



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 25 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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Pal Info 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a Palestinian house in Kafr Sur village, south of Tulkarm city. The targeted house is located near the Israeli segregation wall. (Wattan 25 February 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired teargas grenades at a Palestinian school in At-Tur/ Olive Mount neighborhood in Jerusalem city. As a result, dozens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation. (RB2000 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land, east of Al-Maghazi refugee camp, east of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA arrested Mutaz Abed Al-Lateif Tayha (21 years), after raiding his house. (Al-Quds 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and toured in several neighborhoods in Jenin city. (Al-Quds 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched dozens of areas in Yabad town, west of Jenin city. (Al-Quds 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and toured in al-Fandaqumiya village, southwest of Jenin city. (Al-Quds 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian shepherds while they were in Khirebt Tuba, east of At-Tawani village, east of Yatta town in Hebron governorate. (ARN 25 February 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades at Palestinians and houses. During the clashes, the IOA arrested a Palestinian. (SilwanIC 25 February 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Um Rukba area in Al-Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Al-Majaz School in Masafer Yatta area, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city, took photos for the school and forced the students and the teachers to leave it. (Wafa 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a group of Palestinian children (18 Palestinians) while they were attending an event demand to reopen Ash-Shuhada street in Hebron city. (PNN 25 February 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hussen Mohammad Marar (14 years) after raiding his school (Al-Ibrahimia school) in the old city of Hebron. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Wattan & Wafa 25 February 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Rabe Jawad Jamel Awad (19 years) after storming his house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. During the operation, the IOA invaded and searched four Palestinian houses owned by: Badir Mahmoud Akhalil, Sa'di Ali Akhalil, Mufid and Sudqi Mohammad Akhalil. (Wattan 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdalla Al-Hadad (16 years) from Al-Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza strip, while he was near the border fence, east of Gaza city. (Raya 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Abed Al-Qadir Abu Ta'miya (29 years) while he was in his family land in Zububa village, northwest of Jenin city. (Raya 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Azzun village, east of Qalqiliya city. The arrestees were identified as: Qassam Mustafah (15 years) and Mahmoud Nedal (17 years). (Maannews 25 February 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinian women while they were leaving Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Latifa Makhimar (56 years), Khadija Khwis, Jihad Ghazawi (30 years), Fatma Aliyan (24 years) and Nawal Al-Qawasmi. (SilwanIC 25 February 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers living in Alei Zahav settlement razed Palestinian land located northwest of Kafr Ad-Dik village, west of Salfit city. (Maannews 25 February 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Al-Quds & Wafa 25 February 2015)
- Israeli settlers assaulted and injured Nu'man Hamdan while he was working in his land in Al-Jab'a village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 25 February 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Betar Illit settlement opened fire at Palestinian houses in Nahhalin village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Al Watan Voice 25 February 2015)
- Mariam Karem Dana (10 years) was injured after an Israeli settler hit her by his vehicle in Ein Al-Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (Maannews 25 February 2015)
- Israeli settlers torched a Palestinian mosque (Al-Huda mosque) in Al-Jab'a village, southwest of Bethlehem city, and wrote anti Palestinian slogans on the walls. (RB2000 25 February 2015)

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinians and their properties in the old city of Hebron city and near Al-Ibrahimi mosque, and tried to hit by their vehicles a group of Palestinian students. The IOA also, attacked two Palestinian centers in the city and allowed the Israeli settlers to hurl stones at the sites. (Safa 25 February 2015)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out military orders to demolish all the structures in Khirbet Ghuwein Al-Fauqa area, south of As-Samu' town, south of Hebron city. (Pal Info 25 February 2015)

Expansion of settlements

- Housing Ministry plan: One fifth of new homes to go over Green Line. Bayit Yehudi Housing Minister Uri Ariel is holding treasury hostage with his budgetary demands, refusing to approve IDF transfer to new Negev bases unless excess settlement expenditure gets okay. The Housing Ministry has prepared a nice going-away gift for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the eve of his trip to Washington – plans to build more than 48,000 new housing units in the West Bank, and another 15,000 or so in East Jerusalem. The building beyond the Green Line has been incorporated into the ministry's construction plans for other regions of the country – a total of around 279,000 new housing units. The list of communities and the number of housing units came to light during the course of discussions over the past few days between Housing Ministry and treasury officials, on the backdrop of the Housing Ministry's demand for significant budgetary supplements. Housing Minister Uri Ariel (Bayit Yehudi), who also serves as chairman of the Israel Land Authority, has refused thus far to present the agreement for the transfer of the Israel Defense Forces bases in the center of the country to the Negev to the Israel Land Council for final approval. In doing so, for all intents and purposes, he is holding the plan hostage to his budgetary demands. Sources in Ariel's bureau believe that by the time the parties meet again, next Tuesday, the treasury would have folded. What we are dealing with here, in fact, is a dispute on two levels. On the one hand, it's an argument over money. Following the decision to bring forward the elections, the government has been operating in keeping with the 2014 budget; but Ariel is demanding sums that exceed the approved budget. According to a February 16 letter from Housing Ministry Director General Shlomo Ben-Eliyahu to the Director General of the Prime

Minister's Office, Harel Locker, the demands total more than 360 million shekels. One of the demands calls for an additional 30 million shekels for protective measures for settlers living in the heart of East Jerusalem's Arab neighborhoods. Housing Ministry officials deny any link between the delay in approving the plan to move the IDF bases to the Negev and the ministry's financial demands, claiming that the two issues are unrelated and apolitical professional disputes. However, those in the know outside the government are convinced there is something more to the story – that at play is an effort on the part of Ariel and others from Bayit Yehudi to delay the evacuation of the IDF bases in the center of the country so as to encourage Israelis to buy homes in the West Bank. Housing Ministry officials reject these allegations, claiming that they support the plan to move the IDF bases, but are also concerned with the finances of the ILA and its independence. This leads us to the second level – the political aspect, which comes to light in the plans formulated by the Housing Ministry. One-sixth of the housing units planned for the coming years are in the territories, with a large number of units slated for construction in isolated settlements such as Ma'ale Amos (6,000 housing units), Bat Ayin (6,000) and Nahliel (3,500), or even settlements that have yet to be established, like Gva'ot (1,060) – a clear indication of the government's intentions vis-à-vis the settlement enterprise. Construction plans for East Jerusalem also draw intense flak from around the world, including the United States. The Housing Ministry's plans include the building of 15 thousand housing units in Jerusalem, beyond the Green Line. I spoke to a senior government official, apolitical, about the plan. "The lesson I have learned," he said, "is that the land of the state, its most precious asset, should not be entrusted to a sectoral party. A sectoral party cannot serve the interests of the country at large." ([Ynetnews](#) 25 February 2015)