

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 19 August 2014

I he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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 'Anza village, south of Jenin city and fired stun grenades at Palestinian houses. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the western part of Budrus village, west of Ramallah city, fired teargas grenades at Palestinian houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. As a resulted, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. (NBPRS 19 August 2014)

Gaza strip:

• Abdalla Abed Rabo (20 years) died of wounds he sustained during the Israeli assault on Gaza strip. (Maannews 19 August 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Yatta town, south of Hebron city, after assaulting them while they were at Khalal Al-Adra area, east of Yatta town. The arrestees were identified as: Hamza Ahmed Shawaheen (19 years) and Ibrahim Issa Shawaheen (18 years). (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their house in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Firas Kafli Al-'awiwi and his brother Ahmed. (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Jamal Taleb Talab (19 years) after raiding his family house in Ad-Dhahiriya town, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Adel Hamamrah (23 years) after raiding his house in Ash-Shurfa area, east of Husan village, west of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Sami and Mohammad Taha to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after raiding their houses in Beit Sahour town, east of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Osarin village, south of Nablus city. The arrestees were identified as: Rabeh Ruslan 'Adili (17 years) and Ahmed Jamal 'Adili (19 years). (Raya 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Musa Al-Hindi (22 years) after raiding his house in Tell village, west of Jenin city. (Raya 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Azzat Daghlas after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA near Burqa village, north of Nablus city. (Raya 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Thair Halahla (35 years) after storming and searching his house in Kharas town, northwest of Hebron city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (RB2000 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after stopping him at a military checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of Halhul town, north of Hebron city. (Maannews 19 August 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers living in Beit El settlement stormed Al-Yanabe' area in Dura Al-Qar' village, north of Ramallah city, and torched caravan, awnings and seats in the area. (Wattan 19 August 2014)
- Israeli settlers living in Betar Illit settlement hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles in Nahhalin village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Wattan 19 August 2014)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. During the operation, the IOA arrested a Palestinian child while he was at the courtyard of Al-Aqsa mosque. (RB2000 19 August 2014)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished awning and a residential cave in An-Natouf area in Al-Walaja village, northwest of Bethlehem city. The targeted room and cave are owned by Abd Al-Fatah Abd Raboh. (NBPRS & Al-Quds 19 August 2014)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected sudden checkpoints at all the entrances of Hebron city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Maannews 19 August 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Maannews 19 August 2014)

Other

• UN: Gaza reconstruction 3 times more dire than after 2009 war. Top UN official in Mideast Robert Serry says ending blockade of Gaza, addressing Israel's security needs more urgent than before due to 'unprecedented destruction.' The top UN official in the Mideast said Monday that Gaza will require massive reconstruction and proposed expanding a UN-Israeli system to import construction materials into the Palestinian territory. Robert Serry told the UN Security Council that ending the blockade of Gaza and addressing Israel's legitimate security needs have become even more urgent given "the unprecedented amount of destruction ... and the corresponding unprecedented level of humanitarian needs" suffered during the latest fighting between Israel and Hamas. He said there are indications that "the volume of reconstruction will be about three times" what it was after the 2009 Hamas-Israel conflict. Serry said approximately 16,800 housing units have been destroyed or severely damaged, affecting some 100,000 Palestinians. In addition, he said an estimated 108 installations belonging to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees were damaged along with the Gaza branch of his own office. Serry said ways must be found to get large quantities of building materials, including cement, into Gaza "in a way that fulfills Israel's security concerns." During the latest conflict, Israel discovered and destroyed dozens of cross-border tunnels. Israel has said it is willing, in principle, to ease Gaza border restrictions - but only with safeguards that prevent weapons or goods with possible military uses, such as cement for building tunnels and bunkers, from reaching Hamas. Hamas agreed to a power-sharing agreement in April with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, whose Fatah faction controls the West Bank. The Palestinian Authority now controls a unity government of technocrats in both the West Bank and Gaza but Hamas' military wing still controls security in Gaza. Serry said the UN-Israeli system to import construction materials has been used "for years." "This system has demonstrably worked, prevented diversion of materials, allowed successful implementation of crucial projects, and built trust," he said. "Reconstruction of the magnitude which is now needed can only be addressed with the involvement at scale of the Palestinian Authority and the private sector in Gaza, meaning larger quantities of materials are required to enter Gaza." He said the United Nations is ready to explore how it can be expanded to monitor a Palestinian Authority-led private-sector reconstruction program in Gaza. Norway and Egypt announced plans on Monday to co-host a donor conference once a durable cease-fire is in place and once adequate access conditions have been established, he said. "Donors will want to be assured that they can bring construction materials inside Gaza," Serry said. "Right now, Gaza urgently needs houses, hospitals, and schools - not rockets, tunnels, and conflict," Serry said. (Haaretz 19 August 2014)

• Thousands of West Bank Palestinians denied exit since Gaza conflict. Shin Bet barred 1,463 from crossing into Jordan in July, says Palestinian police. The Shin Bet security service has been preventing thousands of Palestinians from leaving the West Bank since June, without any explanation. According to Palestinian police data, Israel barred 1,463 Palestinians from crossing into Jordan in July, or 2.1 percent of the approximately 68,000 who sought to leave. That is more than the total barred from leaving in all of 2013 – 1,266, or 0.18 percent of the approximately 695,000 who sought to do so. The refusal rate rose again in the first week of August, when 924 Palestinians were denied exit -3.25 percent of the 28,348 who sought to leave. In June, the refusal rate was 1.41 percent, while for the first five months of 2014, it was just 0.17 percent, according to the Palestinian police. The Allenby Bridge into Jordan is the only route by which West Bank Palestinians can travel abroad, since Israel has barred them from flying through Ben-Gurion International Airport since 2000. The Shin Bet hasn't publicized its criteria for deciding whom to bar. But many of those turned back at the Jordan border have been students, academics and others who live or work abroad but spent summer vacations in the West Bank. When they sought to leave, they were told they couldn't, "for security reasons." Yet none have been arrested, questioned or summoned for interrogation. Those who tried to leave in July were told the ban would be in place until August 1. But when they checked back in August, they were told it had been extended until September 1. An Israeli source said the Shin Bet's blacklist contains at least 27,000 names. In June, Palestinians up to 50 years old from the Hebron area were not allowed to leave their area for two weeks, due to the search for three kidnapped Israeli teens and their killers. Israel suspected a Hamas cell from Hebron of perpetrating the kidnapping and focused its search for the bodies in the Hebron area. The Palestinian police data shows that many of those barred from leaving in June were from the Hebron area. But in July, the blacklist was expanded to encompass people from throughout the West Bank. (Haaretz 19 August 2014)