

# **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 tanks fired several shells at Agricultural lands in Absan Al Kabeera town east of Khan Younis city which resulted in the burning of the fields that are planted with Wheat and Barley. Wafa (June 8, 2012).
- Tens of Palestinians and International activities suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration in Bil'in village west of Ramallah city. Wafa (June 8, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration in Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city. The IOA attacked and beat demonstrators and hindered them from reaching the wall area. Wafa (June 8, 2012)
- Tens of Palestinians and International activities suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city. Wafa (June 8, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hindered residents of Kherbit Al Mafqara east of Yatta town in Hebron Governorate from resuming construction in the Mosque. Tens of Israeli military jeeps surrounded the area and orders Palestinian workers to stop construction at the Mosque. Wafa (June 8, 2012).

#### Israeli Settlers' Violence

- Israeli Settlers of Karmi'el and Ma'on settlements, cut and uprooted 50 Olive trees in Ad Deirat area east of Yatta town which belong to citizen 'Ali Al 'Idra and his sons. Wafa (June 8, 2012).
- Vandals attacked the village of Neve Shalom/ Wahat as-Salaam in Jerusalem damaging cars and leaving racist graffiti. The slogans, which were sprayed onto buildings and cars, included "death to Arabs" and "Kahane was right" in reference to Meir Kahane, and American-Israeli rabbi who established the ultra-nationalist Kach party. Furthermore, the graffiti stated" regards from Ulpana" and "revenge" in reference to the decision by the State of Israel that five outposts in the Ulpana settlement block cannot be retroactively legalized, although 13 have been. Such attacks, known as Price Tag attacks, are carried out, principally, against Palestinian communities in Israel and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, following Israeli decisions to dismantle settlement outposts. In addition to vandalism from graffiti, 14 cars had their tyres slashed. The village, located in the Latrun district of Israel, was established as a cooperative in the 1970s by Jewish Israelis and Palestinian citizens of Israel as a model of peaceful co-existence. IMEMC & Wattan TV (June 8, 2012).

#### Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished five residential barracks owned by Al Jahhalin Bedouins in Anata town east of Jerusalem for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall and seized additional areas for settlement expansion. Wafa (June 8, 2012)

#### **Expansion of settlements**

• The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem endorsed a plan to build 2500 new housing units in Gilo settlement illegally established on lands of Beit Jala and Al Walajeh villages in Bethlehem Governorate. The plan will expand the settlement from the west. Wafa (June 8, 2012)

#### **Others**

- The next time a new settlement is established in East Jerusalem or a settler outpost is built on land purchased from Palestinians, the person behind the deal will probably be someone you have never heard of: Tzahi Mamo, from the West Bank settlement of Ofra. Mysterious methods of operation and the close ties with the settlement establishment of the man who bought land at Migron, Sheikh Jarrah, around Rachel's Tomb (near Bethlehem) and elsewhere. Mamo is considered a protégé of former tourism minister Rabbi Benny Elon, who is known as an avid supporter of what the Greater Israel advocates call "land redemption." In the early 1990s, when Elon established Beit Orot Yeshiva on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, Mamo helped him manage the institution and apparently was also a student there. Haaretz (June 8, 2012).
- While the Israeli government has already approved the legalization of 13 of the outposts, five cannot be legalized, because they are located on privately-owned Palestinian land, and are slated for evacuation. The first of these is the Ulpana outpost, which the High Court has ruled, will be evacuated by the beginning of July, and Migron, which will be evacuated by August. The government promised the court that Givat Assaf would be evacuated at about the same time as Ulpana, meaning by July 1. But unlike in the case of Ulpana and Migron, the court has not yet issued a final ruling on the petition against this outpost, though one is expected soon. Givat Assaf, which is next to Migron, was built on regulated private Palestinian land, and is home to 25 families. The government also promised the High Court that it would evacuate the Amona outpost by the end of 2012. Amona is next to the settlement of Ofra, built on private regulated Palestinian land, and home to 50 families. Along with these outposts, the state has still not announced definite timetables for the evacuation or legalization of two further outposts: Mitzpe Kramim, home to 50 families, and Hayovel, which the government plans to legalize, only later to demolish the houses built there on private Palestinian land. The state told the High Court that it plans to legalize the Haresha outpost, and declared the land that the outpost was built on to be state land. Ma'ale Rehav'am, Mitzpe

Lachish, Haroe, Ramat Gilad, and Mitzpe Yitzhar will be legalized, according to the government's announcement, although a number of buildings built on private land in Ramat Gilad and Mitzpeh Yitzhar have been demolished. At the same time, the state has already started regulating the outposts at Bruchin, Sansana, and Rachalim, Givat Havbrecha and Shvut Rachel. As for the Derech Ha'avot outpost, the state has promised to investigate whether or not there is any land that needs to be decided upon. <u>Haaretz</u> (June 8, 2012).

