

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 17 October 2014

The 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 against Palestinian violence 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) near the Israeli jail of Ofar in Ramallah governorate. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Raya 17 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at Gaza shore. (Al-Quds 17 October 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) around Bilal Ben Rabah mosque, at the northern entrance of

Bethlehem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians and houses, causing dozen of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 17 October 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Yabad town, west of Jenin city, and threatened to uproot a number of trees in Al-Malol area in the town. During the operation, the IOA erected a military checkpoint in the town, stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 17 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases, and the injury of 2 people. (Wafa 17 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Al-Masara village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA assaulted participants, and prevented them from reaching to the land where the segregation wall build. (Wafa 17 October 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in several neighborhoods in the old city of Jerusalem. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the clashes, the IOA tightened its procedures in the city and at the entrances of Al-Aqsa mosque, where the Palestinians under the age of 50 years prevented from entering the mosque. (Wafa 17 October 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Osama Munir Radwan Akhalil (19 years) from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of the town. (Wafa 17 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Omar Abd Al-Aziz Attala (26 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after raiding and searching his house in Al-Azza refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 17 October 2014)

Other

 'Greater Jerusalem Area' Plan Key to Sovereignty? Minister Yisrael Katz proposes that Judea-Samaria sovereignty begins with Jerusalem and expanding it as much as possible. Sovereignty over Judea and Samaria is dependent on sovereignty in Jerusalem, Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) declared in an interview published Friday. Katz presented his plan to establish full Israeli sovereignty over the full State of Israel in an interview with the Sovereignty journal, published by Women in Green. In the interview, he dubs the first stage the "Greater Jerusalem" plan. "I envision autonomy for Arab residents like what was decided at Camp David," Katz explained, referring to the 2000 Camp David summit. At the time, the status of Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem was heavily disputed. In the Israeli negotiators' incarnation of a deal, the Palestinian Authority (PA) would have had civilian autonomy - but not full sovereignty - over Arab neighborhoods and the Temple Mount. "This [plan] was the most correct, and it's a shame that discussion surrounding it was discontinued," Katz lamented. "Every attempt to establish a full Palestinian state in the first place is doomed to fail. I'm talking about autonomy and ties with Jordan, a form of citizenship and political affiliation that would enable that they [Palestinians] lead their lives well, but without security and foreign affairs autonomy." The comment echoes statements by Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon, also of the Likud party, who on Wednesday called for giving the PA autonomy although not a state. But to Katz, the time is not yet ripe. The political arena, he says, is a battleground - where to navigate between right and left, you must attack the enemy's weakest point. Katz has identified this point for the political Left as Jerusalem. Katz's "battle plan" is to establish sovereignty over "Greater Jerusalem" - the many neighborhoods beyond 1949 Armistice Lines that are under the legal jurisdiction of the capital city - and declare it as, unequivocally, the State of Israel under full political law, rather than leave it to IDF governance. According to Katz, this small move - which would include Ma'ale Adummim, Beitar Illit, Givat Ze'ev, and most of Gush Etzion could pave the way for full annexation of Judea-Samaria. Katz says that the model for this is European capitals, such as London or Paris all of which have metropolitan areas which are taken for granted as being part of the city. Katz is convinced that the idea of expanding Jerusalem is impossible for the Left to oppose in any meaningful way, as all parties have agreed on similar moves in the context of a future peace deal. The minister's assertions surface amid tensions over Jerusalem's future, both politically and practically. Earlier this month, Housing Ministry figures revealed that the housing crisis has <u>deepened</u> - in no small part due to a <u>"covert" building freeze</u> in Jerusalem and Judea-Samaria - and <u>pressure is being put</u> on opponents to sovereignty to ease the burden for thousands of young couples without affordable housing. Meanwhile, the green light has been given for rampant illegal construction in Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem - an attempt to establish facts on the ground to <u>divide</u> Jerusalem and establish the groundwork for a Palestinian state. (<u>Israel</u> <u>National News</u> 17 October 2014)