



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 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

- The Israeli Occupation army forced out dozens of Palestinians from their homes in the village of Khirbet al-Kurzaliya in the northern Jordan Valley to carry out military training exercises. Israeli troops started military drills with live ammunition in the village after evacuating residents. (Maannews 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the border fence between Gaza and Israel opened fire towards farmlands in the area of

- al-Umour on the outskirts of the town of al-Fukhari, in the southern Gaza Strip district of Khan Yunis. No casualties were reported.
- East of Gaza City, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired towards Palestinian farmers and bird hunters, without causing injuries. At sea. The Israeli naval forces opened fire in the direction of fishing boats off the coasts of Khan Yunis and Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 24 January 2017)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem and started confiscating Palestinian cars in the camp. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided nilin village northwest of Ramallah city, stormed Commercial stores and confiscated records of Surveillance cameras. Clashes erupted between Palestinian citizens and the IOA where the latter fired teargas bombs to disperse Palestinians. A number of Palestinians suffered Gas inhalation. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
  - For the second day on row, the Israeli aircrafts continued spraying herbicides onto farmland along the eastern part of Khan Younis and Rafah Governorates south of the Gaza Strip. (Wafa 23 January 2017)
  - Employees of the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli Tax Authority ordered to close a restaurant in Khan Az Zaeit area in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being unlicensed. The restaurant is owned by Salah Ash Shaweesh. The restaurant is the only source of income for resident Abu Shaweesh and his family. (SAFA 23 January 2017)
  - A number of Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at Al Jabal junction in Abu Dis town in Jerusalem. The IOA fired teargas and sound bombs to disperse the Palestinians which resulted in the injury of several Palestinians. During the clashes the IOA arrested Citizen Islam Rabe'. (SAFA 23 January 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Ofer military court reportedly ruled to release Jamil al-Barghouthi, Ahmad Odeh, Khalid Qtishat and Lama Nazieh to three days of house arrest, on condition of paying a 30,000-shekel (\$7,900) bail. Maannews (24 January 2017)
- The Ofer military court ruled to extend the detentions of brothers Muhammad and Akram al-Khatib by two days for further interrogation. Maannews (24 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city at a military checkpoint that was erected at the entrance of Halhul town. The arrestee was identified as Ahmad Abdullah Abu Ayyash (27 Years) and was taken to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Waheed Ibraheem Musa Abu Maria (21 Years ) and Ameen Imad Muhammad Al Sleibi (15 Years) after searching their homes and messing with the contents. The IOA took the two arrestees to Etzion Military Camp. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yacoub Yusri Iskafi (25 Years) from Aqbat Tafuh west of Hebron city and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several Palestinian homes in Tafuh village, and messed with their contents. The targeted homes belong to Muhannad Rasmi Irzeiqat, Muhammad Mahmoud Irzeiqat, Ahmad Yousif Irzeiqat and Azmi Azzam Irzeiqat. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bara' Jamal Abdel Fattah Khaleel (22 Years) from Tulkarem city and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mustafa Hussein Sharaka, Mahmoud Wajdi Safi, Ma'rouf Bajes Nakhla from Al Jalazoun refugee camp in Ramallah Governorate. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Kayed Mahmoud, Abdel Qader Dari, Ameer Derbas, Nadeem As Safadi, and Khaled Abu Ghoush from Al Isawiya Town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Omar Sharay'a from Askar camp in Nablus at Deir Sharaf military checkpoint. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yazan Muhamamd Abu Hamed (22 Years) from Qalqilyia City and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Amona have threatened to renew their fight against imminent evacuation if Israeli lawmakers do not push through legislation to retroactively legalize all settlement outposts in the occupied West Bank, as a nearby outpost meanwhile

began unauthorized expansion. Amona has been slated for demolition by the Israeli Supreme Court for being built on private Palestinian land in the central occupied West Bank, although the court agreed in December [to postpone the evacuation of the outpost to Feb. 8](#) in order to give additional time for the Israeli government to provide alternative housing for its residents. While the extension had been agreed to on the condition that Amona's residents cease to oppose the eviction, the settlers sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Naftali Bennett stating that they were resuming their fight against the evacuation of Amona. The letter threatened that only the passage of the settlement "Legalization bill" with a clause including the legalization of Amona would prevent a confrontation, as the settlers complained that not enough had been done yet to prepare for their relocation. ([Maannews](#) 24 January 2017)

