



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) evacuated Palestinian families in the Khirbet Tana hamlet in the occupied West Bank district of Nablus to carry out military drills in the area. 30 Palestinian families were forced by Israeli soldiers to leave their homes since the early morning hours under the pretext of carrying out military exercises. The families were brutally attacked during the evacuation process. ([Maannews](#), PALINFO 22 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation police removed a tent erected in Issawiya district, east of Jerusalem, in order to hold a reception for Mohamed Zaidan, a Palestinian citizen who was released after 15 years in Israeli jails. 39-year-old Mohamed Zaidan had been arrested in 2002 and sentenced then for 15 years in prison on a charge of his affiliation with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which Israel classifies as a "terrorist group". (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman who was detained earlier on Tuesday off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip was reported to be in critical condition after being shot in the back by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during his detention. Muhammad Imran Sabri Bakr was injured with a bullet wound in his back. The IOA had detained Bakr [earlier in the day](#) off the coast of al-Sudaniya, along with four other Palestinian fishermen, identified as Abdullah Sabri Bakr, Mahmoud Sabri Bakr, Thabet Muhammad Bakr, and Omar Muhammad Bakr. All of the detained are in their twenties. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) searched a number of Palestinian houses in the eastern neighborhoods of Ya'bad village south of Jenin Governorate. Among the searched houses, the house of a former Palestinian prisoner, Imad Rajeh Asfour, was identified. (ARN 22 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian youth at the Container checkpoint, in the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. An Israeli patrol kidnapped the Palestinian youngster Shehab al-Titi, a resident of al-Arroub refugee camp, at the Container military checkpoint pitched to the northeast of Bethlehem. The arrestee was identified as a national security officer of the Palestinian Authority. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and detained a Palestinian man identified as Shehab al-Din Al-Titi while at the Container checkpoint east of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. Israeli soldiers deployed at the checkpoint assaulted Shihab al-Din Ahmad al-Titi, 24, by beating him before handcuffing and detaining him. The IOA took Shihab al-Din to an unknown location "after giving him bruises across his body. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli police re-arrested the Palestinian ex-prisoner Mohamed Zaydan few minutes after his release from Israeli jails where he had spent 15 years. Israeli Intelligence Service decided to extend Zaydan's

arrest for allegedly planning to carry out “terrorist attacks.” (PALINFO 22 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Dura City in the Hebron Governorate and searched the house of legislative council member Nayif al-Rajoub, detained two Palestinians, and confiscated three vehicles. The IOA raided and thoroughly searched al-Rajoub’s house before seizing his vehicle, while Israeli troops also raided and searched his office located elsewhere in Dura. Israeli soldiers also confiscated a vehicle belonging to Rizq al-Rajoub and a vehicle belonging to Imad Jadallah, both identified by locals as former prisoners. During the raid in Dura, The IOA detained two former prisoners after searching their houses. The two were identified as Youssef Abu Ras and Bassel Dudin. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beita in Nablus Governorate and detained the mother of a “shooting attack suspect”, in addition to four other Palestinians. More than 15 Israeli military vehicles raided the western part of the village at around 1 a.m. and detained 38-year-old Judeh Abu Mazen from her house. Abu Mazen is the mother of 19-year-old Sadeq Abu Mazen, who was detained on Feb. 9 for allegedly carrying out a shooting attack. The IOA also detained three others after raiding their homes, identifying them as 17-year-old Nimr Samir Bani Shamseh, 17-year-old Nassim Daoud Abed Bani Shamseh, and Samer Zaki al-Yitmawi, also 17. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem before dawn to detain one person, identified by locals as 20-year-old Muhammad Imad al-Azraq, after some 20 soldiers broke into and searched his family’s home, seizing his mobile phone, while some 20 other soldiers were stationed on the roof of the house. Israeli soldiers also raided and searched stores in the camp belonging to Abu Khalil Qunneis. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested 3 Palestinians who were trying to cross the border fence of the Gaza Strip. An Israeli military force arrested 3 unarmed Palestinians while they were trying to cross the border fence east of Khan Younis city, south of the Gaza Strip. The IOA arrested another Palestinian who sneaked from the Gaza Strip to the 1948 occupied Palestinian territories after claiming that he was carrying a knife. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli prison service (IPS) has kept the Palestinian prisoner Ayman al-Sharbati in an isolated cell for the second week running in Gilboa lock-up. Prisoner al-Sharbati, aged 48, has been held in solitary

