

# **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.

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## Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a number of greenhouses in Sahil Marj Bani Ameer area, west of Jenin city. (ARN 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land near the border fence, at Wadi Al Salqa area, east of Deir Al Balah city in the central of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and injured Ahmed Khalil Salaah from Al Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city, after

stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA near Qaber Hilwah area, east of Beit Sahour town, east of Bethlehem city. (Al-Quds 31 May 2015)

#### Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Barhan Turkman (17 years) after storming his family house in Yabad town, west of Jenin city. During the operation, The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinian houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Taha Shawahnah while he was leaving Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (Pal Today 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ameer Al Bazlamet (27 years) after storming and searching his house in Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (ARN 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Beitillu village, north of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 31 May 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Hebron city. (Al-Quds 31 May 2015)

#### Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked three Palestinians; Fadi At-Tawel (22 years), Bilal Salah (21 years) and Hamada Abu Za'noun 922 years), in Tal Al-Ramida neighborhood in the central of Hebron city. (NBPRS 31 May 2015)
- Eight dunums of Palestinians agricultural land were destroyed after the Israeli settlers living in Itamar settlement lets go their pigs at land in Awarta village, south of Nablus city. (NBPRS 31 May 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city, toured in its courtyard and tried to perform Talmudic rituals. (NBPRS 31 May 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Ramat Yesh colonial neighborhoods in Hebron city, set fire in a Palestinian house, and hurled stones at it, in Tal Ar-Rumida neighborhood in the central of Hebron city. The targeted house is owned by Imad Awni Abu Shamsiya. (Al-Quds 31 May 2015)

### Confiscation & Razing of lands

• Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) started to construct an Israeli bypass road (length 150 meters) on Palestinian land in Al Barijma area, east of Asira Al Qibliya village,

south of Nablus city. the new road will link an Israeli military tower to the water tank in the village. Noted that the construction of this road will prevent dozens of Palestinian farmers from reaching their land in the aforementioned area. (Pal Info 31 May 2015)

#### Israeli Closures

• Israeli Occupation Amy (IOA) closed Hawara, Za'tara and Beit Ibia military checkpoints in Hebron governorate. The IOA prevented Palestinians from crossing these checkpoints. (Orient FM 31 May 2015)

#### Other

Israel axes controversial West Bank land procedure in wake of petition. State attorney's office rescinds practice that let Civil Administration declare West Bank land state property without telling Palestinians. The state attorney's office has rescinded a Civil Administration practice under which it could declare an area state land without informing Palestinians who might have asserted a claim to the land. Since 1999, the Civil Administration has made use of the procedure, known as "blue line," in which a team of legal experts, cartographers and inspectors would review maps from the 1980s on which land had been declared state land, and redraw the maps with the precision of the digital age. The process has been carried out with respect to land adjacent to West Bank Jewish settlements in anticipation of their future expansion, and in cases in which old construction plans had never been carried out and the settlements intended at this later stage to start construction. A total of 262 parcels of land have been dealt with to date employing this procedure. Over the years, however, it has become apparent that in the guise of injecting precision into which land has been declared state land, the Civil Administration has added land that was not declared state land in the past. The results of the blue line procedure have not been made public and there was no opportunity to appeal the way in which the lines were drawn. In practice, the procedure bypassed the Palestinians in the area. By contrast, in other instances in which land is declared state land, the Civil Administration posts a map showing its boundaries and informs the heads of nearby West Bank Palestinian villages. In such cases, there is a right to appeal the decision within 45 days and neighboring Palestinians are given an opportunity to present evidence that the land is in fact privately owned. In November, the Israeli human rights organizations Bimkom-Planners for Planning Rights and Yesh Din-Volunteers for Human Rights, along with the heads of the Palestinian villages Zawiya, Luban al-Sharqiya and Karyut in the northern West Bank near the settlement of Eli, challenged the blue line practice before the High Court of Justice. The petitioners contended that the master plan approved for Eli in 2012 included "blue line" that added 221 dunams (about 55 acres) to state land in the area. It should also be noted that the master plan also removed 60 dunams (some 15 acres) that had previously been designated state land from that designation, meaning that the land was acknowledged to be privately-owned Palestinian land. Complicating matters, however, there were more than 100 homes of Jewish settlers built on the 60 dunams, but the Civil Administration has not ordered them demolished. In advance of a May court hearing in the case, the state attorney's office informed the High Court that it had decided to rescind the Civil Administration's blue line practice and replace it with a new procedure: The results of the blue line procedure will be made public and may be appealed to the Civil Administration. The petitioners, represented by attorneys Michael Sfard and Shlomit Zacharia, have said they are not satisfied with the change and are demanding that the state be required to make a formal designation of state land in these instances. At the hearing, the justices asked the state to give additional consideration to its position. The case is pending. (<u>Haaretz</u> 31 May 2015)