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Foreword:

The levels of attacks perpetrated by the colonialists and the militias of the Israeli occupying state during May 2023 reached record levels, as compared to previous months. As a result, the Palestinian citizen paid a heavy price of his personal security, life and property. The Israeli occupying state is trying to create a propaganda material out of the Palestinian blood, the thing which serves the success of its government. In light of this, it pushes its colonial militias and soldiers toward committing offensive and bloody against those who are steadfast on their land, to create at the end a new Palestinian massacre added to the record of the great sacrifice of the Palestinian people.

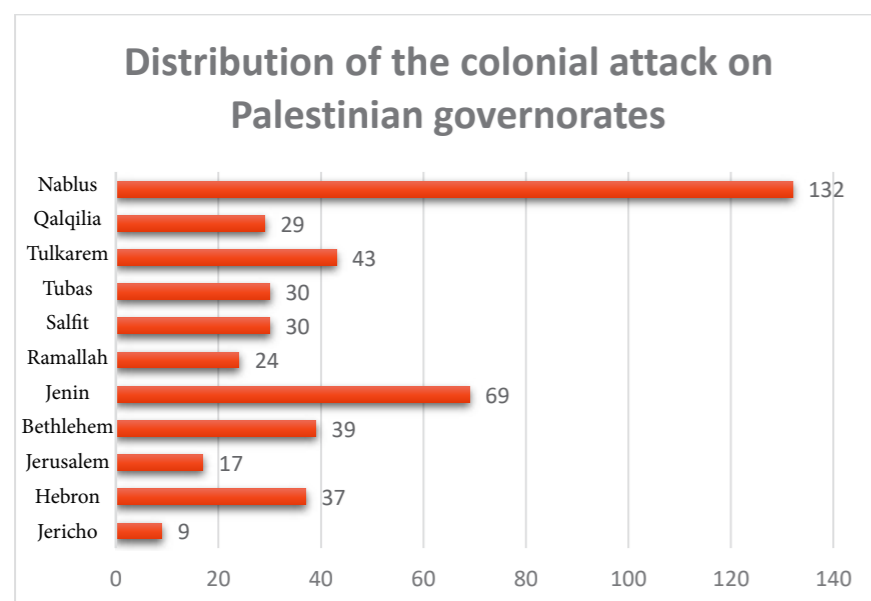
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Attacks on citizens & Properties:

During the reporting period, May 2023, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) monitored 492 violations attacks. These colonial attacks affected individuals, property, lands and natural resources, and were concentrated in the governorates of Nablus, Jenin and Bethlehem.

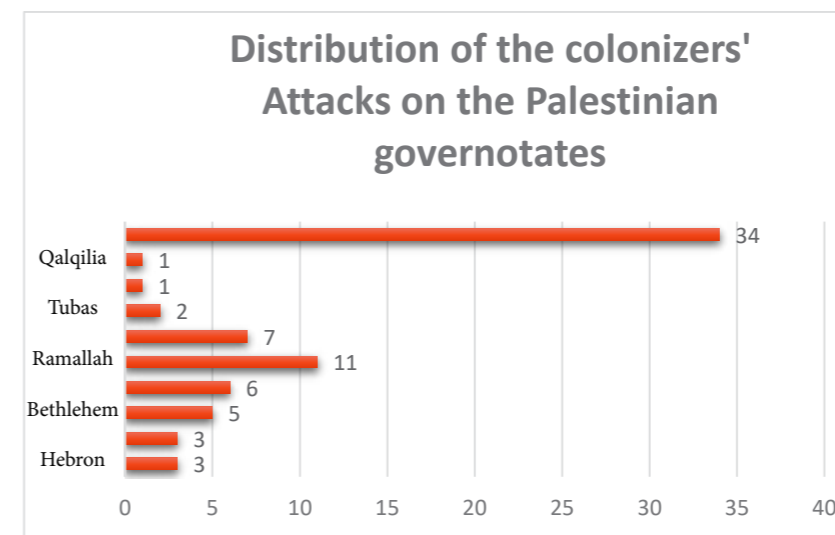
During the aforementioned period, 52 Palestinian martyrs were recorded in Gaza Strip, Hebron, Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus¹. These attacks had variant forms. That is, the colonizers perpetrated 73 attacks, while the number of attacks on property and land reached 220, including 45 demolitions that caused the demolition of 54 facilities and sources of livelihood, 31 cases of vandalism and destruction of property belonging to Palestinian citizens. Furthermore, there were 16 cases of property confiscation, most of which are classified as agricultural properties, including barracks, tents and tractors.



