



# 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) stormed the protest village “Bab Al-Karam” in Al-Jiftlik village, north of Jericho city, and attacked Palestinian activists. During the operation, the IOA arrested 9 Palestinians. (Safa 31 March 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted Issa Ahmed Al-Hroub (26 years) from Wadi Fukin village, west of Bethlehem city, while he was at Al-Ahrash area, west of the village. (RB2000 31 March 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians while they were near the border fence, east of Al-Khaza'a town, east of Khan-Younis city. The IOA fired teargas grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 31 March 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Halhul Bridge, north of Hebron city, and searched the area. (Safa 31 March 2014)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Shahada Abu Rmilah (16 years) after storming his family house in Hebron city. (Al-Quds 31 March 2014)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Nedal Yousif Shahada (25 years) was injured after an Israeli settler opened fire at him at the entrance of Jit village, west of Nablus city. (Maannews 31 March 2014)
- Israeli settlers living in Mevo Dotan settlement escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles while they were at the entrance of Yabad town, west of Jenin city. (RB2000 31 March 2014)
- Israeli settlers assaulted and injured Tariq Ghaleb Idres (24 years) while he was at Al-Qarme neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem city. (NBPRS 31 March 2014)
- Israeli settlers torched ten of olive trees in Qaryut village, south of Nablus city. (NBPRS 31 March 2014)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a military order to confiscate 300 dunums of Palestinian land in pool No. 12 and 13 in Rasem Wes Al-Khafash area in Jalud village, south of Nablus city, for settlement construction. (NBPRS 31 March 2014)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Safa 31 March 2014)

### **Other**

- Knesset Law Committee to debate transparency of funding for settlements. Meretz's Gal-On sought further discussion on monitoring money earmarked for WZO division. The Knesset Law Committee on Thursday is set to debate requiring the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division to ensure that its budgetary information, including for West Bank building projects, is made public under the Freedom of Information Law. Two weeks ago in a meeting with only two members present, the committee rejected a request by Justice Minister Tzipi Livni to apply the Freedom of Information Law to the Settlement Division. On Sunday, it agreed to revisit the issue at the request of Meretz Party leader MK Zahava Gal-On, who has been strongly advocating for making the division's funding information public. At present it is excluded from the law, because the division is technically part of the WZO, which is a non-governmental agency. However, since 1967 it has been contracted by the government to assist with West Bank settlement development. Its duties were expanded a decade ago to include the Negev and the Galilee. Lawmakers such as Livni and Gal-On have argued that, although the WZO is a private entity, its settlement division is contracted by the government, it has a budget that is made up of taxpayers' money, and it is authorized by the Knesset. On Sunday, for example, the Finance Committee approved a transfer of NIS 177 million to the division. "The time has come to stop the political games and shady deals," Livni said upon hearing of the transfer. "The Israeli public has a basic democratic right to know what the Settlement Division does with its money. I intend to fight for the principles of freedom and transparency." The Finance Committee on Sunday published a partial list of the spending funds going to the Negev and the Galilee as well as to West Bank settlement development in the Jordan Valley, Beit El, and the south Hebron Hills. Finance Committee chairman Nissim Slomiansky (Bayit Yehudi) said that the NIS 177 million had already been approved for the 2013 budget but had not been used by the Settlement Division. The vote, he said, was simply a technical transfer into the 2014 budgets of money that had already been debated and approved the year before. Initially, Yesh Atid parliamentarians on the committee had blocked the transfer of the NIS 177 million, but half an hour before the meeting they withdrew their objections. MK Stav Shafir (Labor) accused the Yesh Atid politicians of caving in to Bayit Yehudi demands. MK Merav Michaeli said that Yesh Atid had lent a hand to building in West Bank settlements at the expense of affordable housing for the middle class within the pre-June 1967 lines. "Yesh Atid has handed [Economic Minister Naftali] Bennett and [Housing and Construction Minister] Uri Ariel the middle class on a silver platter," Michaeli charged.

Separately, the Finance Committee also approved NIS 32 million for Gaza evacuees. ([IPOST](#) 31 March 2014)

- The Local Planning and Building Commission at the Israeli Ministry of Interior approved a plan to build a new four story-building synagogue named “Israel Jewel”- Nivraet Yisrael, in the middle of the old city of Jerusalem and just 200 meters away west of Al-Aqsa Mosque. (Maannews 31 March 2014)

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