

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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Kfar 'Abbush village, southeast of Tulkarm city. The IOA fred teargas grenades and rubber bullets, causing tens of suffocation cases. During the clashes, the IOA arrested Hamza Adib Khalaf (225 years) after raiding his house. (Wafa & Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. Three of the targeted houses are owned by: Arafat Issa Za'aqiq, Mohammad

- Issa Za'aqiq and Hisham Khalil Abu Mariya. The IOA also, threatened the residents of the houses. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian workers working with the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee from entering Tal Ar Rumida neighborhood in Hebron city, to continue the restoration and maintenance works in the neighborhood. (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Navy opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing in As Sudaniya and Al Waha shores, northwest of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched two Palestinian houses in Al Balo' area in Al Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. The targeted houses are owned by: Abdalla Hussen Issa and Yousif Mohammad Hussen Sobeh. (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invade and searched two Palestinian houses in Sair town, north of Hebron city. The targeted houses are owned by the families of two Palestinian martyrs; Fadi Al Faroukh and Raid Jaradat. (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Wadi Ma'ale area in Bethlehem city, questioned the residents and stole more than 15,000 Shekel. During the operation, the IOA fired live and rubber bullets and teargas grenades at houses, causing tens of suffocation cases. The IOA also, arrested three Palestinians, identified as: Muhannad Jaber (20 years), Aya-alla Mohammad Shahada (19 yeras), Hasaneen Hassan Shuka (52 years), and 'Adlah Ibrahim At Ta'mari (50 years). (ARN & Al-Quds & Orient FM 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and injured Ayman Al Kurd (20 years) from Ras Al Amoud neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city, while he was at Bab As Sahira area in Jerusalem city. Noted that the IOA summoned the brothers of Mr. Ayman Al Kurd; Ammar (23 years) and Ala (25 years), to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. (Al-Quds & RB2000 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shoot and killed a Palestinian and injured other while they were crossing Abu Ar Rish military checkpoint, near the Ibrahimi mosque, at the southern part of Hebron city. (Maannews & Al-Quds 19 September 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the southern entrance of the old city of Hebron, near the Ibrahimi mosque. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 19 September 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Ibrahim Ali Abu Ar Rub and Mohammad Fatlah Abu Ar Rub, (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Akram Al Fasisi after raiding his house in Idhna town, west of Hebron city. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Fauiz Zidat and Ali Mahmoud Rashid Sobhi Zidat. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Taleb Maskawi (17 years) after storming his family house in Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus city. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amro Imad Hassan Abu Rihan (20 years) after storming his family house in Tell village, west of Nablus city. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdalla Shaheen after raiding his house in Al Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. (Wattan 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians after storming their houses in Zabuba village, northwest of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Abdalla Salah Tahaynah, Ziyad Abed Ar Rahman Jaradat (25 years), Mohammad Karam Zayoud (16 years), Yazan Jamal Zaqzaq (15 years) and Nour Amjad Abidi (14 years). (Wafa & Wattan 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ayman Aziz Jaber (47 years) from Salfit Governorate. (ARN 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Al Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Hadi Ahmed Hassan (14 years) and Nassem Raid Kalab (16 years). (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ashraf Faris Barqan (15 years) from Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (Safa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Salah As Sabah after raiding his house in Shufat refugee camp, north of Jerusalem city. (Safa 19 September 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Rabbi Ehud Glick escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) performed Talmudic rituals in front of Al Qataneen gate; one of Al Aqsa mosque gates in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city, and toured in its courtyard. (Wafa 19 September 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Susiya village, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city, attacked the residents, and chanted anti-Palestinian slogans. (Wafa 19 September 2016)

Expansion of settlements

• Israeli weekly newspaper of "Kool Ha'ir" revealed that the Israeli Planning and construction committee in the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem approved to submit a new plan to build 450 new housing units in the illegal Israeli settlement of Gilo, south of Jerusalem city. Noted that the 450 new housing units came within a plan to build 900 new housing units at the western part of Gilo settlement in additional to the construction of commercial and public buildings, open areas and public parks. (Al-Quds 19 September 2016)