¹ See Table No. 3 / Page 9

Colonizers' Attacks:

According to what was monitored and documented by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) during the reporting period, the colonizers carried out 73 organized crimes against Palestinian citizens and their property. Most of these attacks were concentrated in Nablus Governorate which witnessed 34 attacks and Ramallah governorate which witnessed 11 attacks.



Assault on property & land:

During the month of May, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) has documented 245 attacks targeted Palestinian lands and properties. These attacks included 15 bulldozing operations in the Governorates of Jericho, Hebron, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Salfit and Nablus and affected about 348 dunums of citizens' lands.

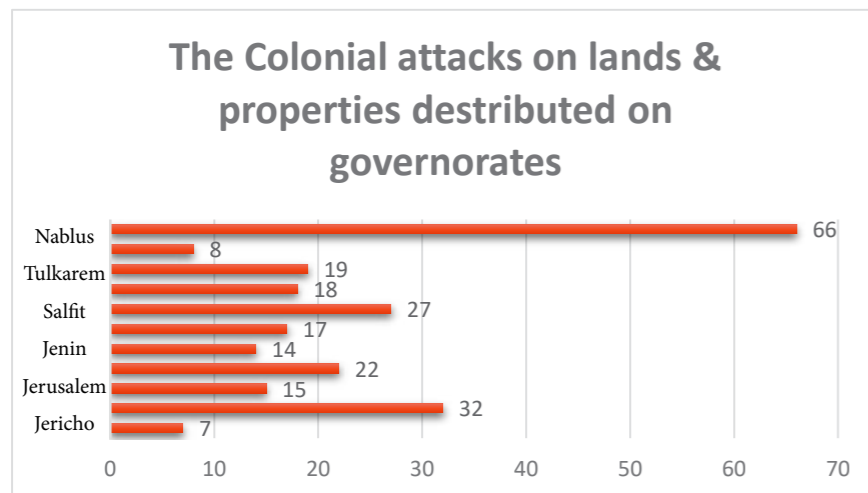


Table (1) shows the distribution of the colonial attacks on lands and property by governorate:

	Jericho	Hebron	Jerusalem	Bethlehem	Salfit	Jenin	Ramallah	Tubas	Tulkarm	Qalqilia	Nablus	Total
Notifications		8		3	18	1	1	11			30	72
Establishing an outpost			1		1			1				3
Bulldozing lands	1	2	1	2	1						8	15
Property Vandalism	1	1	2	2	2	7	8	1	13	1	15	53
Uprooting Trees		8	1	7	2	1	4	2	1		5	31
Confiscation of Properties	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	16
Imposing Actions on ground					1	4		2	1	1	1	10
Demolitions	4	12	9	6	1		3		1	4	5	45
Total	7	32	15	22	27	14	17	18	19	8	66	245

➤ **Assault on Trees:**

During the reporting period, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) has documented that 2961 trees, including 1929 olive trees, and 1,032 seedlings that varied between grape, almond, citrus, and palm seedlings were uprooted by the Israeli colonial militias. Most of these assaults were concentrated in Hebron governorate which witnessed the uprooting of 1530 trees; meanwhile there were 855 trees uprooted in Nablus governorate.

Table (2) clarifies the number of the uprooted trees in several governorates:

Governorate	Number of trees
Hebron	1530
Jerusalem	100
Bethlehem	145
Ramallah	66
Salfit	265
Nablus	855
Total	2961

Table (3): the Israeli attacks on individuals distributed per governorates:

	Jericho	Hebron	Jerusalem	Bethlehem	Jenin	Ramallah	Salfit	Tubas	Tulkarm	Qalqilia	Nablus	Total
Martyrs		1			5				3		10	19
Arresting citizens					29		2	9	13	3	13	69
Shooting	1	2		11	8	2		1	2	8	13	48
checkpoints	1	1	1		6	2		1	4	4	7	27
Hitting and Running over		1	1			1				2	3	8
suffocation				5	6	1		1	2	4	19	38
Intimidation				1	1	1	1				1	5
Total	2	5	2	17	55	7	3	12	24	21	66	214

- Demolitions

The number of demolitions perpetrated by the Israeli occupation forces during May 2023 was 45, which caused the demolition of 54 facilities, commercial establishments and sources of livelihood, including the two cases of demolitions that targeted “Al Tahaddi 5” school in Bethlehem².

