



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured 191 Palestinians during confrontations in the village of Beita, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. One of the wounded Palestinians is a child who was shot with a live round in the back. The injuries varied as some were shot with live fire, dozens were wounded by rubber-coated steel bullets, and at least 46 suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to one who was shot with a tear gas grenade in the head. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young man with a sponge-tipped bullet in the head, and many others were injured by shrapnel of live ammunition during protests in Kufur Qaddoum, east of the city. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two young men in the al-'Arqa village, west of the city, and injured more than 60 Palestinians, including many who suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA detained Amir Yousef Yahia and Nour Ibrahim Yahia, in the village after several army jeeps invaded it. Protests and dozens of injuries were reported in many parts of the West Bank, especially in Azzoun, near Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, Hebron governorate, in southern West Bank, Ramallah, and al-Biereh governorate, in central West Bank, Jericho, and many other areas. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to several live rounds at protesters and homes, in Shu'fat refugee camp, northeast of occupied Jerusalem. Protests took place when at least three army jeeps invaded the refugee camp. Dozens of residents suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 29 February 2020)
- At least six Palestinians were injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during the weekly protest against Israeli settlement construction, in the village of Kufur

Qaddoum in the northern West Bank. The procession started in the center of Kufur Qaddoum, where the locals, accompanied by international activists, nonviolently marched while chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, its illegal colonies, and escalating violations. The IOA attacked the protesters with live fire, rubber-coated bullets, and teargas, while several youngsters burnt tires and hurled stones at the invading IOA. The IOA injured six Palestinians, and caused many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. One of the wounded is a child who was injured by fragments of a live round in the leg. (IMEMC 29 February 2020).

- **The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured a number of Palestinians who were planting olive trees in protest at land confiscation in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA heavily fired tear gas canisters at the protesters injuring some of them. A local committee against the settlement had called for a tree planting event in al-Baqi'ah plain in the Jordan Valley to defend Palestinian lands threatened with illegal seizure by the Israeli occupation authorities. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)**
- **The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted two Palestinian young men on a road in the south of Nablus, north of the West Bank. A bunch of IOA stopped two young men at the main entrance to Qaryut town and ordered them at gunpoint to sit on the ground before embarking on severely beating them. The victimized young men, whose identities are unknown, were let go after being detained for a while. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently suppressed a peaceful Palestinian march staged in the central area of al-Khalil city to mark the 26 anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre and to condemn Israel's ongoing crimes against the Palestinian people. The IOA showered the participants with stun and tear gas canisters and physically assaulted many of them. The protesters marched to al-Shuhada street, which has been closed since the 1994 massacre that was committed by a Jewish at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of al-Khalil. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian young men and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Shu'afat refugee camp, northeast of Jerusalem. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) indiscriminately fired tear gas canisters during the events, causing some families near and inside homes and passersby to suffer from their exposure to gas fumes. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers chopped off about 200 grape trees belonging to a Palestinian farmer in the village of al-Khader, near Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. . The Israeli Settlers broke into a grape-planted grove belonging to a Palestinian villager from al-Khader, before proceeding to

chop off about 200 trees there. This was the second attack by settlers on the village since yesterday, when a group of settlers forced their way into another ranch and smashed dozens of grape trees that belong to local villagers. (Wafa 29 February 2020)

- A Palestinian man was injured after he was attacked by Jewish settlers near the village of Burqa, to the north of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. A group of settlers attacked and beat up a Palestinian farmer identified as Mahmoud Hussein Hajji, 58, while he was working in a farm of his own near the village. Hajji sustained a moderate injury and was moved to hospital for medical treatment. (Wafa 29 February 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli municipality in Occupied Jerusalem displaced a Palestinian family after forcing it to demolish its own house in Shu'afat refugee camp at the pretext of unlicensed construction. The homeowner, Mohamed al-Bashti, said that an Israeli court had issued a verdict ordering him to raze his home in Shu'afat camp or get prepared to pay about 70,000 shekels if the municipality carried out the demolition. Bashti had been trying to prevent the demolition of his two-story house since March 2019, pointing out that he was living with his wife in the house. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)
- Citizen Maher Siyam, from Silwan town in the south of the Aqsa Mosque, started to demolish his own home under the same pretext after the Israeli municipality forced him to do so. (PALINFO 29 February 2020)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA), decided to close the territories from next Monday, through Tuesday. The closure will include the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and that the authorities cited parliamentary Israeli elections, which are slated for Monday, March 2, 2020. However, the decision excludes humanitarian cases, involving patients in need of treatment, at Israeli or West Bank hospitals. Other categories of Palestinian travelers will be barred from crossing into Israel-ruled regions. Both Gaza and the West Bank are populated by Palestinians, who have nothing to do with Israeli elections. Closing their territories affects the movement of both people and goods, as Israeli border crossings are the main gateways, in and out

of Palestinian territories. Israeli elections, to be held next Monday, are the third round after two similar rounds in April and September of last year, had failed to bring an elected Israeli government. (IMEMC 29 February 2019)

The Israeli Segregation Wall

Other

- The Israeli defense establishment has created a new body aimed at coordinating efforts among different elements of the security sector in the event that settlements in the [West Bank](#) are annexed by the Israeli government. Some of the scenarios that would trigger the use of this new framework would be major terrorist attacks against Israelis, mass entry of Palestinians into Israeli settlements or Gazan residents into Israel, rocket launches from Syria and Lebanon, and widespread demonstrations. Similarly, additional concerns are being presented over mass demonstrations by Israeli Arabs, in protest of the decision to annex West Bank settlements. Jerusalem may also become a major area of escalation, and Palestinian residents of east Jerusalem may commit attacks and barricade access to the Temple Mount. The possibility of a third intifada remains low, however, according to the report. The report also detailed that preparations for serious escalations have already begun, under the assumption that after the elections, the government will make the decision to extend Israeli sovereignty to West Bank settlements. The new body will be referred to as the Cooperation Administration, which combines the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Israel Police and Shin Bet (Israel's internal security service). The combined system will be divided into separate sections that focus on security, intelligence and legal issues, with separate responsibilities and powers. Israel Police are likely to be responsible for incidents within Israel proper and the West Bank settlements, while the IDF will prevent terrorist attacks and defend Israel's borders. The Shin Bet will be solely responsible for intelligence, as is typically the case for the organization. The Foreign Ministry is also involved in the process, as [Israel](#) is expecting condemnation from states in the Arab world and European countries, where demonstrations are expected. It is estimated that the budget will be in the hundreds of millions of shekels. As part of the preparation process, joint exercises are expected to take

place that will include representatives from all participating organizations.(JPOST 29 February 2020)

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