Monthly Violations Report

September 2020

The Israeli systematic attacks on the Palestinian agricultural sector in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

UAWC’s Agricultural Committees all over the West Bank and Gaza Strip monitored the attacks of the Israeli occupation forces and settlers against the Palestinian agricultural sector in the West Bank during the month of September. This report documents Israeli bulldozers demolishing Palestinian agricultural facilities, in addition to uprooting over 600 trees.

This report documents demolition operations and military notices for more than 13 agricultural facilities, the demolition of two wells for water collection, the uprooting of more than 1400 trees, and the razing and seizing of more than 130 dunums, in a continuous escalation of land seizing and settlement expansion.

Demolishing Agricultural Facilities

- On September 02, 2020, the occupation forces demolished a 300-square-meter barracks in the area of Jebna in Masafer Yatta, Hebron.
- On September 02, 2020, the occupation forces demolished a 50-cubic-meter water well in the village of Birin, west of Bani Naim town, to the east of Hebron.
- On September 07, 2020, the Israeli occupation authorities delivered military demolition notices for against two barracks for livestock in the village of Kisan, east of Bethlehem. It is noteworthy that the
village of Kisan undergoes a fierce settlement attack, and is witnessing the largest settlement project in Bethlehem, which threatens to seize about 3,500 dunums.

- On September 14, 2020, a military demolition notice was delivered for an 80-square-meter sheep pen, built of tin, in the village of Twana, to the east of Yatta, south of Hebron governorate.
- On September 17, 2020, Israeli occupation forces stormed Khirbet al-Jumjumah, to the north of Halhul, north of Hebron governorate, and demolished a 70-square-meter agricultural room built of bricks and tin, and a 70-cubic-meter water well.
- On September 12, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces stormed Khirbet Yarza, in the northern Jordan Valley, east of Tubas, in the northern West Bank. The occupation authorities posted two demolition notices on the walls of two agricultural facilities (two barracks).
- On September 14, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces stormed the area of Bab Shehab, located on the western side of the town of Ni’lin, to the west of Ramallah governorate, and proceeded to demolish a retaining wall built of bricks and cement, surrounding an agricultural land of one dunum and 200 square meters.
- On September 24, 2020, bulldozers of the Israeli occupation demolished five barracks for raising livestock in the village of Kisan, east of Bethlehem, under the pretext of building without a permit.
- On September 20, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces stormed the village of al-Jiftlik, north of Jericho, in the northern West Bank, and demolished a 100-square-meter barracks built of zinc. A part of this barracks is used for housing a family of ten, most of them are children. The other part is used as a barn.

**Attacks on Land and Trees**

- On September 04, 2020, the Israeli Occupation Forces announced a decision to seize 6 dunums and 75 square meters, from Deir Samaan area, in Kafr Al-Dik town, as well as 17 dunums and 915 square
meters of the land of Khirbet Deir Qala, in the town of Deir Ballut, west of Salfit. The seizures are for the benefit of the settlements of "Leshem" and "Beduel".

- On September 07, 2020, settlers uprooted and stole 45 olive trees from the Turmus A'yya Plain.

- On September 07, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces began to raze the area of Khallet Hodeidah, in the village of Haris, north of Salfit, in order to expand the settlement of "Kiriat Netafim" established on the land of Haris village and the villages of Salfit governorate. The area of the razed land is about 42 dunums, planted with olive trees.

- On September 08, 2020, the occupation forces razed agricultural lands in Zanuta/Hebron.

- On September 09, 2020, Israeli occupation forces stormed the agricultural area of Ras al-Zaitoun, to the east of Ras Karkar village, northwest of Ramallah governorate. The bulldozers uprooted 22 perennial olive trees. A number of workers from Israeli private companies proceeded to erect a barbed-wire fence around the land, which has an area of about 44 dunums; with the aim of constructing a settlement dirt road to connect the "Talmon" settlement complex built on part of the land of the mentioned village, located in areas classified C.

- On September 13, 2020, the settlers' seizure of the land of Khirbet Ahmar in Al Farisiyah in the Jordan Valley continues, as well as the fencing of land and planting them with trees.

- On September 14, 2020, the Israeli occupation authorities handed the citizens in the southern area of Hebron a military decision to seize an area of 3000 square meters of their land, distributed over several points. According to the decision, the seizure is for military purposes.

