus** city, to express their rejection of the Israeli occupation's continued illegal colonial schemes in the West Bank. Israeli soldiers attacked the non-violent demonstrators by firing rubber-coated steel rounds, tear gas canisters, and concussion grenades at the unarmed civilians. In Nablus, several Palestinians sustained inhalation injuries from exposure to tear gas. (IMEMC 5 August 2023)
- A special Israeli unit executed, three Palestinians, including a child, while they were in a vehicle near a roundabout in the town of Arraba, southwest of **Jenin**, in the northern occupied West Bank, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Members of a special Israeli unit, known as the "Yamam" unit, the so-called "counter-terrorism" unit, fired dozens of live rounds at a Palestinian-plated vehicle which was stopped on the side of the road, assassinating all three occupants, who did not pose an immediate threat to the army. Military reinforcements stormed the town after the attack, to provide backup for the Israeli special forces who carried out the operation. The Authority for Civil Affairs informed the Ministry of Health of the death of the three men near Arraba town, southwest of Jenin. The Occupation Army Radio claimed that one of the targeted individuals, identified as *Nayef Abu Sweiss*, 26, from the Jenin refugee camp, had allegedly carried out prior operations, adding that he, "received military information from the Gaza Strip to carry out operations." (IMEMC 6 August 2023)
- in South Hebron, soldiers seized building materials and an electric generator belonging to Palestinian citizen Aziz Rabei. Al-Amour added that Rabei was attempting to restore a cave to be used as a residence in the Masafer Yatta area, in the village of Jinba, south of **Hebron** in the southern West Bank. (IMEMC 7 August 2023)
- Israeli Navy warships opened fire, Tuesday, toward Palestinian fishing boats sailing off the northern coast of the **Gaza Strip**, forcing the fishermen to flee to shore. Palestinian fishermen who were sailing in the "Al-Sudaniyya" area, northwest of Gaza City, in the northern part of the tiny coastal enclave, were forced to shore after occupation Navy ships fired live rounds at them. It was added that warships chased the fishing boats, in addition to shooting, coercing the fishermen to leave their work for the day, in order to preserve their own lives. No injuries were reported. (IMEMC 8 August 2023)
- Large numbers of Israeli forces invaded, on Monday night, the Askar refugee camp, east of Nablus in the northern West Bank, causing dozens of injuries and detonating

a Palestinian home. Before midnight Monday, a large army force, accompanied by at least 30 armored vehicles, stormed the Askar refugee camp, east of **Nablus**, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. The army besieged the home of the slain Abdel-Fattah Kharousha, and detained at least 60 people, including the residents of the home and nearby homes, in a local mosque, releasing them after the operation. The invasion sparked fierce protests among dozens of local Palestinian youths, who burned tires, threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at the military vehicles, and detonated at least one explosive device, targeting the armored trucks. Israeli forces opened fire at those who resisted the incursion, which the army responded to by firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds, and tear gas canisters, causing dozens of injuries among the Palestinian youths. According to Ahmed Jibril, the director of ambulance and emergency at the Red Crescent in Nablus, one young man was shot with live ammunition, while two sustained bullet fragment (shrapnel) wounds. Jibril added that at least three youths were shot with rubber-coated steel rounds, 185 people suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation, and at least four sustained injuries from falls during confrontations. The occupation army surrounded the residential building, and spent many hours wiring the third floor Kharousha family apartment for detonation. Israeli soldiers detonated the 150-square-meter apartment, forcing the six family members of the slain Kharousha, to become homeless. (IMEMC 8 August 2023)

- In related news, the Israeli army invaded the Masafer Yatta area, south of **Hebron**, in the southern West Bank, stormed and searched a cave which is used as shelter for the family of Shehada Makhamreh. According to Osama Makhamreh, a local activist, soldiers assaulted the two sons of the family, threatened to shoot them, and confiscated their cell phones. (IMEMC 9 August 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and killed, a Palestinian young man, after invading Zawata town, northwest of the northern West Bank city of **Nablus**, the Ministry of Health confirmed. The occupation soldiers stormed the town of Zawata, which sparked protests among local Palestinians, there were no reports of an armed exchange with resistance fighters. Soldiers opened fire, with live ammunition, shooting *Amir Ahmed Muhammad Khalfia*, 27, with two rounds in the head and back, the Ministry of Health announced. The young man, a citizen of the Al-Ein refugee camp (Camp No. 1) in Nablus city, was transported to hospital in critical condition, where medical personnel pronounced him dead shortly after arrival. According to the slain man's brother, Khaled, Amir *"has been pursued for two years, and he has fought many clashes and survived several assassination attempts recently."* He added that, *"What happened was an ambush carried out by the occupation forces, as they lured my brother out of the camp, and then assassinated him as soon as he got off his vehicle."* (IMEMC 9 August 2023)
- Israeli forces invaded, several towns and villages in the the Jenin, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem governorates, causing injuries among youths who protested. Israeli forces infiltrated, the city of **Jenin** in addition to several surrounding towns and villages, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. Military vehicles stormed

- towns from the northwest to south of the city, including Al-Yamoun, Ya'bad, Araba, Qabatiya, and Al-Zababdeh, in addition to villages in the surrounding areas. Local Palestinians protested the invasions, which soldiers responded to by firing live rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters. No injuries were reported. (IMEMC 10 August 2023)
- In **occupied Jerusalem**, soldiers stormed, on Wednesday evening, several neighborhoods and adjacent towns, causing Palestinians to resist the invasions. Soldiers invaded the Shu'fat refugee camp, north of the occupied city, Silwan town on the outskirts of the Old City, al-'Isawiya neighborhood in East Jerusalem, Al-Jib village, northwest of the city, and fired concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at youths who resisted the incursions. Palestinian youths used fireworks to deter the army from entering the Shu'fat refugee camp, no injuries were reported. (IMEMC 10 August 2023)
 - Israeli navy Thursday opened fire at Palestinian fishermen boats as they were sailing into the Gaza City sea, causing damages to some of them. Wafa correspondent said that the Israeli navy forces targeted Palestinian fishermen boats as they were sailing three nautical miles into al-Sudaniya area, northwest of the Gaza City, and opened water cannons at them, causing damages to the boats, and the fishermen to leave offshore in fear of getting shot. Since October 2000, human right centers in Gaza have documented several Israeli violations, including killing and confiscation of boats, against fishermen who were allowed, in accordance with international guaranteed Palestinian- Israeli agreements, to fish in within 4 to 6 nautical miles off shore. (Wafa 10 August 2023)
 - In the southern West Bank city of **Bethlehem**, occupation forces invaded, Wednesday evening, the northern entrance of the city, which led to protests by local Palestinian youths. Soldiers fired live rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters, causing several citizens to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. All of those who sustained inhalation injuries were treated at the scene by local medics. (IMEMC 10 August 2023)
 - Israeli forces attacked, non-violent Palestinian demonstrators in the village of Beit Dajan, assaulted the mayor and injured at least three others. Palestinians gathered on village lands threatened with Israeli colonization, waving Palestinian flags, at the weekly anti-settlement march in Beit Dajan village, east of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli soldiers responded to the non-violent protestors by opening fire with rubber-coated steel rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters. During the peaceful procession, soldiers assaulted the mayor of the village, Nasri Abu Jeish, who sustained bruising, and was treated on site by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) medics. At least three participants suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation during the army's attempt to suppress the anti-colonization march. (IMEMC 11 August 2023)
 - Heavily armed Israeli soldiers injured, dozens of Palestinian civilians who participated in the weekly anti-settlement procession in Kufur Qaddoum village,

east of **Qalqilia**, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank. Unarmed Palestinian youths confronted the army by burning rubber tires to obscure the soldiers' view, and hurling rocks, while occupation forces opened fire with rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters, at those who resisted the invasion. According to the media spokesperson of the Popular Committee in Qalqilia, Morad Eshteivi, soldier shot and injured four Palestinian young men during the march, while dozens more sustained inhalation injuries due to exposure to tear gas. He added that all injuries were treated on site by local medics. (IMEMC 11 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation forces shot and killed, a Palestinian young man, and injured eight others, during a military invasion into the Tulkarem refugee camp, in the northwestern part of the West Bank. Israeli army stormed the **Tulkarem** refugee camp, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, and positioned sharpshooters on the rooftops of civilian homes. Local Palestinians protested the invasion, while armed Palestinian resistance fighters exchanged fire with the occupation army. Occupation forces opened fire with live rounds, tear gas canisters, and concussion grenades, shooting one young man, identified as **Mahmoud Jihad Al-Jarad**, 23, in the chest with live ammunition. Al-Jarad was transported to the Martyr Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital in Tulkarem with critical gun shot wounds to the chest, where doctors pronounced him dead shortly after arrival. It was added that eight others were also shot with live rounds, one of whom was deemed in serious condition. (IMEMC 11 August 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and injured, two Palestinians, including a child, in the northwestern occupied West Bank village of Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia. During the weekly anti-settlement March in the village, Palestinian young men gathered to demonstrate against the Israeli colonization of Palestine. Soldiers attacked the non-violent protesters with rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters, shooting and injuring two civilians. A 15-year-old child was shot in the head with a steel bullet, while a 22-year-old was shot in the shoulder. No information was available with regards to the condition of wounded individuals at the time of writing this report. soldiers attacked the weekly procession, shooting four Palestinians with rubber-coated steel rounds, and causing dozens more to sustain inhalation injuries due to tear gas exposure. (IMEMC 12 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized, on Sunday night, the vehicle of a disabled Palestinian man while he tried to pass through the Jaba' military roadblock, northeast of **occupied Jerusalem**. Israeli soldiers stopped the vehicle of a disabled Palestinian man while he was driving from Jericho back to his home in the Qalandia refugee camp, north of occupied Jerusalem. Soldiers forced Shadi Daraghme, 32, a former prisoner and person with disabilities, out of his vehicle, inspected his identification, and detained him for a number of hours, while abusing him. Soldiers confiscated the man's vehicle, with no just cause or explanation, forcing him to wait in his wheelchair for someone to pick him up once the army released him. (IMEMC 14 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation soldiers last night seized the car of a disabled Palestinian man when he arrived at an army checkpoint south of Ramallah, according to the car owner Shadi Daraghmeh, 32, from Qalandia refugee camp. He said the soldiers stopped him at a checkpoint near the camp between Ramallah and Jerusalem as he was returning from Jericho and forced him to get out of the car despite his movement disability. The soldiers held him for several hours and mistreated him before they decided to seize his car made specially for the disabled and left him in his wheelchair until someone came to pick him up. Daraghmeh, who spent two years in Israeli jails for his resistance of the occupation and was released in 2016, said his car was totally legal and there was no justification for the soldiers to seize it. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces shot and killed two Palestinians, including a child, during a military incursion into the Aqabat Jaber refugee camp, south of **Jericho**, in the northeastern part of the West Bank. The occupation army stormed, the Aqabat Jaber refugee camp, just south of the ancient city of Jericho. Israeli soldiers opened fire at local Palestinians under unclear circumstances, however it is presumed that the youths protested the invasion. There is no mention of resistance from armed Palestinian fighters, however social media videos show an exchange of fire between resistance fighters and the invading army. During the invasion, soldiers shot and seriously injured two Palestinian civilians, including a child, who were transported to the Jericho Governmental Hospital. ***Qusai Omar al-Walaji***, 16, and ***Muhammad Ribhi Nujoom***, 25, were admitted to hospital in critical condition, and both were pronounced dead shortly after arrival.
- It was reported that the slain young men were shot with live rounds, however, no further details were provided regarding the nature of the wounds. The Jericho chapter of the Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS) reported that soldiers abducted *Mohammed Nasr Abu Al-Assal*, 20, from his home in the camp. (IMEMC 15 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces attacked and injured, late Tuesday night, dozens of Palestinians, including one seriously, in the Balata refugee camp, east of **Nablus**, in the northern West Bank. The military invaded the camp, just after it stormed the eastern part of Nablus in order to secure the illegal settlers' incursion into the Joseph's Tomb site, east of the city. During the earlier attack, one Palestinian young man was shot in the head with a tear gas canister, 30 sustained inhalation injuries, and one suffered an injury from a fall. Afterwards, the army invaded the Balata camp, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths, which soldiers responded to by firing live rounds, and tear gas canisters. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society medics reported that occupation soldiers shot and critically injured one young man with a live round in the chest. Israeli soldiers abducted the seriously injured man while medical staff was providing emergency medical attention. (IMEMC 16 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces stormed, Tuesday night, the eastern part of Nablus city, in the northern West Bank, and injured dozens of Palestinian youths. A large military

force, accompanied by two military bulldozers, stormed the eastern region of **Nablus**, and increased their presence through to the Beit Furik military roadblock, southeast of the city. The invasion coincided with the illegal settlers' incursion into the Joseph's Tomb site, east of the city, causing many local youths to protest the invasion. Occupation forces heavily fired tear gas canisters, striking one young man in the head, and causing dozens of civilians to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 16 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation forces shot and injured a Palestinian young man, abducted him, and confiscated his vehicle, near the Huwara military roadblock, south of **Nablus**, in the northern West Bank. According to Ahmed Jibril, the director of the Nablus Red Crescent Society Ambulance and Emergency Center, Israeli soldiers shot and injured an unidentified Palestinian young man, with a number of live rounds. The army abducted the wounded young man from the vicinity of the Huwara military roadblock, without being provided medical intervention, and his vehicle was seized. (IMEMC 16 August 2023)
- Israeli forces Thursday targeted a Palestinian-owned vehicle during a raid in the village of Burqa, northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli army broke into the said village, opened fire directly at a vehicle while its driver was still inside. They also added that the forces raided and ransacked a number of house in the village. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation authorities Thursday prevented a Palestinian citizen from renovating his home and confiscated equipment and construction materials in the area of Masafer Yatta, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. The occupation forces raided the Janba area in Masafer Yatta, preventing Aziz Shehdeh Ammar from working and renovating a cave in which he and his family of six members live. He added that the soldiers also confiscated construction materials such as cement and iron, a generator, an electric drill, and other construction equipment. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation authorities prevented farmers from entering their lands and harvesting their crops located behind the apartheid wall near the occupied West Bank city of Qalqilya. The occupation authorities placed a decision at the gate through which Palestinian farmer Ali Mohammad Nofal crossed to reach his isolated land behind the wall, preventing him from entering and working on it. The land's area is of 51 dunums, and it is planted with guava, mango and annona. Local resident Abdullah Ismail Zaid also found a decision at the gate of his land, preventing him from entering it or working on it, noting it's planted with olives and grapes. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- A Palestinian woman was injured tonight after being run over by an Israeli settler in the neighborhood of Tel Rumeidah, in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. An Israeli settler riding a motorbike rammed his bike into the woman, causing her bruises and cuts, said the witnesses. She was provided with medical care by medical personnel at the scene of the attack. Meantime, Israeli settlers attacked several homes in the neighborhood and harassed their inhabitants. There were no reports of injuries. (Wafa 17 August 2023)

