

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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Ash-Shuyyukh village, north of Hebron city. (Al-Ayyam 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and injured Suliman Ahmed (22 years) after stopping him at Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. (Wattan 25 October 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Sair town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber and live

- bullets, and teargas grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases and the injury of three people. (RB2000 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Wadi Shaheen area in Bethlehem city and fired teargas grenades at Palestinian houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA summoned Issam Atta Ash-Sha'ir (41 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc. (Al-Quds 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and killed Danya Jehad Hussen Irshed (17 years) while she was near the Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron. Noted that the IOA prevented the ambulance to reach her. (Al-Quds 25 October 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after stopping him at Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. (Safa 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Sa'di Al Hih (20 years) from the old city of Hebron. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Watta 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ibrahim Radwan Al Titi from Al Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city, after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at Gush Etzion junction. Noted that the IOA confiscated NIS 50 thousand were with the arrestee. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (ARN 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mansour Ahmed Abu Gharbiya (49 years) and his son Ahmed (18 years) after raiding their houses in As-Sawana neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Kamal Ahmed Al 'awar (15 years) and summoned Ahmed Jalal Al 'awar (19 years) and his brother Bilal (21 years) and Ayed Khalil Absan to interview the Israeli intelligence Police, after storming their house in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Omar Khalil Abu Al Hawa (16 years) after raiding his house in At-Tur town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fared Khalil Fared Abed (18 years) from Al Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hamuda Jamal Qari (22 years) from Shufat refugee camp, north of Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Aziz Mohammad Al Fajar (16 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after raiding his family house in Dar Salah village, east of Bethlehem city. Noted that the IOA arrested Mr.Fajar while he was interviewing the Israeli Intelligence Police. (RB2000 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians and summoned Wateen Aziz Al 'Asa (17 years) and Munir Mohammad Shanaita (22 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming and searching their houses in Al Ubidiya town, northeast of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Khalid Mohammad Radaida (17 years)m Ziedan Ahmed Shayeb (15 years) and Hisham Nabil Radaida (19 years). (Al-Quds & RB2000 25 October 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wail Al Faqih (45 years) from Nablus city after stopping him at 'Atara military checkpoint, north of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 25 Oct9ober 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle traveling at Ramallah-Nablus road. (Pal Today 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) gathered near Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city and chanted anti-Palestinian slogans. (Pal Today 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) gathered at Ash-Shuhada street in the central of Hebron city. (RB2000 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Rachel tomb, at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. (NBPRS 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IAO) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (NBPRS 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers gathered at the entrance of Kafr d-Dik village, west of Salfit city. (PNN 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers torched a Palestinian vehicle in Um Tuba neighborhood in Jerusalem city and wrote anti-Palestinian slogans on the vehicle. (Al-Quds 25 October 2015)

- An Israeli settler opened fire and seriously injured Azam Azmi Shalalda (20 years) while he was harvesting olive trees at Wadi Sair area in Hebron governorate. (Al-Quds 25 October 2015)
- An Israel settler stab Tamir Shawkat Khdair from Beita village, south
 of Nablus city, while he was at the entrance of Kafl Hair village in Salfit
 governorate. After the attack, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA)
 stormed Beita village and arrested Tamir Shawkat Khdair. (Al-Quds &
 Maannews 25 October 2015)
- Israeli settlers hurled stones at Palestinian houses and commercial structures, which located at the main street in Huwara village, south of Nablus city. (Al-Quds 25 October 2015)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced Abeer Ar-Rajabi to demolish her 100 square meters house in Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem city. The targeted house is inhabited by 8 family member (Abeer and her husband and 5 children) (SilwanIC 25 October 2015)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

 Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the western entrance of Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (ARN 25 October 2015)

Other

Hasson (Zionist Union) said that the Likud gave into religious rightwing extremists. The Finance Committee is prepared to vote this week, possibly as early as Monday, on a new list of periphery communities that qualify for tax breaks. The list excludes most West Bank settlements, as well as some Israeli cities, such as Ma'alot and Nahariya, which had previously enjoyed the tax benefits. A meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the heads of coalition on Sunday affirmed the list that was prepared by Finance Committee Chairman Moshe Gafni. The number of periphery towns and cities to receive tax breaks will increase from 192 to 407, based on new eligibility criteria. The budget for the expanded list will go up from NIS 850 million to NIS 1.2 billion. Kiryat Arba and settlements in the Har Hebron region of the West Bank are among 28 Judea and Samaria communities included in the slate of periphery towns to

