



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 23 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 As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza strip. (Safa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched tens of Palestinian houses in several areas in Jabal Al Mukabir town, south of Jerusalem city. During the operation, the IOA assaulted Palestinians. (Safa 23 February 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Mohammad Abu Faiad, a Palestinian journalist work with the Palestinian News & Info Agency (Wafa) in Gaza strip, from reaching to Ramallah city, after stopping and detaining him at Beit Hanoun terminal, north of Gaza strip. (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its procedures at the western entrance of Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA prevented Palestinians from leaving the village. (RB2000 23 February 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in several areas in Balata, Askar, and Al Ein refugee camps in Nablus city, after the IOA stormed and searched tens of Palestinian houses are arrested 13 Palestinians. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Abed Al Salaj, Shaher Ali An-Najmi, Maher Khatab, Mohammad Sobhe Abed Ar-Rahman, Ward Jihad Abu Riziq, Akram Al Ba'iyah, Mohammad Mesh'al, Ala 'Aqab Mansour, Akram Mohammad Hussien, Mohammad Al Marqa, Sami Yaser Salah, Thair Taisir Salah and Mohammad Atiya Hanoun. During the clashes, the IOA used rubber bullets and teargas grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases and the injury of 8 Palestinians. (RB2000 & Wafa 23 February 2016)
- For the second days on the row, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) still imposing blockade on Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city, where the IOA prevented Palestinians from leaving the village and detained others. The IOA also, occupied a number of Palestinian houses in the village, and transformed the houses to military bases. The IOA stormed and searched tens of Palestinian houses and arrested Abed Mahmoud Samadi and summoned a number of Palestinians to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Salem military base. (RB2000 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire and injured a Palestinian while he was near the border fence, east of Gaza city. (Al-Quds 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land, near the border fence, east of Al Maghazi refugee camp in the central of Gaza stip. (Safa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians while they were near the border fence, east of Al Qarara town, northeast of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Safa 23 February 2016)

## **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Jubrail Ahmed Al Hawamda (24 years) after storming and searched his house in As-Samu town, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Meithalun village, south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Kifah Rabai'ah and Mohammd Salah Abed Al Latif Rabai'ah. (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Riad Hashash after stopping him at Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. (Raya 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Saber Yousif As-Sous (24 years) from Dura town in Hebron governorate, after stopping him at a military checkpoint erected by the IOA at the southern entrance of Al Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fawzi Mohammad Fawzi Ar-Ra'I from Jericho Governorate, after stopping him at Al Container military checkpoint, northeast of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Ihab Mohammad Abu Bakir (22 years) and Ash-Sheikh Az Ad-Diyn 'Amarnah (48 years). (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Munjed Khalab (26 years) after storming and searching his house in Ad-Doha town, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ihab Al Fahmawi after storming and searching his house in Sanur village in Jenin governorate. The IOA also, stormed and searched tens of Palestinian houses and confiscated a Palestinian vehicle owned by Fathi Jarar. (Safa & Wafa 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians from Ramallah governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Said Al Qasrawi (22 years), Ayman Abu 'Aram, Sami Hussen, Faraj Rumanah and Ibrahim As-Sabe'. (Wafa 23 February 2016)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- 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 old city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa mosque, where they prevented a

number of Palestinians from entering the mosque and the city. (NBPRS 23 February 2016)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Deir Samir village, west of Hebron city, and demolished a Palestinian house owned by the Palestinian prisoner in the Israeli jail; Mohammad Al Hroub. (Maannews 23 February 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian house in Dura town, west of Hebron city. The targeted house owned by the Palestinian prisoner in the Israeli Jail; Raid Al Masalmah. (Maannews 23 February 2016)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) to confiscate 6 dunums of Palestinian land in Beitin village, northeast of Ramallah city, to construct a military tower and base in the area. The targeted land located near the Israeli Bypass road No.60 in the section near the Israeli settlement of Beit El and the Israeli military checkpoint of "DCO". (Al-Quds 23 February 2016)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the entrances of Halhul and Sair towns and at the northern entrance of Hebron city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 23 February 2016)

### **Other**

- Minister Allegedly Used WZO Division to Funnel Money to Settlements. Almost \$20 million earmarked for outlying areas where channeled to religious and settler institutions through the WZO by Uri Ariel, comptroller report alleges. The state comptroller has issued a draft report strongly criticizing former housing minister Uri Ariel of allegedly transferring millions of shekels earmarked for outlying areas to religious and settler institutions via the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division. In September 2013, the government agreed to transfer 110 million shekels (\$28.2 million) in aid to the periphery. In practice, 51 million shekels (\$19.9 million) of this was channeled to religious institutions, including religious Zionist

Torah study centers, through WZO. A further 8 million shekels was transferred through the department for rehabilitation of neighborhoods at the then-Housing and Construction Ministry. Half of the money allegedly went to well-established settlements. Following a meeting of the Knesset's State Control Committee and after complaints were filed, State Comptroller Joseph Shapira started investigating the matter a few months ago. Government ministries have recently received his 48-page draft report into the affair. According to those who have read it, the report harshly criticizes now Agriculture Minister Ariel, from the Tekuma faction of the Habayit Hayehudi party, and his associates, who allegedly bypassed the government's decision and the ministry's professional staff in order to transfer funds to groups close to their hearts. Haaretz has learned that the comptroller examined the manner in which the government resolution was adopted, and at how the "periphery" was defined. He also looked into why a steering committee overseeing the resolution was only set up 13 months after it was passed, after the Housing Ministry had already transferred money to the Settlement Division. He also considered why professionals at the ministry were excluded from the criteria process, and what monitoring procedures were set up in the Settlement Division. The comptroller also examined the conduct of the then-housing minister's advisers. He probed how Israel Malachi, the minister's adviser, seemingly bypassed the ministry's professionals and determined criteria for distributing the money on his own; how he continued dealing with this matter after he supposedly left office, and how he allegedly ratified the transfer of funds to an NGO he had managed four years previously. Another part of the report deals with Ariel Dorfman, a member of the Tekuma party's central committee. He allegedly presented himself as the minister's adviser, even though he had never been employed by the Housing Ministry. The comptroller examined why Dorfman attended professional meetings as the minister's representative, despite never having been one, and how millions of shekels found their way to NGOs managed by Dorfman or his associates, or in which he was a board member or in which his wife was employed. The comptroller also investigated how a cabinet decision to distribute money to the periphery turned into a decision that benefited groups in central Israel, and how the minister's advisers exerted pressure in order to remove a criterion that benefited the periphery. Shapira also probed how the Settlement Division transferred funds to NGOs in Ra'anana that the Housing Ministry had refused to fund, and why six biblical study groups in Tel Aviv were funded – including one in the upscale neighborhood of Ramat Aviv. After receiving responses from all professional groups involved in the

matter, the comptroller will decide whether to transfer the material to the police or whether to publish it as part of his annual report. Ariel is said to be concerned about the anticipated report and has hired attorney Eli Zohar in order to respond. Israel Malachi said he could not “respond to the issue in a detailed manner” since the matter is still under investigation. “Nevertheless,” he added, “I would like to clarify that all my actions were legal and there was nothing untoward in my conduct”. ([Haaretz](#) 23 February 2016)

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