- Israeli forces executed, a Palestinian man and destroyed his home, injured two others, and detained two, during a military assault on the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Israeli special forces invaded, followed by a large army force, in the roundabout area, in the Old City of **Jenin**, in the northern West Bank. Local Palestinians protested the military incursion, and armed Palestinian resistance fighters exchanged fire with the attacking army. It is important to note that the occupation army announced that one of its soldiers sustained minor injuries during the confrontations, and was transported to hospital. During the military assault, Israeli forces fired live rounds and shot three Palestinians, one young man was shot with live rounds in the head, chest, and abdomen. The death of the young man was confirmed by the Palestinian Ministry of Health who identified him as *Mustafa al-Kastouni*, 32. (IMEMC 17 August 2023)
- Israeli tax authorities imposed unreasonably heavy fines without any reasons against several Palestinian shopkeepers in the Old City of Jerusalem. Staff of the Israel Tax Authority accompanied by Israeli police stormed several Palestinian shops at Sultan Sulayman and Salah ad Din Streets in Jerusalem's Old City and handed unreasonable fines to the shopkeepers. Although Palestinians in East Jerusalem, a part of the internationally recognized Palestinian Territory that has been subject to Israeli military occupation since 1967, they are denied their citizenship rights and are instead classified only as "residents" whose permits can be revoked if they move away from the city for more than a few years. They are also discriminated against in all aspects of life including housing, employment and services, and are unable to access services in the West Bank due to the construction of Israel's separation wall. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- Israeli forces injured, on Wednesday evening, dozens of Palestinian youths, after invading Ya'bad town, west of Jenin, in the northern occupied West Bank, and abducted two others northwest of the city. The occupation army invaded the town of Ya'bad, west of **Jenin**, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths. Soldiers stormed a number of neighborhoods and fired tear gas canisters at those who resisted the incursion, causing dozens of Palestinians to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Meanwhile, the military increase its forces in the villages surrounding Ya'bad, storming the village of Tura al-Gharbiya, west of Jenin, and fired concussion grenades and illumination bombs. No injuries were reported. Furthermore, occupation soldiers abducted Amir al-Ja'bari and Laith Smoudi, both residents of Al-Yamoun town, while they were driving through the Salem military roadblock, northwest of Jenin, at the 1949 Armistice Agreement Line (Green Line) that separates the occupied West Bank from Israel. (IMEMC 17 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces shot and injured, on Friday evening, a Palestinian youth who suffers from a mental disability, in Qalqilia, in addition to a young man in Anata town, northeast of occupied Jerusalem. On Friday evening, occupation forces, stationed at a military roadblock at the southern entrance to the city of **Qalqilia**, in the northwestern part of the West Bank, opened fire at Palestinian youths who protested the army presence. Israeli soldiers shot a Palestinian young man who suffers from a mental disability, with "Tutu" or "Dum Dum" bullets, that

expand on impact. A social media video shows the young man standing on the road, posing no threat to soldiers, the soldier raising his weapon, firing from a short distance, and the youth falling to the ground. It was reported that the wounded young man, identified as Islam Nofal, was transported to Darwish Nazzal Hospital in Qalqilia for medical intervention. (IMEMC 18 August 2023)

- Confrontations erupted as a group of army-backed Israeli settlers stormed an archaeological site in the city of Jericho, east of the occupied West Bank, leading to confrontations between local residents and Israeli occupation forces. The settlers, under the protection of the Israeli military, infiltrated the historical site known as Shahwan's Synagogue in the city to perform Talmudic rituals. This provocative act triggered confrontations between the Israeli occupation forces and the local population. (Wafa 18 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers stole a fence which had been erected to protect a 60-dunam piece of land in Farkha village, to the west of Salfit in the occupied West Bank. The settlers, under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, stole a fence from lands in the Batn area located west of the village. They attempted to assault local residents who were present in the area, along with international solidarity activists. The settlers prevented them from accessing their lands. (Wafa 18 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers this evening grazed their livestock in private Palestinian lands in the village of al-Tiwani, in Masafer Yatta to the south of Hebron, destroying the agricultural crops, said local activist Osama Makhmreh. Settlers from the Israeli settlement of Havat Maon, illegally built on Palestinian-owned land, released their sheep into agricultural crops in the said village, causing damage to the wheat and barley crops, which extend over approximately 10 dunums. (Wafa 18 August 2023)
- Israeli forces suppressed, the weekly anti-settlement protest in Beit Dajan village, east of Nablus, and protected illegal settlers while they invaded an archaeological site in Jericho, and the Qaryout springs, south of Nablus. Occupation forces attacked, non-violent Palestinian demonstrators who gathered for the weekly anti-settlement march in Beit Dajan village, east of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. Following the Friday prayer, citizens marched towards the outskirts of Beit Dajan where Israeli soldiers fired tear gas canisters and concussion grenades at the peaceful protestors. There were no reports of any injuries. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces and settlers assaulted municipality crews in the town of Qaffin, north of Tulkarm in the occupied West Bank. The assault occurred as the crews were carrying out road rehabilitation works on the street linking the town with the neighboring village of Zabda. The settlers provocatively interrupted the municipality's work at gunpoint. Meantime, an Israeli army force intervened and seized a truck loaded with basecourse, and even attempted to assault the driver. (Wafa 19 August 2023)
- Israeli colonizers invaded the Qaryout village springs, south of **Nablus**, backed by the occupation army, sparking protests from local Palestinian youths. Israeli forces

fired concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at those who protested the incursion, causing several people to sustain inhalation injuries due to tear gas exposure. It was added that soldiers invaded a Palestinian civilian's home and fired tear gas canisters at the entrance of the home. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)

- A group of Israeli settlers assaulted a young Palestinian child this evening near the Hebron Gate in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem. Settlers launched a brutal attack on Mustafa Musa Abu Khalaf, a young Palestinian child from Jerusalem, near the Hebron Gate. The assault left him moderately injured, prompting his immediate transfer to Al-Maqasid Hospital in the city for medical treatment. Mustafa's father, Musa Abu Khalaf, expressed his distress over the incident, saying his son sustained a fractured arm as a result of being mercilessly beaten by the settlers. (Wafa 19 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces confiscated a concrete mixer which was on its way to the Arab al-Zawaidin community in Masafer Yatta region, located south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Fouad al-Amour, a local Palestinian activist, said the Israeli occupation is attempting to undermine the infrastructure in the region by obstructing the arrival of construction machinery and materials. The Israeli occupation forces seized a bulldozer that was on its way to Masafer Yatta. They also confiscated building materials meant for renovating a residential cave and other structures. Al-Amour pointed out that these Israeli actions are part of a targeted strategy to drive Palestinian residents away from their lands to facilitate settler colonialism in the region and elsewhere. (Wafa 19 August 2023)
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- Israeli soldiers shot a Palestinian child with a live round to the head, in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank. Several army and police vehicles invaded the Al-Wista neighborhood in Silwan, leading to protests. The soldiers fired several live rounds, wounding a child, Abdul-Rahman Amer Zaghhal, 15 years of age, in the head before he was rushed to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital in Jerusalem. Firas Al-Jebrini, a lawyer with the Wadi Hilweh Information Center In Silwan (Silwanic), said the child underwent surgery to the head and is currently in stable condition, hooked to a respiratory machine at the Pediatrics' Intensive Care Unit. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot ten Palestinians and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation during the weekly process in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank. Dozens of Palestinians and international peace activists marched from the center of the town, chanting against the illegal Israeli occupation, constant violations, and the ongoing illegal colonialist activities. The Committee added that the soldiers fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs and stormed homes before occupying their rooftops to use as firing posts and monitoring towers. It said the soldiers shot ten Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets, including one in the abdomen, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)

- The death of a young man whom Israeli soldiers shot and seriously injured three days earlier in Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. On August 16, the soldiers shot the young man, Mohammad Nasser Daoud Abu Assab, 19, with many live rounds, including to the head, chest, and abdomen, before Palestinian medics rushed him to the Najah Hospital in Nablus, where he succumbed to his serious wounds. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)
- Israeli forces stormed, the city of Tulkarem and its refugee camp, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, injuring four Palestinian young men. In the northwestern part of the West Bank, Israeli soldiers, including a sniper unit, invaded the city of **Tulkarem** and its refugee camp, sparking fierce protests among the local Palestinian youths. The sharpshooters were stationed in the refugee camp and at its entrances. The army opened fire with live rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters, shooting one young man in the face with live ammunition. Another young man sustained a shrapnel (live bullet fragments) wound to his hand. Soldiers driving an armored military jeep ran over two young men who were riding on a motorcycle, injuring both riders, who were transported to hospital for medical intervention. It was added that armed Palestinian resistance fighters exchanged fire with the attacking soldiers, with no injuries reported among the army. (IMEMC 20 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces abducted, four Palestinian young men near Nablus and Qalqilia, stormed a number of towns south of Nablus, and injured dozens, including a photojournalist. occupation forces abducted a Palestinian young man, when he attempted to cross through a flying military roadblock near **Qalqilia**, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank. The soldiers abducted *Ibrahim Qassem Alaqma*, a citizen of Jenin, while he was travelling to his place of work. (IMEMC 20 August 2023)
- Meanwhile, in the **Jenin** governorate, in the northern West Bank, occupation forces stormed, several towns and villages and set up several flying military roadblocks. It was reported that the army invaded many towns and villages in the governorate, deployed soldiers throughout the streets, and erected many flying military roadblocks at crossroads and entrances. Soldiers stormed towns and villages to the west, namely, Ya’bad, Tura al-Gharbiya, Nazlat Zayed, Kafr Qud, al-Hashemiya, and Khirbet al-Turm, and Arraba southwest of the city. North of Jenin, soldiers invade Al-Jalamah, Deir Ghazaleh to the northeast, and Faqqua, Jalboun, and Beit Qad to the east. At the “Dotan” military roadblock, near Ya’bad town, west of the city, the army stopped many citizens’ vehicles, interrogated them, inspected their identifications, causing a traffic crisis. (IMEMC 20 August 2023)
- Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers abducted, three Palestinian young men from a car wash in the town of Huwara, south of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. The occupation troops abducted *Laith Mansour*, *Helmy Dweikat*, and *Louay al-Halabi*, while they were present inside a carwash facility in the town. (IMEMC 20 August 2023)

- Israeli forces attacked, Palestinian demonstrators who gathered along the eastern border between Gaza and the state of Israel, shooting two with live rounds, and injuring ten others, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Palestinian citizens in **Gaza**, gathered along the border, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, to commemorate the arson attack against the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem, 54 years ago. Hundreds of Palestinians gathered in a non-violent demonstration, when occupation forces opened fire at them, in an attempt to suppress the march. Soldiers fired live rounds, and tear gas canisters at the Palestinian protestors, shooting two with live rounds, at least one of whom was transported to hospital. Ten others sustained inhalation injuries as a result of tear gas exposure, including a journalist, the Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed. (IMEMC 21 August 2023)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffocated this evening by toxic tear gas fired by Israeli military forces in multiple areas in Hebron city and at the entrances of towns and villages in the district. Israeli forces reportedly took up positions at Beit Kahil and Halhul Bridges as well as in Bab al-Zawyeh area in the city center and attacked Palestinians with stun grenades and tear gas canisters. Dozens were treated at the scene from tear gas suffocation. (Wafa 21 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces stormed, on Monday evening, the northern West Bank town of Beita, south of Nablus, and injured dozens of Palestinian young men, including one seriously, and abducted a physician. On Monday evening, Israeli forces invaded, the town of Beita, south of Nablus, in the northern occupied West Bank, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths. A large army force, reinforced with sharpshooters, stormed the town and besieged a Palestinian-owned home, firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds, and tear gas canisters at the youths who resisted the incursion. According to Ahmed Jibril, the Director of Ambulance and Emergency at the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Nablus, eight Palestinian young men were shot and injured with live rounds, while dozens suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Later the PRCS stated that of the eight young men who were shot with live ammunition, one was shot and seriously injured after soldiers shot him in the head. Video footage of the young man, who was walking, with hands down, and posing no danger to the army, was shot in the head, falling down immediately, before being carried to an ambulance nearby. (IMEMC 21 August 2023)
- Israeli forces injured, on Tuesday evening, several Palestinians in Nablus, in the northern West Bank, and Hebron, in the south. In the northern West Bank village of Burqa, northwest of **Nablus**, occupation forces attacked, on Tuesday evening, Palestinian citizens who attempted to fend off a settler attack. Earlier Tuesday evening, illegal Israeli settlers, under the protection of the army, attacked homes, and hurled rocks at Palestinian-owned vehicles in the village, damaging vehicles. When local Palestinians tried to fight off the attack, soldiers fired rubber-coated steel rounds, tear gas canisters, and concussion grenades at them. According to Ahmed Jibril, the director of the Ambulance and Emergency Center at the

Palestinian Red Crescent in Nablus, said that one Palestinian citizen was shot with a rubber-coated steel round, while 30 others sustained inhalation injuries due to tear gas exposure. In the southern West Bank, Israeli forces closed the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil, northwest of **Hebron**, and the Bir al-Mahjar area, blocking the movement of traffic. Soldiers fired tear gas canisters at Palestinians while they were stopped in their vehicles, sparking protests, leading to a number of Palestinians suffering the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. The army has closed the entrances to many towns, and set up a number of flying military roadblocks in the Hebron area, and across the West Bank, obstructing the movement of Palestinian citizens. (IMEMC 21 August 2023)

- Several Palestinians suffocated this evening during confrontations with Israeli military forces in the town of Beit Ummar, north of the southern occupied district of Hebron. The activist said Israeli forces manning a checkpoint at the entrance of the said town prevented a funeral procession from reaching the town's cemetery and closed the iron gate erected at the entrance, leading to confrontations. Israeli forces reportedly took over the rooftops of several Palestinian-owned homes and commercial shops and attacked residents with tear gas canisters, causing several people to suffocate. In the meantime, Israeli forces placed flying checkpoints at the entrances of the towns of Hahul and Beit Kahl to the north and northwest of Hebron, respectively, obstructing residents' movement. (Wafa 22 August 2023)
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- Israeli troops shot and killed 17-year old Othman Atef Abu Kharj, shooting him with live ammunition in the head and shoulder during an invasion of the town of Zababda, south of Jenin, in the northern West Bank. Abu Kharj was one of a group of youth that confronted the invading army at the entrance to their village, shouting

slogans and throwing stones. Invading Israeli soldiers shot the youth with multiple live rounds. He was taken to the Al-Razi Hospital in Jenin, where he was declared dead by hospital officials after doctors were unable to save his life. Fawaz Hammad, director of the Al-Razi Hospital. The child, Othman Atef Abu Kharj (17 years old), died of injuries he sustained, during the clashes that erupted after the invasion of the town. The Israeli occupation forces also abducted the young man, Yazan Malik Al-Sharqawi, after raiding his family's house and the homes of his relatives in the town of Al-Zababda. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)

