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#### **Foreword:**

The brutal Israeli crime against our defenseless people in Gaza continues live on the air. That is, the huge number of martyrs that is being recorded, the confiscation of lands, and forced displacement are all are all tragic and deeply concerning. It is clear that these actions are part of a larger policy that seeks to undermine the Palestinian presence and strip away its cultural, historical, and human significance.

The current situation poses a great danger due to the ongoing events in the region and the decisions that are being taken in the legislative bodies of the occupying state, in particular those related to the imposition of the system of apartheid and forced displacement. Despite these challenges, we must rely on the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, who remain the key to overcoming these obstacles.

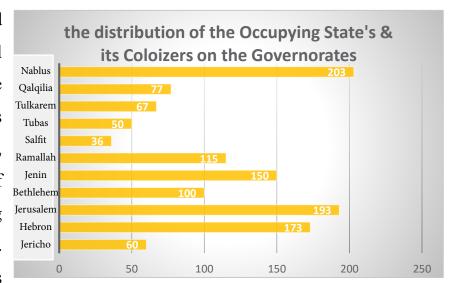
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## First: Violations of the Israeli Occupation State & Colonizers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories during March 2024:

During the reporting period, March 2024, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) monitored 1224 attacks. These attacks were carried out by the various bodies of the occupying state, including its colonial militia, against Palestinian citizens and their property.

These attacks included martyrdom, physical injuries, whether by live bullets or gas, as well as incursions, sabotage, theft, and confiscation of property, bulldozing lands, and uprooting trees. However, these attacks



were concentrated in the governorate of Nablus which witnessed 203 attacks, followed by Jerusalem Governorate (193 attacks), then Hebron Governorate (173 attacks), and finally Jenin Governorate which witnessed 150 attacks. These governorates witnessed intense attacks, about (59%) of the total of these attacks.

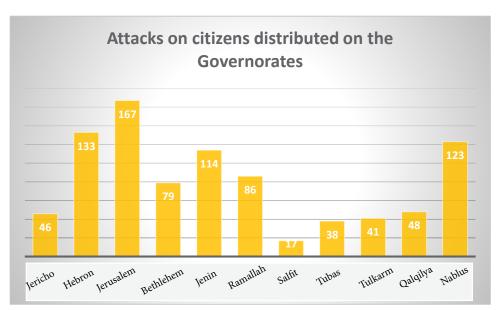
Furthermore, 38 martyrs were recorded during the reporting period in Jerusalem and the West Bank, among which there was a martyr shot by the colonial settlers in the town of Aqraba, east of Nablus Governorate, and thus raising the number of martyrs killed by settlers to two martyrs since the beginning of the year and 12 martyrs since October 7.

These attacks included 272 attacks on property and holy places, 60 attacks on lands and natural resources, 892 attacks on citizens.

# The occupying state's and colonizers' attacks on Palestinian citizens, their property, and holy places:

#### • Attacks on citizens:

During the reporting period, March 2024, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) documented 892 attacks on citizens. Most of these attacks were concentrated in Jerusalem Governorate



which witnessed 167 attacks, followed by Hebron Governorate which witnessed 133 attacks. Meanwhile, there were 123 attacks in Nablus. These attacks varied between shooting, arrest campaigns, shutting down checkpoints and imposing traffic restrictions on citizens.

Table (1): the Israeli attacks on citizens distributed on governorates:

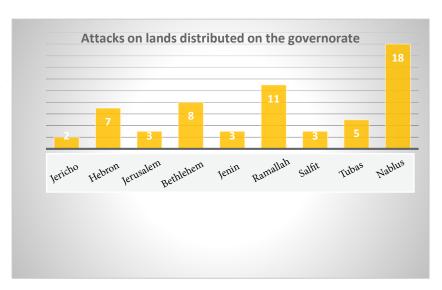
	Jericho	Hebron	Jerusalem	Bethlehem	Jenin	Ramallah	Salfit	Tubas	Tulkarm	Qalqilia	Nablus	Total
Martyrs	1	3	5	1	13	3	_	_	6	-	6	38
Arresting citizens	25	31	88	23	24	21	3	16	13	16	23	283
Shooting	3	3	10	3	7	2	_	2	3	4	11	48
Restriction on movement	7	21	26	12	30	10	5	9	5	12	20	157
Hitting	4	14	8	4	10	4	4	5	1	7	17	78
suffocation	_	6	ı	8	1	1	_	_	_	_	3	19

