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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) invaded and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Yabad town, west of Jenin city, and questioned the residents. (Wattan 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they sailing at Al Waha shore, northwest of Beit Lahiya town, north of Gaza strip. (Wattan 16 December 2015)
- Three Palestinian shepherds were injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at them while they were near the border fence

in Al Fakhari area, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Pal Today & Safa 16 December 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched dozens of Palestinian houses in Ad Duheisha refugee camp, south of Bethlehem city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired metal bullets and teargas grenades, causing the injury of a Palestinian. During the operation, the IOA arrested four Palestinians and summoned others to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. The arrestees were identified as: Yazan Al Ja'idi (18 years), Hamza Ma'rouf Al Atrash (24 years) and his brother Mohammad (22 years), and Amid Mohammad Shamroukh (22 years). (RB2000 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qalandiya refugee camp, south of Ramallah city and killed two Palestinians, identified as: Ahmed Jahaja (21 years) and Hikmat Hamdan. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing the injury of four Palestinians. During the operation, the IOA stormed and searched three Palestinian houses owned by the families of martyrs; Laith Manasrah, Ahmed Abu Al 'Aiesha and Mahmoud Adwan. The IOA also, arrested Mahmoud Nayif Abu Latifah (26 years) and Diya Abed Al Qadir (Wafa & RB2000 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched dozens of Palestinian houses in Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Samah Abed Al Mu'men died of wounds he sustained after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at his father vehicle while they were crossing Huwara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city, on the 23rd of November 2015. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in Al Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. (Pal Today 16 December 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near Al Khadouri University campus, west of Tulkarm city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injury of others (Maannews & Pal Today 16 December 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Thair Ziyad Al Fakhouri and Sobhi Al Qawasmi. During the operation, the IOA stormed and searched a Palestinian house

- owned by the family of the Palestinian martyr; Abed Al Muhseen Shaher Hasuna. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Adham Sarhan At-Tarda after raiding his house in Taffuh village, west of Hebron city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Al Khadour Al Birawi (16 years) after raiding his family house in Bani Naim village, east of Hebron city. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Islam Abu Farda from As-Samu' town, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 'Ataiya Abu 'Ayesh from Kafr Aqab village, north of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Laila Mustafah from Jabal Al Mukabir town, south of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Idkik (17 years) from Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Murad Najeb and Yahya Diyab (10 years). (SilwanIC & Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Karam Mohammad Marar (20 years) from Beit Duquq village, northwest of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Bilal Khames (25 years) and Ahmed Shataf after storming and searching their family houses in Tulkarm city. (Al-Quds & Orient FM 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ramzi Tawfiq Al Hindi (21 years) after storming and searching his family house in Jenin refugee camp, west of Jenin city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Orient FM 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinian students after raiding and searching their houses in Birzeit village and Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Saif Ad-Diyn Daghlas, Ihab Nasser, Ibrahim Jack and Musalam Al Barghouthi. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Salam Zahi Abu Mazen (20 years) after storming his family house in Beita village, south of Nablus city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
 - Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Mustafah 'Asida (24 years) after raiding his family house in Nablus city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohamad Yousif An-Nay (25 years) from Askar refugee camp, east of Nablus city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abed Al Hafid Awad (20 years) after raiding his family house in Awarta village, south of Nablus city. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ibrahim Bassam Hamid (30 years) and his two brothers Mustafah (24 years) and Mahmoud (20 years), and assaulted Omar Hamad (24 years) after stopping them at a military checkpoint erected by the IOA at the western entrance of Silwad town, northeast of Jerusalem city. Noted that the IOA opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle carried the three brothers. (Al-Quds 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Hadil Ar-Rajabi (12 years) from Jerusalem city to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. (Maannews 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their houses in Al Lubban Al Gharbiya village, northwest of Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Aqab Radi, Mus'ab Salah Samhan, Khalil Ayed Khalil and Rabee Hamad. (RB2000 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained for more than 4 hours Bara' Abdalla Hamdan (19 years), a Palestinian journalist, after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of Qaber Hilwa area, east of Beit Sahour town in Bethlehem governorate. (Maannews 16 December 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. The IOA still prevent more than 60 Palestinian women from entering the mosque. During the operation, the IOA prevented Palestinians from continued the restoration work in the courtyard of the mosque. (Safa 16 December 2015)
- Israeli settlers gathered near Imreiha village, west of Jenin city, and hurled stones at Palestinian houses and vehicles, and chanted anti-Palestinian slogans. (Al-Quds 16 December 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Mevo Dotan settlement demonstrated at the main road near the settlement and closed it. (Maannews 16 December 2015)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a 85 square meters house in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by Diyab family. (SilwanIC 16 December 2015)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military orders to demolish three Palestinian houses (each one consist of two floors) in Um Rukba area in Al Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. The targeted houses are owned by: Ibrahim Musa Salem, Ala Riziq Salem and Nour Salah. (Wafa 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out a military order to demolish a garage in Kisan village, southeast of Bethlehem city. The targeted structure is owned by Mahir Hussen Abiyat. (Al Watan Voice 16 December 2015)

Expansion of settlements

- **Nearly 900 housing units approved in Jerusalem's contested Gilo neighborhood. Construction intended to block the contiguity of a Palestinian state, critics say.** The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee on Wednesday approved 891 additional housing units in the southeast Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo according to multiple media reports. In April, construction commenced for 708 Jewish homes in the contested neighborhood in a forested area, drawing the ire of both Palestinian activists and environmentalists alike. Gilo is over the 1949 Armistice Line. According to critics, the announcement to build in Gilo last year while US Secretary of State John Kerry was in Israel helped derail peace talks, and proved that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has no intention of agreeing to a two-state solution. Indeed, when the Construction Ministry announced the approval of the Gilo tenders, Aviv Tatarsky, a researcher at the NGO Ir Amim, contended that the construction was intended to block the contiguity of a Palestinian state. "The units are part of over 4,500 units approved since 2012, and if realized, tenders like this would cut off Bethlehem from east Jerusalem," he said. "It's not just building beyond the Green Line, this kind of construction dramatically changes the facts on the ground." April's groundbreaking came one week after the planned construction of some 1,500 apartments in the capital's southeastern Har Homa neighborhood were frozen, and two days after preliminary plans for the construction of 2,200 Arab housing units in

the capital's southeastern Jebel Mukaber neighborhood were approved by the Interior Ministry's District Planning and Building Committee. At the time, right-wing city councilman Arie King condemned both the freeze and approved Arab expansion as a "de facto means" of changing demographic facts on the ground. "When the government and municipality are approving thousands of apartments for Arabs, and at the same time are freezing new developments for Jews, what they are doing is changing the demographic status of Jerusalem," he said following the announcement. The Construction Ministry has repeatedly denied that the Gilo approval is politically motivated. A municipal official did not confirm or deny Wednesday's report. ([IPOST](#) & [Walla News](#) 16 December 2015)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed for two hours Al Jalamah military checkpoint, north of Jenin city. (RB2000 16 December 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed several sub-road lead to Tal Ar-Rumida neighborhood in Hebron city. (Al-Quds 16 December 2015)