

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) confiscated an agricultural tractor in Ar Ras Al Ahmar area in the northern of Jordan valley. The targeted tractor is owned by Muwafaq Fakhri Mohammad Daraghmah. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its procedures at 'Atara military checkpoint, north of Ramallah city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (ARN 9 November 2016)

- A Palestinian was injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at him while he was at the main street in Huwara village, south of Nablus city. (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation jeeps and bulldozers staged 50 meters into the eastern part of Al Qarara town, northeast of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip, and razed vast area of land. (RB2000 9 November 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem city. (Orient FM 9 November 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Qabatiya village, south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Fadi Abed Al Hamed Kayed Zakarnah, Bassem Fawzi 'Alawnah and Hamudi Ahmed Zakarnah. (Wafa & RB2000 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding their houses in Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Nedal An Natsha and Tareq Nedal Abed Al Baset At Tamimi. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searched their houses in Dura town, west of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Raed Badawi Abu Za'noun and Khalid Mohammad Hassan Fasfous. The IOA transferred the arrestees to unknown location. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Al Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Nedal Hassan Rasras, Raed Badawi Hamdan and Abdalla Amer Al Qasas. During the operation, the IOA stormed a print shop owned by Abdalla Rasas and seized a number of computer devices and equipment. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hamza Wahed Hamdi Zamel Al 'Almai (26 years) after storming his family house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. During the operation, the IOA invaded and searched tens of Palestinians houses, where two of the targeted houses are owned by: Hamed Mohammad Hamed Al 'Alami and Mohammad Ahmed Hamed Al 'Alami. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming their houses in Jabal Al Mukabir town, south of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Radi Aziz Abdo, Adham Abed Aziz and Zakariya Abed Al Ghafour. (RB2000 9 November 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ala As Saqa from Urif village in Nablus governorate. (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from the old city of Jerusalem. The arrestees were identified as: Mu'men Ghaith and Mohammad Abu Farha. (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ibrahim Abu Jum'a from At Tur neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Jericho governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Rami Nayif Nujom (36 years) and Mohammad Mubarak Rumani. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians while they were near Pisagot and Kokhav Ya'acov settlements, southeast of Ramallah city. (Maannews 9 November 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. (Quds Press 9 November 2016)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) performed Talmudic rituals in the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron city. (Raya 9 November 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a part of an under construction house in At Tur town in Jerusalem city. The targeted house area reach to 150 square meters and owned by Mahmoud Al Hadrah. (SilwanIC 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced Jamal Al Hadrah to demolish his 100 square meters garage in At Tur town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a carwash in Dahiyat Al Bareed neighborhood in Beit Hanina town, north of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished about 20 commercial stalls located near At Taybah checkpoint, southwest of Tulkarm city. (Maannews & Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dismantled and seized 9 residential tents in Khirbet Hamad area in the northern of Jordan valley. The targeted tents owned by 5 Palestinian families. (Al-Ayyam 9 November 2016)

Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli Civil Administration submitted a building scheme in Al Quds Daily Newspaper for Public Review¹. The Regional Plan No. (411/6/4/2) in Nekodem settlement, Mandate scheme RJ/5 , parts of basin number 4 in Wa'ir Abu Muhrab area in AT Ta'amrah village, southeast of Bethlehem city. The new plan aims to change the status of land from desert land to construction area "A & B, and areas to construct public building , open area, road networks, and area for future construction . (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- The Israeli Civil Administration submitted the approval on the Regional Plan No. 329 in Al-Quds Daily Newspaper. Where the approval plan targeted land located northwest of Mekhola settlement, and southeast of Bardala village, in the northern or Jordan valley, near the Israeli bypass road No.90. The new plan seek to change the status of the land from agricultural area to industrial area and to area used for the construction of water pool. (Al-Quds 9 November 2016)
- The High Committee for Israeli Civil Planning and Building has approved the building of a huge shopping center to west of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, after deliberating for several years. Israeli daily "Haaretz" reported, on Tuesday, that the plan was approved last month, and that the state is to build a huge shopping center near Maccabim checkpoint, west of Ramallah. (IMEMC 9 November 2016)

Israeli Closures

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed a road lead to Khirbet Wad Juhish area, south of Hebron city. During the operation, the IOA confiscated building tools, a caravan and a water tank from the area. (Safa 9 November 2016)

Other

• Jerusalem Mayor Backs Plan to Build 4,000 Homes in Green Space. Municipality says plan answers urban renewal need, maintaining Nir Barkat seeking a balance between resident and environmental needs. The Jerusalem municipality has begun advancing a plan to construct 4,000 housing units in a green space in western Jerusalem. The area, known as White Ridge, expands between the Ir Ganim neighborhood and the Kennedy Memorial. It is considered environmentally sensitive and development there has run into opposition in the past from Mayor

¹ It is the last step before approving the building scheme, after which, building permits and tenders may be issued

Nir Barkat. Barkat recently made a deal with National Housing Board chairman Avigdor Yitzhaki to develop the area, partly to spur urban renewal in adjacent neighborhoods. White Ridge is one of the areas included the Safdie plan to expand Jerusalem westward. Canceled in 2007 after a long struggle by environmental organizations, Barkat quashed subsequent attempts to revive it. Binat Schwartz, the outgoing planning administration head, enthusiastically backed westward expansion at the expense of green areas, trying to push the plan via the National Planning and Building Board, which could shorten the approval process. Barkat and urban planners vehemently opposed this approach. Still, the municipality itself began advancing the White Ridge plan in coordination with the regional planning board and Yitzhaki without turning to the national board. Jerusalem continues to oppose building in the other two designated areas of the Safdie plan – Mitzpe Neftoah near Ramot, which is considered even more environmentally sensitive, and Har Harat, next to Mevasseret Zion. One of the environmental problems in building on White Ridge is the possible damage to springs flowing at the foot of the ridge, mainly two especially bountiful springs - Ein Lavan and Ein al-Balad. The Israel Nature and Parks Authority and the Society for the Protection of Nature demanded in recent days that a comprehensive hydrological and geological survey be conducted to examine whether it will be possible to build without hurting the springs. Some of the planned neighborhood would arise in an area designated until recently for a commercial area, adjacent to Ora Junction. One of the new plan's main goals is to allocate land to complete urban renewal plans for the crowded Kiryat Hayovel and Ir Ganim neighborhoods. Planners have tried for 20 years to promote programs to move out residents temporarily while they build new units on the sites of old ones. Netanel Fischer, chairman of the Ir Ganim community administration, said he supports the plan as the land is needed to complete the urban renewal project "because building four times as much will cause more damage than good". The municipality commented: "Mayor Barkat's position remains reducing as much as possible harm to open spaces adjacent to the city, opposing expansion of building in them and advancing as much as possible urban renewal plans within neighborhoods." The city added Barat is trying to find solutions for young couples while preserving green spaces and stopping the Mitzpe Neftoah plan. It added he continues to oppose national planning board plans for Jerusalem without coordinating with city planners. (Haaretz 9 November 2016)