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Intimidation	6	55	30	28	29	45	5	6	13	9	43	269
Total	46	133	167	79	114	86	17	38	41	48	123	892

#### **Attacks on Lands & Natural Resources:**

During March 2024, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) has documented 60 attacks on Palestinian lands and natural resources. These attacks were in **Nablus** concentrated Governorate which



witnessed 18 attacks, followed by Ramallah Governorate (11 attacks), and followed by Bethlehem governorate (8) attacks and Hebron governorates which witnessed (7) attacks. These attacks affected hundreds of dunums of citizens' lands. The reporting period, March 2024, witnessed 9 colonial attempts to establish outposts on citizens' lands. In addition, the Israeli occupation forces as well as its colonizers carried out 17 bulldozing lands' operations. Most of these operations were recorded in Nablus Governorate which witnessed 5 operations, followed by Bethlehem governorate which witnessed 4 bulldozing operations<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Assaults on Trees:**

During the reporting period, March 2024, the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) documented 31 attacks that targeted olive trees and caused

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Table No. (3)

the uprooting, poisoning and burning of 1067 trees among which there were 798 olive trees.

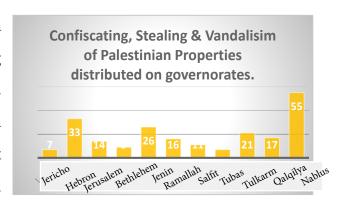
Most of these assaults were concentrated in Nablus governorate where 9 attacks were recorded and caused the uprooting and damaging of 66 trees. Next, there were 7 attacks in Hebron governorate; and 6 attacks in Ramallah Governorate that caused the uprooting and damaging of 27 trees. Meanwhile, Tubas governorate witnessed 4 attacks that caused the uprooting and damaging of 12 trees. Furthermore, 3 attacks were recorded in Bethlehem governorate and caused the uprooting and damaging of 962.

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

Governorate	Number of the uprooted trees
Bethlehem	962
Ramallah	27
Tubas	12
Nablus	66
Total	1067

#### **Attacks on Palestinians' Properties:**

During the reporting period, March 2024, the Israeli occupation forces along with the colonial militias carried out 272 attacks on Palestinian properties and holy places<sup>2</sup>. They launched vast campaigns to confiscate, steal, and



sabotage citizens' property. These campaigns caused the confiscation, sabotage and stealing about 216 properties; 46 operations of confiscation and stealing, and 170 operation of sabotage. These operations were concentrated in Nablus governorate which witnessed 55 attacks, followed by Hebron governorate where 33 attacks were carried out. Meanwhile, 26 attacks were perpetrated in Jenin governorate.

These operations included the confiscation of 9 vehicles, 6 camera recordings, 3 bulldozers and tractors, 3 agricultural tractors, 5 cases of stealing money (gold and money), stealing a goat, 3 cases of confiscating mobile phone and computers. As for colonizer's attacks on properties; they were as follows: 104 goats, stealing an agricultural tractor, stealing 2 vehicles, 3 cases of stealing agricultural equipment, stealing 10 solar panels and stealing NIS 1000 and a mobile phone.

Table (3) 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	_	_	1	3	4	1	_	_	-	11	3	23
Establishing an outpost	2	_	_	_	1	-	1	1	_	_	4	9
Bulldozing lands			2	4	2	1	3				5	17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Table No.(3)

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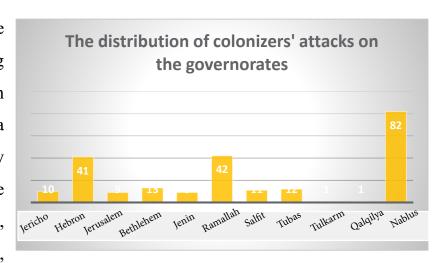
Property Vandalism	6	27	11	6	7	18	12	4	19	14	46	170
Uprooting Trees		7	-	3	_	2	6	4	_	_	9	31
Confiscation of Properties	1	6	3	3	4	8	4	3	2	3	9	46
Demolitions	5	_	8	_	_	6	2	_	5	-	4	30
Imposing actions on ground	-	_	1	1	_	-	1	_	-	-	_	3
Attacks on holy places	_	_	-	1	1	-	_	_	_	1	_	3
Total	14	40	26	21	19	36	29	12	26	29	80	332

#### **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 231organized attacks. These attacks varied between the occupation army's protection of the colonists in their storming of Palestinian cities and communities, breaking into Palestinian villages, confiscating citizens' property, drawing racist slogans on the walls, and bulldozing lands, as what happened in the villages of al Sawia, Qaryut, Qusra, Husan and other villages.

