



Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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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.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Beit Fajjar village and stationed at its entrance, streets and neighborhoods before raiding the house of Hani Thawabta and messing with its contents. The IOA arrested his son Tha'er (21 years old). Meanwhile, the IOA raided Battir village west of Bethlehem city.
- The Israeli gunboats arrested two Palestinian fishermen while they were fishing at the sea coast of As Sudaniya, northwest of Gaza city and confiscated their boats.

Expansion of settlements

- The Construction and Housing Ministry was set to publish tenders for nearly 6,000 new housing units, over 1,000 of which will be built beyond the other side of the Green Line. Five hundred of the housing units included in the tender were in the settlement of Har Homa north of Bethlehem city and 180 in the settlement of Giv'at Ze'ev north of Jerusalem city and another 348 units were offered in the Beitar Ilit settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. The units have already received approval for building in various planning committees. As part of Construction and Housing Minister Ariel Atias's plan to lower housing prices by building new units, the Israel Lands Authority published tenders for which lands will be offered for the building of 5,984 in 44 Israeli settlements and towns and neighborhoods throughout Israel and the West Bank occupied territory.

Others

- Israel released 550 Palestinian prisoners in the second stage of a deal with Hamas in exchange for the captured Israeli soldier Gil'ad Shalit.