



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 1 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) raided the Makassed hospital in occupied East Jerusalem, and detained a youth from the Jenin Governorate of the occupied West Bank. The IOA raided the hospital and conducted searches in all of its sections before raiding the obstetrics and gynecology departments and detaining a Palestinian youth there. The youth had arrived in an ambulance earlier in the day in order to escort his mother to the hospital. The reasons behind the

raid remained unknown, and the identity of the Palestinian youth has not yet been released. (Maannews 1 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Imad Sadeq Nawahda from Al Yamun village in Jenin Governorate, searched it and questioned its owners. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Furik village east of Nablus city and detained 13 people for few hours and subjected them to interrogation before releasing them. The IOS searched several houses in the village and messed with their contents. The houses of Muhamamd Odeh Abu Ghalmi, Hussein Nasasra, Faze' Husni Abu Heit, Wasseim Abdel Jababr, Abdel Jaleel Khatatbah and Faisal Nasasrah were identified. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided An Nashahs area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and closed a carwash shop owned by the brothers, Abdel Min'im and Dirar Muhamamd Salah, who were detained by the IOA two months ago. (Wafa 1 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least eight Palestinians, including a 14-year-old in Hebron Governorate. The IOA raided and searched several houses in the village of Beit Ummar in Hebron Governorate using police dogs and detained four Palestinian who had formerly spent time in Israeli prisons. They were identified as Muhammad Munir Radwan Qawqas Ikhlayyil, 37, who had previously spent 12 years in Israeli custody, Ahmad Khader Abed Abu Maria, 50, and Maher Ibrahim Odeh Sabarneh, 35, who had both spent three years in Israeli prisons, and a 14-year-old identified as Khattab Wahid Hamdi Abu Maria, also a former prisoner. The IOA also detained Alaa Moussa Zaaqiq, 25, Ayman Ali Abu Arqub, 32, and Omar Rujoub.
- In Bethlehem Governorate , The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Nashash area in the village of al-Khader and sealed a car wash after claiming that the imprisoned owners, Abed al-Minam and Dirar Muhammad Salah, were accused of planting an explosive device near an Israeli military site in November last year. The brothers were detained by the IOA last year after a similar raid. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- In the West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, Numaan Hamid was detained from the village of Silwad, while Firas Nafi, 20, was detained from the village of Nilin. (Maannews 1 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Hisham Ubeidat, 24, from Jerusalem. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- In Qalqiliya Governorate, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Abdullah Khalid Radi, 23, from the village of Azzun in Qalqiliya. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained raided the Governorate of Nablus and detained Nadim Nazez Ismail from the village of Beit Dajan, and Omar Ruslan Qindil from Balata refugee camp. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Abd al-Fattah Zeidan, 20, from Tulkarem Governorate. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Amro Ahmad Masri, 24, and Salah Yasin Ghanam, 23, from the village of Aqqaba allegedly that the two were alleged Hamas operatives. (Maannews 1 February 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish two residential tents in the northern Jordan Valley. The two tents are owned by Alland and Islam Daraghmah. The two families were given a period of 3 days to evacuate the tents. (Wafa 1 February 2017)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israel is reportedly planning to seize over 36 dunams of the Palestinian village known as "Bardala", northeast of Tubas, in the northern Jordan Valley. The so-called Israeli Civil Administration staff, escorted by a military vehicle, stormed Bardala and served locals with an official notice to seize 36.88 dunams of their land for "security purposes". The land would be seized to complete the construction for parts of Israel's apartheid wall, located near the village. land belongs to Nimer Sawafta, Sami Tamimi, Rashid Swafta, Mustafa Sawafta, Rateb Sawafta and Saleh Sawafta.(IMEMC 1 February 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) razed land near Al Jab'a village southwest of Bethlehem city, near the military checkpoint located at the eastern entrance of the village. The razed land is owned by Khaled Naji Masha'la and is 10 dunums area. The razing process comes as part of establishing a parking lot for Israeli buses in the area. Tens of Olive Trees were uprooted as a result. (Wafa 1 February 2017)

