

# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 3 July 2012

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 (IOA) raided the house of Fares Atef Muhammad Dari in Nazlat Zeid southwest of Jenin city and searched it. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- A number of armored Israeli military vehicles, accompanied by military bulldozers, invaded an area east of Rafah city, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, and bulldozed Palestinian farmlands. The military vehicles came from the Sofa military base, east of Rafah. The army repeatedly invades and bulldozes lands in the area, in addition to

- firing tank and artillery shells targeting residential areas and farmlands under the pretext of targeting resistance fighters firing shells into adjacent Israeli areas. Wafa (July 3, 2012)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) installed a roadblock at the entrance of Rummana village IN Jenin Governorate, stopped several vehicles and interrogated the residents. Wafa (July 3, 2012)

### Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Husan Village northwest of Bethlehem city. The arrestees are: Muhammad 'Ali Za'oul (32 years) and Ibrahim Abd Al 'Aziz Shawasha (35 years). Wafa (July 3, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fuad Ahmad Faraj (18 years) from Ad Doha village, north of Bethlehem city. Wafa (July 3, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Tulkarem Governorate after raiding heir houses. The arrestees are: Raja'I Abu Hantash (30 years) and Muhammad Al Haj Qasem (28 years). Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ahmad Ibrahim Ali Aqel Ikhlaiel (18 years) at the entrance of Beit Ummer town and took him to Kiryat Arba' settlement. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Zahda family at Az Zawiya Checkpoint in Tel Ar Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. Safa (July 3, 2012).

#### Israeli Settlers' Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers in Gil'ad outpost cut 41 olive trees in Tel Village west of Nablus. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- A nuber of Israeli settlers fired at a herd of camels in Wad Al Mu'alleq area in Tequ' village east of Bethlehem owned by Muhammad Uweida Sawarka. One was killed and many were injured. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Betar Illit settlement hurled stones at the family of Fa'eq Hilmi Hamamra while working in his land in Qiddis area near Betar Illit settlement. The settlers also caused severe damages to a large number of Olive and plum trees planted in Hamamrah's land. Wafa (July 3, 2012)..

#### Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished a 100 square meters brux, an iron gate and a 180 square meters concrete floor owned by Nabeel and Sa'd Ahmad Mustafa near the French Hill in Al Issawiya town. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city 4 halt of construction orders to four houses and an irrigation pool under the pretext that their structures were built without license in an area classified as C area. It is worth mentioning that the houses are located in close proximity of Karmei Tzur settlement. Among owners, the following were identified: Arafat Az Za'aqeen and Hleema Ikhliel. NBPRS (July 3, 2012).

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli regional committee for building and planning at the Municipality of Jerusalem ratified a plan to establish a military college on 14 dunums of lands in the Mount of Olives (At Tur Area) in Jerusalem. The College will house around 400 students and 130 academics. Wafa (July 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Regional Planning and Construction Committee in Jerusalem approved a plan to build a Military College near the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Mount Olive, in occupied East Jerusalem. Israel will be constructing a military college on nearly 14 Dunums (3.459 Acres) northeast of the Old city. The college will be able to accommodate nearly 400 students and 130 academics. In addition, the college would move more government and military facilities into the eastern part of Jerusalem, as part of Israel's plans and illegal settlement activities in the occupied city. Constructing the new military college will be the beginning of a new settlement outpost in the area, adding that At-Tour neighborhood already has two illegal settlement outposts, and that the planned college is only a few dozen meters away from these outposts. The new plan was discussed by the regional committee in mid-April, and was approved less than three months after submission, an issue that indicates that the Israeli government is rushing to approve and construct more settlement and military facilities in occupied East Jerusalem. IMEMC (July 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Knesset member Meri Regev will present a bill next week to annex all the Israeli settlements established in the Jordan Valley area. NBPRS (July 3, 2012).

## **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

 The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrance of Ya'bad village southwest of Jenin city with a sudden checkpoint. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinians' ID cards. Wafa (July 3, 2012)

#### **Others**

- After 45 years of running the West Bank, the State of Israel plans to start compiling land registry records of assets controlled by settlers. The registry would bypass regular tabu land-listing processes, and appears designed to prevent Palestinians from appealing the validity of the ownership listings. Documents obtained by Haaretz indicate that this land registry process comes as official policy whose "legal and diplomatic repercussions" have been reviewed by top officials. The registry process is supported by deputy attorney general Mike Blass, along with Defense Ministry legal adviser Ahaz Ben-Ari, Civil Administration head Brig. Gen. Moti Almoz and Defense Ministry settlement adviser Eitan Broshi. The registry process is expected to receive Defense Minister Ehud Barak's approval later in the month. The need for such a land registry process grows out of Israel's continued control of the West Bank. Haaretz (July 3, 2012).
- New appeal by 17 residents of the West Bank settlement of Migron, due to be demolished next month, cite 2012 acquisition papers; Palestinian owner died in 2011. Residents of the condemned West Bank outpost of Migron have appealed the High Court to stay the demolition of the settlement's illegal structures on Tuesday, claiming that they had recently purchased the land on which the homes were built. However, a preliminary inspection of the purported sale reveals that the Palestinian whom the settlers claim sold them the land passed away in 2011, one year before the alleged transaction. Citing what they said was their desire to keep the identity of the seller unknown, the 17 appellants, represented by Ze'ev Scharf, asked the High Court to submit the sale's documentation in a sealed envelope. According to the appeal, the acquisition was conducted by the al-Watan development firm, which is owned by the Mateh Binyamin Development Company, who, in return, is owned by the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council in the West Bank. Al-Watan officials have claimed to have bought Miron's lands in the past. However, a police investigation at the time revealed that the purchase was false, interrogating the firm's heads. The case was closed due to a lack of evidence. The appellants claim ownership over Miron's lot 2 of block 7, as well as of lot 10 of block 26, who they said they purchased from "the registered owner in March 20, 2012." The owner of these lots is Yousif Musa 'abdel Razek el-Nabut, who

was part of the original 2006 High Court appeal against the outpost. However, Nabut died in 2011, making it impossible to sell his lands in March 2012. Ownership of the land has been passed on to his sons. <u>Haaretz</u> (July 3, 2012).

