

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 and toured in several neighborhoods in Beituniya town in Ramallah city. (Safa 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched three Palestinian houses in Tell village, west of Nablus city. The targeted houses are owned by: Jehad Ash-Sheikh, Abed Al Latef Ash-Sheikh and Abed Al Karem Ash-Sheikh. (Safa 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Husan village, west of Bethlehem city. One of the

- targeted houses is owned by Naje Abed Hamamrah. (Raya 23 July 2015)
- Undercover Israeli Army stormed Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city and tried to arrest a number of Palestinians. (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) killed Falah Hamdi Abu Mariya (53 years) and injured his son Mohammad (22 years) after storming their house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city and opened fire at the residents. During the operation, the IOA arrested Hamad Ahmed Hamad Abu Mariya (24 years). During the funeral of the martyr Abu Mariya, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 8 people. (NBPRS & ARN 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land near the border fence at Johr Ad-Dik area in the central of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded a Palestinian house in Nablus city and opened fire at the residents. The IOA arrested Husam Abu Rayalah (24 years) after he was injured. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired rubber bullets at Palestinians and houses, causing the injury of a number of people. (Al-Quds 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and toured in several areas in Yabad town and Deir Abu Da'if village in Jenin governorate. (RB2000 23 July 215)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched houses and areas in Al Abbasiya neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will open a new coffee shop and a Bar on 33 dunums of land on Ma'man Alla cemetery in Jerusalem city. (NBPRS 23 July 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned a 8 year old Palestinian child after storming his family house in At-Tur town in Jerusalem city. (Safa 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Shufat refugee camp, north of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Malak Radwan and Khalil Abu Issa. (Safa 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Al 'Am'ari refugee camp, south of Ramallah

- city. One of the arrestees was identified as Mohammad Al Qaisi. During the operation, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IO. (Wafa 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Ath-Thawri neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Ayoub Al-Ghazawi, Ibrahim Al- Ghazawi and Atiya Al Ghazawi. (Raya 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Beit Hanina town, north of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Khalil Abu Issa (15 years) and Malak Younif Radwan (15 years). (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Ahmed Musa Qassem (30 years) from Iktaba village, north of Tulkarm city. (ARN 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian while he was near the border fence, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (ARN 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Al Yamun village, northwest of Jenin city, while they were near the Israeli segregation wall. The arrestees were identified as: Misara Ahmed Mahameed (16 years) and Ahmed Mohammad 'Abahra (15 years). (RB2000 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amid Nasser Shibli from Nablus city after stopping him at Al Karama terminal. (RB2000 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Qalqiliyah city. The arrestees were identified as: Nasser Beda (20 years) and Ameen Jamal Hindi (20 years). (RB2000 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding their houses in Ad-Dhahiriya town, south of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Khalil Jabaren (30 years), Mujahed Jabareen (45 years) and Ayesh Awisa (42 years). (Maannews 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majed Abed Al Qader Amro and his two sons; Amjad and Ashraf, after storming their house in Al Majd village, southwest of Hebron city. (Maannews 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Murad Al Ghoul after raiding his commercial structure at Ras Al Amud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

• An Israeli settler chanted anti-Islamic slogans while she was leaving Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. During the operation, the Israeli

- Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Khair Shemi and Akram Dana. (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. During the operation, the IOA tightened its procedures at the entrances of the mosque, stopped Palestinians and checked their ID cards. (RB2000 23 July 2015)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli municipality of Jerusalem issued an administrative order to demolish an under construction house (135 square meters) in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by Al Qaq family. (SilwanIC 23 July 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out military orders to stop the construction in 4 Palestinian houses in Za'tara village, east of Bethlehem city. The targeted houses are owned by Hassan Al Muheseen. Noted that 10 days ago, the IOA also, handed out military orders to demolish 4 houses in the village. (Al-Ayyam 23 July 2015)