Other

- [Netanyahu](#) offers [Amona evacuees](#) new settlement anywhere on state land: As authorities and the High Court of Justice (HCJ) attempt to hammer out the details of a permanent solution to the relocation of Amona evacuees, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu allegedly already told the Amona residents that the government was willing to establish a new settlement on any plot of land of the residents' choosing, on the proviso that it is on state land. According to officials in the political establishment, Netanyahu recently committed himself before the Amona residents to overseeing the construction of a new settlement in order to calm the prevailing tension and anger. Following said rumors, Netanyahu set up a team Wednesday evening to promote founding a new settlement, as was promised to the settlers a month and a half prior (it is not yet confirmed that Netanyahu had promised to set it up anywhere the settlers choose). The team is to include representatives of the settlers, and the prime minister's chief of staff. It will begin work immediately in an effort to find an appropriate site for the new settlement. In the above video, Amona settlers can be heard screaming at IDF soldiers that are working to evacuate them, pleading for them to refuse their orders and demanding that they remove their hats, which have the Star of David stitched into them. The site on which any new settlement is to be established is expected to be in the Binyamin region. Amona leaders are also expected to respond to Netanyahu's rather elastic offer following the conclusion of the evacuation, which was characterized by heated clashes with the police and resulted in a number of injuries and arrests. The Amona compromise, which had been reached between the government and the settlers, was rejected by the [High Court of Justice on Wednesday](#). The HCJ found the compromise to be illegal, since it stated that the evacuees would be moved on to land belonging to Palestinians from the village of Silwad. The court's decision put the kibosh on the Amona compromise the Finance Ministry had reached with the settlers. This despite the fact that the Finance Ministry had recently approved funding the evacuation with NIS 150 million, which was set to go toward setting up new caravans in the outpost of Ofra, setting up a new Talmudic study center, severance pay and allocating resources for receiving the settlers in Ofra. The HCJ's ruling does not, however, affect the evacuation, as the settlers are to be transferred to temporary lodgings in the nearby outpost of Ofra, and were not expected to be directly moved to housing on the Palestinian land mentioned in the compromise. The evacuation had created tensions and outright conflict between political factions within the government. Most notably, right-

wing Likud and Bayit Yehudi members have found themselves on opposing sides of the issue, with Bayit Yehudi accusing the Likud of selling out the settlers, and Likud members accusing Bayit Yehudi members of catastrophizing the situation by leading the settlers to believe that the evacuation was avoidable. Bayit Yehudi Leader and Education Minister Naftali Bennett called on Netanyahu "to immediately exercises his authority over Defense Minister (Avigdor Lieberman) and prevent the destruction of agricultural land in Amona. It isn't necessary to destroy them, it will be sacrificing land unnecessarily." The Defense Ministry issued its own statement in response, saying that "As opposed to Minister Bennett, Minister Lieberman did not order the destruction of agricultural land and is not interfering with a military order. Since Amona residents have submitted their objection to evacuating agricultural land to legal adviser to Judea and Samaria, and the matter is now being discussed legally, it will obviously be resolved by the High Court." Lieberman also issued a personal statement, referring to the Israeli communal settlement in the West Bank where he lives, "As a resident of Nokdim, my heart is with Amona residents during this trying time, and I expect all elected officials, and particularly governmental ministers, to show the evacuees empathy and consideration, and not to take advantage of the residents' plight to make false accusations and stir up controversy with the people of Israel in an attempt to rake up narrow political gains." Bennett gave a speech Wednesday morning, saying that "Unfortunately, the fight for Amona did not succeed. We lost the battle, but we're winning the war over Israel." He added that "From this hard day, hope will spring, and a new settlement will be built from the ruins of Amona. Out of its demolished yards, we will found kindergartens throughout Judea and Samaria." Earlier Wednesday, Bayit Yehudi faction leader Shuli Mualem informed the Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein (Likud) that her faction's MKs will not be voting in the Knesset, as they plan on staying in Amona during the evacuation. ([YNETNEWS](#) 1 February 2017)

