



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 January 2015

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 number of Palestinian commercial stores in As-Samu town, south of Hebron city, and questioned the owners. (Pal Info 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Asira Ash-Shamaliya village, north of Nablus city, surrounded a mosque and detained and questioned 8 Palestinians identified as: Nasser Jawabrah, Hilmi Sawalmah, Anas Hamadnah, Osama Sholi, Mahmoud Rawajbah, Ghassan Sharqa, Ruslan Yassen and Zahi Yassen. During the

operation, the IOA summoned Anas Jamlan to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police, after raiding his house in the village. (Maannews 22 January 2015)

- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (RB2000 22 January 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 22 January 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Tulkarm refugee camp in Tulkarm city. The arrestees were identified as: Younis Ibrahim Matrouk (20 years) and Haitham Jamal Kharbush (27 years). (Mawwal 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their family houses in Beitillu village, northwest of Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Omar Mahmoud Ziyad (19 years) and Mohammad Faiz Ziyad (21 years). The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Mawwal 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Abbas Ar-Rimawi and his brother Ghassan after stopping them at the entrance of An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. (Wafa 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Dura town, southwest of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Azz Hribat, Mohammad Hamdan and Yasir Masharqa. (Pal Info 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Yousif Khalaf (24 years) after storming his family house in Birqin village, west of Jenin city. (Wafa 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian women while they were leaving Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Nour Abu Isninah and Hour Abdeen (14 years). (Pal Info 22 January 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Al-Quds 22 January 2015)

- Israeli settlers living in Efrat settlement hurled stones at Palestinian houses in Jurat Ash-Sham'a and Marah Ma'alla villages, south of Bethlehem city. (Al-Quds 22 January 2015)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a residential tent and a barracks in Al-Mughayyir village, northeast of Ramallah city. The Israeli Authorities claimed that the targeted structures are located in area classified as "Israeli Firing Zone". The targeted structures are owned by : Abed Ibrahim Abu 'aliya. (Wattan 22 January 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a number of residential tents and barracks in Beit Iksa village, northwest of Jerusalem city. The targeted structures are owned by Ad-Dawahek family. (Wafa 22 January 2015)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel retroactively okayed illegal settlement construction Under Housing Ministry Uri Ariel, disproportionate government building subsidies siphoned into West Bank. The Housing Ministry subsidized retroactively the illegal construction of dozens of housing units in the West Bank settlement Ofra. As Haaretz reported on Wednesday, nearly a third of the state's budget for subsidized housing has been transferred to the territories since Uri Ariel became housing and construction minister two years ago. Also, according to figures released by the ministry, 28 percent of the housing units subsidized by its rural construction administration over the past four years were built in the settlements – even though the settlements comprise only 10 percent of the communities on the map of national priority areas. Ofra, for example, received 1.7 million shekels for building 66 apartments, at the cost of about 27,000 shekels per apartment. This means buyers had to add 194,000 shekels to the subsidized development costs. The funding was authorized by the ministry's rural construction administration on December 18 2013. But the construction work had begun without authorization or permits already three years earlier. The Amana settlement movement, which is responsible for massive illegal construction in the territories, started extensive construction work in an area that was confiscated from its Palestinian owners and given to Ofra at the end of 2010. In April 2011 Palestinians claiming to be the owners petitioned the High Court of Justice against the construction on their land. In June 2011 Justice Miram Naor issued an interim injunction banning construction work on the site. Several homes had

already been inhabited before the injunction was issued, while dozens of others were stuck in various construction stages. In January 2014 the Defense Ministry's Civil Administration approved the construction retroactively and signed a master plan for the area. The Housing Ministry claims it only passed on the money after a valid master plan had been submitted. But according to reports issued by the ministry, the construction began in 2011, which means the ministry officials knew it was going on without a permit. Haaretz's analysis of the information that the ministry published about the subsidies provided over the past four years shows the state assisted in the construction of 8,800 housing units, 2,400 of them in the settlements. The total cost of the subsidy for building in the settlements during those years was 184 million shekels (\$46.7 million) – 35 percent of the development budgets that were provided. Funds from numerous budgets have been diverted to the settlements since Ariel of Naftali Bennett's Habayit Hayehudi party took office in March 2013. The Housing Ministry said on Wednesday that the master plan for Ofra, on which the ministry based its approval for the development costs, was released in January 2014 but had been valid since December 2013. The ministry subsidizes the public development – not the construction – and began doing so only after the master plan had been approved, it said. "If there was illegal construction ... before the master plan had been approved, then the local authority is responsible for it. The authority's duty is to enforce the law and prevent illegal construction," the ministry replied. ([Haaretz](#) 22 January 2015)