

# **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 (IOA) confiscated a water tank in Kherbit Al Farisiyeh in the Northern Jordan Valley while transferring water and fined its owner an amount of 1700 NIS. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of the released prisoner Amjad Hasan Abbadi (34 years) from Tura villahe southwest of Jenin city and questioned him for hours. Safa (June 7, 2012).

#### Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian at the light rail in Jerusalem city under the pretext that he stabbed one of the security guards and took him to Al Maskobiyeh detention and interrogation center in West Jerusalem. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Muhammad Abdullah Nayef Hardan (27 years) from Arraba village south of Jenin city at a sudden checkpoint set by the IOA at the village's entrance and took him to an unknown destination. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citizen Mu'ayyad Ahmad Jaradat (27 years) from Al Yamun village west of Jenin city after raiding his family house and messing with its contents. Safa (June 7, 2012).

#### Israeli Settlers' Violence

- A number of Israeli settlers of 'Eliezer' settlement built illegally on lands of al-Khader village, south of Bethlehem uprooted iron angles and barbed wires that surround ten dunums of lands owned by Palestinian farmers in Khallet Al Fahem and Al 'Absiya areas in Al Khader village. The affected farmers are: Ibrahim Odeh Salah, Suleiman Hamad Salah and Mahmoud Rashid Salah. It is worth mentioning pamphlets were found in the targeted lands which reveal the involvement of an Israeli society called 'The Green Berets', led by settler "Nadia Matar" in order to displace them and seize their lands. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- Israeli Settlers of Gil'ad outpost attacked Palestinian cars near Huwwara village and hurled stones at them. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement illegally established on lands of Yatta town escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian farmers and hindered them from harvesting their Wheat and barely crops and the replanting of the trees which were uprooted by settlers last week. The families of Rib'I and Al 'mour are affected. Wafa (June 7, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Beitar Illit settlement set fire in vast areas of agricultural lands planted with Olives and Almonds in Shu'ab Al Jame' and Al Matabekh areas in Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city. The targeted lands are estimated at more than ten dunums.

#### Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two artesian water wells in Beit Qud village east of Jenin city owned by Abdel Men'im Ahmad Medraj Daraghmah. The wells provide water to tens of dunums of agricultural lands. Wafa (June 6, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished four water wells in Deir Abu Da'if village east of Jenin city owned by Issam Izzat Yasine, Ahmad Muhammad Al Qadi, Mashour Hasnawi and Mahmoud Shareef Yasine. Wafa (June 6, 2012).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem notified citizen Riyad Jameel Ju'bas from Silwan city to demolish his own house within three days, otherwise, the municipality will demolish the house and fine him with demolition cost. The house is 120 square meters are and is inhabited by 120 people. Paltoday (June 7, 2012).

### **Expansion of settlements**

- Housing Minister Ariel Atias announced that his ministry will market land for the purpose of building 551 new housing units in the West Bank. According to Atias' announcement, 117 units will be marketed in Ariel, 92 housing units in Ma'ale Adumim, 144 housing units in Adam, 114 units in Efrat, and 84 units in Kiryat Arba'. The 551 housing units a will be marketed in addition to the 300 units that have already been announced for Beit El. The agreement on the marketing of the land was reached in a conversation between Atias and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Attias welcomed the marketing and said, "Increasing the supply of land helps young couples. Construction in Judea and Samaria strengthens the settlement enterprise. 30 apartments will be evacuated, but 850 new units will be built instead. Under the circumstances it is a proper solution." The announcement came several hours after the Knesset rejected a bill aimed at circumventing a court order to destroy five residential units in the Ulpana neighborhood in Beit El and expel their 30 families. The vote was 22 for the bill and 69 against. Absent from the vote were all of the ministers and deputy ministers who vowed to test Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's ultimatum to vote against the bill or be fired. <u>Ynetnews</u> (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli PeaceNow movement revealed about a plan to build a tourist center in Ein Silwan Al Fouqa area south of Al Aqsa Mosque. The plan will be discussed during "the Israeli regional committee for planning and building" session on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2012. Paltoday (June 7, 2012).

#### **Others**

- The settlement regulation bill failed to pass its Knesset vote as 69 MKs voted against it and only 22 voted in favor. The legislation aimed to prevent the evacuation of Beit El's Ulpana neighborhood and retroactively legalize the settlement, as well as other Jewish outposts built on privately owned Palestinian land in the West Bank. The settlers were enraged to learn of the vote's result, promising a "tsunami of protests." Many of the bill's proponents withdrew their initial support and voted against it, largely due to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's dismissal threat. Members of Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu faction voted against the bill, in line with Netanyahu's instructions, with the exception of David Rotem, who voted in favor, and three MKs who chose not to attend the vote. Among those who did not attend the vote were **Shas** ministers Eli Yishai and Ariel Atias, deputy ministers Yakov Litzman and Menachem Eliezer Moses (United Torah Judaism), Minister Daniel Hershkowitz (Habayit Hayehudi); Minister Yuli Edelstein (Likud); and deputy ministers Gila Gamliel and Ayoob Kara (Likud). Eight Likud MKs including Miri Regev, Danny Danon and Yariv Levin endorsed the bill. Dozens of settlers gathered at Highway 1's entrance to Jerusalem and set tires on fire in an attempt to block the city's main gateway. Ynetnews (June 7, 2012).
- The Israeli Court issued a temporary order to stop the construction at the settlement of Susiya established illegally on lands of Yatta town where the Palestinian family "An Nawaj'a lives". It is worth mentioning that the Israeli organization "Regavim" petitioned to the court to demolish the houses built by An Nawaj'a family in the area under the pretext of violating building laws. Safa (June 7, 2012).
- The Oketz Unit (a unit of the Israel Defense Forces specialized in training and handling dogs for military applications) in the Israeli army is taking Palestinian vehicles as a target to train dogs to work with the army. The unit deliberately stops Palestinian cars and release dogs that are under training into Palestinian cars under the pretext of searching for explosives or weapons while soldiers order Palestinian passengers to get off the cars and show their ID cards. Passengers stay about 10 minutes outside the car until the end of the dogs training. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli soldiers keep their automatic guns pointed towards Palestinian passengers until the end of the training. Safa (June 7, 2012).