

ARIJ Daily Report

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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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Ya'bad village southwest of Jenin city and stormed the houses of Jamal Sadeq Abu Baker, Nizar Hilmi Abu Baker and Abdel 'Afo Abu Baker, searched them and checked their ID cards after interrogating them for more than 6 hours. No arrests were reported. Wafa (March 26, 2012).

Israeli settlers' violence

- Israeli settlers of Bracha attacked Palestinian farmers from Burin village south of Nablus village while they were on their way to their lands located near the settlement. As a result, one Palestinian, Ayma Lu'ai, 26 years, injured in the head after an Israeli settler attacked him. It is worth mentioning the Palestinian Civil Administration arranged with the Israeli side for the entry of Palestinian farmers with their agricultural tractors to their lands located near the settlements and that settlers have been attacking them in an attempt to prevent them access their lands. Maannews (March 26, 2012).
- Tens of Israeli settlers raided the evacuated site of Homesh settlement from Silat Ad Dhahriya and obstructed residents' movement on Jenin-Nablus road. Wafa (March 26, 2012)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished six residential tents and four animal pens in Tel Al Himma area in Tubas Governorate belonging to Palestinian families under the pretext of being built in an area classified by Israel as "Closed Military Zone. DWG (March 26, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished three animal pens belonging to two Palestinian Families from Al Farisiyeh village in the northern Jordan Valley allegedly for building without permits in area "C". DWG (March 26, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished two residential structures and animal pens owned by two Palestinian families in Furosuh Beit Dajan east of Nablus city. Wafa (March 26, 2012).

Confiscation & Razing of lands

• The unfinished separation wall around the West Bank will run between a Palestinian village and a large park proposed for Jerusalem's southern edge - a move that would make it tougher for local Palestinians to reach their agricultural land. Construction in that area began over the past year. Palestinian Farmers would have to cross through a gate to reach their land. The park, if approved, will cover 5,000 dunams (1,250 acres) and serve as one segment of parkland around Jerusalem's western edge. It will include forests, recreation sites, hiking paths and parking areas. The Jerusalem Development Authority launched plans for the park several years ago in conjunction with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority and the Jewish National Fund. When planning was begun, the park featured unobstructed views, but over the past year, the Defense Ministry has begun building

the separation fence in the area, separating the park from Walaja in the West Bank. The fence will cut villagers off from agricultural land and the park, which are on the Israeli side of the separation fence. The Israeli development authority claims that the entire park is within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries and that the plans do not address land ownership. They also do not call for the expropriation of privately-owned land, the authority says. In any event, there is no intention to expropriate privately-owned land," the authority said in a statement. "Most of the area already serves as a national park, and the expansion is being carried out to protect nature and the landscape." Ze'ev Hacohen, a planner at the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, noted that Walaja residents would still be able to work their land. He said the village's farmers would be able to cross the fence at a gate, although he acknowledged that the barrier would make access more difficult. Haaretz (March 26, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

• The Israeli Occupation army arrested the Palestinian resident Sameeh Ahmad Radwan (22 years) from Azzun village east of Qalqilyia city and gave others notifications to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. Resident Ahmad Saber Mujahed was among the Palestinians who received notifications to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. Wafa (March 26, 2012).