



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

- 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 at participants, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Sama News 3 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed a military blockade on the old city of Jerusalem and a number of neighborhoods in Jerusalem city, to allow Israeli settlers to reach safely to the Walling wall, west of Al-

Aqsa mosque, to celebrate “Yom Kippur” holiday. (Wafa 3 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. (RB2000 3 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqilyah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Al-Ayyam 3 October 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after stopping them at Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. (ARN 3 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinian women while they were leaving Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 3 October 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinian children from Ein Al-Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Islam Mas'oud Zaytoun (9 years), Ashraf Firas Barqan (10 years) and Tamer Mazen Shwiki (11 years). (SilwanIC 3 October 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers set fire in a landfill near Umm Ar-Rihan natural reserve, west of Jenin city. Dozens of olive trees were torched. (NBPRS 3 October 2014)

Other

- Council builds West Bank bypass on Palestinian-owned land, for Israelis only. Mateh Binyamin says it is solving a traffic problem for Israelis at a busy West Bank intersection north of Jerusalem. Critics label it unimpeded apartheid. An Israeli regional council has illegally built a road on privately owned Palestinian land in the West Bank, allowing Israeli citizens to avoid traffic jams at a busy junction north of Jerusalem. The bypass is not accessible to Palestinians from the West Bank. Route 437 runs northeast of Jerusalem through the West Bank and is used by both Palestinians and Israelis. It feeds into Route 60 – the main north-south highway in the area – and is the scene of frequent

afternoon traffic jams near the Jewish settlement of Geva Binyamin (also known as Adam). In recent years, Jewish residents of the area have complained about major traffic congestion getting onto Route 60. In an effort to relieve congestion at the intersection, this week the Civil Administration issued an order expropriating 5.4 dunams (a little over an acre) of privately owned Palestinian land, to widen the highway near the Adam junction. Palestinians contend that the plan could result in the demolition of several privately owned buildings at the site. However, in addition, in recent weeks the Mateh Binyamin regional council has arranged an alternative route for Israeli motorists in the afternoon hours, over privately owned Palestinian land. At 3 P.M., a gate is opened at the settlement, which adjoins the main highway. A guard at the site said Israelis may enter what he claims is land belonging to the settlement to bypass the traffic. In the evening, the gate is closed and all traffic is redirected to the main road. The road was built without any authorization from the Civil Administration (the Defense Ministry agency that constitutes the civil authority in Israeli-controlled parts of the West Bank). A demolition order has been issued for the proposed new route, a portion of which is a security patrol route for the settlement – paved at the initiative of the Israel Defense Forces. But the IDF has not stopped motorists from using the new bypass route. Dror Etkes, a researcher into settlement activity, told Haaretz that the new road was paved on an illegal thoroughfare that the settlement built illegally in 2002-2003 to expand Geva Binyamin's boundaries. Portions of it cross land owned by residents of the nearby Palestinian village of Jaba, he claimed. The coordinator of government activities in the territories, of which the Civil Administration is a part, provided a response that related to Route 437 but not the new road through the settlement itself. "The new highway serves both Palestinians and Israelis," a spokesperson said. "First and foremost it was renovated to improve safety due to the many accidents that have taken place there. In addition, the renovation of the highway will reduce traffic congestion in the region for all its residents." Mateh Binyamin regional council responded: "The Adam-Hizmeh highway was declared a dangerous road from a safety and security standpoint by professionals, because it doesn't have an alternative access route and, in the event of an accident or security incident, it is not possible to reach [the scene] to evacuate the injured. ([Haaretz](#) 3 October 2014)