



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 10 February 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 (IOA) attacked, the weekly nonviolent protest, held by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, in Bil'in village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, leading to clashes that resulted in wounding two Palestinians, including a child. The protesters were marking the twelfth anniversary on ongoing popular, nonviolent resistance against the Annexation Wall and Colonies, in the village. The marchers carried Palestinian flags, and

chanted for national unity, steadfastness, and ongoing resistance until liberation, independence and the release of all political prisoners. The IOA stationed near the gate of the Annexation Wall, fired rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs on the protestors. Local activist Ashraf Abu Rahma, and a child, identified as Mohammad Eyad Burnat, were mildly injured. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, the weekly nonviolent protest, held by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, in Ni'lin village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah resulting in the injury of tents of protestors. The IOA attacked protestors coming near the segregation wall and fired Sound and Tear Gas bombs at them where tens suffered Gas Inhalation. (Wafa 10 February 2017)
- Two Palestinian Journalists, an international activist were injured and tens others suffered gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly nonviolent protest, held by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, in Kafr Qaddum village in Qalqilya Governorate. The two journalists were identified as Nidal Ishtayeh and Ayman An Nubani. (Wafa 10 February 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beita and Osarin villages in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus in the predawn hours and detained three Palestinians. Israeli troops raided the village of Beita at 2 a.m and deployed in the western part of the village before ransacking the home of Sadiq Nasser, 19. Israeli soldiers questioned Nasser's family members for hours, adding that forces had detained Nasser's father. The IOA confiscated the Israeli-entry permits of Nasser's family members. The IOA also raided the northern part of Beita and detained Hamza Abd al-Raouf al-Jaghoub, 19, and Adham Lutfi Ghazi, 19, both friends of Nasser's. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Nablus-area village of Osarin and detained 24-year-old Samir Adili. The IOA confiscated Adili's private car. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian youth in the Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The IOA fired tear gas and live fire at Palestinians. The IOA also fired at water tanks on the rooftops of two

homes to destroy them, and arrested two young men identified as Rani Abu Aker and Saeb Amarneh. (Maannews 10 February 2017)

- An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentenced a Palestinian mother of six to a year in prison and a fine of 12,000 shekels (\$3,203) allegedly for depositing funds into a prison commissary belonging to a Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody. Dalal Abu al-Hawa from Jerusalem's Old City was sentenced for depositing the funds. Israel Prison Service (IPS) allows families of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli custody to deposit a fixed amount of money each month into a prisoner's commissary, which they can then use to purchase items from the prison's canteen. Abu al-Hawa was detained on Aug. 28 from her home, before Israeli police stormed the house and searched it, while confiscating mobile phones and other properties. One of Abu al-Hawa sons, 17-year-old Omar Khalil Abu al-Hawa, is also serving two years in Israeli prison. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 16 Palestinians, including two minors, across the occupied West Bank. Two Palestinians were detained in the northern West Bank, identifying them as Abd al-Salam Badawi in the Tulkarem Governorate and Ahmad Fayez Saadi in the Jenin refugee camp. In the central West Bank, the detention of Odeh Ahmad al-Qadi, 50, and his son Mustafa in the village of Mazariaa al-Nubani in the Ramallah Governorate was reported. In the Jerusalem Governorate, the IOA detained Samer al-Dibsi in the village of Kafr Aqab, while Yaqoub Sidawi, 14, was detained in al-Ram. In the Bethlehem Governorate, Ahmad al-Umour, 24, was detained in the village of Tuqu. Also Nafith al-Shawamra and Muhammad Kamil Iqtiel in the Hebron Governorate were detained during a raid in the village of Deir al-Asal. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Fahma village south of Jenin city after raiding his family home and took him to unknown destination. The arrestee was identified as Muneer Khamees Al Batran (30Years). (Wafa 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three young Palestinian men while walking in Palestinian olive orchards, south of Kafr Qaddum, in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia. The IOA attacked the three young men, and abducted them before moving them to a nearby military base. The three arrested Palestinians have been identified as Wi'am Waleed, 20, Sanad Raed, 19, and Abdul-Latif Jom'a, 21. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)

