



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

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers and shepherds while they were near the border fence, east of Al Magahzi refugee camp, in the central of Gaza strip. (Safa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian workers from Al Awqaf committee to work near Bab As-Silsila area inside the courtyard of Al Aqsa mosque. (Wattan 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at DSO military checkpoint, which located at the northern entrance of Al Bireh city, shoot and

killed Amjad Jasser Sukari (29 years) from Al Jamna'in village, west of Nablus city, while he was crossing the checkpoint. (Wafa 31 January 2016)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba village, southwest of Jenin city. The IOA fired teargas grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle near Mikabem military checkpoint at the Israeli bypass road No.443, west of Ramallah city. As a result, the Palestinian driver was seriously injured. (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian store and a house in Beit Sahour town, east of Bethlehem city, and questioned the residents. The targeted house is owned by Fawzi Jum'a Jabaren. (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (Orient FM 31 January 2016)
- A Palestinian was injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the western entrance of Tuqu village, southeast of Bethlehem city. The IOA used rubber bullets and teargas grenades to attack Palestinians. (Al-Quds 31 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Tareq Ben Ziyed junction at the southern area of Hebron city. The IOA fired teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinian and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba village, northeast of Jerusalem city, after the IOA closed Jaba military checkpoint, and chased a number of vehicles tried to get out from Ramallah city, after the IOA closed all the entrances of the city. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Orient FM 31 January 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Houshiya (11 years), Mohammad Switi and Qassam An-Natsha (16 years). (Safa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Doud Rayan while he was in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (Safa 31 January 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Shufat refugee camp, north of Ramallah city, while they were at Bab Al Amoud neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Munther Talal Khalil (16 years) and Mohammad Tasir Taha (13 years). (SilwanIC & ARN 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fared Ziyad Al Jamal (19 years) from Jenin city, while he was interviewing the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc. (Wafa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fadi Najeh Abu Ali (21 years) after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of Sanur village, south of Jenin city, (Wafa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Al Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Baha Jihad Abed Al Ghafour Al Hamur (18 years) and Mohammad Ahmed Abed Ar-Raziq Abu Sal (20 years). (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Mahmoud Fathi Al Qawasmi, Salah Issa Al Muhtaseb and Abed AL Hafed Adnan Al Muhtaseb. (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Ash-Shuyyukh village, north of Hebron city. Two of the arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Ibrahim Tafesh Haliqa (24 years) and Ismail Mahir 'Ashour Haliqa (21 years). (RB2000 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhiy Mohammad Suman (18 years) after raiding his family house in Bethlehem city. (Orient FM 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Taha Abu Latifah (22 years) after storming his family house in Al Jab'a village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Orient FM 31 January 2016)
- Undercover Israeli Army kidnapped Sharaf Fesal At-Tamimi (23 years) after storming his house in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. (Maannews 31 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. (NBPRS 31 January 2016)

Israel Military Orders

- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military order to halt the construction in a 160 square meters under construction house in Wad Ash-Shaikh area, near Jerusalem-Hebron road, in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The targeted house is owned by Osama Mohammad Salem Al 'Alami. During the operation, the Israeli Army seized a number of construction materials. (NBPRS 31 January 2016)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an order to confiscate 5 dunums of Palestinian land at Al Hadaf water-spring in AL Walaja village, west of Bethlehem city. The Israeli Army erected a board in the area that warned the Palestinians from entering it. (PNN 31 January 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint near Ein Siniya village, at Ramallah- Nablus road, north of Ramallah city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards, and prevented Palestinians from crossing it. (Wafa 31 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrances of Silwad town, northeast of Ramallah city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards, and prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village. (Wafa 31 January 2016)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli Occupation Authorities declared that they will prevented Palestinians, not holding ID cards from Ramallah and Al Bierh Governorate, from entering Ramallah city, starting from the 1st of February 2016. (Maannews 31 January 2016)

Other

- **Gov't approves mixed prayer area at Western Wall.** New area will be located south of the existing prayer areas, and will be used by Reform and Conservative Jews to pray according to their custom; Haredi parties voted against plan, but accept it as 'lesser of evils.' The government approved on Sunday the creation of a mixed prayer area at the Western Wall in which both men and women can pray together. According to the proposed arrangement, a new prayer area will be set up south of the existing separate prayer areas. The new prayer area

will be modeled on the one set up at Robinson's Arch two years ago where Women of the Wall could worship, and will allow Reform and Conservative Jews to pray according to their custom. This is an achievement for the Women of the Wall group, which has been fighting for women's prayer rights at the Kotel, aided by both female and male MKs. The Women of the Wall group wishes to pray and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall, while also wearing prayer shawls. The compromise agreement, which was formulated by a team headed by Cabinet Secretary Avichai Mandelblit and signed by Women of the Wall and the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, ensures that "the Western Wall will be open and accessible to any Jew seeking to pray in a manner that befits his identify and beliefs." The new prayer area will be made "respectable, accessible and visible, and serve as an integral part of the Western Wall site." However, the new area will not be connected to the existing separate men and women sections, as it is on a lower level, and located on the other side of the Mughrabi Bridge leading to the Temple Mount. In addition, because of the political sensitivity over construction at the site, it is not possible to create contiguity between the different prayer areas, but the three areas will share an entrance. The Western Wall Heritage Foundation will not be responsible over the new area, as it is on the existing one - it will instead be managed by a public council formed at the Prime Minister's Office. Among the council's members will be representatives of the non-Orthodox sectors and Women of the Wall. In return, the Chief Rabbinate will have full authority over the prayer customs at the existing separate men and women prayer sections. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the proposal "a compromise on this delicate issue in a place that is supposed to unite the Jewish People. While I know that this is a delicate issue, I think that this is a fair and creative solution." While voting against the plan, ministers from the ultra-Orthodox parties Shas and United Torah Judaism decided not to use their right of veto to thwart the plan, which would have led to a crisis in the coalition because they view it as "the lesser of evils" compared to previous proposals that allocated larger areas of prayer for the mixed section. The haredim are worried of the precedent set by the plan, which will in effect serve as state recognition of Reforms and Conservatives as legitimate Jewish movements. On the other hand, the agreement does enshrine in law the ultra-Orthodox control over the existing prayer area, keeping liberal entities away from it. Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel (Bayit Yehudi) said ahead of the vote that he intends to oppose the plan, saying it is "unnecessary and hurts the Jewish tradition, which is important to all of us. The reform Jews from Israel, and mostly from abroad, are intentionally harming the

values we hold dear, and allowing them into the Western Wall (on its southern side) will offend traditional Israeli citizens." But it's not just members of the religious factions that opposed the proposal. The project is estimated to cost over NIS 30 million and according to government officials, three Likud ministers - Ze'ev Elkin, Yariv Levin and Miri Regev - all refused to allocate funds for the prayer area from their ministries. Because of that, the Prime Minister's Office, the Finance Ministry and the Diaspora Affairs Ministry allocated a total of NIS 25 million from their respective budgets to set up the prayer area and its access paths to the Western Wall, while the Jewish Agency will add NIS 10 million for the project. An additional NIS 10 million are still needed and a solution for that will be found in the coming month. ([Ynetnews](#) & [Haaretz](#) 31 January 2016)