

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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army attacked Palestinian residents participating in the demonstration marking "Land Day" at Bethlehem's northern entrance. The IOF fired Gaz Bombs at demonstrators, no injuries were reported. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation army declared the Village of Kafr Qaddum "closed military zone", set up a checkpoint at its western entrance which is the only entrance that links the village with the nearby

- Palestinian communities and hindered the entry of the residents and their exit from the village. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- A number of Palestinian people ere injured as the Israeli occupation army (IOA) suppressed the peaceful demonstration marking "Land Day" in the village of Iraq Burin. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- 20 people suffered from gas inhalation in the village of Kafr Qaddum as the Israeli occupation army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration in the village. In addition, resident Odai Marwan 'Aqal was injured in the chest after the IOF fired a gas Bomb directly at him. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- Four people were injured in the village of An Nabi saleh as the Israeli Occupation army suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held there. The 8 years old Muhammad Tamimi was hit in the face by a rubber bullet. Israeli occupation army also detained 10 protesters. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation warplanes shelled at agricultural areas east of Gaza City. No injuries were reported. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) chased a number of Palestinian Children using sniffer dogs in Jabal Al Rahma area (Al Rahma Mountain area) near Ramat Yeshai settlement established on lands of Tel al Rumeida in Hebron city. The IOA chased the children in the alleys and the main road leading to their homes. Younis Dweik and Imad Harizat were among the children. Wafa (March 30, 2012).
- Resident 'Ali 'Arafa (20 years) from Bethlehem was seriously injured in the head during the demonstration that took place at Bethlehem's northern entrance marking land day. ARN (March 30, 2012).
- Majida Al Masri, minster of social affairs was injured during the demonstration that took place in Qalandyia checkpoint marking Land Day. ARN (March 30, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Police suppressed the demonstrations that took place near Al Asbat Gate (Lion's Gate) and Bab Hatta area in Jerusalem city marking Land Day. The IOA raided a number of Palestinian houses in Bab Hatta area and caused the injury to a number of Palestinians. The IOA also attacked the house of Al Basti family near Al Aqsa Mosque, destroyed the contents of the house and and attacked women. ARN (March 30, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation army raided the house of Fayez Al Wawi in Al Fawwar Refugee camp south of Hebron city and messed with its contents. ARN (March 30, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided the house of Maher Yousif 'Ibeed in Al Isawiya town in Jerusalem, searched it and messed with its contents using sniffer dogs. Al Quds (March 30, 2012).

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided the houses of Khaled An Natshe and his son Suleiman in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina, search it and messed with its contents, destroying some of the furniture. Al Quds (March 30, 2012).
- Officers of the Israeli Tax Authority raided a store for construction materials owned by Abu Taya family in 'Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan and confiscated some of the store's material. During the raiding process, Mr. Abu Taya was forced to pay an amount of NIS 10 thousand to restore the material that was confiscated from his store. Al Quds (March 30, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation army arrested 14 Palestinians in Bab Al 'Amoud area in Jerusalem city. The arrestees are: Hatem Abdel Qader, Jaber Muhesen, Khader Ad Dibs, Muhammad Abu Rammoz, Khaled Al Atrash, Shokri Harami, Malek Abu Al Hawa, Ramzi Ad Dumeiri, Ali Abu Ghannam, Khalil Al Azza, Omar Treimat, Muhammad Al Hallaq, Munir Al Basti, Kayed Dweik and Khalil Adibsi. ARN (March 30, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested resident Muhammad Abdel Kareem 'Amr (28 years) from Hebron city after raiding his house in Al Hawooz Al Thani area and took him to an unknown destination. It is worth mentioning that Resident Abdel Kareem was released from the Israeli jail only one day before he was again arrested by the IOA. ARN (March 30, 2012).

Others

- Israel's military has imposed a general closure on the occupied West Bank as it prepares to face protests marking Land Day. Maannews (March 30, 2012)
- For years Israel's Civil Administration (ICA) has been covertly locating and mapping available land in the West Bank and naming the parcels after existing Jewish settlements, presumably with an eye toward expanding these communities. This was clear in the maps released by the ICA for the first time in response to a request from anti-settlement activist Dror Etkes under the Freedom of Information Law. The Israeli state has argued before the Supreme Court and the International Court of Justice in The Hague that the route of the separation barrier was based on Israel's security needs. But Civil Administration's maps and figures suggest the barrier route was planned in accordance with the available land in the West Bank, intended to increase the area and

population of the settlements. A Total of 569 parcels of land were marked out, encompassing around 620,000 dunums (around 155,000 acres) – about 10 percent of the total area of the West Bank. Since the late 1990s, 23 of the unauthorized outposts were built on land included in the map. The Civil Administration is endeavoring to legalize some of these outposts, including Shvut Rahel, Rehelim and Hayovel and settlers who built the outposts had access to the administration's research on available land - more proof of the government's deep involvement in the systematic violation of the law in order to expand settlements. The maps also name numerous communities that do not exist. These include Shlomzion, on land belonging to the Palestinian town of Agraba, east of Nablus; Lev Hashomron, on the land of Kafr Haja, between Nablus and Qalqilyah; Mevo Adumim, on the lands of al-Azariya and Abu Dis; and Mitzpeh Zanoah and Mitzpeh Lahav, in south Mount Hebron. In addition, the names of several sites suggest they are earmarked for the expansion of existing settlements, although some of the parcels are several kilometers distant from their namesakes. These include Immanuel Mizrah, Elkana Bet, Beit Aryeh Gimmel and Tekoa Sheet'hei Mir'ey, among others. The maps also mark 81 sites on 114,000 dunums in areas A and B, which are under Palestinian civil control, indicating the Civil Administration began identifying available land before the Oslo Accords. But these parcels have not been updated in several years because Israel cannot build settlements on them. All the other areas – 506,000 dunums in Area C, have been updated in the past decade. This implies the administration earmarked the sites as reserves for future use. Most of the marked areas – 485,000 dunums in area C – are classified as state lands. About 7,600 dunums are classified as "Jewish land" from before 1948, and 12,800 dunums are unclassified. More than 90 percent of this land is east of the separation barrier, beyond the main settlement blocs. Haaretz (March 30, 2012).