



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) occupied a Palestinian house in Yabad town, west of Jenin city, for the third days in a row. The targeted house is owned by Ayed Hassan Abu Bakir. Noted that the IOA stormed and searched the house and prevented the residents from leaving it. (Wafa 26 January 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Musa Hassan Abu Safiya after storming his house in Beit Sira village, west of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Manasrah (21 years) after storming and searching his family house in Qalandiya refugee camp, south of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Issa Al Haroub (19 years) and his brother Odeh (12 years) after storming and searching their family house in Deir Samit village in Hebron governorate. (Wattan & Al-Quds 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yassen Mohammad 'Anaya (19 years) after raiding and searching his family house in Azzun village, east of Qalqiliyah city. (Wafa 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hamadalla Bassam Abed Al Qadir (21 years) after raiding his family house in Kafr Thulth village, east of Qaqililiyah city. (Wafa 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hidar Mohammad Ibrahim Qabha (23 years) from Yabad town, west of Jenin city, after stopping him at 'Atara military checkpoint, north of Ramallah city. (RB2000 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Shadi Ghurab while he was near Bab Al Amoud area in Jerusalem city. (ARN 26 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bassam Matariya Ar-Rimawi (33 years) from Beit Rima village, northwest of Ramallah city, after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of the aforementioned village. (Wattan 26 January 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in the courtyard of Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (NBPRS 26 January 2016)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel Approves New West Bank Homes, Marking End of Informal Building Freeze. After almost two years, Civil Administration and other planning and building bodies have approved construction of 153 residential units in Samaria and East Jerusalem. Israeli planning authorities approved the construction of 153 new apartments in West Bank settlements last week, effectively putting an end to an informal construction freeze that has lasted about 18 months. For almost two years now, the government has largely refused to advance new

building plans in the territories, due to fear that the U.S. administration would retaliate by refusing to veto anti-Israel resolutions in the UN Security Council. The only plans that did move forward involved either legalization of existing outposts or master plans for areas where petitions to the High Court of Justice spurred the government to act. Thus, for instance, a master plan for the Ma'aleh Mikhmash region, east of Ramallah, was advanced last November, apparently due to an impending hearing on High Court petitions, filed by the Yesh Din rights organization and local Palestinians, who are demanding that the government evacuate the nearby Mitzpeh Dani outpost. If implemented, the plan would legalize two outposts and add thousands of apartments to existing settlements. But last week, the planning and building committee of Israel's Civil Administration in the West Bank approved several new construction schemes. One was a private contractor's plan to build 34 units in Etz Efraim, near Ariel, on a 46-dunam lot (about 12 acres). Rachelim, located in roughly the same area – where 61 units were recently legalized – got permission to build 31 new units. Another plan involved replacing mobile homes in Carmel, in the South Hebron Hills, with 28 permanent apartments. And Alon Shvut, in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc, received approval to build 60 new units on a 10-dunam plot. The authorization of these new construction plans comes on the heels of Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon's decision to let the Gush Etzion Regional Council annex a 40-dunam compound that once belonged to a church. The compound was recently purchased by an American organization backed by right-wing American Jewish millionaire Irving Moskowitz. Haaretz first reported the sale last May. In addition, Jerusalem's local planning and building commission gave final approval last month for construction of 891 units in East Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood. The plan had received initial approval in late 2012, but was then put on hold. ([Haaretz](#) 26 January 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at Jaba, Arraba and Silat Ad Dhahr junctions. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 26 January 2016)