- A group of Israeli Settlers and under the cover of Israeli Police took over a Palestinian shop in Aqbat Al Khaldiya in the old city of Jerusalem. Settlers started excavation work in a nearby house in order to link it with the nearby shop. The shop is owned by Sub Laban family. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- 43 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi gate) under the cover of Israeli security forces. The settlers carried out provocative tours in the court yard of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) notified a Palestinian citizen to demolish his agricultural facility in Hizma Town northeast of Jerusalem city under the pretext of unlicensed building. ([Safa](#) 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished two makeshift homes and four agricultural structures in the small community of Lifjim, also known as al-Fajam, located between Aqraba and Khirbet al-Kurzaliya. The Israeli Bulldozers closed the main road to the village. Hours earlier, Israeli forces [demolished structures in Khirbet al-Kurzaliya](#). The structures were razed to ground for being built without Israel-issued permits, and that they were located in a "firing zone." The Israeli forces demolished residential tents of two families as well as two sheep pens, leaving 13 people -- including six children -- homeless. Israeli forces had also bulldozed part of a road that provides access to the isolated community. (Maannews 24 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished Two animal barracks and a residential barracks sheltering the family of Zuheir Fahmi Bani in addition to demolishing two animal barns that are considered source of income to citizen Bani Maniya in Al Jiftlik village in Jericho Governorate. The IOA bulldozers also demolished two other animal barracks and an agricultural barracks owned by Zahi Fahmi Bani Maniya in addition to demolishing an Animal barn and a residential tent. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu approved the building of about [2,500 housing units](#) in Judea and Samaria. Most of the units are in the settlement blocs and around 100 are in Beit El and the "Winery Hill" for those who were evicted from Migron. ([INN](#) 24 January 2017)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up sudden checkpoints at the entrances of Sair and As Samou villages and at Hebron's northern entrance. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked Palestinian ID cards. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

### **Other**

- **Imagine** an Israel without checkpoints from Jenin to Jerusalem': Speaking at a strategic affairs conference on Tuesday, Education Minister Naftali Bennett presented his vision for the future of Judea and Samaria, advocating partial annexation of the area, along with expanded autonomy for the Palestinian Authority and massive investment over the Green Line. Bennett addressed a gathering organized by the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), an independent think tank at Tel Aviv University, slamming the two-state solution while presenting details for an alternative arrangement. "First point," said Bennett, "a Palestine exists," referring to the Hamas regime in Gaza. "Granted, it's a terror state. It terrorizes its own population and attacks Israeli schools and hospitals using rockets and attack tunnels." "This leads to the second point: Apply Israeli law in Area C, the Israeli controlled areas." "We will not annex the land, because one can only annex something foreign. This is the Land of Israel, to which Jews have been connected for thousands of years. It is where 450,000 Israelis live." Area C, which is under full Israeli control, constitutes roughly 60% of