- An Israeli court in occupied Jerusalem sentenced media activist and the head of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center in Silwan (Silwanic), Jawad Siyam, to five days under house arrest, and a 5000 Shekels bail. Jawad was abducted by Israeli soldiers from Wadi Hilweh neighborhood, in Silwan, along with two other Palestinians. The two Palestinians, Mohammad Siyam and Dia Beidoun along, with Jawad himself, were violently assaulted by the soldiers and police officers who abducted them, and suffered various cuts and bruises. The Israeli police claimed that the three “attacked officers,” before they were taken prisoner. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Madama village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and clashed with many youngsters, wounding three of them, including two were also detained. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli Settlers seized a residential room and its facilities in addition to storage area and a courtyard in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan. a group of settlers along with occupation forces raided “Hosh Qaraeen” in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan using flashlights. They completely surrounded it and seized a residential room with it facilities and storage area that were used for raising sheep. The settlers changed the door locks and placed a fence. The settlers seized a 30-square meters room, a 50-sqaure meters courtyard used as a passage to the room and the house where the family of Izzat Salah lives. It is noteworthy that the property is owned by Aref Qaraeen. The settlers also stormed into the storage area (200 square meters) but the locals were able to confront them and evacuate them from parts of since Aref Qaraeen doesn’t own the whole area. Settlers seized nearly 50 square meters of the storage. The family members of Izzat Salah are now “detained” in their home where they have live since 1968 after settlers seized the passage (the courtyards which leads to their home) to their home and they cannot use anymore. (SILWANIC 10 February 2017)
- Several Israeli settlers, living in a settlement built on illegally confiscated Palestinian land, in the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, invaded at dawn an olive orchard in Sinjil village, and uprooted more than 400 saplings. The settlers invaded the Palestinian

orchards, and uprooted the recently planted saplings, before fleeing the scene. The uprooted saplings were planted as part of a project funded by the International Red Cross, aiming at replanting and rehabilitating Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered land confiscation orders which targeted 274.5 dunums of lands of Betubya, Beit UR Al Fouqa, Beit Ur At Tahta, Ein Arik AND At Tira communities in Ramallah Governorate under the pretext of “Urgent security needs”. The targeted lands are located near Beit Ur Al Fouqa junction, alongside the Israeli Bypass Road No. 443. (WAFa 10 February 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) has closed off the village of Nahalin west of Bethlehem city. The IOA surrounded the village and closed off the village’s main entrances with sudden checkpoints. (WAFa 10 February 2017)

### **Other**

- A recently approved apartment building in a West Bank settlement was reportedly funded by an organization headed by David Friedman, US President Donald Trump’s nominee for ambassador to Israel. The planned five-story apartment building, which will hold 20 apartments, is financed by American Friends of Beit El Institutions, which Friedman chairs, according to a television report Wednesday by Israel’s Channel 2 News. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government OK’d the building in Beit El as part of the first wave of approvals of settler homes since Trump took office. In the past two weeks, Israel has approved about 6,000 homes in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. Most of the homes are slated to go up in the major settlement blocs, which Israel expects to keep as part of any peace deal with the Palestinians. The apartment in Beit El was an exception, which Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said was approved as part of a High Court of Justice decision. American Friends of Beit El Institutions, which is an American nonprofit organization, raised almost \$667,000 for its Israeli counterpart, the Organization for the Sukkat Ovadia Yeshiva of Beit El, Channel 2 reported. Friedman’s name appears on several buildings in Beit El funded by the American organization. The

Israeli organization funded several illegal construction projects on private Palestinian land, including the expansion of Beit El's Ulpana neighborhood, part of which was evacuated by order of the High Court of Justice in 2012. The planned apartment building is also to be built partly on private Palestinian land, but could be legalized after the fact by the controversial new "settlements law" (regulation law). A founder of Beit El has said Trump donated \$10,000 to Beit El in 2003 in honor of his friend Friedman. The family of Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor, has also donated tens of thousands of dollars over the years to West Bank settlements. Trump named Friedman to be the Israel ambassador in December, but a date has yet to be set for his approval hearing by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dovish Jewish groups oppose his appointment over his far-right politics and his comment in an op-ed last year that supporters of the left-wing Jewish lobby J Street are worse than Jews who collaborated with the Nazis. ([IPOST](#) 10 February 2017)