- Israeli forces attacked, Palestinian farmers and fishermen, in the besieged Gaza Strip, injuring one fisherman. Off the northern coast of the **Gaza Strip**, the Israeli Navy fired rubber-coated steel rounds at fishing boats, causing a moderate injury to one Palestinian fisherman. Meanwhile, in the southern part of Gaza, Israeli soldiers opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they tended to their lands, east of Khan Younis. The soldiers fired live round and tear gas canisters at farmers in the town of al-Fukkhari, near the eastern border with Israel. There were no reports of injuries, however the farmers were forced to leave their agricultural lands, which is their only source of income. On a regular basis, the occupation Navy shoots at, harasses, and abducts Palestinian fishermen, in addition to confiscating and/or damaging their boats. The Gaza Strip, a tiny coastal enclave, isolated from the West Bank, has been under a brutal Israeli blockade of the air, land, and sea, for the past sixteen years. More than two million people live in Gaza with limited fresh water and electricity, in addition to a high rate of unemployment and poverty. (IMEMC 23 August 2023)
- Israeli forces Wednesday opened fire towards Palestinian farmers, west of the city of Khan Younis. Israeli forces stationed at the eastern Khan Younis borders targeted with bullets and toxic gas and tear bombs Palestinian farmers, forcing them to leave the scene. Opening fire at Gaza farmers working in their lands near the border fence with Israel is an almost daily occurrence. (Wafa 23 August 2023)
- Israeli police assaulted Palestinian worshipers outside of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied Jerusalem, injuring a number of people, including an elderly woman, and abducted at least three men. Israeli police deployed heavily in the streets and alleys of the Old City of **occupied Jerusalem**, firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds, and concussion grenades at Palestinian worshipers, injuring a number of people. An elderly woman sustained a fractured foot after being struck with a concussion grenade. She was transported to hospital for medical intervention. Several other Palestinians sustained cuts and bruises after being assaulted by Israeli police. Police blocked Palestinian worshipers from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque, assaulted a number of people, and abducted a citizen from Jerusalem, identified as *Shaker Al-Zaatari*, from the Lion's Gate. Eyewitness accounts revealed that the occupation police detained an elderly man, and assaulted him, which sparked protests from Palestinians who witnessed the abuse. (IMEMC 23 August 2023)
- A Palestinian young man succumbed on Friday to wounds he sustained during the military assault on the **Jenin** refugee camp on July 3, 2023. the Palestinian

youth *Ezzeddin Kanaan*, 20, from the village of Jaba', southwest of Jenin, died as a result of a gunshot wound in the head, which he sustained on July 3, 2023, during the Israeli military offensive against the Jenin refugee camp. The young man was on his way to donate blood for the victims of the aggression when an Israeli sharpshooter shot him in the head. (IMEMC 25 August 2023)

- A number of Palestinians sustained injuries and fractures after Israeli forces attacked Muslim worshippers outside al-Aqsa Mosque (Bab al-Asbat) of Jerusalem's Old City, said Wafa correspondent. A number of people sustained injuries and cuts, including a fracture as a result of being struck with a stun grenade in the foot, after Israeli police attacked worshippers outside the al-Aqsa mosque at Lions' Gate, assaulting and beating them up. The stun-grenade-injury was taken to hospital for treatment. A Jerusalemite was also detained near Bab-al-Asbat. (Wafa 25 August 2023)
- The Israeli Navy, on Friday and Saturday, escalated their attacks on Palestinian fishermen, while the army attacked farmers in the besieged Gaza Strip. On Saturday evening, the Israeli Navy opened fire with machine guns at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the southern Rafah coast of **Gaza**. The fishermen were forced to abandon their work, to avoid injury or death by gunfire. No injuries were reported. The occupation forces deliberately attack fishermen in an attempt to limit their ability to make a living, thus exacerbating the difficult economic condition of the people of Gaza. Earlier Navy ships fired live rounds, water cannons, and concussion grenades at Palestinian fishermen sailing 3-4 nautical miles off the northern Gaza coast, in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. According to the Fishermen's Syndicate in Gaza, Navy ships opened fire at fishing boats in the "Al-Sudaniyya" area, northwest of Gaza city in the north, and attempted to sink one. The attack compelled the fishermen to abandon their work for fear of injury or death. There were no injuries reported. (IMEMC 26 August 2023)
- Israeli forces attacked, three separate anti-settlement protests in the occupied West Bank, assaulted a Palestinian journalist, and caused dozens of injuries. In the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, occupation forces attacked the weekly anti-settlement procession in the village of Kufur Qaddoum, east of **Qalqilia**, causing dozens of injuries. According to the media spokesperson of the Fateh movement in Kufur Qaddoum, Morad Eshteivi, occupation forces stormed the village and fired tear gas canisters at the non-violent demonstrators. He added that dozens of Palestinian citizens suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. They were all treated by local medics on site. As always, the peaceful procession began after the Friday noon prayer at the local Omar bin Al-Khattab Mosque, while hundreds of participants marched to the main entrance to the town, chanting slogans denouncing the ongoing crimes of the occupation. Israeli colonists from the nearby illegal "Kedumin" settlement, established on expropriated Palestinian lands, have full access to the street, while Palestinians are forced to take longer routes east to Nablus city, the nearest major commercial center, prolonging travel time and causing undue hardship. Palestinian villagers from Kufur Qaddoum and the

surrounding areas, have rallied every Friday since 2003 demanding that the Israeli occupation authorities reopen the road. (IMEMC 26 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation forces raided last night the Al-Shibli Mosque in the Old City of Hebron, south of the occupied West Bank, breaking its windows and causing damage to the sacred site. Nidal Mohammad Al-Jabari, the Director-General of the Islamic Waqf in Hebron, expressed his condemnation of the attack, describing it an act of aggression against a place of worship that is unacceptable and goes against the freedom of worship. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation's municipality of Jerusalem levied heavy fines on a number of Palestinian traders operating in the Wadi al-Joz neighborhood of occupied Jerusalem. Israeli municipality crews, accompanied by Israeli police, entered the Wadi al-Joz neighborhood and proceeded to issue hefty financial penalties to local traders. This action comes in the wake of the municipality delivering demolition orders to approximately 59 homes and businesses in the neighborhood around two weeks ago. The arbitrary actions taken by the occupation authorities against the residents of Wadi al-Joz are widely perceived as part of a strategy to pressure them to leave their homes and commercial establishments. The purpose behind these actions is to create what the occupation authorities claim to be an industrial zone housing dozens of buildings. This supposed industrial hub is positioned to replace the existing industrial area of Jerusalem. These measures are believed to be part of a larger policy aimed at altering the demographic and economic landscape of Jerusalem in favor of the Israeli settler population. The ongoing displacement and disruption of the lives of indigenous Palestinian residents in the city have elicited international condemnation and concerns over the violation of their rights. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized a privately-owned Palestinian tractor in the town of Azzoun, east of Qalqilia. Israeli forces seized a tractor belonging to a local resident in the said town while he was working on the reclamation of land located between the town of Azzoun and the nearby village of Asala, east of Qalqilia, under the pretext of working in an area classified as area c, which constitutes 60 percent of the occupied West Bank and falls under full Israeli military rule. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
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- Israeli Navy warships opened fire with machine guns, at Palestinian fishermen, abducted five, and confiscated two fishing boats off the the northern coast of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Israeli Navy fired live rounds at fishermen sailing in the Mediterranean Sea, off the northern coast of **Gaza**, before abducted five men and seizing two fishing boats. The occupation Navy abducted five fishermen, identified as *Hassan Jamal al-Numan*, *Muhammad al-Numan*, *Waheed Kaskin*, *Salim al-Numan*, and *Ahmed al-Saidi*. In related news, the Israeli Navy attacked, Palestinian fishermen who were sailing in the "Al-Sudaniyya" area, off the northern coast of Gaza, northwest of Gaza City, in addition to the "Al-Waha" area, west of Beit Lahia in the north. The Navy warships fired live ammunition and tear gas canisters at the fishermen, forcing them to return to shore, abandoning their only means of earning income. There were no reports of any injuries. (IMEMC 28 August 2023)

- The Israeli occupation forces closed with metal gates two main entrances to the town of Azzoun, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya, and obstructed movement of people. The soldiers closed the main northern entrance and another entrance in the west, and after closing the entrances, the soldiers raided several homes near the northern entrance and searched them. There were no reports of arrests. (WAFSA 28 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized heavy machinery in the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan, west of Salfit. Israeli forces stormed the said town and seized a mixer truck and a concrete pump while working on a house under construction. (WAFSA 28 August 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and injured, four Palestinian young men, one of them seriously, before abducting the other three, and assaulted a paramedic, in the northern West Bank town of Ya'bad, west of **Jenin**. Israeli soldiers, stationed at the nearby "Dotan" military roadblock, located at the entrance to the illegal "Mevo Dotan" colony, opened fire at four Palestinian young men, while they were in a cafe at the intersection of Ya'bad town and the village of Kvert. Soldiers shot and injured the four young men with live rounds, and caused one of them to sustain critical gunshot wounds. The Palestinian Ministry of Health announced that the seriously wounded young man was shot in the chest and abdomen, and transported to Ibn Sina Specialized Hospital in Jenin. Israeli forces abducted three of the injured young men, identified as, *Ali Hassan Abu Bakr*, *Wissam Bassam Harzallah* from Ya'bad, and *Hassan Murshid Suleiman* from Ajjah village, southwest of the city. It was added that the army stormed Ya'bad town after the abductions, and seized the vehicle belonging to one of the young men, sparking protests among the local Palestinian youths. (IMEMC 28 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli settlers, under the full protection of occupation forces, attacked, on Sunday evening, Palestinian homes in the village of Madama, south of **Nablus** in the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli violations and colonialist activities in the northern West Bank, settlers attacked Palestinian citizens' homes in the southern part of the village. Daghlis added that the colonizers attempted to damage doors and window of several Palestinian-owned homes, while Israeli forces fired concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at Palestinians who tried to defend their homes. Several Palestinian civilians suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation, in what Daghlis described as the second time settlers attacked the village in several hours. While there no official reports, social media photos show Palestinian-owned trees cut and land set on fire, from the attack that occurred earlier Sunday, in the village. (IMEMC 28 August 2023)
- Israeli forces invaded, Burqa village, northwest of Nablus, in the northern West Bank, causing injuries, in addition to storming the town of Al-Ram, north of occupied Jerusalem. Israeli forces invaded the village of Burqa, northwest of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths. The soldiers fired rubber-coated steel rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters at the youths who resisted the incursion. Soldiers shot one Palestinian with a rubber-coated steel bullet, and caused a number of

others to sustain inhalation injuries from tear gas exposure. Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers invaded, earlier Sunday, the town of Al-Ram, north of **occupied Jerusalem**, triggering protests among local Palestinian youths. Occupation forces fired concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at those who resisted the incursion. No injuries were reported. (IMEMC 28 August 2023)

- Israeli forces invaded, the Tulkarem refugee camp, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, injuring five Palestinian young men with live rounds. Late Saturday night, a large army forces invaded the **Tulkarem** refugee camp, in the northwestern part of the West Bank, sparking fierce protests from local Palestinians. Local youths resisted the incursion, while armed Palestinian resistance fighters exchanged fire with the invading army, in addition to throwing explosive devices at the armored vehicles. Soldiers opened heavy fire with live rounds, shooting and injuring five young men with shrapnel (bullet fragments). The five wounded men were transported to the Martyr Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital in Tulkarem, and the were deemed to be in stable condition. (IMEMC 28 August 2023)
- Israeli forces stormed a number of areas, near the Jericho, Ramallah, and occupied Jerusalem governorates and attacked Palestinians who opposed the incursions. In the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces stormed, on Monday night, the town of Al-Auja, north of **Jericho**, sparking fierce protests among the local Palestinian youths. Soldiers showered those who resisted the incursion, with concussion grenades and tear gas canisters, while Palestinian young men threw rocks and aimed fireworks at the armored vehicles. There were no injuries reported. On Monday evening, Israeli soldiers invaded a number of areas in the **Ramallah** governorate, in the central occupied West Bank, triggering protests among Palestinian youths. Israeli occupation forces stormed the city of Beitunia, west of Ramallah, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths, which the army responded to by firing tear gas canisters and concussion grenades. There were no reports of injuries. Meanwhile soldiers stormed the village of Kharbatha Bani Harith, northwest of the city, attempted to seize a privately-owned bulldozer, when local Palestinians protested. Soldiers fired tear gas canisters and concussion grenades at those who resisted the incursion, without causing casualties. Additionally, the army stormed the village of Kharbatha al-Misbah, west of the city, without any protests to report. Earlier a large army force infiltrated the “Al-Wad” area between the village of Beit Duqqu and the town of Biddu, northwest of **occupied Jerusalem**, storming and searching a Palestinian citizen’s home. Furthermore, the army invaded Biddu town, which local Palestinian youths opposed, throwing stones at the armored vehicles. Soldiers fired rubber-coated steel rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters, without any injuries. (IMEMC 29 August 2023)
- Israeli soldiers injured several Palestinians in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank’s southern part. Local media activist Mohammad Awad said several army jeeps invaded the Safa area in Beit Ummar, leading to protests.