Expansion of settlements

• Peace Now - Settlement Watch News Flash: Advancement of 1065 Housing Units in the Settlements. The sub-committee for settlements of the higher planning committee of the military's Civil Administration met yesterday to discuss 15 plans, at various planning stages and in different settlements. In total, the committee discussed plans that regard 1,065 housing units. Of these housing units, the plan approved 541 new housing units, retroactively legalized 228 existing housing units, and approved the development of infrastructure for a plan that consists of 296 housing units, while further approval will be needed before construction of the housing units can begin. According to the committee, the plans that were approved were either for the retroactive legalization of housing units that have been constructed in the past, for corrected plans that were approved in the past but needed technical adjustments, or for plans that do not include residential housing units. However, for four of the plans, that regard approximately 541 housing units, yesterday's approvals by the committee were necessary in order for construction to begin. Indeed, just as the committee claims, these plans received approvals in the past, but the plans could not commence without the further approvals that were granted yesterday by the committee. In other words, without yesterday's approvals these 541 housing units could not built. Of these three plans that were approved, one was for 24 housing units, in two buildings, at Bet El settlement, commonly known as the Dreinoff buildings. These buildings are built on private Palestinian lands and are supposed to be demolished by the end of this month after a ruling by the Supreme Court, in a case issued by Yesh Din. In recent weeks settler groups have put heavy pressure on the government, including numerous demonstrations throughout the West Bank, not to demolish the buildings. Following yesterday's approval of the plan, the State is expected to request the Supreme Court to reverse its ruling. Two other plans that were approved were for 381 housing units at Givat Ze'ev and 112 housing units at Ma'ale Adumim. These plans received approvals in the past, in June 2014 and May 2013 respectively, however, construction did not go forward because the plans required some adjustments in order for construction to begin. A fourth plan that was approved regarded 27 housing units at Bet Arie. To the best of our knowledge, 3 houses of the plan have already been built and the remaining 24 houses required further approvals of their plans in order to commence. Approvals for these plans were given yesterday. The committee also approved plans that retroactively legalize construction that has already been completed. These plans include 179 housing units at Beit Arie, 24 housing units at Psagot, and 22 housing units at Givon HaHadasha. In addition the committee also discussed an additional plan at Beit El that consists of 296 housing units. This plan is part of a compensation package that was given to the settlers after the demolition of several buildings at the Ulpana outpost in 2014. While the plan is not officially valid (publication of the validation is still needed), nor is it ready for construction (archaeological digging is taking place) the committee approved to proceed with construction for parts of the plan that regard development and infrastructure at the site. Construction of the 296 housing will need further validation. The reason behind this procedure is pressure by the Ministry of Defence to commence with the plan. The committee also approved the construction of a religious school (Yeshiva) near Neve Daniel, a settlement near Bethlehem, and 2 industrial structures at Karnei Shomron, a settlement West of Qalqilya and East of Nablus. In addition, the committee also approved a winery at Kiryat Arba settlement. Finally, recent media publications <u>reported</u> that last week the Finance Minister, Moshe Kahlon, approved the construction of two new roads that will bypass Hawara, a Palestinian town south of Nablus, and El-Aroub, a Palestinian refugee camp south of Bethlehem.

The construction of both these roads will allow easier and much quicker travel to the settlements. Other bypass roads that were established in the past, like the bypass roads of Bethlehem (from the West of Bethlehem that leads to Gush Etzion settlements and from the East of Bethlehem that leads to Tkoa and Nokdim settlements, also known as the Lieberman road) have contributed significantly to the growth and development of the settlements. As such, settler groups have lobbied furiously for the approval of these two additional roads. Last year it was revealed that the settlers had introduced a document demanding the construction of these roads, among other demands. At the time, then the Minister of Finance, Yair Lapid, disapproved the demands claiming that they are too expensive. Now, with the new government at place, the approval for the roads has been granted. (Peace Now 23 July 2015)

Israeli Closures

 Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Beit Furik military checkpoint, at the entrance of Beit Furik village, southeast of Nablus city. The IOA prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village. (RB2000 23 July 2015)