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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) detained the secretary of Fateh movement in the al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. The IOA detained Tha'er Nakhla, while he was heading back home after a visit to the al-'Ezariyya town, east of occupied Jerusalem. Nakhla is a former political prisoner who was repeatedly detained and imprisoned by Israel, including being held under the arbitrary Administrative Detention orders, without charges or trial. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired several missiles targeting two areas south of Gaza city, and Beit Hannoun in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, causing damage. The IOA stationed in military bases across the perimeter fence, fired several artillery shells into a building east of Juhr ed-Deek, south of Gaza city, causing damage. The IOA also fired several shells into another building east of Hanoun, causing property damage. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)
- Tense confrontations between local Palestinian civilians and The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Qalandia refugee camp, between Jerusalem and Ramallah. The IOA closed roads in Al Matar neighborhood, and Kafr 'Aqab, while the Israeli municipality, backed by the army, arbitrarily imposed fines on shops in the neighborhoods. The IOA stormed Qalandia camp, and heavily fired concussion grenades and tear-gas canisters at the Palestinians resisting the invasion, causing suffocation cases. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)
- In the Al-'Arroub camp, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the camp fired tear-gas and concussion grenades when they encountered fierce resistance by Palestinian civilians. No injuries were reported. the army arrested Obaida Titi and Islam Jawabreh after storming their homes in Al-Al-'Arroub refugee camp. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nihad Zgheir, as soon as he was released from Israel's Gilboa jail. Zgheir, 42, who was released from prison Monday morning, after serving **35 months**, was re-arrested by the

occupation authorities. Zgheir was detained in June 2017 on his way back home to Palestine after having performed the Islamic pilgrimage of Ummrah, in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. He underwent prolonged interrogation sessions, after an Israeli court, accusing him of allegedly leading the “Al Aqsa Mosque Youth organization” and imposed a 10,000 shekel fine. No reason for the re-arrest was available at the time of reporting. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)

- The Israeli artillery bombarded several locations in the north of the Gaza Strip causing damage but no injuries. Artillery shells fell on two sites south of Gaza City and another one north of the city. (WAFA 6 May 2020)
- Israeli navy boats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen sailing in the northern Gaza shore forcing them to return to the port. The Israeli navy opened live fire and water hoses at the fishermen who were sailing three nautical miles off shore causing damage to at least one boat. (WAFA 6 May 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers, bulldozed a large area of Palestinian lands near the southern West Bank city of Hebron, to prepare for a new segregated road. The settlers, accompanied by a large number of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded and uprooted the Palestinian lands in Doura town, south of Hebron. The settlers drove large machines, including bulldozers and started uprooting the lands, owned by members of Sweity and Jadallah Palestinian families. The settlers are apparently preparing for a new road to link with their settlement, Negohot. (IMEMC 6 May 2020)
- Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian shepherd and stole his sheep near Burqa village, located to the northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Over 10 settlers assaulted a Palestinian shepherd as he was grazing his flock of sheep close to the evacuated Israeli settlement of Homesh, which was built on land belonging to Burqa villagers, and stole 70 of his sheep. The shepherd was identified as 50-year-old Harbi Abdo from the neighboring village of Beit Imrin and suffered from bruises across his body besides to a foot fracture. (WAFA 6 May 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- Israel's provisional defense minister, Naftali Bennett, announced his intention to advance some 7,000 units on 1,100 dunams in the settlement jurisdiction of Efrat, in the area known by Palestinians as a-Nahle, and settlement opponents as E2, and settlers as the future settlement of Givat Eitam. This declaratory gesture came after the Civil Administration gave permission to the Ministry of Housing to craft a plan for the housing project, following the Civil Administration's rejection on 3 May of a letter of appeal sent by Peace Now and 14 Palestinian landowners in February 2019 against the allocation of the land for settlement purposes. The announcement also comes ahead of the presumptive swearing-in of a new Israeli coalition government in the coming weeks, during which Bennett will step down as defense minister. Peace Now has in response sent a letter to the Civil Administration announcing its intention to file a court petition against the allocation of the land for the settlement, and asking for 30 days to prepare it. Just as in the 2019 letter of appeal, this petition will challenge the allocation of the land itself, rather than the housing plan that the Housing Ministry will prepare and submit. Peace Now's main arguments were threefold: 1. The allocation of land to build a settlement contravenes Israel's duties to protect the land for the local Palestinian population according to international law; 2. Allocating land to Israelis over Palestinians is tainted by discrimination since 99.8% of West Bank land allocated since 1967 has been gone primarily to Israeli purposes, and 3; The Palestinian need for the land in question is far greater than that of the Efrat settlement, as a Peace Now spatial Planning analysis confirms. For more on the legal arguments of the appeal, read here. In late 2018, the state had announced its intention to allocate the land to the Housing Ministry for settlement planning. Peace Now was notified of this intention due to a previous High Court case filed by Peace Now demanding that the state notify Peace Now before allocating the land so that it can challenge this intention in court. That 2018 announcement came after settlers founded an illegal outpost in the wake of the terror-related stabbing of Gush Etzion resident, Ari Fuld. Several months later, the Israeli authorities retroactively legalized the outpost. The area in question is a barren hill near the Palestinian village a-Nahla, abutting Bethlehem to the south, and is nicknamed "E2" by settlement opponents for its resemblance to E1, inasmuch as a settlement there would severely dismember Palestinian territorial contiguity and thereby threaten the very possibility of a two-state solution. Officially, Israeli authorities would classify the Givat Eitam settlement as a "neighborhood" of Efrat. For the

[previous update on this story, see here.](#) Peace Now: “This is a cynical move by a caretaker defense minister at the end of his mandate while the nation is still reeling from the corona crisis to advance a dangerous plan aimed at entrenching permanent Israeli domination in the southern West Bank and harming the prospect of a two-state solution. The right thing to do is to allocate the land for Palestinian construction, but the Ministry of Defense is currently run by an irresponsible politician willing to cross any red line in the name of his anti-democratic ideology.” ([PEACENOW](#) 6 May 2020)

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