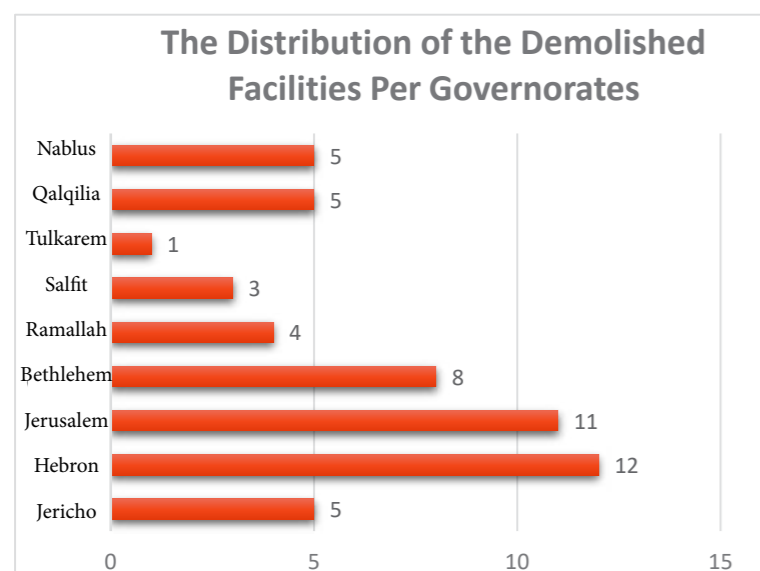
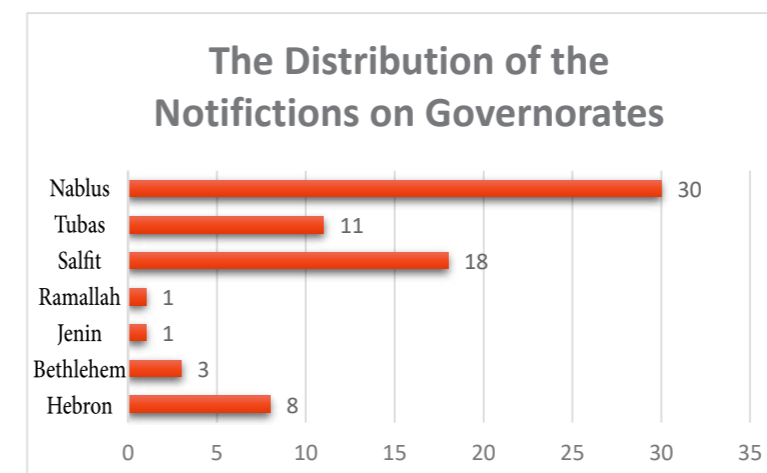


Table (4): the number of facilities that were demolished distributed per governorates & type of facility:

Governorate	Type of facility				Total
	Inhabited	Uninhabited	source of livelihood	Agricultural	
Jericho	2	2		1	5
Hebron	2	1		9	12
Jerusalem	10			1	11

² The distribution of demolitions can be found in Table No. 1 Assaults on property by governorate: page 9



Bethlehem		1	4	3	8
Ramallah	2			2	4
Salfit	1	2			3
Tulkarm	1				1
Qalqilia	2			3	5
Nablus	3			2	5
Total	23	6	4	21	54

- Notifications (demolition, building halt) in the West Bank

Last May 2023, the Israeli occupation authorities issued 72 notices to demolish, halt construction, and evacuate Palestinian facilities. These notices varied between orders to demolish or halt construction under the pretext of non-licensing and evictions orders under the pretext of military training. Most of them were concentrated in the governorates of Nablus, with 30 notifications, Salfit with 18 notifications and Tubas with 11.

