

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.

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) chased three Palestinian children while they were in their way to school in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. One of them was identified as Mahmoud Sa'ada (14 years), he fall from a high and broke his leg, and the IOA arrested Ali Da'na (14 years). (Maannews 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at Rafah shore, south of Gaza strip. One of the boats was torched. (Al- Quds 14 October 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Al-Khader High School for boys in the old city of Al-Khader. The IOA informed the school administration that they will surrounded the school until they arrest two students. (Wafa 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and toured in Arraba,
 Qabatiya, Misliya, Az-Zababida, and Meithalin villages in Jenin governorate. (Wafa 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed several Palestinian houses in Al-Far'a refugee camp, south of Tubas city, and destroyed their main doors. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired metal bullets and teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of Anas Abd Al-Karem. (Wafa 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its procedures at the entrances of Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city, and prevented the Palestinians under the age of 60 years from entering the mosque. The IOA also, assaulted Omar A; Kaswani; the director of Al-Aqsa mosque, and arrested Muhannad Idrees after assaulting him. At the same time, more than 200 Israeli settlers escorted by the IOA stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in toured in its courtyard. (Wafa 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) occupied a Palestinian house in Yabad town, west of Jenin city, and transformed it to a military base. The targeted house is owned by Waleed Mas'oud Abu Bakir. During the operation, the IOA invaded and searched a number of Palestinian houses and stores. Three of the targeted houses and stores are owned by: Aws Mohammad Hamarsha, Sharef Salem Hamarsha and Talal Salem Hamarsha. (Al-Quds 14 October 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ala Kamel Hussni Azam (29 years) after raiding his house in Tulkarm city. (Sama News 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their houses in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The arrested were identified as: Sufian Azhar Abd Al-Hamed Akhalil (25 years), Mohammad Abd Al-Qadir, Mahmoud Mohammad Abu 'Ayeash and Sami Amer Ahmed Abu Jawda (19 years). The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Maannews & Wafa 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ihsan Ad-Dababsa (28 years) from Nuba village in Hebron governorate, while she was interviewing

- the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc. (Maannews 14 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mohammad Nasser Al-Masri (21 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming his house in Ad- Doha town, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 14 October 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Israeli settlers torched parts of Abu Bakir As-Sideq mosque at the southern part of Aqraba village, southeast of Nablus city, and wrote anti-Palestinian slogans on the wall of the mosque. (Wafa 14 October 2014)

Other

Housing minister warns Netanyahu: Build settlements or lose coalition. Construction and Housing Minister Uri Ariel accuses PM of giving terrorists a prize by limiting construction for Jews over pre-1967 armistice line. Construction and Housing Minister Uri Ariel threatened to topple Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday if he does not resume unhindered construction in Judea and Samaria. On Monday – the same day UN Secretary- General Ban Ki-Moon scolded Israel for building in eastern Jerusalem – Army Radio revealed a tape of a speech by Ariel in Itamar the night before, in which the minister pressured Netanyahu to build in isolated settlements. Ariel accused Netanyahu of giving terrorists a prize by limiting construction for Jews over the pre-1967 armistice line. "Mr. Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, enough excuses," Ariel said. "The time has come to stop the freeze and build in Itamar, Hebron, Kiryat Arba and all of the land of Israel. I ask the prime minister not to shame or humiliate us. The coalition will wobble because of the freeze on construction." Bayit Yehudi sources would not say whether Ariel was speaking for himself when he issued his threat to Netanyahu or representing the party as a whole. Tensions remain between Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett and Ariel's hawkish Tekuma party that ran together with Bayit Yehudi in the last election. Rabbi Shlomo Aviner of Beit El, who is one of the mentors of Tekuma, was quoted Monday by the national-religious website Kippa calling Bennett "half religious." Meanwhile, Ariel unveiled a new plan on Sunday to compensate Jewish evacuees from the Gaza Strip's former Gush Katif bloc of settlements. He called upon former Gush Katif residents to take advantage of what he called their last chance at compensation. (<u>IPOST</u> 14 October 2014)

96.6 percent of investigations into attacks on Palestinians trees are closed due to Police failings indictments in only four cases. The human rights organization Yesh Din today published updated figures highlighting the failure of the Samaria & Judea District Police to investigate incidents in which olive trees and other fruit trees belonging to Palestinians in the West Bank are cut down, torched, vandalized, and stolen. This year's olive harvest has just begun, and during the first few days of the season, incidents of damage to trees have already been documented (including the cutting down of dozens of trees in Agraba, Burin, and Yasuf). Between 2005 and September 2014, Yesh Din documented 246 incidents in which complaints regarding deliberate damage to fruit trees in the West Bank led to the opening of a police investigation. This does not account for all such incidents, but only those brought to the organization's attention and processed by it. Of 246 investigation files opened by the SJ Police District between 2005 and 2014 and monitored by Yesh Din, just four have ended in indictment; 223 files were closed in circumstances pointing to investigative failures. This represents 96.6 percent of the files in which processing has been completed and where the outcome is known to Yesh Din. The figures show that the ability of the SJ Police District to identify and prosecute offenders involved in deliberate damage to Palestinian trees is particularly poor, and effectively almost non-existent. The establishment of the Nationalistic Crimes Unit in the SJ district police has not had an effect. Over the past year, Yesh Din has documented 35 cases of damage to trees investigated by police, leading to 0 indictments. In 23 of 24 cases concluded, cases were closed under circumstances reflecting the investigation's failure. The Palestinian village that has suffered the greatest number of attacks on trees is Burin. On the first day of this year's olive harvest, some 10 trees were badly damaged and fruit from hundreds of trees was stolen. The next day, a group of masked men assaulted Palestinians engaged in olive picking. In Burin alone, over the years Yesh Din has documented 35 incidents of damage to trees in which a complaint was submitted to the police. Just one of these complaints led to an indictment. Human rights organizations held the yearly meeting with army officials in preparation for the upcoming olive harvest, demanding the army adequately prepare to protect olive harvesters and prevent damage and vandalism against trees – particularly in specific areas known for attacks. Despite the army's promises, several cases of violence and assault against Palestinians perpetrated by Israeli citizens were documented during the olive harvest's first days, as well as damage to scores of olive trees. Two violent incidents were documented by Burin, south of Nablus: severe damage to some ten trees and theft of harvest from hundreds of trees, and an assault on harvesters by masked perpetrators. Yet another assault was documented yesterday, Saturday, by the village of Yasuf, bordering the settlement of Tapuach and its outposts. Vandalizing of olives and other trees belonging to Palestinians constitutes serious damage to their property and directly damages livelihoods. Many Palestinian residents of the West Bank depend on agriculture as a significant source of income, and particularly on the olive industry, which provides income and employment for some 100,000 households. (Yesh Din 14 October 2014)