



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 18 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

- Israeli naval ships opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of al-Sudaniyyeh. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Awarta village, southeast of Nablus in the West Bank, raided homes and harassed citizens in a campaign that lasted for about three hours. The IOA entered the town after midnight and stayed there until dawn, patrolling streets, breaking into homes and checking IDs of citizens. Recently, the town

has been exposed to repeated IOF raids, with no known reason. No arrests were reportedly made during those campaigns. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained tens of Palestinian vehicles at a sudden checkpoint that was erected at the entrance of Zabuba village west of Jenin Governorate. The IOA searched the vehicles, checked Palestinians ID cards causing obstruction to the movement of Palestinians. (WAFa 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a library located next to Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron Governorate owned Majdi Al Karaki and confiscated files and personal computers. (WAFa 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Huwwara village south of Nablus city, raided a residential building owned by Citizen Naser Al Huwari and messed with contents after breaking door entrances. (WAFa 18 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Beit Rima village north of Ramallah and summoned two locals for investigation after breaking into their houses. The two youngsters were identified as Hamam Muqdad and Umar Said for investigation. Clashes broke out in the village following the pre-dawn raid. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned at dawn the father of the two Palestinian Martyrs Uday and Dania Ershaid for investigation. The IOA stormed and violently searched Johad Ershaid's house before summoning him for investigation at the Etzion investigation center. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Fawwar refugee camp in Hebron Governorate and arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses. The arrestees were identified as Muhamamd Mua'th Haliqaei, Ahmad Hasan Haliqaei and Amin Jaber Asfour. (WAFa 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Hagai checkpoint in the central Hebron city arrested citizens Ahmad Fawzi Raten At Toubasi and Naser Talal At Toubasi. (WAFa 18 February 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Nearly 150 Israeli settlers stormed Umm Ka'bah area in the Jordan Valley to the north of occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers riding horses broke into the area under the protection of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The settlers chanted Talmudic hymns during the raid. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Members of Qaraeen family self-demolished their 60 square meters house in Silwan following an order by the Israeli occupation municipality and to avoid paying expensive demolition costs. The family started demolishing a residential apartment in Al Farouk neighborhood in Silwan town south of Al Aqsa Mosque using hand-demolition tools following an order made by the occupation municipality which recently raided the property several times. The municipality gave them until the end of February to execute the self-demolition or they will use their bulldozers to demolish it and charge the family for the expenses. The property was established nearly 7 years ago and is 65 square meters and consists of one room and its facilities. (SILWANIC 18 February 2017)

Other

- Chairman of the Bayit Yehudi party and Minister of Education, Naftali Bennett, and Minister of Justice, Ayelet Shaked, referred to the issue of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promising to establish a new community for families evacuated from Amona, saying, "Commitments need to be fulfilled. The prime minister signed an agreement to create a new community for Amona residents. I am sure he will abide by it." Last week, members of the former outpost chose the area of Geulat Zion, which is located in the Shilo Valley in the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council. However, after a meeting between Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump, evacuees fear the promise will be put to the test. Ynet reported Thursday that Amona evacuees fear Netanyahu will delay the construction of the new community and sent an urgent letter to the prime minister and Bennett saying that they will not move anywhere else other than the new community, as promised. In addition to Bennett, Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked posted on her Twitter account, saying, "The government is committed to the agreement that was signed with Amona residents and we have no intention of violating it. There will be a new community for Amona residents as promised." Following Bennett and Shaked's statements, Amona residents responded, saying,

"We welcome the unequivocal statements of the Bayit Yehudi ministers that the Israeli government will fulfill its obligation to establish a new community for Amona residents in Mateh Binyamin."
(YNETNEWS 18 February 2017)

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