These notifications issued by the Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank are considered one of the colonial tools in besieging the Palestinians in Area C and preventing them from urban development and expansion where the occupation control over planning in those areas and preventing the Palestinians from their right to prepare master plans and rejecting them if they are submitted, in order to exploit Area C, which represents 61% of the area of the West Bank, However, the Israeli

Occupation seeks to keep this area for the expansion of colonies or as a strategic reserve for them in the future.

Table (5): the distribution of notifications per type of notification & governorates:

Governorate	Type of Notification			Total
	Demolition	Construction halt	Expropriation/ uprooting	
Hebron	2	5	1	8
Bethlehem		3		3
Jenin	1			1
Ramallah	1			1
Salfit	1	17		18
Tubas	7	4		11
Nablus	1	29		30
Total	13	58	1	72

Second: Israeli Occupation Measures Regarding Colonial Expansion

1: Decisions of the Israeli occupation government:

Date	Resolution\Reference No.	Decision
21.05.2023	555	Appointment of the Director General of the Ministry of Settlement and National Missions
21.05.2023	561	Determine the national priority areas\fields regarding the provision of benefits in the field of construction and housing
21.05.2023	541	“Increasing the budget framework for the five-year plan to modernize infrastructure and encourage visits to the Western Wall square\plaza
21.05.2023	543	Strengthening and centralizing the historical basin area of the Old City of Jerusalem
18.05.2023	515	Anti-Terrorism draft law\bill (Amendment - Fines for Displaying the Flag of a Terrorist Organization) (Temporary Order), MK Zvi Yedidia Sukkot Law No. 2023 (ص/2963)
14.05.2023	511	Executing coalition agreements and political agreements of financial importance for the years

		2023 and 2024 and amending government decisions
7.05.2023	491	Restoration of Samaria Park (National Park) (Sebastia) by allocating 32 million shekels over 3 years for the purposes of tourism, home protection, heritage, settlement, national missions, and others
03.05.2023	484	Approval of the principles of a framework agreement between the State of Israel and the Jewish Quarter Rehabilitation and Development Company in the Old City of Jerusalem Ltd.

2: The Racist Laws and Bills Approved and Proposed by Legislative Bodies (the Knesset)

Laws\draft laws	Discussion date	Resolution\ Reference No.	Reading	Details
A draft law\bill to double the penalty and fine for a person who commits a rape crime, that had been announced on a national background, or that the rapist has been accused of it on this background, so it is considered a terrorist crime, according to the Israeli interpretation of terrorism.	17 May 2023	2639/25/ב	Preliminary reading	

A draft law\ bill banning the raising of the Palestinian flag.	17 May 2023	25/617/ב	Passed by preliminary reading	
A draft law\ bill to impose a fine on those who raise the Palestinian flag.	10 May 2023	2963/25/ב	Passed by preliminary reading	
Five bills were submitted aimed at preventing human rights centers, and others defending Palestinians in the territories occupied since 1967, and Palestinians in general, from submitting petitions to Israeli courts against decisions of the Israeli government and its agencies, or against laws approved by the Knesset.	Deposit on 19 December 2023 preliminary reading on 7 May 2023	ב + 544/25/ ב + 545/25/ ב + 546/25/ ב ב + 547 /25/ 716 /25/	under legislation	
Two bills have been submitted that require the dismissal of an elected government or the holder of an official public representation position, If he expresses a position in	Deposit on 12 December 2023 preliminary reading on 7 May 2023	ב + 230/25/ ב 233/25/	under legislation	

support of the armed struggle against the Israeli occupation.				
A draft law (the bill is called "foreign associations", meaning associations whose primary funding comes from countries and institutions in the world) aims to impose exorbitant taxes on human rights institutions.	7 May 2023	1070/25/ ב	under legislation	
A draft law to disqualify a list for the Knesset elections if it praises Palestinian and Arab resistance fighters, and according to the bill's description: "Jewish killers."	7 May 2023	739/25/ ב	under legislation	The draft law requires each association to submit periodic reports on the volume of donations it receives in particular from third parties. A tax of 37% is imposed on the total volume of donations per year.

