



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 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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### Israeli Arrests

- An Israeli court sentenced a Palestinian to life in prison plus an additional 30 years allegedly for his involvement in a 2015 shooting attack. Ishaq was also ordered to pay 250,000 shekels (\$65,793) to the injured Israelis. (Maannews, [Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians in Jerusalem Governorate in the occupied West Bank. The detainees were identified as Faisal Shabaneh, 16, Mahmoud Abu al-Hawa, 17, Yousif Abu al-Hawa, 17, Ashraf Abu Jumaa, 17, and Ahmad Abu Sbeih, 18.

- One Palestinian had been detained in Beit Anan and Qatanna vilages northwest of Jerusalem Governorate. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, Citizens Anas Taqatqa and Khatab Thawabta were detained in the village of Beit Fajjar. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Yabis in the village of Husan. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Taher Jameel Kameil while crossing a sudden checkpoint that was set up by the IOA near Deir Sharaf village in Nablus Governorate. (WAFa 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several homes and questioned their inhabitants in Arraba town in Jenin Governorate. The raided homes belong to Raed Abu Ghalboush, Abdel Majeed Shebani, Ibrahim Dahbour, Hani Abu Sara, and Muhammad Raouf Hamdan. (WAFa 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Abdel Kareem Azem (29 Years) near Arraba junction south of Jenin city and detained his cousin Azzam Mustafa Azem for some hours before releasing him few hours later. (WAFa 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ma'moun Shtewi from Kafr Qaddum village in Qalqilyia Governorate during clashes with the Palestinians in the village. Clashes erupted after the IOA tried to suppress the non-violent weekly protest in the village demanding the opening of the road that has been closed for 14 years. Another Palestinian identified as Awad Mansour (12 Years) was injured in the head. (WAFa 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli judges extended the arrest of several young men and children to continue interrogating them, and released others on condition of deporting them from their areas of residency. The judge decided to release the child Ahmad Rizeq Aweisat and Yassin Qunbar, Mahmoud Aweisat and Shadi Sroor on conditions of bails between 500-1500 NIS, house-arrest, deportation outside the village of Jabal Al-Mukabber and third-party bails. The judge decided to release 16-year old Mohammad Joudeh with a 3-thousand NIS bail, house-arrest and deportation to Beit Hanina in addition to a third-party bail of 7 thousand NIS. Majd Shkeirat, Bashar Shkeirat and Ahmad Farroukh were also released with a 1000-NIS bail and house-arrest for 5 days for each. The judge extended the arrest of Mo'men Dibs, Sami Abu Rmeileh, Adel Mahmoud, Daoud Abu Aweis, Issa Ali, Majd Al-A'war and Mouayad Abu Mayaleh until completing the legal procedures against them. The judge also extended the arrest of Ashraf Abu Jom'a, Yousef Abu Jom'a, Mahmoud Abulhawa, Faisal Shabaneh and Ahmad Abu Sbeih until 24/1/2017. In addition to extending the arrest of

Ahmad Fasfoos and Malek Sroor until Monday, Mohammad Shyoukhi until Thursday for sentencing, Mouayad Bader until 29/1/2017, Abdel Fatah Abdelrahman and Ihab Nababteh until 23/1/2017 and Ahmad Abu Diab until 24/1/2017. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested four young Jerusalemite men after raiding their homes in the village of Al-Tur in Jerusalem. The IOA arrested Yousef Mohammad Yousef Abu Jom'a (17), Ashraf Saed Eddin Abu Jom'a (17), Ahmad Zuheir Abu Sbeih (18) and Mahmoud Abdullah Abulhawa (17). The occupation forces transferred the young men for interrogation at the police center. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)
- The Magistrate judge extended the arrest of the Jerusalemite activist and member of follow-up committee in the village of Esawyeh, Mohammad Abu Hummos, until next Tuesday. Abu Hummos family explained that Mohammad was presented to court on Saturday night and the judge extended his arrest until next Tuesday to continue interrogating him. Mohammad was arrested on Friday afternoon while monitoring the occupation forces' raid on the village of Esawyeh. The occupation forces have been conducting daily raids on the village of Esawyeh during which activist Abu Hummos was targeted by preventing him from taking pictures, detaining his ID and cell phone and forcing him to delete the pictures and videos he took. Recently, they targeted him with a rubber bullet and wounded him in his leg. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- Israel's Jerusalem municipality approved permits for the construction of at least 566 new illegal Israeli settlement units in occupied East Jerusalem, after the plans were said to be put on hold until after US President Donald Trump was sworn in. The Local Building and Planning Committee in Jerusalem approved the construction of 671 housing units in a number of areas, after their approval was delayed for several weeks. 324 units were approved in the Ramot settlement, 174 units in the Ramat Shlomo settlement, and 68 units in the Pisgat Zeev settlement. (Maannews, [Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the southern Jenin city entrance. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinian ID cards. (Wafa 23 January 2017)