receive a six percent tax break, because they meet the same criteria as the other municipalities. On Sunday, the coalition party heads added the Jewish community of Hebron to the list. MK Bezalel Smotrich (Bayit Yehudi) called last week for 60 settlements under high security risk to be given tax benefits, saying that the Prime Minister's Office and Finance Ministry agreed to do so, but Knesset Finance Committee chairman Moshe Gafni (UTJ) was adamantly opposed, saying it would be too costly, and his position was accepted on Sunday. Instead, the coalition party leaders agreed to give the settlements under risk security grants. Smotrich said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is "trampling settlements in Judea and Samaria" and called on his party leader, Education Minister Naftali Bennett, not to accept the outcome. "This is another way that Netanyahu is harming settlements. In the last two years, Bibi hasn't allowed planning or construction, and now he is excluding them from tax benefits," Smotrich stated. Deputy Housing Minister Jackie Levy, however, was satisfied with the decision, and thanked Netanyahu, Finance Minister Kahlon, Gafni and government liaison to the Knesset Tourism Minister Yariv Levin for "standing up to pressure and fulfilling their promise to those fighting the just battle for residents of the periphery, which bore fruit." Still, towns in the periphery whose benefits were slashed lamented the decision, and some threatened to go on strike. Nahariya Mayor Jacky Sabag said that the towns whose benefits were cut will go on strike on Wednesday, and that he and Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Bohbot are working on a plan to fight the changes. According to Sabag, many people decide to live in the periphery because of the tax break. "Nahariya is the biggest city in the [Western Galilee] region and it provides work to many residents and employers," he stated. "If the percentages of the benefit are reduced, it will be a serious blow that we cannot absorb." Acre mayor Shimon Lankri wrote a letter to Netanyahu and Kahlon demanding that his town continue to receive tax benefits. The new criteria "can cause great damage to the continued development of the city and will cause people to leave," he wrote. "In the name of the residents of the city of Acre, I ask you to oppose the new outline, examine the map of beneficiaries in a measured, responsible way and leave the tax benefits the way they are today." MK Yoel Hasson (Zionist Union) said that the Likud gave into religious right-wing extremists. "Netanyahu lied to periphery residents. 10,565 residents of Nahariya voted for the Likud in the last election. Not a year has passed since Likud MKs went to get votes from the periphery, and today they're being thrown in the trash in favor of the true guests of honor in the Likud, residents of isolated settlements," Hasson stated. MK Esawi Frej (Meretz) wondered "how twisted can a government's priorities be if it gives tax benefits to

- Jewish 'provocateurs' in Hebron and takes them away from Nahariya and Ma'alot." According to Frej, the decisions were made "under threats from Smotriches" and shows that those who threaten end up benefiting. (<u>IPOST</u> 25 October 2015)
- Ya'alon: There is no West Bank settlement freeze. "The Palestinians didn't come to the [negotiating] table even when we froze construction," defense minister said. Israel plans to continue to build responsibly in Judea and Samaria, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said on Sunday, attempting to dispel rumors that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had promised the Americans he would stop Jewish building in the West Bank. "We haven't frozen construction," Ya'alon told Israel Radio. "No decision was taken to do so." The only freeze Netanyahu has ever imposed was a moratorium on settlement starts for ten months from November 2009 to September 2010. That moratorium was the result of American pressure, but in the end, it didn't lead to anything, Ya'alon noted. "Since then we have been building," he said. One of the Palestinians' criteria for the resumption of talks with Israel is a freeze on settlement construction and Jewish building in Judea and Samaria. It has also turned to the International Criminal Court, which has yet to make a decision on the issue. The US has termed such construction as harmful to the peace process, but Ya'alon said he didn't believe that halting building over the pre- 1967 lines would move the peace process forward. "The Palestinians didn't come to the [negotiating] table even when we froze construction," Ya'alon said. Israel, he said, has continued to build responsibly in Judea and Samaria with an understanding that such activity is under "unjust" intense international scrutiny, both legally with regard to the ICC and from the UN Security Council. On Saturday night, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also issued a tweet in which he said, "Israel has not made any commitments not to authorize new building in Judea and Samaria." But settlers have argued for months that there is a de-facto freeze, because Netanyahu has failed to advance plans that would allow construction to continue in the future. (IPOST 25 October 2015)