3: Colonial expansion plans that were announced to be activated in April

The Israeli occupation authorities deposited, through the civil administration, 6 master plans for colonies in the West Bank. These plans targeted a total of 882 dunums of citizens' lands through attempts to expand colonies and build a total of 918 new colonial units on them.

It is noteworthy that a new settlement has been established in Salfit Governorate, under the name of Ariel West, by starting to build 600 new units. The plan was approved in the year 1992, but its implementation was initiated recently, and it bears the number 130/3/1/1.

Proposed Master Plans							
	Plan No.	Name of the Arab town/city	Colony Name	No. of units	Targeted Area (dunum)	Custodian	Clarification
1	411\12	Arab At-Ta'amrah	Nikodim	308	239	-	Change in land designation including buildings, public institutions, and roads
2	407\3\1	Beit Ummar	Migdal Oz	-	303	-	Change in land designation including buildings, public institutions, roads, tourist areas, recreational facilities, and sports.
3	125\26	Mas'ha	Elkana	500	142	-	Determining land uses, roads, and a sewage pumping station
4	149\14	Jayyus	Zufim	74	-	-	Designation changed from agricultural land to a public open area, parking lots, and roads.
5	510\14\3	(Khallet Es-Sinsil, Khallet ed Dabaa, Khallet Al-Burya)\ Hebron	Kiryat Arba	-	44	-	Designation changed from agricultural land to an area for future organization, roads, buildings, public institutions, and an open public area.
6	303\2	Tubas	Maskiyot	-	190	-	Photovoltaic solar energy facility, land designation change, engineering facilities construction, and agricultural lands.
Total				918	882		

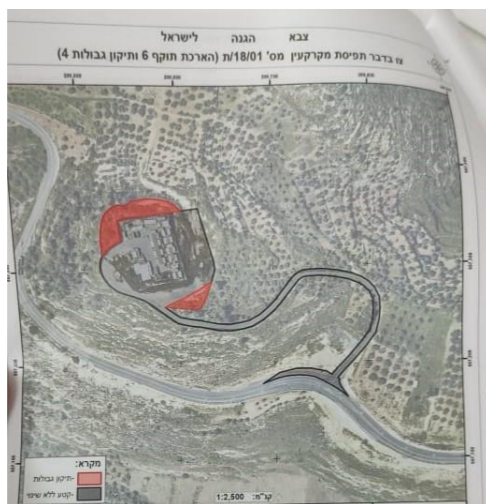
4: Land Control Measures

Seizure Orders and State Land Declarations

During May of 2023, the Israeli occupation authorities issued 3 seizure orders that stipulate the confiscation of 152 dunums of citizens' lands in the Qalqilyah, Jenin, Nablus, and Ramallah governorates. Another order targeted 14.5 dunums to declare as state lands in the Qalqilyah and Nablus governorates.

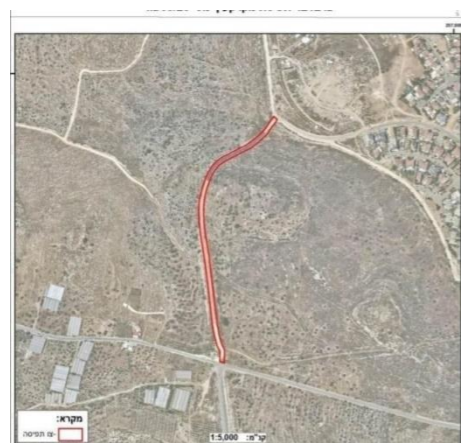
First: The Israeli occupation authorities issued seizure order no. (T\01\18). This stipulates the renewal of a seizure order issued in 2018 that covered the area of 2 dunums at that time. The occupation authorities extended the validity of the military order with an additional expansion, which included an additional 10 dunums, making it a total of 12 dunums that targets the lands of the village of Aboud in the Ramallah Governorate, to connect a military checkpoint to the main road. This seizure order will remain in effect until 2027.

