



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 jeeps and bulldozers staged 150 meters into Palestinian land, located near the border fence, northeast of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip, razed vast area of land and opened fire at the nearby houses. (Raya 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (Raya 18 August 2016)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba village, south of Jenin city, after the IOA invaded and searched tens of Palestinian houses. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA arrested Ahmed Rafeq Kin'an (30 years). (Al-Quds & Safa 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and toured in several neighborhoods and areas in Nablus city. (Al-Quds 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its procedures at the entrance of Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 18 August 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the Israeli Jail of Ofar, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases. (Maannews 18 August 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Ref'at Ziyadat after storming his house in Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron city. (Al-Quds 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned a Palestinian to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police, after storming his family house in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. (Al-Quds 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abed Ar Rahman Hssan Husni Shaqour (22 years) after storming and searching his family house in Kafal Haris village in Salfit Governorate. (Pal Info 18 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Jerusalem city. (Pal Info 18 August 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Pal Info 18 August 2016)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Civil Administration issued military orders to demolish 8 mobile houses in Abu An Nawar Bedouin community, east of Al Eaziriya town, east of Jerusalem city. The targeted structures are

owned by Ayman Jahaleen, Darwish Jahaleen and Fadiya Jahaleen. (NBPRS & Pal Info 18 August 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out a military order to demolish a water well in Umm Nir area, south of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The targeted well is owned by Mohammad Hussien Al Jabour. (Wafa 18 August 2016)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed vast area of Palestinian land at the western entrance of Tuqu village, southeast of Bethlehem city, for the construction of a military tower. (Wafa 18 August 2016)

Expansion of settlements

- A new big Israeli project under the name “New face of modern Jerusalem,” will target the main western entrance of the city. According to the Islamic Christian committee which revealed that the plan aims to give Jerusalem a Jewish character, obliterate its Arab Muslim and Christian identity, deface its history and create a new face that doesn't relate to the original Arab Jerusalem. The new plan is proposed on around 720,000 meter square of land and would cost 1.4 billion shekel (\$370 million). Moreover, the Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barakat's statement that Jerusalem will become an advanced and more modern commercial center with many technological projects is a blatant declaration of Israel's intent to give Jerusalem a Jewish character, something rejected by all international laws. (Wafa 18 August 2016)

Other

- **Israel may demolish 30 structures in Palestinian Sussiya, draft court document states. Netanyahu has until the end of October to review the matter and decide whether or not to take action against the Palestinian village.** The IDF could demolish 30 of the 100 illegal structures in the Palestinian herding village of Sussiya, according to a draft of the state's response to the High Court of Justice, submitted on Wednesday. The draft also says the question of the West Bank village's overall fate rests with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and not solely with Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman. The High Court of Justice mandated that the state submit its opinion on demolitions at Sussiya by the end of Wednesday. However, the state explained that Netanyahu needed until the end of October to review the matter, the

choice being either demolitions or support for a compromise deal now in the works between the Civil Administration and villagers on the possible legalization of the structures. Negotiations were suspended in July, as the Civil Administration awaited instructions from Liberman, a month into his job as defense minister, on how to proceed. His predecessor, Moshe Ya'alon, supported the talks. Liberman is presumed to oppose any legalization efforts because he has in the past called for the IDF to destroy the Palestinian tents and shacks located just a short distance away from an Israeli settlement by the same name. Right-wing politicians have pressured the government to remove the structures out of a belief that the Palestinian Authority has strategically placed families there to increase its hold on that area of the South Hebron Hills. The United States and the European Union have pressured Israel to legalize the herding village, which is located on private, Palestinian-owned agricultural lands. Given the diplomatic implications, the matter went to Netanyahu's office for review. The state, in its draft document, promised the court it would not move against the village until the legal were over. But it said enforcement would continue against any new buildings and against those built after 2014 legal injunctions were put in place to prevent such construction. Regavim, a right-wing NGO promoting Jewish control of land and a party to the case, said there was a difference of opinion between Netanyahu and Liberman when it came to Sussiya. It called on the government to take down structures erected after 2014 as it sent out a summary of the state's position to the media. The summary did not quantify how many structures were considered to have been built since then, but the number 30 has been raised in past debates. Rabbi Arik Ascherman, head of the new human rights group Khakel and former head of Rabbis for Human Rights, said that about 100 people were not at risk of losing their homes at Sussiya. The village is likely to ask the court for an injunction to prevent any demolitions until legal proceedings have been exhausted, and certainly until the state has submitted its position. Regavim has called on Liberman and Netanyahu to enforce the law in spite of statements by other countries. On Tuesday, it launched a letter-writing campaign designed to pressure them to demolish the village. "Israel must be steadfast in acting like a sovereign power and upholding the rule of law in her territory," it said. ([IPOST](#) 18 August 2016)