

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.

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

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Jabal Al Qanitra, near Itamar settlement, in Beit Furik village, southeast of Nablus city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of a Palestinian. (Safa 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented the residents of 'Abud village, north of Ramallah city, from erecting a Memorial for the Palestinian martyr: Abed Ar-Rahman Al Barghouthi. The IOA attacked

- Palestinians by firing teargas grenades and rubber bullets. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. (Raya 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jayyus village, east of Qalqiliyah city, and fired teargas grenades and rubber bullets at Palestinians and their houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (RB2000 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed AL Qabali neighborhood in Yabad town, west of Jenin city, and fired teargas grenades at Palestinians and their houses. (RB2000 22 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the western part of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of a Palestinian. (Orient FM 22 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the border fence, east of Gaza city, The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 2 Palestinians. (PNN 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed near the border fence, east of Al Burij refugee camp in the central of Gaza strip, fired teargas grenades at a group of Palestinians while they were near the border fence area. As a result, dozens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation. (Raya 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired teargas grenades at Palestinians while they were near the border fence area, east of Al Faraheen, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip, causing a number of suffocation cases. (Raya 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at Al Waha shore, northwest of Beit Lahiya town, north of Gaza strip. (PNN 22 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and teargas grenades causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the clashes, undercover Israeli Army kidnapped three Palestinians after assaulting them. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing the injury of two Palestinians. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA used rubber bullets and teargas grenades to

- attack Palestinians, causing the injury of a Palestinian, and dozens of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Nilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA used teargas grenades to attack Palestinians causing a number of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the northern entrance of AL Bireh city. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Umm Lasafa village, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Hassan Hamed Khalil Ahmeidat (12 years), Khalil Muthaqal Hamed Ahmeidat (13 years) and his brother Ala (12 years). The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Wattan 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian woman while she was near Bab As-Sahera area in the old city of Jerusalem. (SilwanIC 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from the old city of Jerusalem. The arrestees were identified as: Khader Ajlouni (15 years), Amjad Abed Al Ghani (16 years) and Ahmed Mughrabi (20 years). (SilwanIC 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IAO) arrested Fesal Mohammad Jum'a Al Badawi (62 years) and his son Osama (17 years), after storming and searching their house in the southern part of Hebron city. (RB2000 22 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Sa'id Amar Samarah (22 years) from Siris village, south of Jenin city, while he was at the entrance of Qalqiliyah city. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Dozens of Settlers Move Into Two Hebron Homes Near Cave of Patriarchs. Jewish settlers claim to have purchased homes in Palestinian neighborhood, challenging borders of local settlement; defense minister expected to reject move due to lack of permits. Settlers in Hebron moved into two empty houses on Thursday afternoon they claim to have purchased in the Old City near the Cave of the Patriarchs. The move came as a surprise to authorities who were not informed or coordinated with in advance. A few dozen of the Hebron settlement's residents entered the homes between the Cave of the Patriarchs and the neighborhood of Avraham Avinu and announced that they had bought the buildings. They called the homes "Beit Rachel" and "Beit Leah," after the biblical wives of Jacob. Police were quick to arrive on the scene, but too late. The residents were not granted a permit of transaction, required under military orders in the Occupied Territories for carrying out real-estate deals. Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon will decide in the coming days if the settlers will be allowed to stay in the houses, expanding in effect the settlement in the city. Sources close to the defense minister suggested that he is unlikely to approve the move on the grounds that the settlers never received permits required to approve such an action. In the past, houses in dispute have been sealed until the legality of the transaction had been determined. Malachi Levinger, head of the Kiryat Arab-Hebron local council, said: "We are redeeming two more buildings in Hebron, joining a long line of land redeemers of the land of Israel... ranging from our forefather Abraham to [Menachem] Ussishkin, [Arthur] Ruppin, [Moses] Montefiore and others". Likud Minister Zeev Elkin congratulated "the settlers of Hebron for determined action for the expansion of Jewish presence in the city of our forefathers". Elkin said that the homes were legally purchased and urged Ya'alon "to help the settlers as best as he can and not to give in to the pressures of Palestinian rioters. "The appropriate answer to murderous Palestinian terrorism, throughout Zionist history, was the expansion of settlements," he added. The last purchase claimed by the settlers in the city, the "Beit Hamachpela," also near the Cave of the Patriarchs, ended in disappointment after a military appeals committee discussed the issue and decided that the acquisition was not legally completed. In a prior purchasing incident, in 2007, "the Brown House" was inhabited by Jews with approval from the Supreme Court after many legal turnovers. Meanwhile, settlers affiliated with the Ir David Foundation NGO, or Elad, moved into a two-story building in the Silwan neighborhood of Wadi Hilwa in East Jerusalem on Wednesday. The bottom floor of the building was sold, according to residents, to the settler NGO by a local of Umm Tuba in south Jerusalem. The individual rejected the claims, swearing on the al-Aqsa Mosque that he hadn't sold the building to Jews. The second floor of the building was constructed relatively quickly in the last few months. (Haaretz 22 January 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

