



# 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) and a number of staff from the Israeli Civil administration stormed a Palestinian playground in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city and confiscated a number of children games, under the claim that the playground closed to the Israeli segregation wall. As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA. (PNN 26 October 2014)

- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted Abdalla Ash-Shame from Jerusalem city while he was at the courtyard of Al-Aqsa mosque in the city. (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, wastewater and teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 9 people. During the operation, the IOA arrested 4 Palestinians, one of them was identified as Thair Hamad. (Wafa 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured at the southern neighborhood of Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA also erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of the town, stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Pal Info 26 October 2014)
- More than 30 Palestinians were injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation during clashes that erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Silwad village, north of Ramallah city, after the funeral of Arwa Hamad, who was killed two days ago during clashes between Palestinians and the IOA. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades. (Pal Info 26 October 2014)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Sameha Jwda from Jerusalem city, after stopping her at one of Al-Aqsa mosque's gate in the city. (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 9 Palestinians from Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Diya Daoud Hamuda, Muhannad Safadi, Sari Hadad, Mohammad Najeeb, Sameh Najeeb, Qusi Shwiki, Mohammad Ghaith, Mahdi Al-Abbasi and Khalid Bashir. (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mahir Jamel Khamisah (27 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Salem military base, after storming his family house in Al-Yamun village, northwest of Jenin city. (Wafa 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians and summoned two others; Ahmed Khalil Abu Hisham (48 years) and his son Qusi (14 years), to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming and searching their houses in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified

as: Basel Ali Abu Hisham (18 years), Mohammad Ibrahim Abu Mariya (19 years), Ahmed Yousif Khaild Sabarnih (23 years) and his brother Ibrahim (21 years). (Wafa 26 October 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhannad Mahmoud Abu Al-Ghalassi (24 years) and Bassem Mohammad Al-Masalmah (35 years) and summoned Hussien Mohammad Amro, Abdalla Al-Rujob, Hamad Bassam Az-Zeir and Abdalla Al-'Amayer to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police, after raiding and searching their houses in Beit 'Awa town, west of Hebron city. The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Wafa 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Sair town, north of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Yassen Shalalda (45 years) and his son Omar Shalalda (24 years). (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Rashid Abu Rumz and Hussam Iskafi from Hebron governorate. (Wattan 26 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amjad Nijim from Qabalan village, south of Nablus city, after stopping him at an Israeli sudden checkpoint. (Wattan 26 October 2014)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- 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 Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinians. (Wattan 26 October 2014)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out a military order to demolish an animal barracks in Masafir Yatta, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The targeted barracks is owned by Mahmoud Ali An-Najar. (Pal Info 26 October 2014)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers contained razed 20 dunums of Palestinian land in Haris village, north of Salfit city. (Wattan 26 October 2014)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr Qud village, west of Jenin city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 26 October 2014)

## Other

- Netanyahu likely to okay new settlement roads, discuss legalization of West Bank outposts. Under pressure from Bennett, PM holding meeting to discuss W.B. construction. On Thursday, Haaretz revealed Bennett's demand to 'unfreeze' West Bank construction. In attempt to relieve the pressure exerted by senior members of the Habayit Hayehudi party and the settlement movement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss infrastructure development in the West Bank, where the paving of new roads and several other small projects will most likely be approved. Senior officials in Habayit Hayehudi and in the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria told Haaretz that at this stage Netanyahu has not yet agreed to their demand to "unfreeze" construction in the settlements. The discussion is being held in the wake of a meeting Netanyahu held last week with Economy Minister Naftali Bennett and Housing Minister Uri Ariel. In the course of that meeting, Haaretz revealed, the two Habayit Hayehudi leaders [threatened](#) to undermine the government coalition unless Israel lifts the "quiet freeze" on building and planning processes in the settlements. In addition to Bennett and Ariel, Finance Minister Yair Lapid and Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz will also take part in Wednesday's meeting. According to the meeting's agenda, first revealed by Channel 2 on Sunday, Netanyahu and the ministers will discuss the possibility of approving the paving of 12 new roads in the West Bank, water infrastructure in the settlements, building student villages, parks, and a promenade in Gush Etzion to memorialize the three teenagers who were kidnapped and murdered this summer. Also on the agenda is the renovation of the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, new electricity infrastructure, settlers' demands to regularize illegal outposts, and laying groundwork in the settlements for future construction. According to Channel 2, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria is negotiating the construction of 2,000 homes, mostly in the settlement blocs, with the Prime Minister's Office. However, senior officials Habayit Hayehudi and the council noted that, so far, Netanyahu hasn't accepted this demand, and they estimate he will try to appease the settlers with the infrastructure plans

as a temporary substitute for their housing demands. ([Haaretz](#) 26 October 2014)

