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

UAWC’s Agricultural Committees all over the West Bank monitored the attacks of the Israeli occupation forces and settlers against the Palestinian agricultural sector in the West Bank during the month of August. This report documents Israeli bulldozers demolishing Palestinian agricultural facilities, in addition to uprooting over 600 trees. The report also documents razing and seizing over 1,200 dunums, in a continuous escalation of land seizing and settlements expansion.

Demolishing Agricultural Facilities

- On August 2
d 2020, the Israeli occupation forces, accompanied by the vehicles of the Israeli Civil Administration, stormed Khirbet al-Ras al-Ahmar located in the northern Jordan Valley, east of Tubas, to the North of the West Bank. The forces delivered demolishing notices of homes, barracks, barns, and livestock farms to three families.
• On August 3rd 2020, the Israeli forces delivered a demolishing notice of a barracks to a citizen in Kisan village in Bethlehem.
• On August 4th 2020, demolition notices of facilities, tents and livestock barns were delivered in al-Ras al-Ahmar and Atouf in the Jordan Valley.
• On August 5th 2020, the occupation forces demolished an agricultural room built of bricks and another of reinforced tin, and several sheds in the agricultural land in al-Issawiya in Jerusalem.
• On August 5th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces demolished two agricultural facilities built of bricks and wood, with zinc roofing, in Rantis village, to the northwest of Ramallah. The first facility has an area of 60 square meters, and is used for growing vegetables and fruits, and the second has an area of 80 square meters and is used for growing vegetables.
• On August 6th 2020, the occupation forces demolished two pools for collecting water, each with a capacity of 2000 cubic meters, in addition to destroying water lines.
• On August 17th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces delivered a demolition notice of a livestock barracks in the village of Beit Dajan in Nablus.
• On August 20th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces demolished a zinc barracks in Atouf in the northern Jordan Valley. The barracks was used as a sheep barn, which contained a water tank and animal feed.
• On August 25th 2020, a bulldozer began demolishing two barracks built of tin and iron in Wadi al-Siq in Ramallah, with an area of 120 square meters. One of the barracks is used for housing, with a kitchen and a bathroom, and the other is used for raising livestock and sheep. The occupation forces also brought workers from Israeli private companies to dismantle, uproot and confiscate two residential tents, (6) barracks used for raising cattle and sheep, each of which has an area of 60 square meters, and (2) water tanks and electrical wires, under the pretext of building without a permit in Area C.
Attacking Land and Trees

- On August 3rd 2020, the Israeli occupation forces seized more than 200 dunums in Kissan village, east of Bethlehem, for military purposes.
- On August 4th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces, accompanied by the vehicles of the Civil Administration, stormed the town of Deir Ballut, west of Salfit, and delivered nine notices to eight families to uproot olive trees, and a notice to another family to stop cultivating land, in an area called (Taamer and Abu al-Rayat), under the pretext of falling within Area C, which is under Israeli authority, and where a section of the apartheid wall is being built.
- On August 4th 2020, settlers installed a water tank and planted trees in the area of Ihmair in al-Farisiyah, in the Jordan Valley.
- On August 5th 2020, Israeli occupation forces stormed Khirbet Allan, to the north of al-Jiftlik village in the Jordan Valley, and began razing and uprooting about 100 date palm seedlings and saplings between 2-4 years old.
- On August 10th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces stormed the Arab al-Khouli herding community, east of Qalqilya, and proceeded to raze an area of agricultural land and to install a water line in preparation for seizing the area.
- On August 10th 2020, the Israeli occupation forces uprooted 100 olive seedlings, and razed agricultural land in the area of Khallet al-Nahlah, near the village of Wadi Rahal to the south.
of Bethlehem. In addition, they razed land of two and a half dunums and demolished retaining walls, claiming that it is an antiquities area. It is noteworthy that Khallet al-Nahlah undergoes a settlement attack represented by the seizure of 1,200 dunums, with the aim of establishing a settlement outpost called "Givat Eitam".

- On August 13\textsuperscript{th} 2020, a group of settlers, from "pay the price" groups, left Yitzhar settlement, southeast of Nablus, and attacked the eastern region of Asira al-Qibliya village with stones, smashed windows of two houses, and set fire to citizens' land planted with olive trees and productive almonds, in addition to dozens of dunums of land. The settlers were confronted by a number of the villagers and fled towards the aforementioned settlement.

- On August 16\textsuperscript{th} 2020, settlers set fire to the Jibait area in the village of al-Mughayer.

- On August 16\textsuperscript{th} 2020, the occupation forces razed dozens of dunums in the villages of Jabara, Shufa and al-Ras, south of Tulkarm. The targeted land has an area of 800 dunums and will be confiscated under the pretense of building an industrial zone.

