

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 11 January 2016

he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats the occupied Palestinian territory, in 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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and injured Zied Maher Mohammad Al Ashqar from Seida village in Tulkarm governorate while he was crossing an Israeli checkpoint erected near Yabad town, west of Jenin city. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched dozens of Palestinian houses in Siria village, south of Jenin city. (Wafa 11 January 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house in Al Judeida village, south of Jenin city. The targeted house is owned by the family of the Palestinian martyr; Ali Mohammad Abu Mariaym (23 years). (Orient FM 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city and Al Waha shore, northwest of Beit Lahyia town. (Al-Quds 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the campus of Birzeit University in Birzeit village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA stormed and searched the headquarters of the student blocs in the University and destroyed all the consists. (Maannews 11 January 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Tamer Abu Qash (22 years) from Birqin village, west of Jenin city. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Al Khadour and Mohammad Khalil Al 'Azza. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mus'ab Shawer At-Tamimi; a Palestinian journalist, to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming his house in Hebron city. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 8 Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehm city. The arrestees were identified as: Hamza Ameer Yousif Taqatqah (15 years), Mohammad Taha Taqatqah (20 years), Iyad Sami Taqatqah (21 years), Nabil Ibrahim Thawabtah (22 years), Rami Musa Thawabtah (22 years), Abdalla Salem Thawabtah (29 years), Nasser Mohammad Nayef Thawabtah (23 years) and Azizi Ali Jabeer Diriya (30 years). (Al-Quds 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Mahmoud Ali Ash-Sheikh (19 years) after raiding his house in Marah Rabah village, south of Bethlehem city. (Al-Quds 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Asid Al Bana after storming his house in Ramallah city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Maannews 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Tell village, west of Nablus city. The arrestees were identified as: Muhannad Ibrahim Ramadan and Mohammad Ibrahim Ramadan. (Wafa 11 January 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Anwar Abu Hussen (20 years) from Hebron governorate. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Ramallah governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Hamaf Mahmoud Rayan (23 years) and Mahmoud Waleed Dar Daoud (23 years). (Wafa 11 January 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Pal Today 11 January 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Joseph tomb, east of Nablus city, and performed Talmudic rituals. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas grenades and rubber bullets. (Al-Quds 11 January 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the main entrances of Sair and Halhul towns, at the southern and northern entrances of Hebron city and at the entrance of Al Fawar refugee camp in Hebron governorate. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 11 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint in Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards.

Other

Israeli AG Strikes Down Successor's Plan to Legalize Buildings at West Bank Outpost. Avichai Mendelblit recommended a land swap with Palestinians in West Bank settlement, but Yehuda Weinstein deems move legally untenable. Less than a month before the Attorney General's Office changes hands, incumbent Yehuda Weinstein has struck down recommendations by his designated successor that were aimed at legalizing illegal construction in a West Bank outpost. The recommendations were issued by Avichai Mendelblit in his most recent role as cabinet secretary. In that capacity, the government appointed him last July to head a professional committee examining legal issues relating to West Bank lands. The committee was established at the request of the Habayit Hayehudi party, and was seen as an attempt to circumvent the state's official legal service, headed by the attorney general. One issue the committee discussed was the outpost of Netiv Ha'avot, located near the settlement of Elazar in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. One of the outpost's residents is Ze'ev Hever, head of Amana – the settlement movement's construction arm. Israel's Civil Administration examined the outpost and found that while part of it was on state land, 17 buildings were on private Palestinian land. Consequently, the Palestinian landowners and Peace Now petitioned the High Court of Justice in 2014 to demand that those buildings be razed. As an alternative to demolishing the buildings, Mendelblit's committee considered the idea of a land swap, under which the built-up area would become state land while the Palestinians would be compensated with land in other, un-built portions of the outpost. The state prosecution had rejected this idea in the past, saying such land swaps could only be concluded voluntarily, not forcibly. The Mendelblit Committee's conclusions were passed onto Weinstein. But 10 days ago, the state told the High Court that Weinstein deemed the idea legally untenable. It then said he needed additional time to consider his position on the petition, in light of the fact that Mendelblit's idea had been ruled out. However, once Mendelblit becomes attorney general on February 1, he could reinstate the proposal. If so, the court would then have to decide whether or not to uphold it. (<u>Haaretz</u> 11 January 2016)