



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 January 2017

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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinian youth and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Salfit after the IOA raided the city. The IOA fired stun grenades at Palestinian youths. No detentions were reported. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian fisherman off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. Citizen Abed Hisham al-Sultan was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet as the

- IOA continuously opened fire at fishing boats. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- A Palestinian child was injured after being struck by an Israeli bullet in Beit Lahiya in the north of the Gaza Strip after Israeli forces opened live fire at homes in the area. The six-year-old girl was injured in her stomach, and described her injury as medium. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed across the border fence east of the Gaza Strip, fired dozens of rounds targeting homes and lands, in Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The IOA fired dozens of rounds for no apparent reason, hitting many homes, causing damage. There have been no reports of physical injuries among the Palestinians. The attacks were carried out by soldiers on various towers, in military bases across the border fence, in the eastern and southern parts of the besieged coastal region. (MEMC 20 January 2017)
 - Dozens of supporters and activists set up tents in a park at the illegal Maale Adumim settlement in the occupied West Bank, establishing the Bab al-Shams village on lands surrounding the settlement near the controversial E-1 corridor. The activists had set up the Bab al-Shams village, or “Gate of the Sun,” to protest illegal Israeli settlements and against the US President Donald Trump, who is expected to give a green light to further Israeli annexation of occupied Palestinian territory, as a bill to annex Maale Adumim is planned to be introduced to Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, on Sunday, just two days after the controversial American figure assumes office. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six activists that had arrived at the park and attempted to set up Bab al-Shams, as the IOA surrounded the village and expelled protesters and journalists from the area, in addition to issuing tickets for media vehicles. Journalists and photographers were also prevented from taking pictures during the event. The IOA also delivered notices to journalists preventing them from being on the main street. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly march held in the village of Billin west of Ramallah city which occur every Friday to protest the Israeli separation wall and illegal settlements and in solidarity with the Bedouin village of Umm Hiran which was raided by the IOA leaving a local teacher and an Israeli police officer killed, before Israeli forces carried out home demolitions in the village. The demonstration was also centered on protesting President Donald Trump’s support of moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to

Jerusalem. Palestinian and international solidarity activists held up Palestinian flags and signs condemning the potential embassy move and threatening an escalation of the resistance if such a decision is made. When the protestors reached the western part of the village near the separation wall, Israeli forces prevented them from marching on, declaring the area a military post and firing rubber bullets, sound bombs, and plastic bullets at protesters. The IOA detained Palestinian activist Ahmad Abu Rahma during the protest, but he was released afterwards. (Maannews 20 January 2017)

- The village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya used their weekly march to condemn the raid on Umm Hiran and also drew attention to the potential moving of the US embassy to Jerusalem. Hundreds of village residents participated in the protest, along with international solidarity activists. Protesters held signs that read “Jerusalem will only be the capital of Palestine,” and shouted slogans denouncing the nearly half-century occupation of the West Bank. As a result, clashes erupted with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who had entered the village with an Israeli bulldozer and Israeli military jeeps, and attacked the protesters. no detentions were carried out and no injuries were reported. (Maannews 20 January 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Several Israeli army jeeps invaded the village of Tequ’ east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and abducted one Palestinian. The soldiers abducted Tamer Salim al-Badan, 30, after invading his home and violently searching it, and took him to Etzion military base and detention center. (MEMC 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Surif town, northwest of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and detained a retired Palestinian Lieutenant, after breaking into his home and searching it. The detained Palestinian was identified as Hatem Hasan Eghneimat. The IOA cuffed and blindfolded Eghneimat, and took him to the Etzion detention and interrogation center, where he remained held for several hours before being released. (MEMC 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian from the Hebron-area village of Wadi Semaan. (Mannnews January 2017)
- Three Palestinian youths were detained near the Deir Qaddis village in western Ramallah after attempting to open a hole in the separation wall in the area. The detainees were transferred to the Israeli intelligence for interrogation. (Maannews 20 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a former Palestinian prisoner, Randa Ash Shahateet while trying to cross a sudden checkpoint that was set up at the entrance of Al Fawwar Refugee camp south of Hebron city. The IOA stopped Ash Shahateet's car and arrested her. (SAFA 20 January 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Palestinians confronted four armed Israeli settlers in a village in the southern part of Nabewlus city in the northern occupied West Bank e, allegedly preventing them from assaulting local Palestinian residents. Four armed Israeli settlers had "raided" the village, prompting dozens of Palestinians to surround them and prevent them from hurting residents or damaging property. The settlers allegedly threatened to use their weapons on the Palestinians if they came closer or were attacked. settlers were from the nearby Yesh Kodesh illegal settlement outpost. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- Dozens of American flags have been raised at the junctions and roads leading to the Gush Etzion Israeli settlement, built on Palestinian lands south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, as the "Settlements Council" is preparing to celebrate Trump's inauguration and the pending approval of 2700 new colonialist units. The settlers started raising the American flags on electric poles and junctions in preparation for their celebration of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, which they say is the first step for the approval of thousands of units, in the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 20 January 2017)

Other

- Ma'ale Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel will be seeking congressional support for the Israeli annexation of the West Bank city during his visit to Washington DC for the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. Kashriel is one of three settler leaders, including Efrat Council head Oded Revivi and Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Daganwho, who traveled to the US to witness the entry of a new administration in Washington. ... In Israel right wing lawmakers are losing no time in moving forward to secure West Bank settlements, beginning with Ma'aleh Adumim, which is located just outside of Jerusalem. On Sunday the Ministerial Legislative Committee is scheduled to debate a private members bill to annex Ma'aleh Adumim, including the contentious area of E1, which has been a red-line for the international community. ([IPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 20 January 2017)

- **New bill seeks to deny Palestinian security prisoners academic studies:** The Ministerial Committee for Legislation is expected to discuss a proposed bill next week that would deny security prisoners academic studies while they are in prison. The bill, introduced by Yisrael Beytenu MK Robert Ilatov, will change Israel Prison Service directives to ensure "a security prisoner will not be eligible to study in an institute of higher learning." The bill won the support of Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman. "Providing the opportunity of academic studies -- as opposed to family visits, radio, television and the like -- is not a right, but rather an excessive privilege that we should not provide to prisoners who were involved in terrorist activity," the bill's abstract said. "This does not contribute to their rehabilitation and will not distance them from terror after they are released from prison, and it is blatantly and unreasonably given as a 'prize.' The High Court of Justice also ruled that security prisoners constitute a group in themselves, and that there is no place to claim [unfair] discrimination based on a comparison between this group and other groups of prisoners, with respect to withholding academic studies." The bill noted that in 2015 the High Court approved an IPS decision to limit prisoners' options for academic studies, but determined that every case must be examined individually. Higher education is not a right granted to prisoners in international law, but rather a privilege granted by the IPS in the absence of a clear policy or legislation. Meanwhile, police and the prison service foiled an attempt on Wednesday to smuggle cellphones and money to Haymoni Muataz, a Fatah-affiliated prisoner from Hebron serving a life sentence in Nafha Prison. Muataz was sentenced to six life sentences for his involvement in a suicide bombing in April 2002 at the entrance to Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem that claimed the lives of six people and injured 104. At the end of an extensive undercover investigation, police came to suspect that operatives outside the prison were running errands for Muataz. Israeli forces captured one of the suspects red-handed on Wednesday with three cellphones and cash, foiling the attempt to smuggle them into the prison. The suspect and the security prisoner were arrested on suspicion of a series of serious crimes, including conspiracy to commit a crime, use of contraband to abet terrorism and violation of IPS directives. ([ISRAELHAYOM](http://www.israelhayom.com) 20 January 2017)