

# **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.

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. The IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of a Palestinian. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest in Abu
  Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas
  and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury
  of three people. During the operation, the IOA arrested 5 Palestinians.

- Two of the arrestees were identified as: Isma'il Haja and Samid Qabiesha. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Halhul Bridge, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 5 people. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing the injury of Brighith Mohammad Brighith. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Bab Az-Zawiya area in Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of others. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Wadi Al-Jouz area in Bani Na'im town, east of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of others. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched several Palestinian houses in Al-Mazra'a Al-Qibliya village, north of Ramallah city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. The IOA arrested four Palestinians. (Safa 15 July 2014)
- Palestinian Center for Human Rights, published its report about the Israeli war against Gaza strip on the 14th of July 2014. "Ongoing Israeli Offensive on Gaza: 162 Palestinians Killed, of Whom 137 Are Civilians, Including 34 Children and 28 Women, and 1,058 Others Wounded, Mostly Civilians, Including 332 Children and 212 Women; 209 Houses Targeted and Destroyed and Hundreds of Others **Extensively Damaged.** Israeli occupation forces have continued their brutal and immoral offensive on the Gaza Strip for the 7th consecutive day, and have continued the policy of collective punishment in disregard for the international law and humanitarian law, which ensure protection for civilians in times of war, and in violation of the principles of necessity, proportionality and distinction. Israeli forces have continued their aerial, ground and sea attacks throughout the Gaza Strip, causing more civilian casualties and damaging civilian facilities, including houses and mosques. Israeli forces attacked workers of municipalities who provide vital services to the civilian population. As result of these attacks, 3 workers have been killed and a

4<sup>th</sup> one has been wounded. Thousands of Palestinian civilians have been forced to leave their houses in the northern Gaza Strip following warnings by the Israeli forces to leave their houses as they would initiate military operations in these areas. They resorted to shelters established by UNRWA in Gaza City and the northern Gaza Strip. From 10:00 on Sunday, 13 July 2014 to 10:00 on Monday, 14 July 2014, 6 Palestinians, 5 of whom are civilians including a woman, were killed. Additionally, 120 Palestinians, mostly civilians, were wounded – this number includes 52 children and 18 women. Israeli warplanes also targeted and destroyed 35 houses. The latest developments since the press release issued by PCHR yesterday noon have been as follows: The Northern Gaza Strip: Israeli warplanes launched 64 airstrikes and Israeli tanks and gunboats fired dozens of shells targeting houses, agricultural plots and open areas. As a result of these attacks, a was killed, and 55 Palestinians, including 30 children and 11 women, were wounded. Twelve houses were targeted, and 7 of them were destroyed. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli drones fired 3 missiles at a flat belonging to the Salah family in an apartment building in Sheikh Zayed housing project. The flat was destroyed and a number of nearby ones were damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a group of Palestinians, killing one of the, Qassem Talal Hamdan, 24. an Israeli drone launched a missile at a 3storey house belonging to 'Atiya Abu Banat in Fad'ous area in Beit Lahia. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane bombarded and destroyed the house. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Talal Jum'a al-Shnbari in Beit Hanoun. A few minutes later, Israeli warplanes bombarded and destroyed the house. An Israeli drones fired a missile at a 5-storey house belonging to 'Ata 'Abdul Raziq al-Mana'ma in 'Aamer Project in the west of Jabalya. The house was damaged. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to 'Eid Fahmi Tanboura in Beit Lahia. Half an hour later, an Israeli warplane bombarded and destroyed the house. Israeli drones fired 3 missiles at a 4-storey house belonging to the al-Shalfouh family in Jabalya refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane bombarded and destroyed it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Fareed Abu Rashed in al-Sikka Street in Jabalya. The house was damaged. Israeli drones launched 3 missiles at a 2-storey house belonging to Basheer al-Tabatibi in the east of Jabalya. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane bombarded and destroyed it. Israeli warplanes bombarded a house belonging to Ismail Ghanem in al-Ghoboun area in Beit Lahia for the second time since the beginning of the current offensive. an Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to the Hassouna family in Jabalya refugee camp. The house