- On September 17, 2020, a group of settlers, accompanied by bulldozers, and under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces, stormed the town of Bidya, west of Salfit. The settlers attacked the land of citizens in Khallet Alayyan and Abu Sharukh areas, razed about 16 dunums planted with productive trees, demolished an entire farm, uprooted about 950 trees, demolished a caravan, and bulldozed fences and retaining walls.

- On September 18, 2020, a group of settlers, from "Pay the Price" groups, leaving from "Rahlim" settlement to the southeast of Nablus, attacked the northern area of the town of al-Sawiya, also to the southeast of Nablus, near the aforementioned settlement, and cut off About 100 olive trees, ranging in age from one to fifty years.

- On September 19, 2020, the occupation forces stormed Khallet Hassan in the town of Bidya in Salfit governorate with a number of bulldozers, and uprooted 200 productive trees, including a variety of olive trees, grape vines, peach, lemon and almond trees.

- On September 24, 2020, the occupation forces issued a military order to confiscate 1,639 square meters of land belonging to a citizen from Khirbet Ghazal area in the northern Jordan Valley, with the aim of expanding a water pumping station from an artesian well in the area that feeds Israeli settlements and military camps.


- On September 30, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces uprooted dozens of perennial olive trees after grazing lands in Husan village, west of Bethlehem, and demolished a trellis and retaining walls.
Attacks on farmers, livestock and properties

- On September 26, 2020, a group of settlers, from “Pay the Price” groups, leaving from "Ish Kodash" settlement outpost, southeast of Nablus, attacked Ras al-Nakhl area to the east of the town of Qusra, adjacent to the aforementioned settlement outpost. Settlers attacked two poultry farms with rocks and sharp tools and punctured the water tanks feeding the area using sharp tools. In addition, they damaged electrical panels, water and cooling pumps and set fire to the land of a resident of the village, which damaged a tractor and a car, before the citizens gathered and put out the fire.

Attacks on fishermen and farmers in Gaza

- On September 02, 2020, the occupation forces razed a part of farmers' land that is adjacent to the border barrier, to the east of Shejaiya.
- On September 05, 2020, Israeli occupation soldiers stationed within the Gaza strip barrier to the east of al-Shuka village, east of Rafah governorate, fired at the shepherds in the adjacent area. No injuries were reported.
- On September 06, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces, stationed within the Gaza strip barrier, east of Khan Yunis, fired at the agricultural land to the east of al-Fakhari village, opposite the aforementioned barrier. No injuries were reported.
- On September 07, 2020, the occupation's gunboats fired several times at the Palestinian fishermen in the west of al-Sudania, after midnight.
- On September 09, 2020, sounds of explosions were heard in the sea, in the northern Gaza Strip.
- On September 09, 2020, the occupation bulldozers razed farmers' land adjacent to the border barrier in Shejaiya, east of Gaza City.
- On September 13, 2020, the occupation's gunboats using their machine guns, targeted Palestinian fishermen, in the west of al-Sudania area, at a six-mile distance, at 1 a.m.
- On September 22, 2020, the Israeli warplanes sprayed toxic pesticides on farmers' land near the border barrier, to the east of Beit Hanoun crossing in the northern Gaza Strip.
- On September 24, 2020, the occupation's gunboats chased Palestinian fishermen and fired at them at a distance of six miles, to the west of Gaza Valley, at 8:00 am.
- On September 25, 2020, the Israeli occupation forces, stationed inside the Gaza border barrier, east of Khan Yunis, fired at agricultural land in the east of the towns of Khuza’a and al-Qarara, opposite to the aforementioned barrier. No injuries were reported.
- On September 26, 2020, Israeli occupation soldiers stationed inside the Gaza border barrier, to the east of al-Shuka town, east of Rafah governorate, shoot at agricultural land and shepherds. No injuries were reported.
- On September 28, 2020, the Israeli gunboats stationed at sea, opposite al-Sudania area to the west of Jabalia, fired at Palestinian fishing boats that were located at a distance of 5 to 6 nautical miles, in
addition to pumping water towards them. This led to the sinking of three boats and causing significant damage to them. No injuries were reported.

- On September 29, 2020, the Israeli gunboats stationed at sea, to the northwest of the town of Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, chased Palestinian fishing boats located about 3 nautical miles away, and fired at them intermittently, causing fear and panic among the fishermen, who were forced to flee. No injuries were reported.

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