



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 toured in Al Hadeb area in Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a Palestinian house in Al 'Araqa village, west of Jenin city, and questioned the residents. The targeted house is owned by Mahmoud Fayez Barham. (Sama News 31 August 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Bedouin community in Al Mu'arajat area near Jericho city, and threatened the residents to demolish their houses. (Raya 31 August 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village, northwest of Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians. (Orient FM 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped Palestinians from construction a road to the herding Sussiya village, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The IOA also, detained three Palestinian bulldozers. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation jeeps and bulldozers staged 150 meters into the eastern part of Al Burij refugee camp in the Gaza strip, razed vast area of land and opened fire at the nearby houses and lands. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and injured five Palestinians while they were leaving Burj Al Laqlaq stadium in Bab Hutta neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The Palestinians were identified as: Awni Sa'idah, Ahmed Al Halawani, Mohammad Waled Sa'idah, Yahya Farah, and Ihab Taybah. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Sabastiya village, northwest of Nablus city, and removed the Palestinian flag raised in an archaeological area. (Al-Quds 31 August 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousif Loay Thawabtah (20 years) after storming his family house in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Hamza Al Kurdi (19 years) and Mohammad As'ad Al Masa'di (19 years). (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Fouad 'As'ous (21 years) from Ash Shuhada village, southwest of Jenin city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Isnail Ash Sharawnah after raiding and searching his house in Deir Samit village, west of Hebron city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdalla Rafrouf after storming his house in Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Khalil Khalid Khalil from Bethlehem governorate. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Nablus governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Mus'ab Ishtitya, Nabel As Sarifi, Ahmed Az Zaghhal and Muntaser 'Arisha. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hassan Khalid Yameen after raiding his house in Qalqiliyah city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Jamel Muhseen from Jerusalem city. (Wafa 31 August 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five family members after raiding and searching their house in Ar Ram town, northeast of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad, Said, Ali, Yazan and Abdalla Al Hitawi. (Wafa 31 August 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers put a number of sign and mark at an archaeological area in Farish village near Ariel Industrial zone, north of Salfit city. (NBPRS 31 August 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Wafa 31 August 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a workshop in As Sawahra Ash Sharqiya village, southeast of Jerusalem city. The targeted structure is owned by Fahed Za'atrah. During the operation, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military tent in the aforementioned area. (Wafa 1 September 2016)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel Approves Hundreds of Homes in West Bank Settlements. Civil Administration planning panel okays construction of 285 new housing units in Israeli settlements; plan to build housing in Efrat settlement shelved due to U.S. pressure, sources say. Israel approved on Wednesday the construction of hundreds of new housing units in West bank settlements and retroactively legalized dozens more. The plan has already been approved at the political level. The White House said the development "poses a serious and growing threat to the viability of a two-state solution". Another plan to build housing in the Efrat

settlement was meant to be approved but was shelved in the last minute due to fears of U.S. pressure, sources said. The Civil Administration's High Planning Committee approved the building of 234 homes in Elkana, which are designated by the plan as a nursing home, 31 homes in Beit Arye, and 20 homes in Givat Ze'ev. The committee has also legalized 178 housing units which were built in Beit Arye the 1980s. The housing units planned for Elkana still require objections to be heard before a final approval is granted. White House spokesman Josh Earnest called the approvals a "significant expansion of settlement activity" and said the development "poses a serious and growing threat to the viability of a two-state solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "We are particularly troubled by a policy of retroactively approving illegal outposts and unauthorized settlements," Earnest said. "I think we have been quite unambiguous about the concerns we have on this issue". Another plan to build 30 housing units in the Efrat settlement was expected to be approved during the meeting but was ultimately not discussed. According to sources familiar with the details, the plan was pulled from the agenda at Netanyahu's request due to fear of U.S. pressure. According to one source, Netanyahu told the parties involved in promoting the plan that it would be frozen until after the U.S. presidential election in November, and its future will depend on the election's result. The Civil Administration confirmed that the plan was removed from the agenda in the last minute. The heads of the Eretz-Israel caucus in the Knesset, MKs Yoav Kish (Likud) and Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi) the Civil Administration's failure to approve the plan "an injustice that cannot be countenanced," adding that "a seven-fold more serious injustice is the plan to promote planning and construction for the Arab population at a time when the Jewish communities are frozen and forced to make do with just crumbs". The Civil Administration is the Israeli agency that oversees services for residents of the occupied West Bank. Earlier this month, a Jerusalem district panel approved the construction of 56 homes in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ramot, located across the Green Line. The additional housing will not expand the boundaries of the neighborhood, but will increase building density within Ramot. Last week, Haaretz reported that Israel plans to expand the Jewish settlement in the West Bank city of Hebron for the first time in over a decade. The U.S. State Department expressed "deep concern" about the intention to advance construction for settlers there. ([Haaretz](#) 31 August 2016)

