



# 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) invaded and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Dura, Bani Naim and Khursa towns in Hebron governorate. Five of the targeted houses are owned by: Imad Shadad, Musa Abed, Harhasha Omro, Jihad Omro, and Salem Musa Sh added. (Raya 25 July 2016)

## **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Awarta village, south of Nablus city. The arrestees were identified as: Muayyad Sharab (33 years) and Shadi Awad (32 years). (Safa & Pal Today 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their houses in Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Amjad Al Qazaha, Mahmoud Ja'far, Husam Kamel, and Mohammad Bilal Kamel. (RB2000 & Pal Today 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Khalid Taqatiqah after raiding his house in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (Pal Today 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Jamal Al 'Amour after raiding his house in Tuqu village, southeast of Bethlehem city. (Pal Today 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained tens of Palestinians after stopping them at the entrance At Tawani village, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. (Raya 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ziyad Abu Karesah As Switi after storming his house in Beit 'Awa town, west of Hebron city. (Raya 25 July 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ali Mohammad Ahmed Sarahna from Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. (Raya 25 July 2016)

## **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded a Palestinian house in the old city of Hebron, and notified the owner to stop the construction of three rooms added to his house on the roof. The targeted house is owned by: Aref Jaber. (Al-Ayyam 25 July 2016)

## **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Safa 25 July 2016)

## **Other**

- **Showdown This Week Over Tax Breaks for Settlements.** Habayit Hayehudi pushing measure over objections of treasury, Knesset Finance Committee chief. A showdown over expanding tax benefits is coming to a head this week as right-wing lawmakers seek to override treasury objections to grant tax benefits to some 60 West Bank settlements. The plan, which was originally proposed by MK Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi) and has since won the backing of party chairman Naftali Bennett, who is also education minister, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But treasury officials, backed by the Israel Tax Authority, strongly oppose the measure, both on the grounds that it would cost the government 150 million shekels (\$39 million) in lost tax revenues and because it threatens to reopen last year's wrenching debate over what localities would be entitled to the benefits. Bennett and Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon are due to meet this week to try to reach an understanding on Smotrich's proposed legislation. But Smotrich and other Habayit Hayehudi MKs said that on Tuesday they planned to submit the bill for the first of the three readings it needs to become law, whether or not Kahlon gives his consent. Tuesday is the last day lawmakers can submit new legislation before the Knesset breaks for summer recess at the end of this week. Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, who also belongs to Habayit Hayehudi, said she would lobby MKs on the Knesset Law Committee on Monday to vote for the bill. The so-called "benefits map," approved by the Knesset at the end of 2015, increased the number of localities entitled to benefits from 180 to 403 at a cost of 1.2 billion shekels in annual tax revenues. Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism), the Knesset Finance Committee chairman who shepherded the original legislation through the Knesset, angrily made clear at a meeting of coalition partners on Sunday that he also firmly opposed expanding the list. The fact that Smotrich reopened the issue prompted other local authority heads to pressure him to add their jurisdictions to the list, Gafni said. On the other hand, an effort by Miki Zohar (Likud) to add a host of communities inside the Green Line to the map was rejected on Sunday by the Ministerial Legislative Committee. The list included Zohar's hometown of Kiryat Gat as well as other Likud strongholds. The map approved in 2015 fixed standard criteria for awarding the benefits based on socio-economic criteria. Smotrich's bill would add security risks to the criteria entitling West Bank communities to the benefits. He said the criteria would be based on Defense Ministry assessments on the security risks they face in a way that is similar to the benefits awarded to Israel's border communities. "Settlement in Judea and Samaria has stood up heroically against chronic terror in their communities and on the roads. We need to encourage them with,

among other things, tax benefits,” he said. Smotrich had sought to add these criteria in the 2015 legislation, but Netanyahu ultimately rejected the idea because it would scuttle the benefits map. However, he pledged at the time he would support a separate initiative later. ([Haaretz](#) 25 July 2016)

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