

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 06 July 2015

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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 against Palestinian violence 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 a Palestinian house in Jabal Al Mukabbir town in Jerusalem city, took photos to the house from the inside and outside and from the roads and the neighborhood. The targeted house is owned by the family of the Palestinian martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal. (SilwanIC 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a Palestinian house in Jabal Al Mukabbir town, south of Jerusalem city and took photos for the house form the inside and outside. The targeted house is owned by the family

of a Palestinian martyr; Mohammad Nayef Ja'abes. (SilwanIC 6 July 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a Palestinian house in Ath-Thawri neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city and took photos for the house from the inside and outside. The targeted house is owned by the family of a Palestinian martyr; Mutaz Hijazi. (SilwanIC 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian land located near the border fence at Johr Ad-Dik area, east of Gaza city. (Al-Quds 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) up more security cameras at Bab Al Amoud area in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 6 July 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians while they were near Karm Abu Salem area, south of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 5 Palestinians from Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Hussam Hassan (15 years), Ahmed Al Ghoul (17 years), Mohammad Imad Awad (18 years), Nour Ad-Diyn Zaghal (17 years) and Mu'men Adela (17 years). (SilwanIC 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bilah Afanah and his son after raiding their house in Sur Baher town, south of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 6 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Fathi Fakhri Akhalil (21 years) after storming his house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hberon city. During the operation, the IOA assaulted the arrestee and his brother Nasser. (Wafa 6 July 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a Palestinian child (14 years) in Jerusalem city. And at the same time, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian children. (Wafa 6 July 2015)

Other

• Jerusalem's Local Committee for Planning and Construction approved the plan for the "Green Line" of the light rail, which will allow direct travel from Gilo to Mt. Scopus (Har HaTzofim). The plan for the Green Line, which was formulated by the Ministry of Transportation and the Jerusalem Municipality, was approved by the Local Committee for Planning and Construction, led by Acting and Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, Kobi Kahlon, which approved its submission to the District Committee (on Wednesday–June 24, 2015). The Green Line" is part of an overall plan for the development of a mass-transit rail system in Jerusalem, which will join with the "Red Line" that has been operating in the city for around four years. The line will run from the Gilo neighborhood in the south to the Mt. Scopus (Har HaTzofim) campus in the north. Its length will be approximately 19.6km and will diverge from the red line at the entrance to the city, at the Binyanei Hauma (the Convention Center) station. The line is expected to serve around 145,000 riders per day. The line's planned route is to stretch from its southern terminus in Gilo to French Hill (HaGiva HaTsarfatit) and Mt. Scopus (Har HaTzofim) at its northern end. Its route will pass Dov Yosef St. (Rehov Dov Yosef), the Pat Junction (Tzomet Pat), Herzog St. (Rehov Herzog), Bait Interchange (Mahlef Bait), will pass by the Hebrew University campus at Givat Ram, the city entrance area and its center, Shazar Blvd., Nordau Blvd., Sarei Israel Blvd., Bar Ilan St., Hativat Harel St., Zalman Shraga St., Levi Eshkol Hativat, until the Hebrew University campus on Mt. Scopus (Har HaTzofim). Additionally, the line will include an extension to the Talpiyot commercial area passing through HaParsa St., Pierre Koenig St., HaTnufa St. and Rivka St.—a length of about 3.1km. The Green Line" of the Jerusalem light rail is expected to join the Red Line, Israel's first light rail line, which has operated with great success in the city for around four years. Around 140,000 passengers ride the Red Line every day and approximately 10% of those do so instead of using their own vehicles. The Red Line shortened the travel time of public transportation in Jerusalem by about 10% and significantly reduced the level of air and noise pollution in the city. It should be noted that the district committee recently approved for submission the extension of the light rail from French Hill (HaGiva HaTsarfatit) to Mount Scopus (Har HaTzofim), which together with the already approved Central Bus Station-Givat Ram extension, will create the campus' "Orange" line. These lines are only one part of the Jerusalem local mass-transit system planned by the Ministry of Transportation and the Jerusalem Municipality through the Jerusalem Transportation Master Plan team, overseen by the City Planning Authority of the Jerusalem Municipality. Minister of Transportation, Road Safety, and Information, Yisrael Katz pointed out that "approval of the green line of the Jerusalem light rail by the local committee for planning and construction is part of the cooperative process between the Ministry of Transportation and the Jerusalem Municipality, which is designed to provide residents of the

The capital with advanced and effective solutions. public transportation system in Jerusalem is undergoing a revolution that will serve as an example for additional cities in Israel. We are closing a generation-wide gap in investment in public transportation. In a few more years hundreds of thousands of Jerusalem residents, and the many visitors who visit the city every year, will enjoy a pleasant and secure ride on the light rail and express bus system". Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said: "Jerusalem residents are enjoying a transportation revolution, which will solidify Israel's capital as the most advanced in the country, with a light rail system that we are advancing in March in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation, alongside a line from the center of the country that is being advanced by the Ministry of Transportation, which will arrive in Jerusalem within twenty-eight minutes. The travel time from place to place will be significantly reduced without traffic jams, without air pollution, and in the most accessible way that this country has to offer. In the coming years Jerusalem residents will already be able to enjoy the approved Green Line, which will be joined in the future by additional lines". Nadav Maroz, Director General of the Jerusalem Transport Master Plan team added: "today the contributions of the mass transit system, not only from the transportation perspective but also to the urban fabric and to life in Jerusalem, are already clear to everyone. The line is expected to bring with it another regenerative boom. It will connect institutions of higher learning, business, sport centers across the city, and large neighborhoods, and will create a new route for traffic. All this is possible thanks to the fruitful cooperation between the Ministry of Transportation, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Ministry of Finance, and the Jerusalem Transport Master Plan team". In addition to the light rail there currently 7 express bus routes in operation that travel in part along routes dedicated to public transportation and enjoy preference at traffic lights. The future mass transportation system will include additional light rail lines that will operate in conjunction with the existing light rail line. (Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem 5 July 2015)