Map of Military Order No. (T/01/18) Aboud- Ramallah



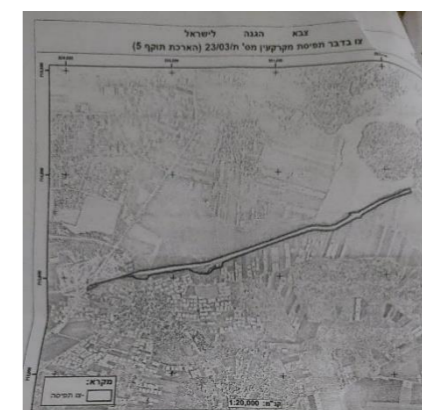
Second: The second seizure order no. (T\13\23) targeted 5.8 dunums of the lands of Shufa Village south of Tulkarm Governorate under the pretext of expanding a military tower until December 31, 2027. It should be noted that these decisions are renewable.

Map of Military Order No. (M D/5/23) Shufa



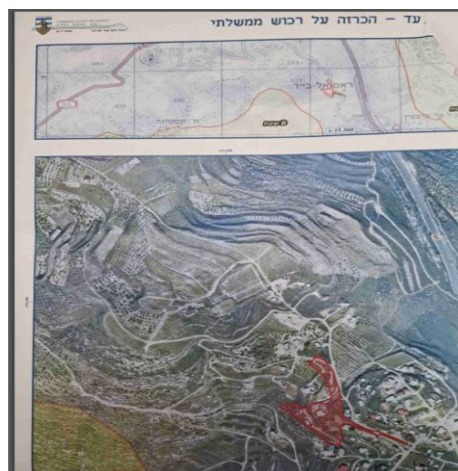
Third: Seizure order no. (T\3\23) targeted 144 dunums of the villages of Al-Jalameh and Arabuna in the Jenin Governorate for the purpose of expanding the

Annexation and Expansion Wall in the area. This was done through a military order that authorized the seizure of land for military security purposes, specifically for the expansion of the Wall in the villages of Al-Jalameh and Arabuna, which are adjacent to the military barrier located in the northwestern part of the villages, for security purposes until the end December 31, 2027.



Fourth: State Land Declaration. This order targeted a total of 14.5 dunums of the lands of the Tel Village in the Nablus Governorate and the lands of Jit and Far'ata villages in the Qalqilyah Governorate to be declared as state lands. This was done in favor of the colonial project and to expand the colony of Khavat Gil'ad which is established on private Palestinian lands east of the Qalqilyah Governorate.

Map of Land Declaration Order\ Jit, Far'ata, Tel



Third: The Incitement and Racist Statements of the Israeli Occupation Leaders

The racially charged and condescending statements made by the Israeli army leaders are unabashedly expressed and expose their beliefs of superiority and racist attitudes. In this section of the report, we will briefly review the most prominent of these statements. The following are some examples.

- The extremist Ben Gvir continues his calls for killing Palestinians: The so-called Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir continues his calls for killing Palestinian resistance fighters while refusing to hand over the body of martyrs who were killed by the Israeli occupation forces to their families at the same time. (May 8, 2023).
- Smotrich orders preparations for adding half a million colonizers to the West Bank: The so-called Israeli Finance Minister, Smotrich, stated that a plan to double the number of colonizers must be implemented within two years to accommodate an additional half a million colonizers in the West Bank. He

called for improving the infrastructure in colonies and random colonial outposts to facilitate the transfer of new colonizers to them. (May 18, 2023)

- A Media Advisor in the "Ben Gvir" parliamentary bloc tweeted through his Twitter account calling for the eradication of Huwwara Town without "apology or hesitation". Meanwhile, the so-called Minister of National Missions, "Orit Strook," calls for preventing Palestinians from opening their businesses on the main street of the town and prohibiting its residents from crossing the same street. (May 19, 2023)
- The so-called Israeli Minister of National Security, Itamar Ben Gvir, made inflammatory statements against the Palestinian prisoner Walid Dakka, saying that "his life should end in prison." This statement was made through his Twitter account on May 23, 2023.
- Likud Knesset members form a lobby for Jewish freedom in Al-Aqsa Mosque: Israeli Knesset members will launch a new lobby called "For the Freedom of Jews in the Temple Mount" (Al-Aqsa Mosque). The lobby aims to seek full sovereignty over the site and will discuss the importance of the Jerusalem compound in the Zionist fabric and its significance to Israeli existence. This announcement was made on May 30, 2023.