- Housing minister said to be mulling move to east Jerusalem. Housing and Construction Minister Uri Ariel (Habayit Hayehudi) said over the weekend that he is considering taking up residence in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. The announcement followed a visit by Ariel to the City of David last week. The move is believed to be meant as a show of support for the Ir David Foundation, commonly known by its Hebrew acronym "Elad," which seeks to boost Jewish presence in Jerusalem by purchasing Arab homes in the capital's east and leasing or selling them to Jewish families. In a statement released on Saturday night, Ariel's offices said that the minister and his wife were considering leasing an apartment in the area and living there in addition to their permanent residence in Kfar Adumim, a community located just north of Jerusalem in the Mateh Binyamin region. Jewish homes in the City of David are under constant guard, much like Jewish homes in other Arab neighborhoods in east Jerusalem. The private security company guarding these homes is funded by the Housing and Construction Ministry. Ariel refused to comment on the matter, but a source within Habayit Hayehudi said, "Jews have the moral right to take up residence wherever they wish in Jerusalem, as recently stated by the prime minister himself." ([Israel Hayom](#) 26 October 2014)
- Ya'alon bans Palestinians from Israeli-run bus lines in West Bank, following settler pressure. Settlers have tried on multiple occasions to prevent Palestinian workers from commuting on these buses, and have released a video calling for them to be banned. Following intense pressure from settlers, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon has issued a directive that bans Palestinian workers from traveling on Israeli-run public transportation in the West Bank. The decision contradicts the stance of the Israel Defense Forces, which does not view the presence of Palestinians on West Bank buses as a security threat. The new guidelines prohibit Palestinian workers from using buses that run directly from central Israel to the West Bank; instead they will have to arrive at the Eyal Crossing, near Qalqilyah and far from populated settler areas, and continue to their final destination from there. The Samaria Settlers' Committee and local Jewish authorities have conducted an aggressive campaign in recent years aimed at banning Palestinian workers from public transportation used by Israelis in the West Bank. Currently, Palestinian laborers who work in central Israel can enter only through the Eyal Crossing, where they undergo security checks and swipe a biometric I.D. card before continuing to their workplace. The workers are not allowed to sleep in Israel, however they can return to the West Bank through various crossings. Hundreds

of Palestinians who live in the central West Bank prefer to return on buses that run from Tel Aviv or Petah Tikva along the "trans-Samaria" road through the settlement of Ariel and on to their villages. The settlers have tried on multiple occasions to prevent the Palestinians from commuting on those buses, and have released a video calling for them to be banned. Ya'alon recently met with settler leaders and told them he has decided to change the current policy so that Palestinian laborers will have to return to the West Bank only through the Eyal Crossing. The directive is scheduled to go into effect next month. Until then, the Civil Administration has been instructed to prepare for the change by informing Palestinian workers and offering them alternate transportation. The GOC Central Command Maj. Gen. Nitzan Alon does not consider the Palestinian workers entering Israel to be a security threat, as they must obtain pre-approval from the Shin Bet security service and Israel Police in order to receive permits. They then undergo body checks at the border crossings. Alon also noted that terror attacks inside Israel, like the murder of soldier Eden Attias, were carried out by those without permits, not by authorized workers. MK Moti Yogevev, of the pro-settler Habayit Hayehudi party, criticized the current policy after riding on one such bus. "Riding these buses is unreasonable. They are full of Arabs," he said. "We have heard disturbing testimonies from girls who were harassed by Arabs during the bus ride," Yogevev continued, adding that many Jewish residents of the area are avoiding those bus lines. Previously, in response to the settlers' complaints, the Transportation Ministry added buses to the lines running from Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva to Ariel to prevent overcrowding. But the Transportation Ministry has said that, by law, Palestinians cannot be prevented from riding those buses. ([Haaretz](#) 26 October 2014)