Awad added that the soldiers fired many live rounds, gas bombs, and concussion grenades at the protesters and several surrounding homes. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said dozens of Palestinians, including several children, suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 30 August 2023)

- Dozens of Palestinians suffocated after inhaling tear gas fired at them by Israeli military forces during confrontations that erupted in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron. Israeli forces broke into an area in the town of Beit Ummar, leading to clashes with the provoked residents. (Wafa 30 August 2023)
- Israeli soldiers fired many live rounds at a Palestinian car south of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank's southern part, wounding a Palestinian man. The soldiers fired at the car while driving on a street near the illegal Beit Hagai colony, built on stolen Palestinian lands. They added that the soldiers shot the driver, Mahmoud Akram Abu Sheikha, 22, and closed the area before moving him to the Soroka Medical Center. The Israeli army claimed that the Palestinian driver attempted to ram the soldiers with his car, lightly wounding one, "before the soldiers neutralized him." After the incident, the soldiers invaded the Karma village and stormed the home of Abu Sheikha before ransacking it and interrogating his family. (IMEMC 30 August 2023)
- As part of the Israeli occupation's war on Palestinian curriculum, Israeli forces seized textbooks from the Palestinian curriculum in the occupied city of Jerusalem. Israeli intelligence officers seized the textbooks from inside a car that was delivering the textbooks to one of the private schools that teaches the Palestinian curriculum in the Old City of Jerusalem. The officers detained the driver and one of the school staff. The Jerusalem Governorate condemned the occupation forces' seizure of the Palestinian textbooks, considering it a new racist attack against Palestinian schools and our national Palestinian curriculum. (Wafa 30 August 2023)
- On Thursday night, Israeli soldiers shot one Palestinian with live fire and four with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in the eastern area of Nablus city, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. Ahmad Jibril, the head of the Emergency Department at the Nablus office of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), said the soldiers shot a young man with a live round in the leg. Jibril added that the soldiers shot three young men with rubber-coated steel bullets, and one who suffered shrapnel wounds caused at least 34 to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. The incidents occurred when many military vehicles, including three bulldozers, invaded Nablus through the Beit Furik roadblock and headed to Joseph's Tomb to accompany buses filled with illegal colonizers into the historic site. (IMEMC 31 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized a Palestinian-owned bulldozer this evening in the town of Bidya, in the occupied West Bank province of Salfit. The Israeli occupation forces confiscated a bulldozer belonging to a local resident, who was identified as Taha Suleiman. The incident occurred while the bulldozer was being used south of the town. (Wafa 31 August 2023)

- Two Palestinians, including a woman, were shot and injured during confrontations that broke out in Deir Ammar refugee camp, west of Ramallah. Israeli forces stormed the camp and attacked residents with live ammunition, rubber-coated metal bullets, and tear gas canisters, shooting and injuring a youth in the head with live fire. A woman was also shot in the eye with a rubber-coated steel bullet, and dozens of others suffocated due to tear gas inhalation. (Wafa 31 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation police shot and killed, on Wednesday evening, a Palestinian child, at a light rail station near the Damascus Gate (Bab al-Amoud), in occupied Jerusalem in the West Bank after an alleged stabbing attack. The Palestinian child stabbed an illegal Israeli settler in the “Al-Musrara” neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem before security officers and settlers attacked him at the light rail station. Israeli police arrived at the scene, and rather than taking the child into custody, a police officer shot him at a close range and failed to provide him with medical treatment, causing him to bleed to death. Also, Israeli police officers assaulted Palestinian journalists who attempted to approach the scene to provide media coverage. Israeli settlers were shown on social media videos attacking vehicles at the scene and applauding the killing of the Palestinian child. Furthermore, the soldiers prevented local Palestinians from approaching the home of the slain child, which sparked protests among local Palestinian youths, who burned rubber tires. (IMEMC 31 August 2023)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 1 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers fenced off a tract of land between the illegal Israeli colonial settlements of Maskiot and Rotem in the northern Jordan Valley, which is usually a prelude taking over the land. A group of Israeli settlers placed a barbed wire on a tract of Palestinian-owned land in order to prevent Palestinians from reaching their land. The settlers, he added, are intending to seize more Palestinian lands for settlement purposes, noting that Palestinians have been receiving threats in the past few days to leave their lands and homes. (Wafa 1 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli settlers set up, a barbed wire fence between the illegal “Maskiot” and “Rotem” colonies, east of **Tubas** in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank. Several Israeli colonizers placed barbed-wire fence around a tract of land near the Ain Al-Hilweh area, between the two settlements, belonging to local Palestinian citizens. (IMEMC 1 August 2023)

- In related news, Israeli soldiers stormed the archaeological site in Sebastia town, northwest of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. According to the head of the Sebastia municipality, Mohammad Azem, a large army forces invaded the archaeological site and conducted a survey of the Roman amphitheater. A large unit of Israeli soldiers raided the archaeological site, conducting a survey of the area of the Roman amphitheater. (IMEMC 1 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonists erected tents on Palestinian-owned land in the Hebron governorate, while occupation forces assaulted the residents who tried to protect their lands. North of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank, illegal Israeli colonizers erected tents on Palestinian-owned lands in the “Khirbet al-Qat” area, north of the town of Halhul. The land is near the illegal “Karmeit Zur” settlement, built on expropriated Palestinian lands of Halhul town. The owners of the land, the Aqel family, gathered in the area to defend their land and stop the illegal takeover by settlers. The occupation army provided full security for the illegal settlers who attacked the family, and subsequently assaulted the family and other citizens who resisted the attack. (IMEMC 2 August 2023)
- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers Wednesday attacked Palestinian farmers in the village of Um Safa, northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah. Dozens of Israeli settlers stoned the farmers in the village's southern area under protection from Israeli forces. No injuries were reported, however. Sabbah added that the villagers confronted the settlers. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers, on Tuesday evening, attacked a Palestinian-owned home near the village of Burin, south of **Nablus**, in the northern West Bank. Dozens of illegal settlers hurled rocks at the home of Palestinian citizen, Um Ayman Soufan, breaking windows and damaging the vehicle parked in front of the home. It was added that the settlers destroyed a plot of land on the property and stole fencing that belonged to the resident. (IMEMC 2 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers set up a tent at a water well in Masafer Yatta in the south of the occupied West Bank and assaulted residents and shepherds, and prevented them from reaching the well. A group of settlers, protected by the Israeli occupation forces, set up a tent near a water well owned by a resident of Tuba community in Masafer Yatta, and attacked people and herders and prevented them from reaching the well to feed their sheep. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- An Israeli settler burned 20 beehives owned by a Palestinian farmer, a resident of the village of Zanuta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The settler, who set up a caravan and established a settlement outpost next to his apiary, burnt

- and totally destroyed 20 beehives out of 50 he owns as the honey harvest season began, which caused him a loss of more than \$10,000. Settlers, protected by soldiers, have been given the green light from their far-right Israeli government and its racist and fascist settler ministers to set up outposts near Palestinians and to harass them in order to push them out of their lands and eventually take them over. Settlers' vandalism often goes unpunished. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers shot and killed, on Friday evening, a Palestinian teenager with live ammunition during an invasion into Burqa town, east of **Ramallah**, in the central occupied West Bank, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Large numbers of Israeli settlers invaded the town from the western and northwestern parts of the town, under the full protection of the Israeli occupation army. Palestinian citizens attempted to confront the settler incursion, however there were greater numbers of settlers, with the security of the army. The settlers attacked Palestinian residents, hurled rocks at them, and burned two Palestinian-owned vehicles in the town. (IMEMC 4 August 2023)
 - An illegal Israeli settler ran over, on Friday evening, a four-year-old Palestinian child in Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. The child, identified as Joud al-Fakhori, 4, was struck by a vehicle driven by an illegal colonist, in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in the center of **Hebron**. The child sustained bruises and a fractured leg from the impact. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society medical crew transported the child via ambulance to the Hebron Governmental Hospital for medical intervention. The child's condition was reported as stable. According to eyewitness reports, the child was walking on the street in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood, when an Israeli colonist ran him over and subsequently fled the scene. (IMEMC 4 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers seeking to build a settlement outpost re-erected a tent on Palestinian-owned land located between the town of Kafr al-Labad, Khirbet al-Hafasi, and the suburb of Thanabah to the east of Tulkarem. A group of settlers from the illegal settlement of Avnei Hefetz re-erected a tent in the same place where residents of the town and members of the Wall Resistance and Settlement Commission were able, to remove and burn a similar tent that was erected there almost 20 days ago. The settlers and the occupation army also stormed a nearby park frequented by the people of Kafr al-Labad and the neighboring villages and forced picnickers out at gunpoint. (Wafa 4 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers forced Palestinian herders to leave the pastures in Khirbet al-Himma, in the northern Jordan Valley. The settlers intercepted the herders while accompanying their sheep to graze in the open pastures and forced them to leave the area. Settlers have intensified their control over the pastures in the occupied West Bank with army protection and government approval in order to force the Palestinians living there to leave their lands and homes and go elsewhere. (Wafa 5 August 2023)
 - Groups of army-backed Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian civilians this evening in the village of Al-Tuwanah in Masafer Yatta region, to the south of Hebron. Dozens of Israeli Jewish settlers from the colonial settlement of Havat Maon

- attacked farmers and civilians in the village, provoking clashes with them. An Israeli army force which later arrived into the village to secure the way of the attacking settlers out of the village fired teargas at the local Palestinian residents, causing cases of suffocation from gas inhalation. A 19-year-old Palestinian teenager was also beaten up and arrested by the Israeli occupation army in the village. (Wafa 5 August 2023)
- Israeli state-backed settler militias carried out a series of attacks last night targeting defenseless Palestinian civilians in the north and center of the occupied West Bank. In Ramallah province, groups of Israeli settlers, guarded by army, gathered at the north entrance to the city of Al-Bireh and embarked on pelting stones at Palestinian vehicles driving through the entrance into and out of the city. No injuries were reported. In Tulkarm province, a group of Israeli settlers, guarded by army and police, attacked with stones Palestinian vehicles driving through Shufa military checkpoint, to the southeast of the city. No injuries were reported. In the northern Jordan Valley region, northeast of the West Bank, a group of Israeli settlers attacked the village of Khirbet Mak-hul and vandalized a livestock barn owned by a local Palestinian resident. There has been a noticeable rise in violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinians since the beginning of this year, with backing and protection for settler militias from the far-right Israeli government. (Wafa 6 August 2023)
 - Illegal Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers in At-Tuwani village, southeast of Hebron, while the army assaulted and abducted a teenager, and caused many to sustain inhalation injuries. On Saturday evening, large numbers of illegal Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers in At-Tuwani village, in the Masafer Yatta area, southeast of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank. Dozens of Israeli colonists from the illegal “Havat Ma’on” colony attacked Palestinian farmers and destroyed crops, sparking protests among the locals. The occupation army arrived on the scene to secure the settlers’ withdrawal out of the village, by firing rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters at the Palestinian residents who were trying to defend their land. Several Palestinians suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. The soldiers assaulted and subsequently abducted a Palestinian teenager, identified as Mohammed Hafez Al-Harini, 19. (MEMC 5 August 2023)
 - illegal Israeli colonists forced Palestinian cattle herders to remove their grazing cattle and leave their own pastures in the northern Jordan Valley. illegal Israeli colonists forced Palestinians shepherds who were grazing their livestock, off of their own land in Khirbet Tell el Himma, northeast of **Tubas**, in the northeastern part of the West Bank. (MEMC 5 August 2023)
 - A four-year-old Palestinian boy is in critical condition, Sunday evening, after being struck by a vehicle driven by an illegal Israeli colonist, in Kisan village, south of **Bethlehem**, in the southern occupied West Bank. According to the head of the Kisan village council, Mousa Ebayat, an illegal Israeli settler ran over the Palestinian child, *Jibril Sawarka*, 4, with his vehicle, and fled the scene of the crime. Reports stated that the child was in front of his father’s home, located near the main street, when the child was struck and seriously injured. He was transported to the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation in Beit Jala, northwest of

Bethlehem, where he remains on life support, in critical condition. (IMEMC 6 August 2023)

- A Palestinian child died, 6 days after he was shot by an illegal Israeli settler, near the “Ofra” settlement, northeast of Ramallah in the central part of the occupied West Bank, the Ministry of Health confirmed. According to Dr. Ahmed Al-Bitawi, the director of the Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah, **Ramzi Fathi Hamed, 17**, died, of a severe pulmonary embolism (blood clot in his lungs), after being shot with live rounds in the chest and abdomen 6 days ago. On August 1, 2023, Ramzi Fathi Hamed, 17, was driving in the vicinity of the illegal “Ofra” colony, near the town of Silwad, northeast of **Ramallah**. The man who shot him was the guard of the “Ofra” settlement. News outlets did not cover the event, however the Ministry of Health and the mayor of Silwad confirmed that the child was shot with live rounds by an Israeli settler. For his part, Raed Hamed, the mayor of Silwad, confirmed that the child was shot by an illegal Israeli settler August 1, 2023, while he was inside a vehicle near the “Ofra” colony. (IMEMC 7 August 2023)
- Israeli colonizers attacked and injured, three Palestinian youths in occupied East Jerusalem, and destroyed water pipelines in Kisan village, near Bethlehem. In the “Al-Thawri” neighborhood of **occupied East Jerusalem**, illegal Israeli settlers attacked three Palestinian young men who were present at a public park in the city. The settlers assaulted the three youths, and one of the colonists stabbed a young man with an unknown sharp object. All three Palestinian young men sustained bruises, while one sustained lacerations to his head from the sharp item. The wounded youths were all transported to hospital, no further information was provided regarding their conditions. In related news, illegal Israeli colonizers stormed Palestinian-owned lands and destroyed a network of water pipelines, in Kisan village, south of **Bethlehem**, in the southern occupied West Bank. According to local activist, Ahmed Ghazal, settlers from the nearby illegal “Ma’ale Amos” colony, wrecked a drinking water network in the “Khallet al-Hamr area” southeast of Kisan village, belonging to local farmer Hassan Yusef al-Abayyat. (IMEMC 10 August 2023)
- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 10 August 2023)
- Colonial Israeli settlers destroyed water pipelines in the village of Kisan, to the east of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli settlers from the colonial settlement of Maale Emwas broke into Palestinian-owned lands on the outskirts of the village and destroyed drinking water pipelines owned by Hasan Ebayat, a local Palestinian farmer. (Wafa 10 August 2023)