## Other

- The Trump administration has begun deliberations over whether to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said on Sunday. "We are the very beginning stages of even discussing this subject," Spicer said in a statement. One adviser to US President Donald Trump, Kellyanne Conway, has said it is a top priority for the new administration, which took office just three days ago. Conway said that Middle East peace would be a topic of conversation in Trump's first phone call with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, taking place this hour. ([IPOST](#) 23 January 2017)
- Israel's Security Cabinet voted on Sunday [to delay discussion on a proposal to annex one of the largest Israeli cities in Judea and Samaria](#) until after the Prime Minister meets with newly sworn-in President Donald Trump. The bill, which would extend Israeli law over the city of Maale Adumim, just east of Jerusalem, was pushed off in a unanimous vote as ministers ruled Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu should meet with the new American administration before altering the status quo in Judea and Samaria. If passed, the law would represent the first step Israel has taken since 1967 to extend its sovereignty over parts of Judea and Samaria, when the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem were enlarged. Netanyahu is slated to visit Washington in late March, though sources close to the Prime Minister have indicated he is looking to meet with President Trump early in February, *Yediot Aharonot* reported. On Sunday the White House announced that President Trump would speak with Netanyahu by phone later that day, in their first conversation since the inauguration. MK Yoav Kish (Likud), one of the drafters of the annexation bill, said he disagreed with the decision by the cabinet to push off the vote, though he understood the reasoning behind the move. "I didn't agree to remove the bill from the agenda, though I understand the delicacy [required] in dealing with a new government [in the White House]," said Kish. "In my opinion, it would have been better to pass the bill in the Ministerial Committee for Legislation, and then hold off on a vote by the full Knesset until after updating President Trump. That being said, I've accepted the Security Cabinet's decision for the time being." (INN, [Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

- Intelligence and Atomic Energy Minister Yisrael Katz is expected to present diplomatic-security cabinet meeting a proposal to annex dozens of settlements in the Jerusalem area, including Ma'aleh Adumim, as part of an Israeli diplomatic initiative. Katz's proposal comes on top of Habayit Hayehudi chairman and Education Minister Naftali Bennett's move to enact a law that would apply Israeli sovereignty to Ma'aleh Adumim, also set to be discussed at the cabinet meeting. On Sunday morning, Katz announced that he agreed with Netanyahu to bring up his initiative, dubbed the "Israeli initiative plan," at the meeting. Against the backdrop of global and regional realities, Katz stressed, Israel must undertake a widespread initiative coordinated with the new American administration so that it provide it with backing or even lead some of the moves. The issue of annexing Ma'aleh Adumim came up at the Likud ministers' meeting that took place earlier on Sunday. Science, Technology and Space Minister Ofir Akunis slammed Bennett at the meeting, against the backdrop of the pressure the latter is exerting on the prime minister regarding the Ma'aleh Adumim law. However, Akunis also told Netanyahu that unlike him, he himself opposes the two-state solution, as is the Likud's position. Yisrael Katz's five-part plan is comprised of several parts: 1. The annexation of settlements around Jerusalem – Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Gush Etzion and Betar Ilit – and their inclusion in what Katz calls the "Greater Jerusalem metropolitan area" while maintaining their municipal independence, similar to Paris or London. 2. The establishment of a similar municipal authority for the Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem that are situated beyond the separation barrier and are today cut off from all municipal services. 3. Reaching an understanding with the Trump administration over Israeli policy on building in the settlements in a way that would allow free construction for all populations in East Jerusalem, as well as an understanding on construction within the municipal area of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. 4. Promotion of the plan to build an island off the Gaza Strip, home to a port, water desalination facilities and energy facilities, which would give Gazans a gateway to the world in accordance with security arrangements. 5. Promotion of the "tracks to the East" plan, connecting railways from the Mediterranean Sea and the Haifa port to Jordan and Arab Sunni countries. The Palestinian Authority would be connected to the rail network as well. Katz's proposal, which significantly includes settlement annexation and accelerated construction in the West Bank, comes as Bennett pressures the government to reject the two-state solution and promote Israel's gradual annexation of all settlements. The first step in this framework would be the promotion of the Bennett-backed bill aimed at annexing

the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, slated to come up for a vote Sunday in a ministerial panel, though it remains unclear whether it will come to a vote. ([Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

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