 Israeli Occupation Authorities forced Dabash family to demolish their 80 square house in Sur Baher town, south of Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC & Maannews 22 January 2016)

Israeli Military Orders

• Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an order to close the main road link between Beit 'Amra and Karam village, west of Yatta town in Hebron governorate. (Al-Quds 22 January 2016)

Israeli Closures

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance of An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city, and prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village. The IOA also, attacked the weekly non-violent protest against segregation wall and settlements. (Wafa 22 January 2016)

Other

Gov't promoting tax benefits for West Bank settlements. New initiative seeks to apply benefits in the fields of industry, agriculture and tourism for Israelis living beyond the Green Line as well. A legal memorandum published Wednesday night for the first time seeks to amend the Income Tax Ordinance, so that the tax benefits granted to businesses in the fields of industry, agriculture and tourism will also apply to businesses in West Bank settlements. This is a joint initiative involving several government agencies working, according to officials, to correct a distortion in the law. The initiative began after residents living in the West Bank claimed they were being discriminated against, and even petitioned the High Court of Justice on the subject in 2013. Until now, residents of the West Bank paid taxes but did not receive tax benefits in the above-mentioned categories. Now the government wants all the tax benefits to apply to all territories beyond the Green Line. This would be a precarious move that could provoke harsh criticism, partly due to the application of Israeli law and granting benefits to contested areas. According to the memorandum, existing legislation cannot apply the tax benefits and other incentives in these fields to the West Bank settlements. However, settlers do enjoy benefits given as part of a program to incentivize capital investments in the area. Because Israeli citizens living beyond the Green Line are subject to all of the commitments and obligations as Israelis living within the

- Green Line, the memorandum argues that the settlers should receive the aforementioned tax benefits as well. (<u>Ynetnews</u> 22 January 2016)
- Israeli newspaper of "Wallah", declared that two road are being built in the Regional Council of settlements Benjamin, illegal constructed on privately Palestinian- owned land. The Civil Administration claimed that they issued orders to demolish one of the road and to stop the construction on the second one. One of the roads was built between two neighborhoods in the settlement of Anatot, the length of the road 320 meters, and width 15 meters, passing on the land of the Palestinian village of Anata. According to the newspaper, the construction of the n the two roads has begun in 2012, but the civil administration issued an order to stop the construction on the roads. Recently, the settlers resumed the works. Noted that the local Council Chairman of Anata field a petition to the Supreme Court requesting issuance of injunction prevented further work on the territory of the village. The Second road is being built in Novi Frat area, and leads to an illegal outpost was built on State land, but homes built without a permit. The outpost was set up in 2014. And nowadays the Israeli settlers tried to legalize the outpost. Recently, work has begun on the expansion of the road up to 780 meters, including 240 yards passing on private Palestinian land, belonging also to the village of Anata. (PNN & Wallah 22 January 2016)
- The Israeli Civil Administration submitted a building scheme in Al Quds Daily Newspaper for Public Review¹. The Regional Plan No. (09/58/1616), Mandate scheme RJ/S/ירש, parts of basin number 2, piece number 97, which is a part of At Ta'amra area in Bethlehem governorate. The plan change the status of land from agricultural area to future residential and roads areas. (Al-Quds 22 January 2013)

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¹ It is the last step before approving the building scheme, after which, building permits and tenders may be issued