- Israeli forces injured, at least two Palestinians during a settler invasion into the archaeological site in Sebastia village, northwest of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. Muhammad Azim, the mayor of Sebastia, said in a statement, *“the occupation forces and a bus of settlers stormed the archaeological square in the town amid heavy gunfire and gas bombs, which led to the injury of a number of citizens to suffocation.”* Azim added, *“the occupation forces detained a citizen in a military vehicle, and removed the Palestinian flags from the area.”* Illegal Israeli settlers invade the archaeological site on a frequent basis, under the full protection of the occupation army. It is important to mention that on July 21, 2023, Israeli occupation forces shot and killed, Fawzi Hani Mokhalafa, 18, and injured another, before abducting him, in Sebastia. Soldiers opened heavy live fire at a vehicle with two occupants, killing one and injuring the other. Citizens were able to inspect the damage to the car which revealed dozens of bullet holes across the entire vehicle. (IMEMC 12 August 2023)
- Groups of police-guarded Israeli Jewish settlers performed a provocative incursion into the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem. scores of Israeli settlers entered the compound through the Moroccan Gate in groups and performed rituals there under the protection of Israeli police officers. (WAFA 13 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation settlers Sunday raided Al-Tahadi School in Wadi Al-Siq Bedouin community, to the east of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, and vandalized many of its contents. A group of Israeli settlers sneaked their way into the school, where they damaged its windows and many of its contents and wrecked havoc inside it. The residents of the said community have been facing regular attacks by Israeli settlers and Israeli army in an attempt to force them out of their land. (WAFA 13 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers Sunday stormed the Ras Al-Tin school, east of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, a school that is already threatened with demolition by the Israeli occupation authorities, and smashed its windows. A number of settlers stormed the school, smashing its windows and vandalizing its contents. The school is located in a Bedouin community in the lands of the villages of Kafr Malik, Khirbet Abu Falah, and Al-Mughayer, east of Ramallah. (WAFA 13 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers established, a new settlement outpost on Palestinian-owned lands, and destroyed a water network, near the northern West Bank city of **Nablus**. South of Nablus, Israeli settlers erected a number of caravans on the lands of Burin village, near the illegal “Yitzhar” colony, built on expropriated Palestinian land. According to the official who monitors Israeli violations and colonialist activities in northern West Bank, Israeli colonizers erected mobile homes on Burin village lands, near the “Yitzhar” settlement. Daghlis added that this action is a scheme to take over more Palestinian land for the exclusive benefit of settlers and the expansion of the existing colony. (IMEMC 14 August 2023)
- Terrorist Israeli settlers sabotaged a water pipeline in the northern West Bank village of Khirbet Tana, part of the Beit Furik town, east of Nablus. Israeli settlers sneaked into the village and sabotaged the pipeline that extends for over two

- kilometers. He said this is the seventh time settlers sabotage the water pipeline. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
- Meanwhile, another group of settlers stormed Khirbet Tana village, which is part of the town of Beit Furik, southeast of **Nablus**, and damaged water pipelines that supply water to Palestinians in the area. Illegal Israeli colonists invaded the village and destroyed water pipelines measuring two kilometers in length, adding that this is the seventh time that settlers have destroyed the same pipeline. (IMEMC 14 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers set up a new illegal settlement outpost on Palestinian land part of the town of Burin, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The settlers set up mobile homes on Palestinian land near the illegal settlement of Yitzhar establishing a new settlement outpost. The new illegal outpost will eventually be expanded and then incorporated into Yitzhar settlement, he said, as more Palestinian land will be seized for this purpose. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
 - Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 15 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers this evening attacked Palestinian-registered cars near the town of Yabad, west of Jenin. Settlers, backed by military forces, pelted stones and empty glass bottles at Palestinian cars driving near the military checkpoint of Dutan in the town of Ya'bad. They also closed the main street connecting Tulkarem with Jenin and Yabad with surrounding villages and prevented the movement of Palestinian commuters. (Wafa 15 August 2023)
 - Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. (Wafa 16 August 2023)
 - An illegal Israeli colonizer ran over, on Thursday evening, a Palestinian woman in the “Tel Rumeida” neighborhood in Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. An Israeli settler, driving a motorcycle, purposely struck and injured a Palestinian woman, while she was in the “Tel Rumeida” neighborhood in the center of the city of **Hebron**. The medics were in the vicinity and treated her at the scene, while the perpetrator fled the scene, avoiding accountability. Meanwhile, attacked homes in the city, and harassed Palestinian citizens, at the same time occupation soldiers were invading and searching Palestinian homes in the area. (IMEMC 18 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers stole a fence which had been erected to protect a 60-dunam piece of land in Farkha village, to the west of Salfit in the occupied West Bank. The settlers, under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, stole a fence from lands in the

- Batn area located west of the village. They attempted to assault local residents who were present in the area, along with international solidarity activists. The settlers prevented them from accessing their lands. (Wafa 18 August 2023)
- Furthermore, illegal Israeli settlers stormed, an archaeological site in the ancient city of **Jericho**, in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank, with the full protection of the army. The colonists invaded an ancient synagogue, dating from the Byzantine period, in the center of the city, and performed Talmudic rituals, triggering protests among the local Palestinian youths. (IMEMC 19 August 2023)
 - Rampaging Israeli settlers attacked passing Palestinian vehicles last night near the northern entrance to the town of Huwara, south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. Dozens of settlers gathered near the Salman Alfarisy junction located at the north entrance to the town, where they launched an attack on Palestinian-owned vehicles with stones. No injuries or damages were reported as a result of the attack. Attacks by Israeli settlers have been a frequent occurrence in various parts of the West Bank, and have often resulted in injuries and property damage. (Wafa 20 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers destroyed agricultural crops as they let their livestock graze on fields belonging to Palestinian farmers in Masafer Yatta area, to the south of Hebron, said local activist Fuad al-Amour. A group of armed Israeli settlers, protected by occupation army, raided fields belonging to Palestinian farmers and released their livestock, causing severe damage to agricultural crops and to a fence owned by two citizens identified as Shehadeh Makhmreh and Farid Hamamdeh. The settlers also threw nails on the main roads used by Palestinian civilians, causing traffic jam and forcing the latter to take alternate routes to reach their destination. (Wafa 20 August 2023)
 - Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem, accompanied by a heavy presence of Israeli occupation police. The Islamic Waqf Authority in Jerusalem said scores of settlers entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque in separate groups. They conducted provocative tours through the courtyards of the mosque, received explanations about the alleged "Temple," and performed Talmudic rituals near the Dome of the Rock. This latest incident adds to the ongoing tensions surrounding Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third most revered site in Islam. The entry of settlers into the compound, backed by Israeli security forces, is often met with condemnation from Palestinian officials and religious authorities. (Wafa 20 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers last night attacked with firebombs and stones a Palestinian house in the town of Burin, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, causing damage. They said the settlers threw rocks and firebombs at the house located on the outskirts of the town setting fire to bee hives and smashing windows. No one was hurt. Settlers have escalated their rampage and pogroms in the occupied territories after feeling total impunity and without anyone being arrested. (Wafa 21 August 2023)
 - Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked, Palestinians and their properties in various areas of the occupied West Bank, injuring three. Illegal Israeli colonizers, on Tuesday

- evening, hurled rocks at Palestinian-owned vehicles in the villages of Burqa and Sebastia, northwest of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank, damaging a number of them. They added that the settlers attacked a Palestinian-owned home on the outskirts of Burqa village, while firing live rounds. No injuries or damage was reported. Dozens of settlers were reported gathering on the road between Jenin and Nablus, throwing rocks at Palestinian-owned vehicles, leading to damage to a number of them. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian commuters traveling on the roads south and north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Settlers from the illegal Israeli settlement of Neghot pelted with stones Palestinian-registered vehicles traveling south of Hebron, while attacks were also reported on roads north of the city, causing damage to several cars and shattering windows. (Wafa 22 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers tonight attacked Palestinian vehicles driving near the towns of Burqa and Sebastia to the northwest of Nablus. Dozens of settlers gathered on the road linking Jenin and Nablus and pelted stones at Palestinian-registered vehicles, causing damage to a number of cars. The settlers further attacked one of the houses located at the outskirts of the town amid the heavy firing of live ammunition, however, no injuries were reported. (Wafa 22 August 2023)
 - An Israeli settler grazed his livestock in private Palestinian lands in the village of Burqa, east of Ramallah city. An Israeli settler raided Palestinian land to the northwest of the said town and released and grazed his livestock there before leaving the area. (Wafa 22 August 2023)
 - In the central occupied West Bank, Israeli settlers invaded farm lands belonging to Palestinians, and grazed their sheep, in the village of Burqa, east of **Ramallah**. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)
 - Three family members were injured this evening after being physically attacked by Israeli settlers in the village of Tuba, said a local activist. Coordinator of the Protection and Resilience Committees, Fuad Al-Amour, said that several settlers, under the protection of the occupation forces, attacked the house of Omar Abu Jundiyyeh, assaulted his family members with sticks and sharp tools, and sprayed them with pepper gas, which led to their suffocation. Three family members were wounded and bruised. The ambulance crews provided them with the necessary treatment, he added. Also the occupation forces seized a legal vehicle owned by a local resident, after raiding the Tabbaneh community in Masafer Yatta. The occupation forces had confiscated the same vehicle several months ago and returned it after forcing its owner to pay a fine of 7000 shekels. (Wafa 22 August 2023)
 - In the southern part of the West Bank, illegal colonizers gathered, on Tuesday evening, at the entrance to Beit Einun, north of Hebron, in the southern West Bank, and hurled rocks at vehicles. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)
 - Israeli settlers gathered at the southern “Al-Fahs” junction in the south, assaulting Palestinian citizens. There were no reports of injuries. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)

- In the city of Dura, southwest of **Hebron**, illegal settlers from the nearby “Negohot” colony, hurled rocks, at Palestinian-owned vehicles, smashing windows of some of them, without causing any injuries. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)
- illegal Israeli colonizers injured a Palestinian father, his wife, and their child, in the Touba village in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank’s southern part. Rateb Jabour, the coordinator of the National and Popular Committees against the Annexation Wall & Colonies, said the colonizers attacked the home of Omar Mohammad Abu Jundiyya before assaulting him, his wife, and their child. Jabour added that the colonizers assaulted the three Palestinians and maced them with pepper spray, causing cuts and bruises. Also, Israeli soldiers confiscated a car owned by Nasser Abu Obeid and abducted him before moving him and his car to a nearby military base. In related news, paramilitary Israeli colonizers attacked a Palestinian home in Burin town and hurled Molotov cocktails at it, causing damage to its walls and windows and destroying beehives the family uses to harvest and sell honey. (IMEMC 22 August 2023)
- Illegal Israeli settlers opened fire, on Tuesday night, at Palestinian-owned homes in the Masafer Yatta region, south of Hebron, while others gathered south of the city, calling for the killing of Palestinians. On Tuesday evening, illegal Israeli settlers, opened live fire at several Palestinian-owned homes in Susya village, in Masafer Yatta, south of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank. According to Osama Makhamra, a local activist, an Israeli colonizer opened fire with live ammunition at a number of Palestinian-owned homes in the village, with no reports of any injuries. Dozens of colonists gathered on a roundabout, near the illegal “Hagai” colony, south of **Hebron**, and shouted racist chants calling for the murder of Palestinians. (IMEMC 23 August 2023)
- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. (Wafa 23 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian herder in the occupied northern Jordan Valley and forced him to leave the pastures. Settlers, protected by soldiers, attacked a shepherd in Khillet Makhoul area while herding his sheep in the open pastures and forced him to leave the area warning him against returning. (Wafa 24 August 2023)
- Rampaging Israeli settlers closed the entrances to several Palestinian villages, towns, and the Al-Fawwar refugee camp in the Hebron Governorate, south of the occupied West Bank. Dozens of armed settlers, under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, blocked the entrances to various villages and towns across Hebron Governorate, impeding the movement of Palestinian citizens in and out of these areas. Settlers also organized provocative marches at the entrance to Al-Fawwar refugee camp, the town of Dura, the southern entrance to Hebron City and the Beit Einun junction to the north of the city. During these demonstrations, the

settlers raised Israeli flags and chanted racist, anti-Arab slogans. (Wafa 24 August 2023)

- Illegal Israeli settlers attacked Palestinians and their vehicles, and blocked the entrances to a number of towns in Hebron. Illegal Israeli settlers, with the army providing full security, attacked a Palestinian shepherd while he grazed his sheep on his land. The settlers, attacked the shepherd and forced him to leave the “Khirbet Mak-hul” area, in the northern **Jordan Valley**, and threatened him not to return. Occupation forces protected illegal Israeli colonizers who invaded the Qaryout spring, south of **Nablus**, in the northern occupied West Bank. The settlers invaded the water springs, near the village of Qaryout, sparking protests from local Palestinians. Soldiers opened fire with tear gas canisters, causing a number of people to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Meanwhile, on Thursday night, illegal Israeli colonists, injured a Palestinian resident of Jenin, while he was driving his truck near the town of Huwara, south of **Nablus**. The injured man, identified as Munjid Jameel Al-Sheikh Ibrahim, 51, sustained cuts and bruises after settlers hurled rocks at his truck. Furthermore, Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian citizens and their vehicles, in the Qilqis area, south of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank. On Thursday evening, dozens of armed settlers gathered in provocative marches, and blocked the entrances to the Al-Fawwar refugee camp, and Dura town, southwest of the city, the southern “Al-Fahs” entrance to **Hebron**, in addition to the “Beit Einoun” junction, to the north. The colonizers, under army protection, raised the Israeli flag and chanted anti-Arab slogans. (IMEMC 25 August 2023)
- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian residents in the village of Qalqsa to the south of Hebron, said local witnesses. Settlers attacked residents and their vehicles at the Qalqas roundabout to the south of the city. Settlers have recently intensified their attacks against Palestinian residents in the area. Settlers, backed by the Israeli army, recently closed the road located nearby an illegal settlement, which is considered the main road for residents’ access to the city. (Wafa 25 August 2023)
- Colonial Israeli settlers last night attacked a Palestinian truck driver and injured him near the town of Huwara, to the south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli Jewish settlers from the colonial Israeli settlement of Yitzhar, under the protection of Israeli forces, pelted stones at Munjid Jameel Al-Sheikh Ibrahim, 51, as he was driving his truck near Huwara. The assault resulted in him sustaining injuries and bruises across his body. The truck driver is a resident of Kafr Ra’i town in the northern West Bank governorate of Jenin. (Wafa 26 August 2023)
- Dozens of Israeli settler terrorists launched an attack this evening on the town of Qusra, to the south of Nablus in the northern West Bank. Settlers from the nearby Yish Kodesh settlement outpost attacked the southeastern outskirts of the town under the protection of Israeli occupation forces. The town's residents confronted the settlers, resulting in confrontations at the scene. (Wafa 26 August 2023)
- A group of Israeli settlers carried out an attack on Palestinian civilians in the village of Mazra’a al-Gharbiya, located northwest of Ramallah. The settlers broke into