Judea and Samaria. All Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria are located in Area C, while only 4-5% of Palestinian Arabs live there. The remaining 95% live in Area A, under autonomous Palestinian Authority control and in Area B, also under PA control except for security because of its geographic proximity to Israeli communities. The three areas were designated in the Oslo Accords. "There are also some 80,000 Arabs living in Area C. They'll be offered Israeli citizenship or residency; it'll be up to them." In addition to annexing most of Judea and Samaria, Bennett reiterated his support for expanded autonomy for the Palestinian Authority in those areas not annexed by Israel. "My third point: Autonomy on steroids in Areas A and B, the Palestinian controlled areas. The rest of Judea and Samaria, will be a Palestinian Autonomy. The PA will change: from Palestinian Authority, to Palestinian Autonomy. It will be less than a state." "A state manages its taxes, postal service and hospitals. It holds elections, has a flag and provides education. The Palestinian Autonomy will do this, and more, but it will not be a state. "There are two things it won't do: Firstly, it will not allow millions of descendants of Palestinian immigrants to enter. They would end up marching towards Haifa and Tel Aviv. Second, the PA will never have an army. "So the Palestinians will not have a state, but they will have a strong autonomy." Beyond strengthening the Palestinian Authority, Bennett advocated what he dubbed a "Marshall Plan for Judea and Samaria" referring to the successful United States post WWII plan, named for then US Secretary of State George Marshall, for rebuilding Western Europe's economy. "Developing Judea and Samaria will improve the lives of everyone living there. It will reduce violence and build co-existence," Bennett said, calling to "drastically increase the amount of entry points from the P.A. to Israel, and the number of work permits for Palestinians." Bennett also called for major infrastructure upgrades in the area, including the revamping of Route 60, the primary north-south road in Judea and Samaria. He also advocated creating a "free tourism zone" which would permit travel from Judea and Samaria into pre-1967 Israel without security checkpoints. "Turn Route 60 into an actual highway. Build a Palestinian land port in Jenin. Establish a free tourism zone. Imagine Christian pilgrims traveling from Nazareth to Nablus. From there they would go to Jerusalem and Bethlehem – without stopping at checkpoints. Imagine the jobs a revamped tourism industry would create. These actions and others would give everyone a better life." ([INN](#) 24 January 2017)

- The rabbi of Maaleh Adumim, Rabbi Mordechai Nagari, said to *Arutz Sheva* that Israel should apply its sovereignty to all of the communities in Judea and Samaria and not just to Maaleh Adumim. "It's not the



Torah's approach to say 'I have rescued myself.' What about all the other communities in Judea and Samaria? Don't they deserve construction laws and labor laws? Today it is possible to fire a pregnant woman in Judea and Samaria because we are second-class citizens." Israeli law does not allow firing a pregnant woman and mandates allowing her return after the paid months of post-birth vacation for 45 days before she can be fired. The IDF Civil Administration does not impose Israeli law in Judea and Samaria, leading to these inequities as well as those regarding land ownership. Taxes and IDF service are the same for Israelis in Judea and Samaria. Rav Nagari added that demolition orders for Amona and for the nine houses in Ofra would have been prevented if these houses had been under Israeli sovereignty. "If Amona and Ofra had been under Israeli sovereignty a while back we could have reached a compensation agreement without any demolition as is accepted in the State of Israel and there would be no need for regulation." "The Torah says that one should not distinguish between one Jew and another Jew and we should apply sovereignty to all of Judea and Samaria," concluded Nagari. ([INN](#) 24 January 2017)

- The Supreme Court issued an injunction Monday evening temporarily freezing the outline to construct new homes for the residents of Amona and forbidding the State from carrying out any work on the plots set aside for the construction after Arabs from the town of Silwad **submitted a petition** in which they claimed ownership of the plots. The petition was filed by the leftist organization Yesh Din on behalf of the residents of Silwad who claim ownership of the land near the town of Amona. The mayor of Silwad also participated in the petition. The petitioners asked the court to halt all proceeding by the State on the plots which were to be carried out in accordance with the agreement reached between the government and the residents of Amona last month. Under the agreement, the State would provide alternative housing for the residents on the same hill, and they would peacefully evacuate by February 8. Yesterday, the residents of Amona submitted a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Naftali Bennett **accusing the government of violating the agreement** by not beginning construction of the new housing even though only a few weeks remain until their current homes are scheduled to be destroyed. The residents called on the government to save their current homes by passing the Regulation Bill to retroactively legalize their community in its entirety. ([INN](#) 24 January 2017)