



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 February 2015

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

- A Palestinian was injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at him while he was near the border fence in Beit Lahiya town, north of Gaza strip. (Pal Info 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its procedures at Za'tara and Huwara military checkpoints, south of Nablus city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Maannews 24 February 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two trucks to transport waste while they were at Yatta landfill in Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The targeted trucks are owned by the municipality of Yatta. (Wafa 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers, houses and land, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Wafa 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house in Halhul town, north of Hebron city. The targeted house is owned by Ali Zama'rah. (RB2000 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (RB2000 24 February 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Zububa village, northwest of Jenin city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians and houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (RB2000 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Ad-Dhuhaiha refugee camp, south of Bethlehem city. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians and houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA killed Jihad Shahada Al-Ja'fai (19 years) while he was at the roof of his house. (Maannews 24 February 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed and Halabi Radi Halabi after raiding and searching their house in Rujeib village, south of Nablus city. (Maannews 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming their houses in the old city of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mustafah and Aboud Abu Isninah and Omar Ghnem. (Wafa 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after raiding their houses in Qalandiya refugee camp, south of Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Zuhair, Hamada Abu Shliek, Mahoud Az-Zair and Yazan Al-Khateeb. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of two people. (Maannews & Pal Today 24 February 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Nablus city. (Al-Quds 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian activist; Luma Khadir Nazeh (26 years), while she was attending an event against the demolition of “Al-Quds gate” in Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. (Maannews 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Salah Mohammad Al-Ja’idi (19 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police after storming his family house in Ad-Dhuhaiha refugee camp, south of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 24 February 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. (NBPRS 24 February 2015)
- Hassan Abed Ar-Rahman Badran (21 years) from Idhan town, west of Hebron city, was injured after an Israeli settler hit him by his vehicle while he was near the Israeli segregation wall at Al Burj area, southwest of Hebron city. (RB2000 24 February 2015)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a 170 square meters an under construction house in Al-’Ardieesa area in Sair town, northeast of Hebron city. The targeted house is owned by: Nasser Musa Shakir Jaradat. (RB2000 24 February 2015)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed tens dunums of Palestinian land in Khrbet Zanuta near Shim’a settlement, south of Hebron governorate. (Wafa 24 February 2015)

Expansion of settlements

- **40% Increase in construction in 2014.** Summary of the third Netanyahu government: A substantial increase in construction starts, planning and tenders – specifically in isolated settlements and the most disputed areas in terms of the chance for two states. A. **Construction Starts** - 40% increase in construction starts. 68% of the new construction is in settlements east of the outline proposed by the Geneva Initiative, the area’s most challenging for the two-state

solution. **B. Tenders**– A decade’s (at least) record of tenders in the settlements and East Jerusalem. Tenders for 4,485 residential units were published in 2014 alone. **C. Plans** – The third Netanyahu government promoted an average of 460 residential units per month, mainly in isolated settlements, double the number promoted by the previous government. **A. Construction Starts** According to Peace Now count: In 2014 construction of 3,100 residential units began in the settlements; 2,671 permanent structures and 429 caravans and light construction structures. In addition, 165 public buildings (kindergartens, educational institutions, synagogues, etc.) and 92 industrial and agricultural structures were built. 9% of the construction – 287 residential units – occurred in the illegal outposts, while the number of settlers therein, according to Peace Now estimates, comprise only 4% of all settlers. This demonstrates an increase of 40% compared to the respective period last year. **Massive Construction in the Most Difficult Settlements in terms of the Two-State Negotiations.** 68% of the construction starts (2,115 housing units) occurred east of the outline proposed by the Geneva Initiative, on an area intended, according to the Initiative, for the Palestinian state and only 32% (985 residential units) were started to the west of the said outline, in an area intended for land swapping. Over the years, the main border dispute between Israel and the Palestinians related to the settlements that Israel wanted to consider part of the “blocks” to be annexed to Israel, but due to their geographical location within the West Bank, preventing Palestinian continuity, the Palestinians objected. 42% of the construction starts in 2014 (1,308 residential units) were carried out in these settlements, between the Geneva Initiative outline and the planned outline for the barrier (mainly in the Ariel, Karnei Shomron and Efrat region). **B. Tenders** 2014 was a record year in tender publication, for at least a decade. Tender publication (some repeated tenders) eventually halted the negotiations and led Secretary of State John Kerry to withdraw his efforts. The current Netanyahu government nearly tripled the average number of tenders as compared to the previous Netanyahu government. In addition to the above tenders, on January 30th, 2015, tenders for another 450 units in the West Bank were issued (114 in Adam, 102 in Kiryat Arba, 156 in Elkana and 78 in Alfei Menashe). Those units were already proposed in tenders in the past but were not sold and were never built. **C. Plans – 100% increase compared to the previous government.** The Netanyahu government continued the previous government’s trend of promoting plans throughout the West Bank. During its 22 months in office thus far (18 March 2013 – January 2015), at least 66 plans were promoted for 10,113 different residential units in 41 settlements (monthly average of 460 residential units).

Comparatively, during the 47.5 months of the previous Netanyahu government (31 March 2009 – 17 March 2013), at least 89 plans were promoted for 11,193 different residential units in 50 settlements (monthly average of 235 residential units). In all, both Netanyahu governments, 31 March 2009 – January 2015, promoted at least 106 construction plans for 13,077 different residential units in 57 settlements. ([Peace Now](#) 24 February 2015)

- Al-Aqsa foundation for Al-Waqf and Heritage declared that the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem working on a plan to build 6 hotels, with 1330 hotel rooms, at Al-Qasir Tall, in Jabal Al-Mukabbir town in Jerusalem city. The hotels will built on 75 dunums of land. Noted that few days ago, the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem published tenders to construct 580 hotel rooms in the same aforementioned area. (Pal Info 24 February 2015)
- Israeli Housing Ministry plans to build a 279 thousand residential apartments, 48,000 of them in settlements in the West Bank, and 15, 000 apartments in occupied Jerusalem. The Israeli Housing Minister, Uri Ariel, requires additional budgets millions of shekels to the end, and that the differences between the staff of the Ministry of finance and the Ministry of housing, revealed details of plans of construction in the settlements and in Jerusalem. (Shasha News 24 February 2015)

Other

- Israeli municipality of Jerusalem spotted lately 4 million shekels (about 1 million US dollars) to establish a "biblical" bathhouse on a mountain stage, at the site of the outpost "Ma'ale Hsitim", established in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ras al Amud, just off the Al-Aqsa mosque from the east and south, and will serve the "biblical" 105 Jewish family in the area, and a number of outposts nearby. Israeli press sources indicated that the municipality approved the unusual budget to finance the project, it serves the strengthening presence of settlers around the old city of Jerusalem. (Pal Info 24 February 2015)