- Na'lan area on the outskirts of the village and assaulted Palestinian residents who attempted to confront them. Luckily, no injuries were reported. (Wafa 26 August 2023)
- Colonial Israeli settlers launched an attack on Palestinian vehicles with stones on Saturday evening, both south and east of Hebron in the southern West Bank. Groups of settlers from the settlements of Haggai and Kiryat Arba, which are illegally built on Palestinian lands to the south and east of Hebron, held provocative marches and pelted Palestinian vehicles with stones. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 26 August 2023)
 - A group of Israeli settlers blocked Palestinian Bedouin herders from reaching grazing lands east of Atuf village, south of the town of Tubas in the northern West Bank. Ayman Ghareeb, a local Palestinian activist, reported that a group of Israeli settlers prevented shepherds from accessing the grazing lands in the vicinity of their tents where they could feed their sheep. He pointed out that the settlers roamed near the tents of the local Palestinian Bedouin families and threatened them with burning their tents. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
 - A group of Israeli settlers carried out an alarming act of destruction, uprooting dozens of olive trees and causing damage to agricultural infrastructure in the village of Tuqu', located to the east of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. Taysir Abu Mufarreh, the Mayor of Tuqu', said approximately 40 olive trees were uprooted in the wilderness area east of the village. These trees were co-owned by local residents Samir Mahmoud Jabril and Sameeh Le'mour. The settlers also vandalized doors of a sheep pen and demolished an agricultural room. The destructive actions extended to the installation of barbed wire fences as well. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
 - A number of Palestinian civilians this evening suffered from suffocation after being attacked by Israeli settlers and the occupation forces in Madama village, south of Nablus. Settlers attacked citizens' homes in the southern area of the village, under the protection of the occupation soldiers who fired stun grenades and tear gas canisters toward residents, causing suffocation to a number of them, acting Governor of Nablus. The soldiers and settlers tried to break the doors and windows of a number of houses, pointing out that this was the second attack by settlers against the village tonight. (Wafa 27 August 2023)
 - Illegal Israeli settlers uprooted, dozens of olive trees, in addition to causing damage to a barn and an agricultural structure, in Tuqu' town, south of **Bethlehem**, in the southern occupied West Bank. A number of Israeli colonizers invaded the town, and uprooted at least 40 olive saplings, belonging to Palestinian citizens, Samir Mahmoud Jibril and Samih al-Amor. (IMEMC 28 August 2023).
 - Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 29 August 2023)

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- A group of Israeli settlers fenced an agricultural road and brutally assaulted a Palestinian farmer in the northern Jordan Valley. Mutaz Basharat, a senior official who monitors Israeli settlement activities, said that scores of Israeli settlers fenced an agricultural road linking Khirbet Umm Zuqah and the highway. He said that this area, which is located on top of a mountain in the Jordan Valley, has been a regular target of settlers raids and attacks, who prevent shepherds from grazing in that area. Meanwhile, the settlers brutally assaulted the Palestinian farmer Mohib Daraghme, leaving him with bruises all over his body. Basharat noted that a group of settlers were seen, surrounding the tents of residents of Dra Awwad area, causing panic among children and women. (Wafa 30 August 2023)
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Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli soldiers demolished, a Palestinian-owned commercial structure near Salfit, in the central West Bank, and razed farmlands near Hebron, in the south. Occupation forces demolished, a 200 square-meter commercial facility in Deir Ballut town, west of **Salfit**, in the central part of the occupied West Bank. Israeli bulldozers razed the structure, which belonged to local citizen Ahmed Khalil Abdullah, under the pretext of not having an Israeli issued permit to build. Meanwhile, occupation bulldozers razed agricultural lands, planted with crops, and stone retaining walls near the southern West Bank city of **Hebron**. (Wafa, IMEMC 1 August 2023)
- Israeli forces razed, Palestinian-owned land and uprooted trees belonging to Muhammad Abdel Fattah Abu Sakour, in Tarqumiyah, northwest of the city. Abu Sakour said that occupation forces, brought a military bulldozer with them to his property, razed at least two dunams of land, and uprooted 40 olive and grapevine trees. West of the city, in the village of Khirbet Soba, soldiers invaded the village, bulldozed at least 3 dunams of agricultural lands, uprooted dozens of almond and citrus trees, and demolished stone retaining walls belonging to local citizen, Maram Munjid Al-Awiwi. (IMEMC 1 August 2023)

- Furthermore, Israeli authorities issued a cease-construction order against an under-construction home in Masafer Yatta, south of **Hebron**. According to local activist, Osama Makhmra, Israeli soldiers invaded the area and ordered that the owner of the home, Muhammad Ali al-Hathlin in addition to other workers to stop working on the home, forcing them to take the concrete out of the area. (IMEMC 1 August 2023).
- Palestinians seeking to celebrate the successful achievement of East Jerusalem high school students in the general matriculation exams were banned by the Israeli occupation authorities from holding a celebration party in their city. The Israeli occupation forces summoned the president of Silwan Club, Ahmad Ghoul, and after holding and interrogating him for three hours at a police station in West Jerusalem, he was ordered not to hold the party in his club or face severe punishment. The order was issued by Israeli minister Itamar Ben Gvir, who said in the letter that in his capacity as minister of internal security, he bans holding this celebration at Silwan Club or at any other place in Jerusalem or Israel. The celebration was planned for during which prizes would be handed to the students who passed the general exams with high scores, a celebration held every year in occupied Jerusalem. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- A Palestinian homeowner received an Israeli demolition order against his home in Jiftlik village, north of the West Bank city of Jericho, under the pretext the home was built in Area C of the occupied West Bank, which is still under full Israeli military control. The occupation forces broke into the home of Mithqal Habib in Jiftlik village and after searching and ransacking it, handed him the demolition order against his house. He was given until August 16 to evacuate his home. (Wafa 2 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation authorities issued notices of demolition and halt of construction of 15 Palestinian-owned homes in the town of Yatma, south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. The head of Yatma village council, Ahmad Abu Sanobar, said that the occupation forces stormed the western area of the town, and distributed 15 notices including orders to demolish and halt the construction of houses, in addition to two notices to demolish two walls in agricultural lands. He added that the occupation's decision came under the pretext that the houses were built on areas classified as Area C. (Wafa 6 August 2023)
- Six Palestinian families living in the nomadic Bedouin community of Al-Qaboun, east of Ramallah, have been forced to leave their homes as a result of increased attacks by state-backed Israeli terror settler militias, a Palestinian rights group said. Hassan Malihat, the general supervisor of Al-Baydar Organization for the Defense of Bedouin Rights, told Wafa that the six families had no choice but to leave their homes as a result of a sharp rise in almost daily attacks and violence by both Israeli settler militias and the Israeli army. He said a total of 36 individuals from the Ka'abneh family had to leave the community. They had been displaced from their lands during the Nakba of Palestine in 1948, Malihat added, only to face another story of displacement these days. (Wafa 6 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces last night mapped the family home of slain Palestinian youth Kamel Mahmoud Abu Bakr in the village of Rumana, to the northwest of

- Jenin, in preparation for its punitive demolition. The Israeli occupation authorities accuse Abu Bakr of carrying out a shooting operation in Tel Aviv on Saturday night, which resulted in the killing of an Israeli and the injury of another one. He himself was shot dead by Israeli police at the scene of the operation. An Israeli army force stormed Abu Bakr's family home in Rumana after midnight Saturday-Sunday, wreaking havoc throughout the house before mapping it for demolition later in an act of reprisal. Confrontations erupted between local Palestinian protesters and the Israeli occupation army during the raid in the village, during which Israeli soldiers fired live shots and teargas canisters at the protesters. At least one Palestinian was lightly injured. Two Palestinians were arrested by the Israeli occupation forces during the raid. (Wafa 6 August 2023)
- Israeli troops invaded, Birin village, southeast of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank, and handed a Palestinian citizen a demolition order for an under-construction home. The soldiers delivered the notice to Saber Ezz El-Din Burqan, the owner of the 160-square-meter home, under the pretext that it was being built without an Israeli issued permit. The 1995 Oslo Accords classified the Masafer Yatta collection of hamlets, south of Hebron, as "Area C" which dictates that Israel has full civil, military, and administrative control of the area. (IMEMC 7 August 2023)
 - Meanwhile, the Israeli occupation authorities handed 15 Palestinian home-owners stop-work orders on their homes, in Sarta village, west of **Salfit** in the central West Bank. According to Ibrahim al-Khatib, the head of the Sarta village council, Israeli soldiers delivered stop-work notices to 15 homes belonging to local citizens, some of whom already live in the homes. These orders were based on the pretext that the homes are located in "Area C", which, according to the Oslo Accords, gave the Israeli occupation full military, civil, and administrative control. (IMEMC 9 August 2023)
 - In the southern part of the occupied West Bank, Israeli authorities ordered the demolition of two Palestinian-owned homes in Al-Khader town, southwest of **Bethlehem**. According to Hasan Breijiyya, the head of the Bethlehem office of the Wall & Colonization Resistance Commission, Israeli forces handed 2 demolition orders to the owner of both homes, Samih Ahmed Salah. Breijiyya added that both homes measure 150-square-meters, one is inhabited by five people, while the other is under construction. The demolition order, based on Military Order 1797, provides 96-hours notice, leaving little to no time to appeal the decision, under the pretext of lacking a building permit. It is important to mention that Salah has had 4 homes demolished by the Israeli occupation authorities, however he continues to build on his land. (IMEMC 9 August 2023)
 - Israeli forces delivered, stop work notices to eight Palestinian citizens, demolished barracks, razed land, and confiscated a crane, in separate parts of the occupied West Bank. Israeli forces delivered eight stop-work orders to Palestinian citizens in Sinjil town, northeast of **Ramallah** in the central occupied West Bank. The army stormed the town, and handed Khaled Khalil an order to cease the restoration work on his

home, while seven other citizens received stop-construction on their homes. It was added that illegal Israeli colonizers, under the protection of the army, blocked farmers from tending to their own agricultural land and threatened to kill them. (IMEMC 10 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation authorities forced a Jerusalemite family from the town of Beit Hanina, north of occupied Jerusalem, to self-demolish part of their house, in order to avoid the heavy fines that would be paid in the event that the occupation forces demolished it. A Jerusalemite family had added 45 square meters to their house but the occupation authorities forced them to self-demolish this part of the house. Since the beginning of this year, the area has witnessed an escalation in demolitions of Palestinian homes under the pretext of building without a permit. (Wafa 10 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation authorities informed the Palestinian family of Sub Laban that they are required to cover the expenses of their forcible eviction from their home. The family were last month forcibly evicted from their 70-year home in Aqabat al-Khaldia in the Old City of Jerusalem in favor of illegal Jewish settlers. Noura Sub Laban said the unfair Israeli compensation claim includes 17,187 shekels (\$4,610) in compensation to the Israeli police for 160 hours of working in the house to secure the eviction, in addition to 17,000 shekels (\$4,600) to a private contracting company that evacuated the house, and 13,000 shekels for legal expenses. The Israeli order also includes movement restrictions on the Sub Laban family members until they settle the unfair compensation, including a travel ban and confiscation of their property, including vehicles and real estate, in the event that the fine is not paid as soon as possible. (Wafa 13 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished agricultural rooms and stone walls and uprooted olive seedlings in the town of Beit Sira, west of Ramallah. The occupation forces, with military reinforcements, stormed the outskirts of the town and began the demolitions under the pretext the rooms and walls were located near the segregation barrier. They said the occupation forces also uprooted olive saplings planted in an area of about six dunums owned by local residents. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation army announced last night it will soon be demolishing the house of the family of Khaled Mustafa Sabbah, a Palestinian who allegedly carried out a shooting operation on June 20 killing four Israeli settlers. The occupation army said in a statement that the house of Sabbah's family in the village of Urif, to the south of Nablus, will be demolished soon in retaliation for their son's shooting to death of four Israeli settlers. No date was given for the intended punitive demolition. Sabbah, 24, along with Muhannad Saleh Shehada, 26, carried out a shooting operation on June 20 killing four Israeli settlers at a gas station on the Nablus-Ramallah highway. Shehada was killed at the scene of the operation by Israeli army and police, while Sabbah was killed about two hours after the operation in the city of Tubas, north of the West Bank. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
- A Palestinian resident was forced to demolish his own house in the neighborhood of Musrara, in occupied Jerusalem, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext, according to the house owner, Mohammed al-Qaq. The owner said that he was

- forced to demolish his house, where he lived with his family since the year 2014, or else the Israeli municipality will demolish it and obligate him to pay the exorbitant costs. (Wafa 14 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces demolished a park and uprooted trees in the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan, west of the occupied West Bank city of Salbit. The occupation forces raided Abu Ammar Well area, northwest of the town, demolished the park, removed the artificial turf, broke lighting poles, benches, solar energy cells, and uprooted trees. It is noteworthy that the Abu Ammar Well area is subjected to continuous violations by the occupation forces and settlers who are trying to seize the area in favor of establishing a settlement outpost. (Wafa 15 August 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation forces issued stop work and construction orders against a house, a road, and other structures, east of Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Osama Makhamreh, an activist against settlements. The occupation forces stormed east of Yatta and handed the stop work and construction orders to a local resident against his 250-square-meter house under the pretext it was built in Area C, which is under full Israeli military control. The occupation forces also issued a stop work order against a water well, a cesspit, and a cement wall for another resident, and photographed a one-story house, which has an area of 150 square meters, and another three-floors house with an area of 500 square meters whose owners were previously notified to stop work in these two houses. Makhamreh said the occupation forces notified Khamlet al-Mayah village council to stop work on a road that serves a large number of the residents of that area. (Wafa 16 August 2023)
 - Dozens of Palestinian citizens were shot and suffocated early Wednesday while a Palestinian-owned house and headquarters of the Fatah movement were blown up, following a military raid by the Israeli occupation forces in the Balata camp, south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Confrontations between Palestinian youths and Israeli forces broke out, as a result. A Palestinian was shot with a live bullet to the chest, and was reported to be in a critical condition. Two others were injured with live bullet shrapnel and were taken to the hospital, while four others suffered injuries from live bullet shrapnel and were treated in the field. They added that a Palestinian was shot with live bullet and was kidnapped from the medical staff by the occupation forces. (Wafa 16 August 2023)
 - Israeli occupation authorities demolished, a school in the village of Kafr Malik, northeast of Ramallah, in the central West Bank. Hassan Malihat, the general supervisor of Al-Baydar Organization for the Defense of Bedouin Rights, said that Israeli forces bulldozed the “Ein Samiya” school, which serves the Palestinian Bedouin community in Kafr Malik, northeast of **Ramallah**. The head of the Kafr Malik village council, Najeh Rustom, confirmed that Israeli forces stormed the “Al-Qaboun” community, accompanied by military bulldozers, and demolished the only school in the village, serving 50 students from grades 1 through 9. Rustom further stated that illegal Israeli settlers attacked the school just days ago, smashing the windows, and damaging the contents of the school. He added that many of the local residents were displaced as a result of the escalating settler attacks against the community. (IMEMC 17 August 2023)

