



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

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in several areas in Beituniya town, west of Ramallah city, and fired teargas grenades at Palestinian schools, causing a number of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA arrested two Palestinians. (Maannews 18 May 2016)
- A Palestinian was injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at him while he was near the border fence, east of Gaza city. (Maannews 18 May 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian land located near the border fence, east of Al Khaza'a town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Maannews 18 May 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Wasfi Qabha (52 years) and Yousif Loay Tafesh (28 years). (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Turkman (25 years) after raiding and searching his family house in Kafr Dan village, west of Jenin city. (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Issa Mohammad Bahar (52 years), Wahbi Ibrahim Bahar (16 years) and Mohammad Issa Bahar (17 years). (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ra'fat Naseef after storming his house in Tulkarm city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Safa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nidam Adel Abu Zahida after raiding his house in Hajja village, east of Qalqiliyah city. (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ala Mohammad Taqatqiah (21 years) and summoned Abed Al Qader Sultan Taqatqah (15 years) and Issam Mohammad Taqatqiah (15 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming and searching their houses in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mustafah Jamal Al Badan (17 years) and Amar Yasser Al Amour (17 years) and summoned Shadi Nayif Al Amour to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc after storming their family houses in Tuqu village, southeast of Bethlehem city. (Wafa & PMM 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hatheqa Bader after storming and searching his house in Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. During the operation, the IOA fired teargas grenades at a Palestinian vehicle. (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abed Azz Barbar after storming his house in Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 18 May 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Fathi Nasser from Jerusalem city. (Wafa 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Rami Yousif Al Khateb (24 years) and Ahmed Mohammad Al Jamal (20 years). (Wafa & PNN 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abed Ar-Rahman Nassem Salm from Bir Zeit village, north of Ramallah city. (PNN 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wahed Omar Tawfiq Musa from Ramallah and Al Bireh Governorate. (Raya 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Munadel Abed Sharqawi (38 years) from Az-Zababida village, south of Jenin city after stopping him at Al Karama terminal. (Wafa 18 May 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a Palestinian house in Tal Ar-Rumida neighborhood in Hebron city, and assaulted residents. The targeted house is owned by Adib Abu 'Aisha. During the operation, the IOA arrested Rami Adib Abu 'Aisha (16 years). (Maannews & Safa 18 May 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Army demolished a 150 square meters house in Shufat town, north of Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by Rajeh Al Hawareen As-Sabar and inhabited by 7 family members. Noted that the IOA demolished the house to make a way for the construction of an Israeli road that will link between Ramat Shlomo settlement and Pisgat Ze'ev settlement. (Wafa & Maannews 18 May 2016)

Israeli Military Orders

- Jerusalem Magistrates Court Justice, Anna Schneider, ordered the evacuation of three Palestinian houses in Kubaniyyat Umm Harron area in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, north of Jerusalem city for the favor of the Israeli settlers. ([Israel National News](#) & Al-Ayyam 18 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military orders to demolish 4 water tanks in Beit Za'ta, Al Fursdes and Thaghrit Ash-Shabak areas in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, funded by the EU. The targeted tanks are owned by Waheed Hamdi Abu Mariya, Jamel

Mohammad Amir Abu Mariya, Ghassan Mohammad Abed Al Aziz Barghith and Khalid Yousif Abed Al Majed Barghith. (RB2000 18 May 2016)

Other

- Militant Jerusalem Day March Through Muslim Quarter Set for Ramadan. Jerusalem municipality triples budget for polarizing annual flag march. Survey shows majority of Jewish public opposes march going through Muslim Quarter. The Jerusalem municipality has decided to triple its budget for the annual flag march held on Jerusalem Day by the religious Zionist movement. The parade, as usual, is set to pass through the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, and be held on what is likely to be the first evening of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Every year for the past few years, dozens of cases have been documented of teens on the march banging on doors and windows in the Muslim Quarter with their flag poles, cursing Palestinian pedestrians and making racist remarks. The city's decision to increase its financial support for the parade has come under intense public criticism. As in years past, this year right-wing organizations are planning the parade, which will cross Jerusalem with tens of thousands of young people, almost all of them Orthodox, participating. Boys and girls are to march separately. The route of the boys' march will take them through Damascus Gate and the Muslim Quarter, ending at the Western Wall. Store owners along the route are required to close their shops for a few hours while the march is passing, and most of the inhabitants of the Muslim Quarter remain in their homes. Last year the Ir Amim organization petitioned the High Court of Justice against the route of the march through the Muslim Quarter because of security tensions. The court rejected the petition, but instructed police to take action against any racist acts. "The time has come for zero tolerance for [calls of] 'death to Arabs,' which has become an expression that has gone below the radar. Zero tolerance, including detention, arrest and indictment," the justices wrote. This year, in addition to the usual tensions, the evening the march is to be held will probably be the first evening of the holy month of Ramadan, which is a particularly festive occasion for Muslims, when people decorate their homes and go out to visit family and friends. However, according to Muslim tradition, Muslim religious leaders will declare when the month is to begin only about 24 hours beforehand. A broad front has come together to oppose the march passing through the Muslim Quarter. Tamir Nir, Aharon Leibovich and Itai Gutler, members of the Yerushalmim faction on the City Council, have called on the police to change the route, as have

members of the non-violence forum Tag Me'ir. However, right-wing council members want the route to remain as planned. "Changing the route of the march is a prize to everyone who wants to hurt sovereignty in Jerusalem," City Councilman Moshe Lion, a member of Mayor Nir Barkat's coalition, stated. Deputy Mayor Hagit Moshe a member of Habayit Hayehudi, who represents the right-wing Jerusalem United faction on the City Council and holds the municipal finance portfolio, decided on the increased funding, from 100,000 shekels (\$26,000), to 300,000 shekels. "This is an event of unprecedented size in Jerusalem. Last year there were 60,000 marchers. The Muslim Quarter also has residents who understand that we are celebrating Jerusalem's holiday and there must be tolerance in both directions. The more criticism there is, the more we will increase the budget and the number of young people participating," she said. A survey commissioned by Ir Amim among 400 Jewish Jerusalemites showed that most of the Jewish public is opposed to the march going through the Muslim Quarter if it does fall on the beginning of Ramadan. According to the survey, 58 percent of those polled were in favor of the march, but only 43 percent approved of it passing through the Muslim Quarter. After it was explained that the march might be held on the first evening of Ramadan, support for it passing through the Muslim Quarter declined to 33 percent. "The proximity of the march this year to Ramadan makes it a particularly difficult because the residents of the Muslim Quarter will not be able to prepare for their most important holiday. That is a violent and aggressive act, which has the potential to lead to renewed violence. The residents of the Muslim Quarter are not a 'trial balloon' of the good intentions of the police or the marchers. The police must avoid a gamble and announce ahead of time that the march will not go through the Muslim Quarter this year". ([Haaretz](#) 18 May 2016)