- MK Yehuda Glick (Likud) announced that he will propose a bill to apply Israeli sovereignty over all towns and villages in Greater Jerusalem, including the Gush Etzion communities. Judea and Samaria's Jewish communities, all in what is delineated as Area C, are ruled by an IDF Civil Administration, not Israeli law. MK Glick met with the Shlomo Neeman, one of the mayoral candidates in elections for the Gush Etzion Regional Council, and concluded with him that the law should include all the Gush Etzion communities, east and west. According to Glick, "The fiftieth year of Judea and Samaria's liberation should become the year of sovereignty; it is not enough just to have sovereignty over Maale Adumim. Jerusalem, Israel's capital needs to be strengthened demographically to manifest a Zionist majority both in terms of sovereignty and the economic aspects. The Greater Jerusalem Sovereignty Law mandates that the State of Israel apply Israeli law and justice to Gush Etzion, Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Zeev, Betar Illit, Adam, Ma'ale Michmash, and Psagot. "A belt of towns under Israeli sovereignty would strengthen Jerusalem and remove from the agenda the idea of a Palestinian state and the shrinking of Jewish settlement into blocs," said MK Glick. ([INN](#) 10 February 2017)
- Amona residents who were evicted from their homes last week set up a protest tent near the Knesset Thursday demanding that the government [fulfill its obligations](#) and establish a new town for them. Over the past few days Amona residents have staked out various locations in the Binyamin region in order to find an appropriate place to establish an alternative community. The options available are places which would be suitable for establishing a community on state land. Two months ago Prime Minister Netanyahu committed in writing that

if Amona would be evacuated, the government would act immediately to establish an alternative town for the evacuees by the end of March. He also committed originally that they would stay on the mountain where Amona is, but the court struck down the draft arrangement coordinated by the state near Amona. After a number of discussions the residents of Amona chose a hill called "Redemption of Zion" situated northwest of the Shilo valley and some 10 km north of the original community, since it is an appropriate site for immediate construction. The residents who are at present residing in the Ofra boarding house in very difficult conditions came to Jerusalem and established the protest tent in which they will stay until the government fulfills its commitments and approves a new town. "We have had our share of promises and disappointments. We have no interest in words but rather demand actions. After the difficult blow that we suffered and after the injustice of the destruction of our community, the proper corrective measure would be to establish a new town and reconstruct our community. We're not looking for better conditions or for easy solutions. We have come to live here in tents near the Knesset until the government fulfills its commitments. We have the strength to build and plant, and that will enable us to rise up from our sorrow and this is what the Jewish nation deserves after the tremendous damage which was done," said the residents. On Sunday the government is set to approve the establishment of a new town, an act which has not taken place for decades. ([INN](#) 10 February 2017)

- Culture Minister Miri Regev called for implementing Israeli law "across Judea and Samaria in its entirety," saying it was time to start "discussing minority rights" between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Speaking with Israel Radio, Regev stressed that any change in Israeli policies would have to be decided on after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with U.S. President Donald Trump next Wednesday. "The White House has changed its tune, and it no longer sees the settlements as an obstacle to peace," she said. Regev said the Judea and Samaria Settlement Regulation Law passed this week "would not have passed without the Likud party. Had he [Netanyahu] not pushed the law, the law wouldn't have passed. So what if he said he's against it? The attorney general also said so. The High Court of Justice challenged us when it said we must regularize the Bedouin [communities] in the Negev, because we need to regulate the communities in Judea and Samaria as well. We must implement the law across Judea and Samaria in its entirety." Commenting on police investigations involving Netanyahu, Regev said the probes were a ploy by political rivals seeking to topple his government. "For 25 years, they [the Left] have been trying to unseat Netanyahu, but they

won't succeed, and he will be the next prime minister as well," she said. "[Justice Minister] Ayelet Shaked and [Habayit Hayehudi leader] Naftali Bennett can keep on dreaming. I won't be party to spins of incomplete facts and leaks. I don't believe he will be indicted, despite the media's pressure. We have to wait and see. And even if an indictment is filed, it doesn't mean he is guilty. Everyone is innocent until proven otherwise." ([ISRAEL HAYOM](#) 10 February 2017)

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