- Israeli forces Thursday dismantled residential structures in the area of Khirbet Homsa al-Tahta in the northern Jordan Valley. The forces dismantled a caravan owned by local resident Jaafar Abdul-Baset, and seized it. He noted that the caravan was given to Abdul-Baset by international organizations after Israeli authorities demolished his home last month. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- Israeli bulldozers Thursday demolished a Palestinian-owned school in al-Qaboun Bedouin community in the village of Kafr Malik, east of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah. The head of the Kafr Malik village council, Najeh Rustom, told Wafa that the occupation forces, reinforced with military bulldozers, stormed the Bedouin community of al-Qaboun, east of the town, and demolished the only school in it, known as Ras al-Tin school. He added that the residents of the Bedouin community were recently forced to leave the area due to the ongoing Israeli settler attacks on them and their properties. Rustom pointed out that, last Sunday, settlers broke the windows of the school and destroyed its contents, before the bulldozers of the occupation demolished it. He pointed out that the school used to accommodate about 50 students, from the first to the ninth grade, and that they were distributed in 5 classrooms. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- Israeli forces Thursday demolished an industrial structure in the village of Sarta, west of the occupied West Bank city of Salfit. The occupation forces, reinforced with military vehicles, stormed the village, headed to the southern area, and proceeded to demolish a 200-square-meter blacksmith workshop owned by Mohammad Ali Sarsour. (Wafa 17 August 2023)
- In the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, occupation authorities denied Palestinian farmers access to their lands behind the illegal Apartheid wall near the city of **Qalqilia**. Two Palestinian farmers Ali Mohammad Nofal and Abdullah Ismail Zaid, both found notices on the gates from which they use to access their crops, stating that they are not allowed to enter their farmlands to tend their crops. (MEMC 18 August 2023)
- In the village of Qusra, southeast of **Nablus**, in the northern West Bank, occupation bulldozers razed, Palestinian-owned farmlands. The occupation forces, using bulldozers, levelled agricultural lands belonging to Palestinian farmers, with the intent to extend power lines to serve two illegal colonial outposts in the area. (MEMC 18 August 2023)
- In the northeastern part of the West Bank, Israeli forces dismantled a Palestinian-owned caravan in Khirbet Humsa al-Tahta, southeast of **Tubas**, in the northern Jordan Valley. Local activist, Moataz Bisharat, said that the army knocked down and confiscated a residential caravan belonging to Jaafar Abdul Basset Bisharat. Bsharat added that the structure was donated to Bisharat by international institutions, after occupation authorities demolished his home in July. (MEMC 18 August 2023)
- In the central West Bank, Israeli forces stormed, the village of Sarta, west of **Salfit**, and demolished an industrial facility belonging to Palestinian citizen, Muhammad Ali Sarsour. According to the head of the Sarta village council, Ibrahim al-Khatib,

the army invaded the village, backed with military vehicles, and demolished a 200-square-meter blacksmith workshop. (MEMC 18 August 2023)

- Furthermore, Israeli authorities stopped a Palestinian citizen from restoring a cave, which he and six other members of his family live, in Masafer Yatta, south of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank. Rateb al-Jubour, coordinator of the Popular and National Committees to Resist the Wall and Settlements, stated that Israeli soldiers stormed the “Janba” area in Masafer Yatta, and confiscated building materials and equipment from Aziz Shehdeh Ammar. (MEMC 18 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation authorities demolished four houses in the village of al-Diyouk al-Tahta, west of the ancient city of Jericho in the east of the occupied West Bank, and five more houses are slated for demolition in the same area under the pretext of construction without a permit. More than 15 army jeeps and four bulldozers broke into the village and proceeded to demolish the four houses, one of them 150 square meters in area that was still in the construction phase. He said the soldiers also informed four other homeowners that their houses will also be demolished for construction without a permit in what they said is Area C, which is under full Israeli military control. The soldiers also took measurements of another house in preparation to demolish it. (Wafa 21 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation forces demolished a house, a brick factory, and retaining walls in the village of Biddu, northwest of Jerusalem. The demolished house was 150 square meters in area and located at the entrance to the village. The occupation authorities claimed it was built without a permit. Eleven other houses and structures and five shops in the same area are also threatened with demolition. The demolished brick factory, owned by two local siblings, was built 20 years ago, and losses were estimated at thousands of dollars. The occupation forces also demolished retaining walls and wreaked havoc on agricultural land, they said. Biddu mayor, Salem Abu Eid, said the destruction caused was great, indicating that this area is targeted by the occupation authorities and is subject to repeated demolitions. The occupation forces also arrested a resident of Biddu after raiding his house, tampering with its contents, and assaulting him. (Wafa 21 August 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces Thursday took measurements of two houses owned by the al-Shantir family in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, in preparation for their demolition. Wafa correspondent said that a large unit of Israeli occupation army stormed the area of Khamat Manna, south of the city, and took measurements of the homes of Palestinian detainees Mohammad al-Shantir and Saqr al-Shantir, in an apparent prelude to demolish it as a collective punishment for an Israeli settler’s killing. The occupation authorities accuse the two detained members of the al-Shantir family of carrying out a shooting attack on a settler vehicle last Monday which killed one female settler and critically injured another. In the meantime, confrontations erupted between dozens of Palestinian youths and the occupation forces. No casualties were reported, however. (Wafa 23 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation forces bulldozed an agricultural road in the community of Imriha - Khirbet al-Mukhal, in the town of Ya’bad, southwest of the northern West

- Bank city of Jenin, and closed it with earth mounds. The military bulldozers, under the protection of the occupation forces, bulldozed sections of an agricultural road and closed it with earth mounds and rocks over a length of more than 550 meters. It said the road that was destroyed was 1.5 km long and served more than 35 families and 600 dunums of land planted with trees and crops. (WAFA 23 August 2023)
- The Israeli occupation authorities forced Ayman Dabash, a Palestinian resident of occupied Jerusalem, to demolish his own home in the neighborhood of Sur Baher, located in the southeastern region of the occupied capital. The occupation authorities cited unauthorized construction as a pretext for the demolition. Dabash had no choice but to embark on the demolition on his own to avoid the hefty financial penalty imposed by the occupation forces. This preemptive action was taken to evade the financial burden that would have been imposed if Israeli military machinery had carried out the demolition. (WAFA 24 August 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces demolished, a Palestinian-owned home in the village of Al-Bweireh, east of Hebron, in the southern West Bank, and delivered 17 stop-construction orders in the village of Ein ad-Duyuk at-Tahta, west of Jericho, in the northeastern West Bank. A large army force stormed, the village of Al-Bweireh, east of **Hebron**, in the southern occupied West Bank, accompanied by two bulldozers. Israeli authorities ordered the demolition of a two-storey home in the village, belonging to Badr Shukri Sultan Al-Tamimi and his family, under the pretext of lacking of an Israeli-issued permit. It was added that the occupation bulldozers proceeded to demolish the home, in addition to razing farm land belonging to the family. The Al-Tamimi family home was built for the cost of approximately one million shekels (\$ 263,141.00 USD). Israeli soldiers blocked local Palestinians from approaching the site, and detained journalists to obstruct their ability to cover the event, while inspecting their identities. (IMEMC 29 August 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation authorities notified a halt on work and construction in 17 homes west of the eastern West Bank city of Jericho. The occupation forces stormed al-Dyook al-Tahta and handed over notices to stop work and construction in 17 houses in the center of the village, some of which have been inhabited and built for years, while others are under construction. Dozens of similar notices were handed over by the occupation authorities to homeowners in the same village over the past two years. (WAFA 29 August 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation authorities demolished a Palestinian-owned two-story house in an area east of the southern West Bank city of Hebron known as al-Bouira. Israeli forces accompanied a bulldozer to the area, leveled land and demolished the house owned by a local resident. The army sealed off the area and prevented journalists and people from reaching it as the bulldozer proceeded to demolish the house. Al-Bouira and nearby al-Baqa'a, considered the Hebron food basket, are facing a frenzied campaign by the occupation forces and settlers. (WAFA 29 August 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces bulldozed agriculture lands and knocked down retaining walls in Khirbet Suba to the west of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. Israeli forces reportedly stormed the Khirbet Suba area and proceeded to demolish

retaining walls surrounding three dunums of land and bulldoze agricultural lands belonging to a local resident. A few days ago, the occupation forces uprooted dozens of almond and citrus trees and demolished retaining walls in the same land. (Wafa 30 August 2023)

- A Palestinian resident was forced to demolish his own house overlooking the al-Aqsa mosque, in Jerusalem's Old City, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext, according to the house owner, Hassan Ja'afar. The owner said that he was forced to demolish his 50-square-meter house, where he lived with his family, or else the Israeli municipality would demolish it and obligate him to pay the exorbitant costs. Using the pretext of building without a permit, which is rarely granted to Palestinians in the occupied city, the Israeli municipality has condemned hundreds of Palestinian-owned houses as part of a policy aimed at restricting Palestinian expansion and number in occupied Jerusalem. The occupation municipality notified the owner of the decision to demolish the house within a short period of time, despite the follow-up procedures he was undertaking to obtain a permit. (Wafa 30 August 2023)
- Israeli soldiers demolished two homes in Hebron city and the nearby Tarqoumia town in the occupied West Bank's southern part. Suleiman Ja'afra, an activist with the Wall & Colonization Resistance Commission, said the soldiers demolished a residential shed, built using bricks and tin, and was about 70 square meters in the At-Tayba area in Tarqoumia town, west of Hebron, Ja'afra added that the home was on private Palestinian land near the bypass road used by the illegal colonizers and is owned by Ata Jamil Ja'afra. Ja'afra said he filed several appeals against the demolition, but they were all denied by Israeli courts. The soldiers also demolished another home owned by Palestinians from the local Al-Qawasmi family in Hebron city. Furthermore, the army bulldozed Palestinian lands and uprooted several olive trees and grapevines. It is worth mentioning that the At-Tayba area is subject to constant Israeli violations due to Israel's constant attempts to annex Palestinian lands to expand the Adora and Telem illegal colonies. (IMEMC 31 August 2023)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli occupation forces uprooted, at least 20 olive saplings and razed dozens of dunams of Palestinian-owned agricultural land, in Kufr al-Dik town, west of **Salfit**, in the central occupied West Bank. The *occupation bulldozers uprooted more than 20 olive saplings, between 4-6 years old.* " And swept away tens of dunams, and built a settlement road 400 meters long and 8 meters wide from the Palestinian lands in the (Badiriyeh) area located on the western side of the town." (IMEMC 9 August 2023)
- In the northern West Bank, Israeli forces expropriated land from Huwara town, south of **Nablus**, for the expansion of a settler-only road. Israeli violations and colonialist activities in northern West Bank, occupation authorities took over a 362-square-meter plot of land in the town of Huwara, for a road that will exclusively serve illegal Israeli colonists. (IMEMC 9 August 2023)

- Israeli occupation bulldozers razed agricultural lands in the village of Qusra town, south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. The razing operations have been taking place since last night. The bulldozers of the occupation continued, over the past hours, to level Palestinian-owned lands in the southeastern area, aiming to extend high-voltage electricity lines in order to control the largest area of land for the benefit of the two nearby settlement outposts. He explained that the settlers installed caravans a month ago on Palestinian lands in the eastern area, and that the occupation bulldozers began to extend electricity lines that belong to the new outpost, indicating that the lands in those areas are private property and their owners hold legal papers that prove their ownership of those lands. (Wafa 17 August 2023)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- New Ir Amim Research Reveals Israeli Government Involvement in Acquiring Red Heifers for Building Third Temple on the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount. Research conducted by Ir Amim over the past year has uncovered the involvement of the Israeli government in helping to secure “red heifers” for ritual sacrifice, which according to Jewish law is required to rebuild the Jewish temple on the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount (HAS/TM). The project to acquire this specific type of cow from the United States was spearheaded by the Temple Movements and an American Evangelical Christian group with the support of the state. According to Jewish law, the sacrifice of a red heifer (young female cow) would enable ritual purification necessary for mass Jewish ascent to the Mount and ultimately the construction of the third temple in place of the Dome of the Rock. The quest to find a “red heifer” has been long considered a fringe endeavor, yet the discovery of government involvement in such an initiative requires serious attention. While Israel continues to pay lip service to the status quo on the Holy Esplanade, in practice, it dangerously acts to subvert it, which carries destructive ramifications on Jerusalem and the region. Ir Amim’s findings were aired primetime on a major Israeli TV network this past Saturday evening. [Link here for the segment in Hebrew](#) . (IR-AMIM 1 August 2023)
- Jerusalem District Planning Committee to Discuss Major Construction Projects in East Jerusalem.; on August 7, 2023, the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee will convene to deliberate on significant development proposals beyond the Green Line in Jerusalem. The upcoming discussions include plans for the promotion of 100 housing units along with two hotels in the Nof Zion settlement situated in the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood, alongside the construction of 1,918 housing units in the Ramot Alon neighborhood, located in the northern part of Jerusalem. Plan for the construction of hotels and housing units in the Nof Zion settlement in East Jerusalem (Plan 101-0976597). The planned discussion has been rescheduled from May to August. The discussion for deposit in the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee will focus on the construction of two hotels (a total of 550 rooms) and 100 housing units. The plan is initiated by KILAS INVESTMENT CORPORATION, registered in Panama. The area is located on the

northern-eastern slopes of the Armon HaNatziv Promenade, within the neighborhood of Jabel Mukaber. The designated construction area is called Nof Zahav and is adjacent to the Nof Zion settlement of the Jabal Mukaber neighborhood and serves as its extension. The plan will create a sequence of built-up areas from the Harmon Hanatziv Promenade to the Nof Zion settlement. The designated area for construction is beyond the green line, in the no man's land, and partly beyond. At the same time, there will be a discussion for the deposit of two residential plans in the neighborhood of Ramat Alon. The plans are located at the edge of the Ramat Alon neighborhood and expand its built-up area. The plans border Highway 50 from the east and northeast and the Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Hanina from the north. One plan promotes the establishment of a residential complex of 600 housing units in North Ramat Alon (Plan 0921239), and the other plan proposes the establishment of a residential complex of 1,318 housing units (Plan 0921353). Both plans were submitted for discussion in June and have been postponed to August this year. (PEACENOW 2 August 2023)