- On August 17\textsuperscript{th} 2020, the Israeli occupation forces stormed the town of Kafr al-Labd, east of Tulkarm. These forces began a wide razing of land of citizens in Ras al-Masid and al-Hafassy areas, part of the town of Kafr al-Labd, which connect the villages of Ezbet Shofa, Danaba, Kafa and Kafr al-Labd with the city of Tulkarm. The razing operations aimed at constructing a 10-kilometer settlement road for the benefit of (Avni Hefetz) settlement built on citizens' land. The razing process, which lasted for several hours, affected about 200 dunums. It is expected that another 600 dunums will be razed to complete the construction of the settlement road, according to the Israeli plan.

- On August 22, 2020, a group of settlers from "Yaqoub Dalia" settlement uprooted 350 olive seedlings in Amatin/ Hebron.

- On August 23, 2020, two settlers cut the wire fence that surrounds land in al-Tayyal site in the Jalud Plain, as well as uprooted about six grape seedlings and stole agricultural tools from the aforementioned site.
At the height of the farmers, livestock and properties

- On August 1st, 2020, ten sheep died, after being poisoned by settlers living in an outpost on the land of Khirbet Jabeit, located on the eastern side of the village of al-Mughayir, northeast of Ramallah, in the middle of the West Bank. The owner suspects that the sheep were deliberately poisoned by settlers in the area.
- On August 2nd, 2020, settlers killed 4 sheep in Turmus Aya.
- On August 10th, 2020, the occupation forces confiscated three water pumps used for irrigation of crops in Beit Ummar/Hebron.
- On August 23, 2020, a number of settlers from the settlement outpost of “Hafat Ma’on,“ built on the confiscated land of citizens in the east of Yatta, south of Hebron, attacked shepherds while they were in Siddat al-Tha’la area, and prevented their sheep from grazing. The area witnesses continuous attacks by settlers after being declared “state land” by the Israel Land Administration, and are exploited by settlers. This forced the shepherds to leave the pastures, fearing for their lives. Settlers carry out razing and road construction works in the area of Siddat al-Tha’la and Umm Zaitouneh, in order to reach an agricultural facility established for them near the aforementioned outpost.
• On August 25th 2020, the occupation forces detained two shepherds after following them in the Sakot area in the Jordan Valley.
• On August 31st, a settler ran over a herd of sheep in Yatta Al-Khalil, the shepherd was lucky that he survived.

**Settlement Outposts and Expansion**

• On August 24th 2020, settlers established an outpost on the land of Khallet al-Forn, south of Hebron, to link the settlement of Kiryat Arba with the rest of the adjacent settlements, east of "Bani Hefer", "Karmiel" and "Ma'on" through the south of Hebron mountain range.
• On August 24th 2020, groups of settlers spread in different areas of the Jordan Valley, wearing clothes that bear the "Our Land" logo. They roam daily, individually and in groups, in the mountainous and pastoral areas, and work to fence the land of the residents and expand the new settlement outposts in the area.
Attacks against fishermen

- On August 8th, the Israeli occupation navy opened fire on the fishermen boats in the north of Gaza sea.
- On August 12th, the Israeli occupation forces reduced the allowed fishing zone to 6-8 nautical miles.
- On August 14th, the Israeli occupation navy chased the fishermen boats in 3 nautical miles area, and opened fire on them and pumped water towards their boats, which resulted in injuring a fisherman with rubber bullets.
- On August 16th, the Israeli occupation navy fired heavy bullets and pumped sewage water against the fishermen and their boats, they forbid fishing and forced them to return back to the port.
- On August 17th, the Israeli occupation navy opened fire on the fishermen boats in Dair-Albalah sea -in less than 2 nautical miles-, in addition to opening fire on fishermen in the western area of Al-Sudaneyya in the north of Gaza.
- On August 18th, the Israeli occupation navy opened fire and shells on the fishermen boats -in less than 2 nautical miles- in the western area of Al-Sudaneyya and they forbid fishing.
- On August 19th, the Israeli occupation navy pumped sewage water against the fishermen boats in the eastern of Dair-Albalah in less 2 nautical miles area.
- On August 20th, the Israeli occupation navy opened the water pumpa towards fishing boats in Khan Younis sea.
- On August 21st, the Israeli military boats opened fire towards the fishermen boats in Khan Younis sea and in the west of Al-Sudaneyya.
- On August 23rd, the Israeli occupation navy attacked the fishermen by shooting in less than one mile in Gaza sea.
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• From the 25th until 31st August, there was a complete closure of the sea.