



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 19 February 2016

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 gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at Al Waha shore, northwest of Beit Lahiya town. (Pal Info 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian houses and lands located near the border fence, east of Al Magahzi refugee camp, in the central of Gaza strip. (Safa 19 February 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a mosque in As-Saf area in Bethlehem city, and destroyed its main door. (Wattan 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the Israeli military base of Ofar, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing the injury of a Palestinian. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Kharabatha Al Misbah village in Ramallah governorate. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases. Noted that the IOA still occupying two Palestinian houses in the village from more than 5 days, where they transformed the targeted houses to military bases. The targeted houses are owned by Iyad and Said Harfoush. (Al-Quds & ARN 19 February 2016)
- 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, causing tens of suffocation cases. (ARN 19 February 2016)
- Iyham Bassam Ibrahim Sabah (14 years) and Salem Mahmoud Taha (14 years) were seriously injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot them while they were near the an Israeli supermarket in Sha'ar Benyamin settlement, southeast of Ramallah city. (ARN & RB2000 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) occupied a Palestinian house in At-Tira village, southwest of Ramallah city, and transformed it to a military base. The targeted house owned by Mohammad Hussien Mohammad. Noted that the targeted house located near the Israeli settlement of Beit Horon. (RB2000 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of the town, and stormed and toured in several neighborhoods. (RB2000 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired stun and teargas grenades at the participants. (PNN 19 February 2016)
- Two Palestinians were injured during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al Jalazoun refugee camp, north of Ramallah city. The IOA used live bullets and teargas grenades to attack Palestinians. During the clashes, the IOA arrested Ahmed Ayoub Abed (16 years). (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Beituniya town in Ramallah governorate. One of the targeted houses is owned by the family of the Palestinian prisoner in the Israeli jail; Ayham Bassam Sabah (14 years). Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and killed Mohammad Abu Khalaf (20 years) from Kafr Aqab village, north of Jerusalem city, while he was near Bab Al Amoud area in Jerusalem city. Noted that the IOA fired more than 50 bullets at the body of the martyr after they shoot and injured him. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near Bilal Ben Rabah mosque at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and teargas grenades, causing a number of suffocation cases and the injury of two Palestinians. (Orient FM & Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the western entrance of Silwad town, northeast of Ramallah city, shoot and killed Abad Raid Hamad (22 years). (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Khalid Tareq Taqatqah was killed during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. Where the IOA used live bullets and teargas grenades to attack Palestinians. During the operation, the IOA arrested three Palestinians. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near Beit Hanoun terminal, north of Gaza strip. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, causing the injury of four Palestinians. (Maannews 19 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the border fence, east of Ash-Shaja'iyah neighborhood, east of Gaza city. The IOA fired live bullets, causing the injury of three Palestinians. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Hosh Abu Tayha and Ein Al louza neighborhoods in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA erected military checkpoints in the aforementioned areas, stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (SilwanIC 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beir Ayoub neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city and fired stun grenades at Palestinians and houses. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles. (SilwanIC 19 February 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amir Ghassan Abu At-Tieen from Jenin city after stopping him at Al Karama terminal. (Wafa 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wissam Abu Ghanem from At Tur town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Nedal Shwiki (19 years) after storming his family house in Al Jiser area in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA also, assaulted and injured Tareq Shwiki. (SilwanIC 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians while they were crossing Az-Za'im military checkpoint, east of Jerusalem city. (ARN 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Mu'men Ahmed Saba'nah (17 years), Mustafah Ahmed M'ala and Abdalla Abu Wa'ir. (RB2000 & PNN 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from 'Attil village, north of Tulkarm city. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Yatta town, south of Hebron city. (Al-Quds 19 February 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed "Al Diyok archaeological site" in Jericho city. (RB2000 19 February 2016)
- Israeli settlers living in Shilo settlement uprooted 30 almond trees in Ras Moes area in Khirbet Sarra, south of Qaryut village in Nablus governorate. The targeted trees owned by Mohammad Abed Al Aziz Musa (owned 10 dunums of land in the targeted area). (NBPRS 19 February 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in an area located between Mevo Dotan settlement and Kufeirit village, west of Jenin city, carried out provocative actions and performed Talmudic rituals. (NBPRS 19 February 2016)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued administrative orders to demolish a number of residential structures in Ein Al Louza

neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 19 February 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military orders to stop the working in agricultural land in Tuqu village, southeast of Bethlehem city. Some of the targeted Palestinians were identified as: Ahmed Khalaf Jabren, Al Amour family, Doud Mustafah Jabren and Ibrahim Musa Jabren. Noted that the Israeli Army threatened the farmers to confiscate their agricultural tools. (ARN 19 February 2016)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Jaba' military checkpoint, northeast of Jerusalem city. The IOA prevented Palestinian from crossing the checkpoint. Noted that the Palestinians need to cross this checkpoint to enter or leave Ramallah city. (Maannews 19 February 2016)

Other

- **Israel steps up demolitions in the West Bank.** Data indicates that the Israeli Civil Administration has noticeably stepped up its demolition of large Palestinian buildings in Area C of the West Bank since the beginning of the year, which a particular rise during the first half of February. A report by Amira Hass in Israel's *Haaretz* newspaper indicated that in the past few weeks, 293 large buildings were demolished compared to the 447 large buildings that were demolished over the course of 2015. Based on this information, the Israeli authorities are demolishing an average of 49 large buildings every week, compared to last year's average of 9 a week. The demolition operations during this year included at least 93 residential buildings, leaving 480 people homeless, including 220 children. According to the report, the Ministerial Committee on Settlement Affairs, led by Jewish Home's Moti Yogevev, is pressuring the representatives of the Civil Administration to pick up the pace on demolitions and the evacuation of Palestinians from Area C. They have also been focusing on demolishing buildings funded by international organizations, especially European organizations. According to the text of a closed session held in August, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Yoav Mordechai, stated that an immediate demolition order will be issued against any "illegal and European funded building" and a letter of protest sent to the embassy of the funding country. According to figures from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 104 buildings funded by European

countries have been demolished over the past few weeks, while the number of those demolished or confiscated in 2015 was 108. This suggests a 230 percent increase in the demolition rate. ([Haaretz & Middle East Monitor](#) 19 February 2016)

- Israeli report: More than 400,000 settlers in West Bank. The number of settlers living in 128 illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank, excluding Jerusalem, has reached 406,302, an Israeli report revealed. The report, issued by former Member of the Knesset Yaakov Katz, suggested that the Israeli settlements are distributed amongst 11 settlement blocs, the largest of which is located in the Jordan Valley, while the most densely populated is the Benjamin settlement bloc. The Benjamin bloc consists of nearly 26 illegal Israeli settlements and its population is over 83,000 settlers according to the most recent figures for 2015. There are 27 Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley, with over 8,100 settlers. The report showed that the past two years witnessed a 4.4 per cent increase in the number of settlers in the West Bank, in addition to the 350,000 settlers who have settled in the 20 settlement blocs in occupied East Jerusalem. According to the report, the number of settlers in the occupied West Bank will reach 1.2 million by 2036. ([Middle East Monitor](#) 19 February 2016)