- Hundreds of New Hotel Rooms Slated for Jerusalem as Tourist Demand Skyrockets. Hundreds of hotel rooms are expected to be added in the near future to the hotel supply in Jerusalem – a process

that should reduce the cost of overnight accommodation in the capital. The additional rooms will be built in the Jerusalem Ridge compound opposite the Sherover Promenade in the Armon Hanatziv neighborhood. The Tourism Ministry financed the marketing costs of the tender and will handle the development, in cooperation with the Israel Lands Administration, according to a statement from the ministry. The compound that will be built is among the last significant areas of land in Jerusalem dedicated to the immediate construction of hotels. The site is zoned for six hotels (with four lots being marketed first and the other two at a later stage). The hotel compound also includes land with a listed building, commercial property and an area, common to all the hotels, that will be designated for bus parking. The commercial area will attract visitors from the adjacent promenade, and will serve as an entertainment attraction for tourists and locals alike. "This tender is another important step in increasing the hotel room supply in Jerusalem. This tender will add to the hundreds of hotel rooms that have been approved in the last year in the Jerusalem Ridge compound, which will become a tourism complex located in one of the most attractive places, overlooking the Old City basin," said Tourism Minister Yariv Levin. "I see great importance in strengthening the city of Jerusalem and its position as a magnet for tourists from Israel and around the world". Acting Director, Israel Lands Administration (ILA) Adiel Shomron added that his agency considers the strengthening of Jerusalem as a primary goal both in terms of increasing residential housing and in terms of strengthening commerce and tourism in Israel's capital. Two companies won the first tender to build 580 hotel rooms hotels will be built on the site: Hasid Brothers Contractors and Construction Ltd. and Klir Chemicals. The winners will pay the ILA NIS 7.6 million not including development costs and will build two hotels and commercial space. The second tender, which was published by the ILA in cooperation with the Tourism Ministry, was won by The Train in the Colony Ltd – a plot of 2,563 square meters with building rights of 14,080 square meters of which 400 square meters are for commercial/retail space, at a cost of NIS 7.2 million. ([Jewish Press](#) & [Pal Info](#) 31 August 2016)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Qalqiliyah- Nablus road at the section between Al Fundup and Hajja villages, east of Qalqiliyah city. During the operation, a group of Israeli settlers escorted by the IOA gathered at the aforementioned road. (Wafa 31 August 2016)

- Israel shuts down Palestinian radio station for incitement in overnight raid. All the technical equipment and transmitters were confiscated. Five of the station's employees were arrested in the raid. The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) together with the IDF, Israel Police and the Civil Administration shut down the "al-Snabel" radio station in the West Bank overnight, security forces said on Wednesday . "Al-snanbel" was located in Dura, near Hebron. The station was shut down due to their incitement of terror . All the technical equipment and transmitters were confiscated. Five of the radios employees were arrested in the raid. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Ad Darwish, Mohammad Al Sous, Nidal Omar, Muntaser Nassar and Hamad An Namura. This is not the first time a media channel in the West Bank was shut down for incitement. In March, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) together with the IDF and Israel Police shut down an Islamic Jihad television station in the West Bank. The television station, Falastin al-Yom (Palestine Today), also used social media networks to send out its content. According to the Shin Bet, the channel "calls for the carrying out of terrorist attacks against the State of Israel and its citizens. ([IPOST](#) & Wafa 31 August 2016)