



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) at the eastern part of Mount Gerizim in Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Pal Info 20 March 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the western entrance of Silwad village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber and metal bullets, and teargas and stun grenades,

causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 11 Palestinians. (ARN 20 March 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest near the protest village "Al-Quds gate", east of Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Maannews 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian land, east of Deir Al-Balah city in the central of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at near Beit Lahiya shore, north of Gaza strip. (Raya 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian houses and land, east of Abbsan town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. As a result, a Palestinian was injured. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Al-Masara village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA assaulted Osama Iyad Brijiya (12 years). (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at participants. (Wafa 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and settlements in Nilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at participants, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted Palestinian children while they were playing near Al-Khader stadium in Al-Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. As a result, Ahmed Yousif Atwan (10 years) was injured. During the operation, the IOA storming and searched 8 Palestinian houses in the village. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)
- Three Palestinians were injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-

violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, north of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, waste water, and teargas grenades. During the operation, the IOA detained Zahi Ali (47 years) for more than 5 hours. (Wafa 20 March 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house owned by Ali Ayad Awad in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, and detained all the residents of the house in a small room. (Al-Quds 20 March 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Dura town, west of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Ma'mun Mohammad Suliman Al-'Awawda (24 years) and Nehad Amter Issa Al-'Awawda (32 years). (Wafa 20 March 2015)

Other

- EU Planning Sanctions on Israel for 'Polarizing Jerusalem'. Leaked EU report blames Israel's "settlement activity" for the situation in Jerusalem, recommends sanctions. A new European Union (EU) report says that Jerusalem is at a "boiling point" and recommends sanctions against Israel over the "polarization" in the capital. The report, obtained by the British *Guardian* on Friday, says that Jerusalem has reached a dangerous boiling point of "polarization and violence" not seen since the end of the second intifada in 2005. The report calls for tougher European sanctions against Israel over its "continued settlement construction in the city", which it claims is exacerbating recent conflict. The leaked report describes the emergence of a "vicious cycle of violence... increasingly threatening the viability of the two-state solution", which it says has been stoked by the continuation of "systematic" settlement building by Israel in "sensitive areas" of Jerusalem, according to the *Guardian*. Among the recommendations in the report are: Potential new restrictions against "known violent settlers and those calling for acts of violence as regards immigration regulations in EU member states". Further coordinated steps to ensure consumers in the EU are able to exercise their right to informed choice in respect of settlement products in line with existing EU rules. New efforts to raise awareness among European businesses about the risks of working with settlements, and the advancement of voluntary guidelines for tourism operators to prevent support for settlement

business. Well-informed European sources told the *Guardian* that the report reflects a strong desire from European governments for additional measures against Israel over its “continued settlement-building”. The leaked report comes after Israeli officials said in February that EU member states **were readying themselves** to enforce sanctions on Israel and will strike hours after the March 17 elections. The EU has a long history of pressuring Israel over "illegal settlement activity" in Jewish-owned areas of Judea and Samaria, which was declared legal by international law in the 2012 **Levy Report**. While it criticizes Israel, an explosive expose by watchdog groups recently revealed that the EU **is funding illegal settlement** in Judea and Samaria - by assisting the Palestinian Authority (PA) and pro-Palestinian groups in illegally grabbing land from Israel's area, Area C. Overall, the bloc has **threatened Israel multiple times** to further its agenda in the Middle East, **dangling unprecedented aid packages** to both Jerusalem and Ramallah if a two-state solution is implemented. However, it has **denied threatening Israel** - or promoting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement - on multiple occasions. ([Israel National News](#) 20 March 2015)