- Israel to Allocate \$180million to Settlements & Outposts: According to news reports, the Israeli government will soon vote to allocate an additional \$180million (NIS 670 million) in the 2023-2024 state budget to settlements, including over \$7 million (NIS 27.6 million) specifically for improving infrastructure in unauthorized outposts. The effort is being led by Finance Minister and minister in the Defense Ministry Bezalel Smotrich aligned with Settlements Minister Orit Strock. Ynet reports that the new funding calls for the conversion of five IDF bases in the West Bank to be converted into new settlements or industrial zones. Peace Now reports further details of the budget: \$25 million (NIS 95 million) allocated directly to the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division. As a reminder, the Settlement Division is a body within the WZO established in 1971 and fully funded by the Israeli government. Its mission was, and remains, to provide a channel by which the government can establish settlements – legally and illegally – in the occupied territories, while avoiding the pesky rules, regulations, and transparency requirements to which government entities are bound. The Israel government assigned management responsibilities to the WZO for over 60% of the land in the West Bank which the government declared to be “state land” (90,000 acres/400,000 dumans). The WZO has given that land to settlers to build settlements and secretly funnel government money to illegal outposts. \$13 million (NIS 50 million) for encouraging Israeli Jewish citizens to move to settlements. \$3.6 million (NIS 13.7 million) for developing West Bank archaeological tourism sites, which comes in addition to the May 2023 invest of \$9 million into these sites. \$11.9 million (NIS 45 million) for the establishment of a new hospital. \$15 million (NIS 57 million) for encouraging Israelis and others to move to the settlements. (TOI, PEACENOW 15 August 2023)
- Israel Massively Expanding Size of Outposts As Part of “Legalization” Process: As part of the process of granting retroactive legalization to the outposts of Asa’el and Avigail (both located in the South Hebron Hills), the IDF recently published new maps of the proposed jurisdiction of the new settlements, showing that the government is planning to massively expand the new settlements’ boundaries. The Israel government approved the outposts for retroactive legalization, along with

- eight others, in February 2023. Now that the maps have been published, the public has 21 days to submit objections to the plans. The Israeli non-profit Kerem Navot reports that the proposed new boundary of the Asa'el settlement is eighteen times larger than the outpost. The boundary of the Avigail settlement is nearly three times the size of the outpost. The Avigail outpost is located in Firing Zone 918 in the South Hebron Hills. This is the same firing zone that is home to the Palestinian communities of Masafer Yatta — whose existence pre-dates Israel's declaration of the area as a firing zone. Those communities are in the process of being ethnically cleansed by Israel. Both Avigail and Asael have, illegally, built access roads on privately owned Palestinian land. Legalization of the outposts will undoubtedly also include the theft of the Palestinian-owned land these roads were illegally built on. (FMEP 16 August 2023)
- **Peace Now Data: Unprecedented Level of Settlement Growth in 2023:** According to Peace Now data, the government of Israel has accelerated settlement growth in 2023 so much so that – only seven months into the year – it has broken several records. The data shows that in 2023, the government of Israel has: Granted retroactive legalization to 22 outposts – making them new, authorized settlements, more than in any year previous. Allowed the establishment of at least five new (illegal) outposts (not that settlers have attempted to establish many more. Peace Now reports that the IDF has evacuated more outposts this year than it did during an average year in the past, showing how emboldened settlers are acting in the current environment. Issued tenders for 1,289 new settlement units – this is more than any year since the signing of the Oslo Accords. Approved 12,855 new settlement units – more than in all of 2020 (12,000 settlement units approved). The Minister of Tourism for Settlements: Yariv Levin, Minister of Tourism (2016-2019): During Minister Yariv Levin's tenure (2016-2019) as Minister of Tourism: – Close to half of Israel's tourism development budget was allocated to plans in the settlements and East Jerusalem. – Over 37% of the development budget, nearly 350 million shekels, was allocated to projects associated with the right-wing and settler organization of Elad, operating in Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem. – 84.3% of the investments in Jerusalem went to the Elad settler organization. – In the settlements (excluding East Jerusalem), approximately 70% of the funds submitted for approval to the Ministry of Tourism were approved, while in Israel, only 20% were approved. Each year, Israel invests hundreds of millions of shekels in promoting tourism projects in Israel and the settlements. Some of these investments are made by the Ministry of Tourism through the Development Budget Team (DBT), which approves requests from local authorities and various bodies for tourism project funding. The Movement for Freedom of Information (MFOI) succeeded in obtaining from the Ministry of Tourism the list of submitted requests and the projects approved by the Development Budget Team during Minister Levin's tenure as Minister of Tourism (2016 to 2019). During his tenure, out of an investment of 929 million shekels, approximately 424 million shekels (46%) were designated for projects beyond the Green Line in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. (PEACENOW 17 August 2023)
 - **Government Allocates New Lands to Settlements and Formalizes Allocation Process through the Settlement Division:** On August 27, 2023, the Israeli

government decided to allocate lands to the Mevo'ot Jericho and Amichai settlements through the Settlement Division, despite the legal challenges and criticisms associated with this move. Furthermore, the government announced its intention to regularize the land allocation process, effectively ignoring international law and its temporary statute of an occupied territory, and thus effectively seeking to enable continued takeover of lands discreetly and away from public scrutiny. The intention of regulating the process of allocating the lands can be seen as another step towards annexation, and there is a concern about transforming the Settlement Division into a legal entity of the government for the authorization and development of settlements. The Settlement Division, established by the Israeli government shortly after 1967, serves as a non-governmental body designed to tackle “sensitive” tasks that the official government finds challenging to address openly. These tasks primarily involve establishing settlements, outposts, and agricultural farms in the occupied territories. In previous reports, we’ve delved extensively into the complex issues surrounding the transfer of land from abandoned government property to the Settlement Division. The main responsibility given to the Settlement Division by the government was the management of lands for setting up these settlements. Initially, wholesale land allocations totaling hundreds of thousands of dunams were carried out, and since 1967, the Israeli government has provided the Settlement Division with roughly half a million dunams of land for establishing and advancing settlements. Throughout the years, there have also been instances where the Settlement Division has allocated privately owned Palestinian land not under its supervision for settlement purposes, effectively giving a kind of “green light” for thievery. In 2021, Peace Now lodged a petition seeking transparency in land allocations under the purview of the Settlement Division (HCJ 2174/21), and this legal action is still in progress. In recent years, the government refrained from granting new lands to the Settlement Division, opting for limited and specific allocations instead. The recent decision signifies a noteworthy shift, indicating the government’s intent to formalize the process of land management in the territories by officially outsourcing it to the Settlement Division. (PEACENOW 27 August 2023)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli occupation forces installed an iron gate on the Halhoul bridge leading to the northern entrance to the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The gate, which hampers the movement of people in and out of the most populated West Bank city, is part of the collective punishment Israel has decided to impose on Hebron following the shooting attack and killing of a settler earlier this week. (Wafa 23 August 2023)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli occupation forces closed the livestock market located in the city of Hebron, south of the occupied West Bank. Israeli occupation forces sealed off the entrance to the market situated in the Al-Fahs neighborhood in the southern outskirts of Hebron, preventing both traders and farmers from entering. The livestock market in Hebron, which is organized every Friday, is a gathering point for farmers and livestock traders from various regions of the country. The closure disrupts a vital economic activity for many residents of Hebron and the surrounding areas. This closure adds to the ongoing challenges faced by Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories and highlights the hardships facing Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation. (WAFA 25 August 2023)

Other

- Israeli High Court Dismisses Petition Against Homesh Outpost: the Israeli High Court dismissed a petition seeking the removal of the Homesh outpost and the return of the land to its Palestinian owners. The Court decided that the settlers' relocation of the illegal outpost to a small sliver of nearby land that Israel considers to be "state land" has negated the basis for the petition to remove the outpost's buildings from privately owned Palestinian land. This decision ignores the fact that the access road to the relocated outpost goes through privately owned Palestinian land, and the IDF protection of the Homesh outpost continues to deny Palestinian land owners access to their land. (FMEP 2 August 2023)
- Al-Qaboun bedouin community was forcibly coerced by IDF harassment and settler violence to abandon their lands east of Ramallah, where they had lived since 1996. The community number 86 people, including 10 children. This is the fourth bedouin community in recent months that has been forced to leave their land because of Israeli pressure. B'Tselem reports that settlers established an outpost near al-Qaboun in February 2023 and have since used violence, harassment, and intimidation to take control of the village's grazing lands – denying the people their livelihood. The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights further reports that the IDF closed all roads leading to the village. (FMEP 6 August 2023)
- During the discussion in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset on Area C ("Palestinian Authority's control over the open areas in the West Bank and the Israeli response") held July 19, 2023, representatives of the Civil Administration and Minister Bezalel Smotrich provided information about the scope of Israeli and Palestinian construction as well as enforcement activities in the West Bank, including Minister Smotrich's plans for the occupied territories. – It is planned to establish a new Border Police unit that will join the existing Civil Administration enforcement unit currently operating in Area C. – Expansion of enforcement in Areas A and B. Since the Oslo Accords, the military has no authority to demolish Palestinian buildings in Areas A and B except in exceptional cases based on "security considerations." – In order to take control of additional lands in Area C, the Settlements Administration will invest in promoting agricultural areas for settlers and land clearance. – The Settlements Administration will advance a series of illegal agricultural outposts (approximately 50), with the

aim of taking control of open lands in the West Bank. – The Civil Administration acknowledges that 95% of Palestinian building permit applications in Area C are rejected. In practice, over the past twenty years, on average, less than 10 permits are granted per year. According to the administration, there are over 300,000 Palestinians living in Area C. – Between 2022 and the first half of 2023, a total of 770 Palestinian buildings were demolished in Area C. – During the same period, only 88 buildings were demolished in the settlements, and in practice, most of them were illegal outposts of hilltop youth that were demolished by the army and rebuilt again. (PEACENOW 10 August 2023)

- Funding Annexation: Additional 700 Million NIS Earmarked for Settlements in 2023-2024: The Israeli government is advancing a plan for an unprecedented investment of approximately 700 million NIS (and possibly even more) in settlements in the West Bank. According to the draft document we received, the scope of the plan is 671.63 million NIS (around \$190m) from the 2023-2024 budget, but there are clauses that have not yet determined the allocation amounts, so the total amount is expected to increase significantly. Some of the budgets originate from coalition agreements, meaning specific amounts allocated to the Religious Zionist Party. Previous government decisions (Decision 1561) from 2016, which allocated special funds to settlements, amounted to 71 million NIS for educational, welfare, and developmental purposes. The current proposal is ten times the amount of the proposal from just six years ago. A sum of 92 million NIS is defined as an undefined grant, allowing settlements to use the money for almost any purpose. (PEACENOW 17 August 2023)
- Cabinet okays \$843m development plan for East Jerusalem, while other funds withheld: The cabinet on Sunday approved a five-year, nearly NIS 3.2 billion (\$843 million) plan for the development of East Jerusalem, which has replaced a previous NIS 2.5 billion (\$680 million) plan frozen by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich who objected to funding for a college preparatory program for Arab students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Smotrich is still withholding a separate NIS 200 million (\$55 million) earmarked for Arab towns across the country, and municipal leaders have said they will join a scheduled strike on Monday in protest. The new plan for East Jerusalem will allocate money for infrastructure development, housing, healthcare, education, public transportation, welfare and cultural programming, among other areas. (YNETNEWS 20 August 2023)
- Exclusive: Plan to extend security barrier in southern Judea moves forward: Decision garners heavy criticism from settlement officials, who say fence will completely isolate Judea and Samaria. Israeli officials are working to extend the security barrier in the Mount Hebron area in southern Judea, Israel Hayom has learned. While northern Judea is more heavily fortified due to terrorism, southern Judea is considered safer and has not seen any such construction in years. Senior government officials met last week to discuss the plans and gave preliminary approval for the building, although no budget was set. This is the second such plan by the current government, considered the most right-wing in Israeli history, to build a security barrier. A few months ago, Israel Hayom reported that an approval was granted for the IDF to build a security fence that would in essence cut off the

Gush Etzion block from Jerusalem, the Beit Shemesh area and central Israel. The plan to build another fence garnered heavy criticism from settlement officials, who fear such a barrier would carry heavy political implications and completely isolate Judea and Samaria. "Instead of properly bolstering the borders of the settlements in the area and cracking down on the many construction violations here, the Israeli government chooses to build a fence that will be lamented for generations," Ari Odes, a candidate for the Mount Hebron Regional Council, said. He also noted that the construction would cause "major damage to nature and hiking areas, as well as hurt Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. (ISRAEL-HAYOM 21 August 2023)

- Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich intends to present a massive development plan for Judea and Samaria at Sunday's Cabinet meeting. The move comes during a wave of deadly Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israelis in Judea and Samaria, including the murder of a kindergarten teacher near Hebron on Monday and the murders of a father and son in Huwara on Saturday. Smotrich, who oversees civilian issues in Judea and Samaria as a minister in the Defense Ministry, sent a letter to government ministers notifying them of his intention to present the plan at the next meeting of the full Cabinet. The two-year program to expand development in Judea and Samaria is projected to cost around 700 million shekels (\$185 million), and according to estimates that figure could rise to 1 billion shekels (\$265 million). (JNS 22 August 2023)
- Settlers present plan to increase West Bank population to 1 million by 2050: Plan includes the establishment of new cities, expansion of existing settlements, an airport, hospital and industrial zones; authors say plan provides solution to overcrowding in the center of the country. An ambitious plan to reach a population of 1 million Jewish settlers on the West Bank, was presented to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday and includes the establishment of new cities, industrial parks, a hospital and an airport. The plan was devised by Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan that now serves 170,000 Jewish residents. A group of engineers, architects and other professionals have been working on the plan for the past year after its founding principles were discussed with hundreds of settlement leaders. The plan includes the expansion of existing settlements that will become cities as well as the establishment of new cities. Train lines will connect the West Bank to central and northern Israel and an airport would be built. The authors of the plan said a new hospital would be built, to serve the growing population of settlers as well as new industrial zones to provide employment. Among settlements set for expansion is Itamar outside the Palestinian city of Nablus, Avnei Hefetz near Tulkarm, Tzufim and Sal'it near Qalqilyah. They also intend to resettle settlements evacuated in the 2005 disengagement plan in the northern West Bank, including Homesh, where settlers already established a Yeshiva approved by the current government. A planned city to be built in the northern part of the West Bank which would be named Ta'anakh, would be able to absorb 30,000 residents. The city of Shamir is to be established in the same general area, but further away from the boundary with Israel, where 100,000 residents can be absorbed. The Authors say their plan would help solve Israel's housing shortages. "Looking ahead overcrowding in the center of the country must be

resolved. Our plan is based on the assumption that Samaria is the key to such a resolution, with millions of acres of state land currently uninhabited, at a distance of 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) from Tel Aviv. (YNETNEWS 23 August 2023)

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