



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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Hebron city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (ARN 3 March 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were

identified as: Anas Nasser Al-Qawasmi, Ahmed Abu Ad-Dab'at and Majd Kamel Al-Qawasmi. (Al-Quds 3 March 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding their houses in Dur town, west of Hebron city. One of the arrestees was identified as Ahmed Hribat. (Al-Quds 3 March 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 6 Palestinians and detained others after storming and searching their houses in Madama village, south of Nablus city. The arrestees were identified as: Asadalla Wajeh Qat (23 years), Ahmed Nahad Nassar (17 years), Sari Tayb Faraj (23 years), Mohammad Nadir Al-Qat (17 years), Hisham Sobhe Nassar (17 years) and Thair Kamal Nassar (18 years). (Maannews 3 March 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abd Al-Hamid Al-Arameen (30 years) after raiding and searching his house in Sa'ir town, north of Hebron city. (Maannews 3 March 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abad Mohammad Salah (17 years) after storming his school in As-Sawiya village, south Nablus city. (Sama News 3 March 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city, and toured in its courtyard. During the operation, the IOA arrested a Palestinian at the entrance of the mosque. (Al-Quds 3 March 2014)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Raya 3 March 2014)

Other

- Israel's plan to force-feed hunger-striking prisoners up for public critique. Israeli Medical Association says forcing hunger-striking prisoners to eat is tantamount to torture. The Home Front Defense Ministry published on Sunday the memorandum of a law on "treatment for hunger strikers." The memo represents a revision to an existing prison protocol, which allows for force feeding of hunger-striking prisoners. The bill picked up steam in response to the prolonged hunger strikes among security detainees in 2012. Some prisoners' lives were in danger due to the prolonged hunger strikes to protest their arrests or

administrative detention without trial or indictment. The hunger strikes of that year garnered a great deal of public and media attention, as well as negativity toward Israeli political leaders and prison officials. The memorandum has been issued for public critique, having been jointly formulated by the Justice Ministry, the Health Ministry and the Israel Prison Service. It was also approved by Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein last September. If the bill becomes law, it would allow for medical treatment to be dispensed to prisoners against their will, subject to certain restrictions. ([Haaretz](#) 3 March 2014)

- Settler group Elad edges closer to controlling Western Wall, despite protests Jerusalem District Court approves agreement that will transfer control of Jerusalem Archaeological Park and the Davidson Center to the Elad-City of David Foundation. Last week, the Jerusalem District Court approved a compromise agreement between two government subsidiaries – the Company for the Reconstruction and Development of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem (JQDC, the current owner) and the Company for Reconstruction and Development of East Jerusalem – which would transfer control of the area to Elad. Under the agreement, Elad would cover the rental costs for the JQDC, and in turn receive full control of the site from April 1. In the coming days, all 25 employees at the site will receive termination letters. They are expected to be reemployed by Elad, according to the agreement between Elad and the JQDC, for at least one additional year. Transferring control of the site to Elad has aroused concern among leaders of non-Orthodox Jewish groups, who have been in negotiations with the government over the last year regarding creating an alternative prayer site close to the Western Wall that would allow for non-Orthodox or alternative prayer. The heads of the Reform and Conservative movements stated that if Elad is granted control of the key site, it would effectively end the “Sharansky agreement,” which led to the construction of an alternative prayer site within the archaeological park (a reference to a compromise on the Western Wall outlined by Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky last year). According to the non-Orthodox leaders, during negotiations regarding the site, they were promised that the archaeological park would remain under government control, and that they themselves would be partners in running the site. These recent developments apparently contradict messages sent to the non-Orthodox leaders by Cabinet Secretary Avichai Mendelblit, in which he stated that the transfer would not happen. Mendelblit is currently in Washington with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and meetings regarding the subject are scheduled to be held. The leader of the Conservative Movement in the United States sent a rare letter to

Mendelblit, stating that if Elad gains control over the site, the movement will pull out of negotiations with the Israeli government regarding the prayer area. "It is infuriating and unacceptable to find that while this negotiation was going on, other negotiations were taking place to put us under the authority of a group with a right-wing, Orthodox religious point of view," read the letter. An Elad representative stated that the organization would respect any agreements reached by the government and any groups wishing to pray at the site. ([Haaretz](#) 3 March 2014)

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