Israeli Closures

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed all the roads and gates led to Bab As Sahira area in Jerusalem city, and closed all the entrance of the old city of Jerusalem. The IOA also, forced Palestinian to close their commercial stores in Salah Ad Diyen, As Sultan Suliman and Ar Rashid streets and in the old city of Jerusalem (Al-Quds & Wafa 19 September 2016)

Other

• Likud Hits New Low With Efforts to Save an Illegal West Bank Outpost. No Likud minister will tell settlers the facts: There will be no law to retroactively legalize settlements built on privately owned Palestinian land, and the illegal Amona outpost will be evacuated. The radicalization that has swept the Likud over the last decade, ever since its elected representatives were hijacked by right-wing extremists from West Bank settlements and outposts, received mind-boggling expression this weekend: 25 of the ruling party's 30 Knesset members, about half of them ministers or deputy ministers, signed a "petition" urging enactment of a law to bypass High Court of Justice rulings mandating the evacuation of settlements and outposts built on privately owned Palestinian land. The so-called "formalization bill" would allow such land to be retroactively seized for the benefit of Jewish construction. It's parliamentary hooliganism par excellence, for the glory of the illegal outpost of Amona. This is no more than a sorry joke, a tasteless parody by a ruling party that has lost all shame and divested itself of any vestige of responsibility, norms statesmanship. Since when do ministers sign petitions? And who exactly are they addressing in this letter? The prime minister? The ministerial committee for legislation, on which they sit? Or perhaps it's meant for the heads of the powerful settler lobby, to whose tune they dance like frightened slaves whose evil master fires bullets between their legs? Actually, he doesn't need to shoot - holding the gun is enough. The moral, constitutional and political nadir reached by Likud - which has been in power for most of the last four decades, including the past seven years – is underscored by the behavior of two of its coalition partners. Suddenly, Likud is the government's extreme-right flank. To its right lies, perhaps, only the Tekuma faction of Habayit Hayehudi, a faction comprised of MKs Uri Ariel and Bezalel Smotrich. Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who heads Yisrael Beitenu, told a conference in the settlement of Ariel last week that there's no way to prevent Amona's evacuation in light of the High Court ruling. Education Minister Naftali Bennett and Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, who lead Habayit Hayehudi, are keeping mum; they, too, understand that the die is cast. They also understand that the proposed law is nothing but an end-of-days delusion whose chances of passing the Knesset are slim to none. Even if, by mistake, it manages to obtain a majority, the High Court will immediately overturn it, because as Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit said, patently unconstitutional. Not one Likud minister has yet found the courage to tell the settlers what's clear as day: There will be no such law. Amona will be evacuated and razed, because its houses were built in sin on Palestinian-owned land. And the same fate will befall other settler houses built in violation of the law. When almost all the party's senior members - including Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein and moderate ministers Gila Gamliel and Yuval Steinitz – are lining up behind the most extremist position, someone like MK Benny Begin, who is second to none in his commitment to building in the territories but is equally committed to upholding the law, sounds like the radical left. "This isn't a formalization law, but a robbery law," Begin told Israel Radio yesterday. "Anyone with eyes in his head who wants to deal fairly with others must reject such a bill without awaiting guidance from the attorney general". The bill, which the Knesset rejected by a large majority four years ago, is so stupid and absurd that it begs the question, What's happening to this party? What are they afraid of? Let's say Tourism Minister Yariv Levin, a jurist, had explained to the settlers that there's zero chance of the law passing. What would happen to him? They wouldn't vote for him in the primary? Or Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz, who in his dreams is already sewing new curtains for the prime minister's residence – if he hadn't signed this ridiculous petition, would the settlers refuse to vote for someone who has paved roads to their settlements? And what about Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan, who's responsible for law enforcement? In sports terms, the score is 25-0 – zero for leadership. If they sign a petition in favor of this law, there's no delusion they won't sign onto if the settlers and the far right demand it. This is the face of Likud in 2016. A little reminder: A decade ago, during the 2006 campaign, bulldozers demolished other houses in Amona on the High Court's orders. Not one Likud MK back then went to the outpost to demonstrate support or clash with the police. Today, to get Likud MKs down from the rooftops of Amona, we need Lieberman and Bennett – the ones who ascended the rooftops to protest the demolition of illegal houses in Beit El. (<u>Haaretz</u> 19 September 2016)