was damaged. Israeli drones fired 3 missiles at a 2-storey house belonging to Mustafa 'Assaliya in Jabalya. A few minute later, an Israeli warplane bombarded and destroyed it. Gaza City: Israeli warplanes launched 30 airstrikes and ground and sea shelling targeting houses, security sites, agricultural lands, open areas and a workshop. As a result of these attacks, 10 Palestinian civilians, including 6 children and 2 women, were wounded. A Palestinian civilian also died of a previous wound. Moreover, 8 houses were targeted and 5 of them were destroyed. Israeli warplanes bombarded an office of the Palestinian Ministry of Housing. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli drone fired a missile at a 4-storey house belonging to the heirss of Rashad Sa'id Habeeb, in which 43 people live, in al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City. The house was damaged. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 2-storey house belonging to Jameel Khalil al-Dahshan in al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City. Later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house causing extensive damage to it. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 2-storey house belonging to Khalil Jameel Mannaa' in al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City. Later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Dr. Nasser Hashem al-Tatar, Director of Shifa Hospital, in al-Nasser Street in Gaza City. A few minutes later, Israeli drones fired 2 missiles at to nearby houses belonging to the al-Za'eem family, damaging them. Ten minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at al-Tatar's house destroying it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to the sons of Rezeq Mohmmaed Rezeq, in which 70 people live. The house is comprised of 2 buildings. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house, destroying one building and extensively damaging the other one. Medical sources declared that Adham Mohammed 'Abdul Fattah 'Abdul 'Aal, 29, died of wounds he had sustained on Sunday morning, 13 July 2014, when Israeli warplanes bombarded his family's house. Israeli warplanes bombarded and destroyed a blacksmith workshop belonging to the al-Bahtiti family in al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 3-storey house belonging to Jamal Hassouna Shamallakh, in which 17 people live, in Sheikh 'Ejlin neighborhood in the southwest of Gaza City. Later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Three children were wounded. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at the 8th floor of al-Narjis building, which serves as offices for the Ministry of Housing, in Tal al-Hawa neighborhood in the south of Gaza City. The 8th floor was partially destroyed, and 4 residents of the building, including 2 women and a child, were wounded. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 3storey house belonging to the family of Matar Mohammed 'Abdu, in which 10 people live. Later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. Five children were wounded. At the same time, Israeli warplanes bombarded Ansar security compound. Israeli tanks and gunboats fired dozens of artillery shells at various areas in the east and south of Gaza City. A number of shells hit Gaza fishing harbor. As a result, a number of fishing boats were damaged, and one of them was completely burnt. The Central Gaza Strip: Israeli warplanes launched 29 airstrikes targeting houses, agricultural lands, open areas and a mosque. As a result of these attacks, an old man was killed, and 30 Palestinians, including 14 children and 3 women, were wounded. Ten houses and a mosque were also bombarded. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Bassam Salem, in which 14 people live, in al-Maghzai refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Ashraf 'Adnan al-Khatib in al-Nussairat refugee camp. The house was extensively damaged. an Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Khamis 'Abdul Wahab al-Salhi in al-Nussairat refugee camp. The house was damaged and 3 Palestinian civilians were wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Mohammed Ahmed Abu Jahjouh in al-Nussairat refugee camp. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it together with a nearby house. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Ahmed Mohammed al-Namrouti in al-Zawaida village. A few minute later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3storey house belonging to Mamoud Hassan Abu Saleem in Deor al-Balah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at an agricultural plot in Wadi al-Salqa village, east of Deir al-Balah. As a result, Mohammed Salem Brais, 79, when he was on his land. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Mohammed Abdul Rahman Abu Muhaisen in al-Maghraqa village. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Khaled Ahmed Mesmeh in Deir al-Balah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a 2-storey house belonging to Mo'in Hussein 'Atwan in Deir al-Balah. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. an Israeli drone fired a missile at a 3-storey house belonging to Marwan Mohammed Abu Swaireh in al-Zawaida village. The third floor was damaged. An Israeli warplane launched a missile at al-Nour Mosque in the west of Deir al-Balah. The mosque was destroyed. Khan Yunis: Israeli warplanes launched 31 airstrikes targeting houses, agricultural plots, open areas and sites in the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis. Israeli tanks and gunboats also fired dozens of shells at agricultural and open areas. As a result, 7 Palestinian civilians, including 3 children, were wounded. Israeli warplanes also bombarded3 houses and a building. The most significant attacks were as follows: Israeli warplanes launched 5 airstrikes on agricultural plots and open areas in al-Qarara, Ma'an and al-Zanna areas. A number of nearby houses were damaged. Israeli warplanes launched 7 airstrikes on agricultural plots and open areas in Ma'an and al-Manara areas and the vicinity of the European Gaza Hospital. A number of nearby houses were damaged. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles in the vicinity of a house belonging to Ahmed Suleiman al-Astal in al-Mawasi area in the northeast of Khan Yunis. A few minutes later, Israeli warplanes bombarded and destroyed the house. A number of nearby greenhouses were damaged. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a room near al-Majaida Mosque in al-Mawasi area in the west of Khan Yunis. As a result, 2 Palestinian civilians were wounded. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a 4-storey building in the center of Khan Yunis. Israeli forces had phoned the owner of a restaurant under the building and ordered evacuation of the building. The attack damaged the 4th floor of the building, which belongs to the al-Atal family. An Israeli drone fired 2 missiles at a house belonging to Ussama Khamis Abu 'Anza in 'Abassan village, east of Khan Yunis. The house was damaged. Israeli drones launched 2 airstrikes on an agricultural plot near Hajj Mohammed al-Najjar's Educational Institute in al-Satar al-Gharbi area in Khan Yunis. A neaby house was damaged and its owner was wounded. His two children were also shocked. Israeli warplanes launched 3 airstrikes at agricultural lands in 'Abassan village, east of Khan Yunis. Israeli warplanes launched 7 airstrikes at agricultural lands and open areas in Ma'an area in the east of Khan Yunis. Israeli drones fired 2 missiles at a 2-storey house belonging to 'Amru 'Amira al-'Omour, in which 14 people live, in al-Fukhari area in the southeast of Khan Yunis. A few minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Rafah: Israeli warplanes launched 32 airstrikes targeting houses, agricultural lands, security sites and tunnels at the Egyptian border in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah. Israeli forces also fired dozens of shells from the ground and the sea at various areas in Rafah. As a result, 4 Palestinians were killed, including a woman and a Palestinian who was killed when he was at home. Additionally, 13 Palestinians others, including 6 children and 2 women, were wounded. Three houses were also destroyed. The most significant attacks were as follows: an Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to the family of Ra'fat Saleh al-Zamli, in al-Salam neighborhood in the south of Rafah. Five minutes later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house destroying it. Before the attack, Israeli forces had phoned al-Zamli's brother to evacuate the house. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Faisal Ahmed al-Qadhi, in which 9 people live, opposite to Rab'a al-'Adawiya School in the west of Rafah. five minute later, an Israeli warplane launched a missile at the house and destroyed it. Before the attack, Israeli forces had phoned al-Qadhi's sister-in-law to evacuate the house. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Ussama Thabet Abu Mour in al-Nasser village, northeast of Rafah. As a result, Maher Thabet Abu Mour, 25, was killed and his sister, Iman, 20, was wounded. An Israeli drone fired a missile at the garden of a house rented by Hazem Mousa Abu Mo'ammar in al-Nasser village, northeast of Rafah. As a result. Abu Mo'ammar's father, 56, his brother, 24-year-old Saddam, and his sister-in-law, Hanadi Hamdan Abu Mo'ammar, 26, were killed. Three children were also wounded: Hamza Mohammed Abu Mo'ammar, 10 months; Waleed Jaber Sha'ath, 14; and Iman Hassn Kaware', 13. An Israeli drone fired a missile at a house belonging to Suleiman Mohammed Abu Sha'ar, near al-Farouq Mosque in al-Shaboura refugee camp in Rafah. The house was partially destroyed. Before the attack, Israeli forces had phoned a neighbor to evacuate the targeted house. (PCHR Gaza 15 July 2014)

