



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) invaded and searched a Palestinian house in Beit Hanina town, north of Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by the family of the Palestinian prisoner in the Israeli Jail; Sahar An-Natsha. (Safa 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged few meters into the northern part of Gaza strip, and opened fire at the Palestinian houses. (Maannews 23 March 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a Palestinian house in Yabad town, west of Jenin city, questioned the residents and opened fire at the house. The targeted house is owned by Yahya Abu Shamlah. During the operation, the IOA detained two Palestinians (Laith and Ya'esh Abu Shamalah). (PNN 23 March 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Basel Thalbi Abu Yacoub Ar-Rimawi after storming his house in Beit Rima village, northwest of Ramallah city. (PNN 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hasan Qasoul from Kafr Ad-Dik village, west of Salfit city. (PNN 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding his house in Biddya village, west of Salfit city. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Emil Aqil and Diya Emil Aqil (28 years). (Maannews & PNN 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Saher Riziq Alla from 'Attil village, north of Tulkarm city. (PNN 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Beit Fajar village, south of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Ameer Mohammad Taqatqih (24 years), Mohammad Jalal Taqatqih (20 years) and Mohammad Salem Thawabtih (28 years). (PNN 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Barta'a Ash-Sharqiya village, west of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Amid Tareq Qabha (18 years), Rida Ahmed Tawfeq Qabha (19 years) and Mansour Abdalla Ahmed Mas'oud (23 years). (Al-Quds 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Aref Mohammad Fehdat (50 years) from Jericho governorate. (Maannews 23 March 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Iyad Amro (23 years) after storming his family house in Jenin city. (Wafa 23 March 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a Palestinian shepherd; Ayman Atallah Sawfan, from Burin village, south of Nablus city. (Wattan 23 March 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. Noted that the IOA tightened its procedures at the entrances of the mosque,

where they prevented Palestinians under the age of 40 years from entering the mosque. (Wafa 23 March 2016)

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out a party at the courtyard of the Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron, and chanted anti- Palestinian slogans. (Maannews 23 March 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Joseph tomb near Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus city, and performed Talmudic rituals. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases. (Maannews 23 March 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Khirbet Tana near Beit Furik village, southeast of Nablus city, and demolished a number of residential tents, animal sheds and agricultural structures. The IOA also confiscated two vehicles owned by Wasef Abu As-So'oud and As'ad Mohammad As'ad Hinni. (Safa 23 March 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the entrances of Idhna and Beit Ummer towns in Hebron governorate. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Al-Quds 23 March 2016)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed with cement blocks the main entrances of Hebron city. Where the IOA closed with the iron gate the western entrance of the city, and erected military checkpoints at the northern entrances; at An-Nabi Younis area and Hahlul bridge, and closed Sada A Fahes area at the eastern entrance of Hebron city. (Al-Quds 23 March 2016)

Other

- Settler Volunteers to Combat Bedouin Construction in West Bank. Group known as the Jerusalem Periphery Forum planning to patrol road in Gush Adumim, between Kfar Adumim and Jericho, over

Passover. Residents of the four Gush Adumim settlements, in the West Bank near Jerusalem, have formed a volunteer policing unit to combat what they call a "Palestinian takeover of Gush land." Members of the unit recently underwent training in a civil policing course. The unit is the second group initiative by members of the settlements of Kfar Adumim, Nofei Prat, Alon and Mitzpeh Yeriho. They also work together in the Jerusalem Periphery Forum, the objective of which is to prevent Bedouin construction on both sides of Highway No. 1 between Ma'aleh Adumim and Jericho. The Bedouin construction is partially funded by the European Union. The forum plans to conduct patrols in the area in the coming four days (Purim and the weekend,) when Civil Administration inspectors will be on vacation. A spokesman for the forum told Haaretz that the patrols are meant to prevent a repetition of last year's events, when the Purim vacation was exploited for the construction of 22 prefabricated buildings for Bedouin in several compounds in the area. In early January, the settlement of Ein Prat invited "volunteers of the project for guarding the land and the residents of Gush Adumim," to an informational evening in Kfar Adumim to be conducted by the police. It presented the initiative as "the formation of a policing unit as part of the activity for guarding the land and maintaining security in the Gush Adumim area." According to the Facebook post, work on the joint project with the police has been going on for a long time, and now "conditions have ripened for setting it in motion: Turning the voluntary activity to guard the land into a voluntary police unit in which the volunteers are residents of Gush Adumim. "We will operate the unit to maintain security and guard the land of the Gush in full coordination with the Ma'aleh Adumim police and under their auspices. The volunteers will have a police volunteer card and will use police vehicles and operate according to the law, in order to prevent hostile terror activity and criminal activity, which to our regret takes place frequently in the area, and of course to prevent Palestinian takeover of Gush land." The liaisons for the unit, according to the post, are the four security officers of the settlements, community policeman Itzik Ovadia and Yaniv Aharoni, the Jerusalem Periphery Forum's coordinator of Gush Adumim land. Forum spokesman Arik Ben Shimon told Haaretz that the police volunteer unit is in the final stages of formation and has not yet begun to operate. He said that the volunteers, who sign for weapons, will be accompanied by policemen, as is usual in all volunteer police units in the country, and that they will operate in the areas of the Blue Line – the master plan boundaries of the settlement area which includes the territory in which Bedouin communities are dispersed. Dudi Asraf, spokesman for the Judea and Samaria Police District, told Haaretz in a written response that

volunteer police units exist throughout the country and provide enhanced service to civilians. Each unit is headed by a community policeman and volunteers are trained according to a national standard. Once trained, they are authorized to operate in the field. The police consider the volunteers policemen for all intents and purposes and high-quality reinforcements. "Gush Adumim volunteers have been operating for years," Asraf wrote, though his statement contradicts the information given by the forum spokesman. Regarding the patrols in the next four days, the forum's Ben Shimon told Haaretz that several people had signed up and more were expected. Owners of four-wheel drive vehicles have been asked to contribute six hours of their time and to "help to patrol the Adumim area and to keep track of illegal European and Palestinian construction." Just patrolling the area will serve as a deterrent, Ben Shimon said. The intention is to mount similar patrols during the Passover vacation, when the Civil Administration inspectors will again be on vacation. "The volunteers will patrol the area and will carry out surveillance and report to the police in order to prevent illegal construction designed to establish a terror state on Highway no. 1," Ben Shimon wrote to Haaretz. Bedouin residents report that the inspection and demolition activity of the Civil Administration and the inspection activity of the right-wing association Regavim for guarding state land has been so intensive in recent months that they had the impression that the settlers themselves were not engaged in spying on them. ([Haaretz](#) 23 March 2016)