- MK Motti Yogevev (Jewish Home), spoke to *Arutz Sheva* about the upcoming demolition of Amona and the expulsion of the town's residents. "I came to show solidarity, to feel the pain and to protest. We needed to have implemented the agreement and applied the Regulation Law," Yogevev said. "The Attorney General said he will defend the draft plan for Amona's relocation. Legally, there should have been mediation. "The Supreme Court's Chief Justice is the one who decides everything. I think other judges should be allowed to vote express an opinion as well. I want the Supreme Court to represent all of Israel's citizens - because only then will we be able to reach

agreements instead of constantly arguing. "For every home which is destroyed in Amona, we will build hundreds and thousands of homes in Judea and Samaria," Yogev promised. "Today is a difficult day, but we will come out of it stronger." In addition, Yogev said the government's **approval of 3,000 new homes in Judea and Samaria** is proof that Israel will return to normal life and continue building in Judea and Samaria. He also said he believes the Israeli government will soon apply sovereignty to all of Judea and Samaria. Amona's residents on Tuesday **received orders to evacuate their homes**, and on Wednesday morning, **security officers arrived** to prepare for Amona's expulsion and destruction. ([INN](#) 1 February 2017)

- Washington has warned Palestinian leaders that suing Israel in international courts would trigger severe steps by the U.S. administration, including the closure of PLO offices in the American capital and an end to economic aid to the Palestinian Authority, according to Western and Arab diplomatic sources. Haaretz has learned that the message from the Trump administration was transmitted through the American consulate -- and not through the White House or State Department -- and consisted of a telephone conversation with a leading Palestinian official directly linked to PA President Mahmoud Abbas. In his first week as president, Donald Trump signed an order to execute a congressional resolution, drawn up during Barack Obama's term, to move against the PA and Fatah (the largest faction of the PLO) if the Palestinians sue Israel, a high-ranking Palestinian source told Haaretz. "Despite that resolution by Congress, the Palestinian leaders were counting on petitioning the court as a means of halting the settlements. But the messages arriving from Washington in recent days made clear that any such step by the Palestinians would lead to a severe American reaction, so much so that some talked about returning the PLO to the list of terrorist organizations," said the Palestinian source. The entrance of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is seen in The Hague, Netherlands, March 3, 2011. The Palestinian leaders have been fuming over the messages from Washington, Haaretz has learned, dubbing them an attempt to sabotage the entire Palestinian strategy of recent years, which involves abandoning armed struggle and violence in favor of international diplomacy, and working with the UN institutions and the international community, to reach a two-state solution. "Every decision made since the acknowledgement of Palestine by the UN General Assembly in 2011, until the last Security Council resolution in December 2016, was designed to rescue the two-state solution," the Palestinian source told Haaretz. "Netanyahu's policy, including in the last few days, of accelerating construction by thousands of housing

units while Washington stays silent, means destroying any chance of a future diplomatic solution," said the source, referring to the Israeli prime minister. The Palestinian foreign ministry has meanwhile sharply condemned the resolution to build thousands of housing units in the West Bank, saying it renders the two-state solution an illusion. Top Palestinian officials, including Fatah general secretary Saeb Erekat, have called on the international community to step in without delay. Meanwhile, Palestinian sources in Ramallah, headquarters of the PA, admit that no final decision to sue Israel in the international courts has been reached, because of the American threat. The Palestinian leaders will be discussing the matter over the next few days, Haaretz has learned. "The American threat is significant, but the Americans and Trump administration have been talking about implementing a two-state solution and in parallel have been letting Netanyahu persist with his destructive policy, and have been backing him, which is unthinkable. "We, as Palestinians, will continue to act on every international front to save the two-state solution and expect the international community to do the same," said a Palestinian bureaucrat who is familiar with the details and messages transmitted from Washington to Ramallah." For several years the Palestinian Authority has been moving toward bringing Israel to the International Criminal Court at the Hague for alleged war crimes and as a means of challenging the legality of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. ([Haaretz](#) 1 February 2017)