#### During the Day of 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2014:

- Israeli airstrikes killed five Palestinians in Gaza overnight Monday, with at least 192 killed and 1,400 injured as Israel's assault enters its eighth day. An airstrike in Khan Younis early Tuesday killed 33-year-old Suleiman Abu Luli, 58-year-old Ata al-Umour and 53-year-old Bushra Khalil Zurub, Gaza health ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Qidra said. Earlier, 46-year-old Ismail Salim al-Najjar and 49-year-old Muhammad Ahmad Ibrahim al-Najjar were killed in an airstrike. An airstrike destroyed the home of Basim Naim, and at 7:30 a.m. two houses in al-Shati refugee camp and Beit Lahiya were completely destroyed by aerial attacks. At least another four Palestinians were injured in an airstrike in the northern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Dozens of Palestinians were injured after the Israeli Occupation warplanes launched missiles at a Palestinian house in Ash-Sheikh

Radwan neighborhood in Gaza city. The house was completely destroyed. The Israeli warplanes launched missiles at several areas at the northern and eastern parts of Gaza city. Dozens of Palestinian houses were destroyed. (Wafa 15 July 2014)

#### Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Al-Khateeb (42 years) after storming and searching his house in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding their houses in Husan village, west of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Ta'mah Al-'Aridi (24 years), Mohammad Naim Hamamrih (19 years) and his brother Ahmed (21 years). (Wafa 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Said Mohammad Mahmoud Al-'Alami (27 years) from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, while he was at the entrance of the town. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Maannews 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Jehad Azz Ad-Diyen Abu Turki (20 years) and Hussen Mohammad Abu Turki (18 years). (Wafa 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Silwad village, north of Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Hussen Abd Al-Latif Hamid, Abdalla Rawhi As-Salhi, Mohammad Jaralla Abd Al-Majeed Hamid and Ahmed Mustafah Hamid. (Wafa 15 July 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from the old city of Jerusalem while they were at the courtyard of Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 15 July 2014)

#### Israeli Settler Violence

- An Israeli settler opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle near Al-Khader cemetery in Al-Khader village, west of Bethlehem city. The targeted vehicle is owned by Tareq Muhssen Ash-Shawale. (Al-Quds 15 July 2014)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA assaulted Palestinians. During the operation, the IOA prevented dozens of Palestinians from entering Al-Aqsa mosque. (Maannews 15 July 2014)

#### Other

Israel: Targeting civilian homes for alleged military purposes is a war crime. Geneva-Euro-Mid Observer for Human Rights expresses great concern regarding the "knock on the roof" practice, in which Israeli forces fire a light missile on the roof of the home as a "warning", before firing another missile in less than a minute which destroys the home completely. These warning have been reported to be lethal, as causalities have been reported including injuries. Additionally, not enough time is provided for civilians to evacuate properly. Hundreds of Palestinian citizens have received warnings from the Israeli Occupation Forces in several areas in the Gaza Strip ordering them to evacuate their homes as Israeli forces were about to bomb them. Israeli forces claim that neighborhoods surrounding these homes are used by the Palestinian resistance to fire rockets at Israel. However Israel has not provided evidence that justifies its claims. Moreover, holding civilians accountable for an act they did not commit amounts to collective punishment, which is a war crime under International law. Euro-mid cites that Israeli Forces have been targeting civilian homes in the Gaza Strip for six days in a wide range exceeding military necessities and using excessive force. Euro-mid Observer, based in Geneva, added in a press release on Sunday 13 July 2014 that the areas which Israel have commanded to immediately evacuate are very large; from the east of Attatrah to Salatin Street and the entire west and north areas of Jabalia Camp, which are highly populated. Approximately 300,000 people live in this area. This makes targeting them in such way unjustified and does not take into account "the principle of proportionality" between the anticipated military advantage and the destruction of civilians' properties and livelihoods. Additionally, Israeli air strikes have targeted civilian homes in the Gaza Strip and demolishing them completely for being the family homes of "Hamas members". However, in most cases no evidence has emerged that indicates that the alleged "Hamas operative" was inside the homes at the time of the attack. Israel claims that these homes are being used to store munitions or for military purposes, however in most cases, women and children and elderly were among the deaths. Deliberately attacking civilian homes constitutes a war crime and also amounts to collective punishment against the families. The strike on the home of Al-Batsh family on July 13 in Gaza city was the deadliest family massacre since Israel launched its offence. The strike killed 18 members and completely destroyed the family home, while the "Hamas operative" that Israel was after, was not killed in the attack. Euro-mid mentioned that UN agency UNRWA has opened 8 schools so far to

accommodate at least 17,000 displaced in the northern Gaza Strip as they fled their homes at dawn. Euro-mid states that Israeli Forces have intended to target civilian homes in a wide range since the assault on Gaza started. In the first 7 days, 1653 houses have been damaged, 240 of them were totally destroyed. In addition, 25 mosques were damaged, 4 of them were totally destroyed; 6 medical clinics and 39 schools were damaged. Israel in its attacks on civilian homes has proved to have no respect to human lives in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli Occupying Force breached laws of armed conflict by attacking indiscriminately civilians in at least several incidents, by targeting civilian and protected facilities, by failing to provide unquestionably effective warning to civilians at risk and by failing to implement rules of international humanitarian law regarding military occupation. The pattern of Israeli attacks and the high number of civilian casualties show elements of reckless conduct, disregard for civilian lives and property and a consistent failure to distinguish between military targets and civilians and civilian objects. (Euro-mid 15 July 2014)