Furthermore, 40 vehicles were badly attacked, either by damaging or vandalism. Including the affected vehicles there were 33 broken and damaged vehicles, 5 were burned and 2 vehicles were exposed to gunfire in addition to throwing stones at the passing vehicles as well as the racist graffiti that were drawn on these vehicles. Furthermore, there was martyr killed by colonial settlers in the town of Aqraba, east of Nablus Governorate, and thus, the number of martyrs who were killed by settlers became two since the beginning of the year and 12 martyrs since October 7.

The most prominent of these colonial attacks was storming the holy places; among which is the squares of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied city of Jerusalem. During the reporting period, March 2024, 2842 Israeli colonizers,



protected by the occupation army, carried out 19 raids into Al-Aqsa Mosque Squares. Besides, 2480 colonizers carried out provocative tours under what is called "tourism to the squares of Al-Aqsa Mosque." However, most of these attacks were concentrated in Nablus Governorate, as the colonists carried out 82 attacks, followed by Ramallah Governorate which witnessed 42 attacks. Meanwhile, 41 attacks were recorded in Hebron.

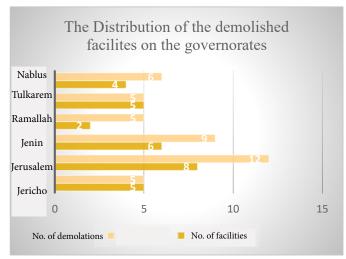
#### Second: The Occupation's State Procedures against Palestinian facilities.

#### Demolitions

According to the violations database of the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), during the reporting period, March 2024, the occupation authorities carried out 30 demolitions that targeted 42 facilities in the West Bank, including Jerusalem. Most of these demolitions were concentrated in Jerusalem Governorate which witnessed 8 demolitions, which resulted in the demolition of 12 institutions, followed by Jenin Governorate were 6 demolitions were recorded that resulted in the demolition of 9 facilities. Meanwhile, Tulkarm and Jericho governorates witnessed 5 demolitions for each and resulted in the demolition of 5

facilities in each of them. The side graph shows that the demolitions were concentrated in the concentration of demolitions in the central and northern arewas of the West Bank. Because the relationship between demolitions and demolition notifications is inherent (see the notifications section), we notice the concentration in both the northern and central areas of the West Bank.

These notifications are concentrated in vast areas that the Israeli occupation seeks to evacuate and forcibly depopulate in favour of the settler-colonial project. During the reporting period, March 2024, these demolitions included: inhabited facilities, uninhabited facilities, and



facilities under construction, agricultural facilities, mobile homes (caravans), and industrial and commercial barracks.

Table No. 4 demonstrates the number of demolished facilities and their type by governorate

			Facility Type			
Governorate	Inhabited Facilities	Uninhabited Facilities	Sources of livelihood	Agricultural facilities	Other facilities	Total
Jericho	2	_	1	_	2	5
Jerusalem	6	1	2	2	1	12
Jenin	1	_	1	6	1	9
Ramallah	_	1	_	4	_	5
Tulkarm	1	_	2	1	1	5
Nablus	3	<del>-</del>	_	3	-	6

Total	13	2	6	16	5	42
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#### **Notifications (Demolitions, Building Moratoriums)**

During the period covered by the report, in March 2024, the Israeli occupation authorities issued 23 notifications that varied between demolition notifications, or building moratoriums under the pretext of lack of permits. Most of these notifications were concentrated in the Qalqilia Governorate, with 11 notifications, followed by the Salfit Governorate, with 4 notifications, and then the Nablus and Bethlehem governorates, with 3 notifications each.

The demolition notifications issued by the Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank serve as a means of besieging Palestinians in Area "C" and obstructing their development and urban expansion. This is due to the occupation's control over planning in these regions, hindering the Palestinians' right to prepare and get their master plans approved. Such measures aim to exploit Area "C", which represents 61% of the West Bank's total area, for future colonial expansion and strategic reserve.

#### Third: Expropriation, Land Confiscation

In March, the Israeli occupation authorities seized a total of 8171 dunums of privately owned citizens' lands through one State land declaration order. An announcement made by the Blue Line team tasked with reviewing areas previously declared as State lands and the resulting addition of new areas to the original declaration, explained as follows:

#### **State Land Declarations**

On March 20, 2024: The Israeli occupation authorities issued a military order that ordered the confiscation of a total of 8159.8 dunums of the Village of Aqraba in the Nablus Governorate as State lands. The declared area is located east of the village of Aqraba, specifically from Jabal Al-Qurayn, Natural Basin 13, and Natural Basin 14, and it meets with the Sahl Fasayil from the east.

