



# 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 bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Army staged 150 meters into the eastern part of Deir Al Balah city in the Gaza strip, and razed vast area of Palestinian land. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) staged few meters into Palestinian agricultural land, near the border fence, northeast of Al Qarara town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Maannews 1 June 2016)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired teargas grenades and rubber bullets, causing the injury of two Palestinians. (Wafa 1 June 2016)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 6 Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in several neighborhoods in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Abed Al Mu'az Fouad Abu Khalaf (45 years), Ahmed Abu Ash-Sharif (25 years), Baha Zahda (35 years), Wael Al Baytar (36 years), Tareq Rasmi Abed Ar-Rahem Jaber (26 years), and Rami Mohammad Hussen Ziyada (38 years). The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wassem Jamel Hussen (25 years) after storming his house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Ali Mahmoud Abu Warda (21 years) after raiding his family house in Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wael Mohammad Taha Taritah (39 years) after raiding his house in Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron city. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Tubas city. The arrestees were identified as: Hamza and Mu'men Daraghmah, and Ahmed Muas Daraghmah. (RB2000 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mustafah Abu Rihan after raiding his house in Tammun village, southeast of Tubas city. (RB2000 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mus'ab Ibrahim Sabah from Nablus governorate. (Al- Quds 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ihab Munir Zied from Qalqiliyah governorate. (Al-Quds 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Anas Wahdan from Qalandiya refugee camp, north of Jerusalem city, while he was interviewing the Israeli Intelligence Police. (Al-Quds 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained and questioned 45 Palestinians and arrested 5 others after storming their houses in At-Tur/ Olive mount and As-Sawana neighborhoods in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Abu Ghanam, Abdalla Abu Ghanam, Kefah Abu Al Hawa, Amir Rabah Al Hader and Daoud Musa Abu Al Hawa. (Wafa 1 June 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. (Wafa 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Interior Minister; Arye Dery, with a group of Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Joseph tomb, east of Nablus city, and performed Talmudic rituals. (RB2000 1 June 2016)

## **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli High Court approved on the demolition of a Palestinian house in Beit 'Amra village, south of Hebron city. The targeted house owned by Id'iss family. (Maannews 1 June 2016)
- Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued an administrative order to stop the construction of "bathroom units" near Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (Maannews 1 June 2016)

## **Other**

- EU Warns Israel: Policy of Demolishing Palestinian Homes in Area C Will Harm Relations. Israeli official details tense and difficult meeting in which the EU expressed opposition to 'home demolition and forced evacuation of populations'. The European Union sent a very harsh message to Israel a few days ago regarding the demolition of Palestinian structures in Area C of the West Bank, including some that were built with EU funding. In a meeting with the coordinator of activities in the territories Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai last week, the EU ambassador to Israel, Lars Faaborg Andersen, warned that a continuation of the massive demolition of Palestinian homes in the West Bank is liable to harm relations between the EU and Israel. A senior Israel official, who was informed about details of the meeting, noted that it was tense and difficult. The official requested anonymity due to the diplomatic sensitivity of the issue. He said that the EU ambassador strongly protested the demolition and said that Israel's policy is harming the weakest Palestinian populations. Area C, which constitutes about 60 percent of the West Bank, is under full Israeli security and civilian control. The Palestinians and the international community consider the area as the main land reserve for the future Palestinian state. Israel for its part wants part of Area C, where the settlements are located, to remain in its hands. The official said that the EU ambassador emphasized in the meeting with Mordechai that the

organization and its 28 member countries believe that Israel's demolishing of Palestinian homes in Area C is a serious blow to the two-state solution. "Public opinion in Europe is opposed to home demolition and forced evacuation of populations," he said. Since the start of 2016 there has been a significant increase in the activity of the Civil Administration against what Israel describes as illegal construction by Palestinians in Area C, especially construction funded by the EU. There were two reasons for the increase - heavy political pressure by right-wing MKs, headed by Moti Yogeve and Bezalel Smotrich of Habayit Hayehudi, on the coordinator of activities in the territories, and an Israeli attempt to apply pressure and to adopt sanctions against the EU in response to the decision to label products from the settlements in the European supermarket chains. While the EU claims that the construction it funds in Area C is humanitarian assistance to Palestinian residents, Israel claims that it's a political step designed to help the Palestinians to establish facts on the ground. According to United Nations statistics, in all of 2015 Israel destroyed 75 buildings funded by the EU, and a total of 531 Palestinian structures. In the first four months of 2016 alone an identical number of EU-funded buildings were demolished, and about 591 Palestinian structures in all. According to Dutch statistics, during 2015 damage totaling 206,000 euros was caused as a result of Israeli enforcement activities. In the first third of 2016 alone EU projects in Area C sustained damages totaling 210,000 euros as a result of Israeli activity. According to UN figures, 688 Palestinians remained homeless as a result of demolitions in 2015, compared to 808 in the first third of 2016. The EU ambassador told Mordechai that it's impossible to explain Israeli policy in Europe - on the one hand it destroys illegally constructed buildings and on the other it offers the Palestinians no possibility of building legally and fails to approve master plans and development for the Palestinians in Area C. Faaborg-Andersen also discussed the Bedouin population in Area EI between Ma'aleh Adumim and Jerusalem. Israel carried out several demolitions there. The ambassador told Mordechai that Israeli activities leading to a forced transfer of a Bedouin population or a denial of its rights contradict international law and are not accepted in the EU. The senior official said that following the complaints by the ambassador, Mordechai explained that Israel will continue to demolish illegal Palestinian construction in Area C. He also said that he himself and the Civil Administration are under criticism by MKs. He claimed that the Palestinian Authority encourages foreign countries and organizations to build in Area C, and especially in places considered strategic for Israel. It was agreed that their future would be decided in future negotiations. He said that the PA also pressures the Bedouin to

oppose any compromise offer by Israel, thereby preventing a solution to the problem. The ambassador's harsh message comes on the backdrop of strong political pressure on EU Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini from a large group of members of the European Parliament who are demanding confrontation with Israel on the subject of the demolitions, and particularly of building funded by the EU. Three weeks ago Mogherini attending a special hearing on the subject in the EP plenum. She said that there are discussions among EU members about the possibility of demanding compensation from Israel for the destruction of buildings constructed with European money. The EU has been conducting negotiations with Israel for several months on the subject of the demolitions in Area C. The Europeans demanded that Israel totally freeze the demolitions, especially of European-financed buildings. The sides have yet to reach understandings and another meeting is scheduled in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem on June 15. ([Haaretz](#) 1 June 2016)