



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 2 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

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented a number of Palestinian workers affiliated to the Hebron Rehabilitation committee from continuing their work to renovate buildings located in Ash Shuhada Street, Tel Rumeida and Jabal Al Rahma in the heart of Hebron city. The IOA raiding the house of Abu Haikal family located at the entrance of Ash Shuhada Street which has been undergoing some restoration and maintenance work and detained workers at the site. (WAFA 2 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Muthalath Ash Shuhada coffee shop south of Jenin city and confiscated surveillance cameras from the place. The coffee shop is owned by Hnaysha family (Shasha 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at Jenin's southern entrance near Bir Al Jmal, STOPPED Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinian ID cards. No arrests were reported. (Shasha 2 January 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinian citizens in Jerusalem, namely Saleh Badr Abu Assab age 16, Adam Fadi Mustafa age 16, Husam Samih A'liyan age 16, and Amir Othman Darwish age 14. Meanwhile the IOA arrested four others from Bab Hatta neighborhood in Jerusalem Old city and were identified as: Omar Ibrahim, Nasser Ibrahim, Mohammad Abu Farha, and Mo'min Hashim. (SILWANIC 2 January 2017)
- Israeli undercover forces arrested two Palestinians from Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem and were identified as Adel Naser Daoud Mahoud (16 Years) and Sami Eid Faisal Abu Rmeilah (16 Yeras). (SILWANIC 2 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Hebron Governorate. The three were identified as: Yousif Muhammad Z'aqeeq (26 Years), a former prisoner who spent 4 years in the Israeli jail; and Anwar Yousif Awad (22 Years) who also spent 2 years in the Israeli jail and Naser Rib'I Abu Sneineh. (Shasha 2 January 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers of Itamar settlement attacked a Palestinian house with gas and sound bombs in Aqraba village. The house is located on the road leading to Kherbit Yanoun in Nbalus Governorate. (NBPRS 2 January 2017).

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Bulldozers raided "Wadi Sneisel" area in Al Khan Al Ahmar community in occupied East Jerusalem and demolished 11 residencies under the pretext of unlicensed building. The demolition process caused the displacement of 87 people. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and employees of the Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) raided Wadi Ash Shami area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and notified farmer Issa Muhamamd Darwish Salah to halt the construction of an agricultural room he has been building under the pretext of unlicensed building. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) started sieging lands with barbed wires and placing iron gates near Efrata settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. The IOA placed a one kilometer long barbed wires on lands of citizen Musa Ziyada NEAR Efrata settlement and hindered him from accessing his land, causing the isolation of around 1000 dunums of Palestinian lands nearby. (NBPRS 2 January 2017)
- Israeli Bulldozers affiliated to settlers caused the destruction of an electricity line east of Deir Ballut village west of Salfit city. The undergoing razing process in Bab Al Marj area in Deir Ballut caused the destruction of an Electricity pole in the area which endangered Palestinian citizens living nearby. Note that Israeli settlers are working to expand Leshem settlement. (NBPRS 2 January 2017)

Erection of Outposts

- The Israel Defense Forces approved an order which allows Israel to move the illegal West Bank outpost of Amona to adjacent lots, despite the fact that Palestinians claim the land as their own and contest the move's validity. The order, signed by OC Central Command Major Gen. Roni Numa, amends previous directives and relates to a number of lots near the outpost whose status as "abandoned [Palestinian] property is under examination. The plots in question are numbered 28, 29, 30, 38 and 54. Three are adjacent to one another and create territorial contiguity. All are within several hundred meters of Amona's current location, sometimes even closer. The Amona outpost, built illegally in the mid-1990s on private Palestinian land near the Ofra settlement in the central West Bank, was due to be evacuated in December. However, in the wake of a compromise reached between the settlers and the state, Israel's High Court approved a 45-day postponement of the move, until February 8. ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)

Other

- Habayit Hayehudi chairman Naftali Bennett called on the government to pass a law annexing Ma'aleh Adumim, a large settlement east of Jerusalem, to Israel by the end of the month. Bennett serves in the government as minister of education. It is due to be discussed by the Knesset Law Committee in a special session on Monday morning (January 2). Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kasriel and the heads of the Knesset Land of Israel lobby, MKs Yoav Kish (Likud) and Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi), are scheduled to attend the meeting. Bennett's initiative has given a new lease on life to a proposed law originally drafted by the Land of Israel lobby and signed by the whips of all the parties in the coalition, excepting United Torah Judaism. ([JPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- The United States Department of the Treasury is reporting an increase in allegations that merchandise produced in West Bank Jewish settlements is being imported into the U.S. without the proper country of origin markings, in contradiction to U.S customs regulations. Each year the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency receives between 800 and 1,000 complaints regarding the import of items from around the world into the country. Recently, the CBP confirmed, there has been a growing number of complaints about products ostensibly manufactured in the settlements but exported under a different label. ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- The Israel Defense Forces has sent letters to young Israeli Bedouin in recent months inviting them to volunteer for the army – adding on to its two-year-old efforts to get Christian Arabs to join. "Volunteering for military service is a way you can give and contribute to both yourself and your country and even get something in return. I would be happy to see you volunteering for the IDF and contributing to the state, along with your own advancement and the development of your abilities." In 2014 the IDF sent its first "volunteer orders" to Christian Arabs, who, like the Bedouin, may serve in the army. Until then, Christians who wanted to volunteer had to do it by approaching the military themselves. Some 800 invitations were sent to Christian youths that year, inviting them to attend initial selection for army service. But the initiative was halted after the military decided that the letters weren't having much of an effect. To increase the number of Bedouin serving in the army, the IDF is offering them reduced service of only two years. They will first attend a three-month preparatory course, after which the IDF will decide who goes on to do full army service. ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Saturday that if U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's administration moves its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, Australia should do the same. In an article

published in The Spectator, a British weekly, Abbott also called on Canberra to cut its aid to the Palestinian Authority. Abbott published the comments after travelling to Israel with a delegation of Australian and British lawmakers and officials. Abbott said Australia should demonstrate "its unswerving support for Israel" by cutting "our \$40 million a year in aid to the Palestinian Authority while it keeps paying pensions to terrorists and their families" and considering joining "any move by the Trump administration to move its embassy to Jerusalem." ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)

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