Through this confiscation, the occupation state aims to expand the boundaries of the colony of Yafit established on private citizens' lands in the area, in turn, this will pave the way to further colonial expansion in the area. The side map of the military order shows that the expansion will create a geographical continuity between the colony and the so-called "Regional Council" of the Jordan Valley, "Bik'at HaYarden", located at the eastern boundaries of the Aqraba lands at the point of contact with Sahl Fasayil, noting that a notification was issued by the so-called "Civil Administration" on March 17, 2024, requiring the expansion of the jurisdiction of the so-called "Regional Council".

#### **Blue Line Team Announcement**

First: On March 10, 2024: The Blue Line team, affiliated with the occupation's so-called "Civil Administration" and tasked with reviewing lands declared as State lands met to review the boundaries of the Hebron Governorate. Consequently, they changed the boundaries of the land that has been declared as state land since 1982. This change resulted in the removal of some lands from the announcement, and the addition of some other areas to it. The area targeted by the announcement is in Hebron Governorate, specifically, in Yatta\Susya\ Wadi As-Suaid.

The area that was reclaimed is 10 dunums and it is marked in yellow, while the area that was confiscated and added to the previous order is 19 dunums and it is marked in red. The map indicates that the total declared area in 1982 is 90 dunums.

#### Fourth: Colonial Expansion Plans Approved and Deposited

In March, the planning authorities in the occupation state studied 8 master plans in favour of the colonies of the occupied West Bank. They approved one master plan for the colony of Efrat in the Bethlehem Governorate and deposited 7 others. The March plans aimed to build 5047 colonial units that targeted 3515 dunums of Palestinian citizens' lands. March also witnessed the legalization of a new colonial outpost, called "Mishmar Yehua", which was established on the lands of the eastern lands of Bethlehem, specifically on the lands of Al-Ubiediyeh.

Colony	Plan no.				New	Area\dunums
		Governorate	Approval	deposit	units	
Ma'ale	/1 /7 /59 /2 /יוש/					680
Adumim	420	Jerusalem		1294	1294	
Ma'ale	/1 /7 /59 /3 יוש/ 3					476.652
Adumim	.420	Jerusalem		1108	1108	
Kear	יוש/ 4/ 421	Jerusalem		330	330	63.6
Efrat	יוש/ 7/ 5/ 410	Bethlehem	694		694	630.6
Ma'ale Michmash	יוש/ 3/ 3/ 225	Ramallah				36.092
Ma'ale Amos	413/5/1 /1/ יוש	Bethlehem		152	152	27.872

Geva	יוש/ 240/1/1					141.62
Binyamin		Jerusalem		356	356	
Ma'ale	/1 /7 /59 /1 יוש/					1458.865
Adumim	420	Jerusalem		1113	1113	
Total			694	4353	5047	3515.301

#### Fifth: Laws & Bills proposed or approved by the Israeli Knesset in March 2024

In this part of the report, we review the most prominent of the laws and bills that have been discussed in the occupation's Knesset. Looking at the nature of these laws, you can always notice their racist and hostile nature. Through these laws, the legislative bodies in the occupation state always attempt to consolidate a system of oppression of the Palestinians or to deepen racial segregation and apartheid against them.

Bill\ Law	Discussion	Reference	Stage	Justification
	Date	no.		
A bill to	March 20,	F/ 25/ 4345	Preliminary	The bill expands the concept
expand the	2024			of incitement of "terrorism"
concept of				on social networks, as stated
incitement on				in the law, and turns it into an
social				offence if there is a
networks and				rationality that the content
to facilitate				incites terrorism, not just on
arrests				"established content". In
				addition to this, the offence
				also applies to those who put
				a "like" or similar actions on

				social networks for any text that is deemed to incite terrorism.  In the event of such an offence, the occupation police have the authority to arrest an individual upon receiving a complaint from any person or entity, without waiting for approval from a
				competent legislative authority.
A law allowing victims of resistance activities and their families to fine the Palestinian Authority with substantial compensation.	March 11, 2024	F/ 25/ 2967	Final	A law that allows victims of operations carried out by Palestinians, labelled as "terrorism" according to the Israeli definition of the concept, to file compensation lawsuits against entities supporting these operations. According to the draft law, the first of these entities is the Palestinian National Authority. This "right" is for the victims of the operations or their families in case of death. For example, the law calls for imposing a fine on the authority for each

