

# **ARIJ Daily Report**

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 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.* 

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#### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land near the border fence, east of Al Fakhari town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Wattan 24 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Battan Al Hawa neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired stun grenades and rubber bullets,

causing the injury of Yahya 'Anizat (30 years). (RB2000 24 January 2016)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and killed Mohammad Nabil Halabiya (15 years) from Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city, while he was near an Israeli Military base erected in the aforementioned town. (NBPRS & Shasha News 24 January 2016)

### Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Salem Rasem Ar-Rimawi and Ismail Mohammad Ar-Rimawi to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police after storming their houses in Beit Rima village in Ramallah governorate. (Wattan 24 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Hatim Qafshiya, Issa Al Ja'bari, Ibrahim Hassan and Wissam Al Qawasmi. (RB2000 & Wattan 24 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Abed Al Karem Al 'Aajouri and his son Siliman (22 years), Nedal Jaber Al Hasanat (24 years) and Fahmi Salah Qawar (44 years), to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming and searching their houses in Ad-Duhaisha refugee camp, south of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 24 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Deir Samit village in Hebron governorate. (Safa 24 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Halhul town, north of Hebron city. (Safa 24 January 2016)

#### Israeli Settler Violence

• Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in the courtyard of Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (NBPRS 24 January 2016)

#### Other

• Netanyahu seeks to return evicted settlers to Hebron houses. The prime minister says once proper permits are in place, the 80 settlers removed from the West Bank apartments could return to the apartments they say they bought from the Palestinians. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday he would allow Jewish settlers evicted by the IDF from two houses in the West Bank city of Hebron to return once proper permits were in place. About 80 settlers

were removed from Hebron on Friday a day after Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon withheld his required approval of their occupancy in apartments in a city where tensions between Israelis and Palestinians run high. The settler group said it had bought the homes from Palestinian owners. But Ya'alon said the settlers had failed to seek permission from Israeli authorities to move in and were trespassing. A Netanyahu aide said on Friday that the prime minister supported Ya'alon's decision to evict the settlers, a step that drew criticism from members of the right-wing coalition government and threats to withhold support in Knesset votes. But the aide said the settlers could take up residency again after completing the necessary paperwork. In public remarks at the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday, Netanyahu said his government "supports the settlements" and would expedite an examination of the settlers' case. "The moment that the purchase process is authorized, we will allow the population of the two houses in Hebron," Netanyahu said, confirming his aide's remarks. "The process of checking is starting today," he added. "We will do it as quickly as possible. If, in any case, it is not completed within a week, I will see to it that the cabinet receives a status report." Meanwhile, the government decided to form a ministerial committee on settlements, based on the recommendations of the 2012 Levy report. The committee's formation will essentially strip the defense minister of his authority to evacuate homes in the territories. Education Minister Naftali Bennett demanded the committee be formed as part of Bayit Yehudi's coalition agreement with the ruling Likud party. Some of the Likud ministers attacked Ya'alon, also a member of Likud, for the decision to evict the homes. "He caused an injustice that cries out to the heavens," claimed ministers Ze'ev Elkin and Yariv Levin. "It doesn't make sense that illegal construction in Hebron is enforced, but not in the Arab sector," Levin said. "According to what guidelines was the evacuation done? What are the actions you took before deciding to evict?" Ya'alon addressed the attacks on him from the right, telling Army Radio that he has "no common language" with Bayit Yehudi MK Bezalel Smotrich and certain critics in Likud. Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel referenced Ya'alon's words before a government meeting. "I have a common language with everyone," he said. "You always have to find ways to reach understandings and rather than criticize." Ariel explained Bayit Yehudi's demand to form a ministerial committee on settlements, saying "it shouldn't be a decision of just one minister but of a ministerial committee that represents the entire government." (Ynetnews 24 January 2016)