				deceased individual, with an amount not less than 10 million shekels (\$2.8 million). In the case of permanent physical damage, the victim is entitled to claim financial compensation of 5 million shekels from the Palestinian Authority
A bill requiring the transfer of tax revenues to the Palestinian Authority "upon proving its fight against terrorism and condemnation of it."	March 11, 2024	F/ 25/ 4398	Preliminary	A law that authorizes the Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Minister of War and the so-called "Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee" in the Knesset, to transfer tax revenues to the Palestinian National Authority only if it implements four conditions. If it fails to do so, the Minister of Finance has the authority to transfer the funds to spending areas that he deems appropriate.
Another bill to double the penalties for anyone who transports a	March 11, 2024	F/ 25/ 4409	Preliminary	A law that doubles the penalties and fines for anyone who transports a Palestinian from the West Bank or Gaza Strip without

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Palestinian in his car without having a permit to enter Israel.				having a permit to enter Israel.
Extending the temporary law prohibiting family reunification of Palestinian families for an additional year.	March 5, 2024		Extension of law validity	Extending the validity of the law that deprives thousands of Palestinian families in Israel, where one parent is from the West Bank or the Gaza Strip, as well as Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Iran, according to the law, from family reunification, including exemptions.  The extension of the law, which comes in the form of a temporary law since 2003, until March 14, 2025, is because the law contradicts international laws and conventions.
A bill to impose financial restrictions and movement constraints on	March 4, 2024	F/ 25/ 4377	Deposited	A law imposing restrictions on officials of the Palestinian National Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It is a bill that is almost identical to the one submitted by Deputy

officials of the		Sukkot himself individually,
Palestinian		numbered 4342 and was
Authority and		deposited on February 19,
the Palestine		2024, with the addition of
Liberation		one clause that we refer to.
Organization.		

Sixth: Racist Statements/ Discourse by Members of the Israeli Government

These days, leaders of the Israeli occupation started making their racist statements unabashedly, revealing their superiority complexes and racist stances. These statements show their complete disregard for the most fundamental human rights in one of the manifestations of the terrorism of the occupying state.

In this section of the report, we quickly review the most prominent statements.

• March 6, 2024: Smotrich on X (previously Twitter), "We will persist on building the homeland. 18,515 building permits to build colonies in one year in Judea and Samaria. In addition to building licenses. We are investing a huge amount in developing the infrastructure of transfer, employment, and quality of life. Our enemies are trying to hurt and weaken us. But we will continue to build this country".

- March 11, 2024: in his comment on the trial of the officer in the occupation army who blew up the Aqsa University in Gaza without receiving orders, the leader of Yisrael Beiteinu, MK, Avigdor Lieberman, said: I got to know Brigadier General Barak Hiram as part of my duties as Minister of Defense and I saw a distinguished officer. In his case, they send the opposite message. Whoever is responsible for the failure got away without a scratch. Whoever fights, does something, and does not wait for instructions from above, will be reprimanded. Commanders currently fighting on the battlefield are not encouraged to take the initiative.
- March 12, 2024: Commenting on the martyrdom of the child Rami Hamdan Al-Halhouli (13 years old) in Shuafat: Ben Gvir, commenting on the killing of a Palestinian boy in Shuafat: I salute the security officer who killed the terrorist, and this is the best way to act. The next day, Yedioth Ahronoth quoted him as saying: The policeman who killed the child Rami Al-Halhouli yesterday does not deserve to be investigated, and I will work to award him a medal.
- March 17, 2024: Channel 13 quoted the extremist Israeli minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, demanding that Benjamin Netanyahu reverse the policy adopted by the occupation authorities during the past years, by preventing colonizers from storming Al-Aqsa Mosque during the last ten days of the month of Ramadan.
- March 22, 2024: In his comment on the events west of Ramallah, the head of the so-called "Colonial Council", Benjamin Yisrael Gantz, stated: The Palestinian villages in the West Bank must be dealt with just as in Gaza, and the inciting mosques must be demolished and all cells eliminated.
- March 27, 2024: Member of the Knesset from the Otzma Yehudit Party,
   Almog Cohen, in a letter to the Prime Minister of the Occupation
   Government: The Prime Minister must order people to enter Rafah during

Ramadan while they are fasting. He means the Palestinians. They are tired and hungry and without the slightest strength, we must break their bones. Ramadan is the best month. To kill them because they are weak, I do not spare them. We have to enter Rafah and kill them.