confinement for the second consecutive week for burning the Israeli flag in Gilboa jail in protest at the mistreatment perpetrated by IPS against the Palestinian prisoners over recent weeks. Prisoner Sharbati had been subjected to exhaustive questioning for burning the Israeli flag. The IPS further slapped a two-month visit-ban against the detainee and ruled for his isolation for 21 days. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the city of Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank and detained former Palestinian prisoner, 43-year-old Zakariya Ammar, after raiding his house. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth at the al-Jib Israeli military checkpoint northwest of Jerusalem due to a post he published on his personal Facebook page. The youth was identified as Laith Barakat. The IOA stopped Barakat at the checkpoint. After providing his ID card to Israeli soldiers, he was detained and transferred to an unidentified location. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Magistrate Court in Jerusalem city sentenced citizen Rama Fayez Abdel Latif, 16, to 14 Months in prison under the pretext of possessing a knife. (ARN 22 February 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed the plazas of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque. 129 Israeli settlers, escorted by policemen, broke into the plazas of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque via the Maghareba Gate, as part of the morning break-in shift, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 98 settlers, among the 129 Israelis who stormed the site, defiled the al-Aqsa place of worship. Dozens of other Israelis are expected to force their entry into the site in the afternoon shift, started at 12:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- Groups of Israeli settlers stormed a number of Palestinian villages west of Salfit accompanied with a number of bulldozers and carried out razing operations. The bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in Bruqin town with the aim of expanding a road connecting settlements. Similar razing operations were carried out in Deir Ballout town aiming to expand Leshem settlement, while Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in Wadi Qana town to expand Yakir settlement. Razing operations were also reported in Masaha town as a prelude to establish a new settlement. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian facility in Beit Hanina town, north of occupied Jerusalem, under the pretext of being built without permit. Israeli municipal crews stormed the town accompanied with a number of bulldozers under the protection of Israeli police and surrounded the house of Loay Abu Ramouz. The municipal crews forcibly evacuated the house before the demolition process. Seven family members, including children, became homeless after the demolition of their 130-square-meter house. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to demolish tens of Palestinian structures (houses, tents, water wells and Al Masafer Secondary school in Al Fakheit village) in the southern Hebron Villages (Masafer Yatta: namely Al Majaz, Al Fakheit, At Tabban, Asafi, Al Halawa, Al Markez and Jinba). Threatened structures belong to the families of Muhamamd, Abu Sabha, Al Hmamda, and Abu 'Aram. (Maannews 22 February 2017)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified Palestinian farmers in Shufa village in Tulkarem Governorate to stop the work in their lands due to their proximity to Avnei Hefetz settlement. The Palestinian farmers along with Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee are working together to do some reclamation work in their lands and open new roads in the village. (ARN 22 February 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers leveled Palestinian cultivated lands and uprooted olive trees and almonds in Bethlehem's southern village of al-Khader. The Israeli occupation army (IOA) has been leveling Palestinian lands in an attempt to establish an access road leading to the Hatamar illegal outpost, built on Palestinian lands in the area. The targeted land tracts belong to the Palestinian citizen Issa Salah and cover an area of 3 dunums, mostly planted with olive trees and almonds dating back to over 30 years. The IOA destroyed a penthouse covering 20 square meters and a stone wall set up decades ago in the area. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- For the first time since the Six-Day War, 250 new acres were recently attached to the territory of the city of Jerusalem completing a multi-

year process enabling the municipality to build a new residential neighborhood in Jerusalem with 2,000 housing units. In 2009 the Interior Ministry's Border Committee held its first meeting to discuss the possibility of transferring a 250 acre area adjacent to the Arnona neighborhood from the Yehuda Regional Council and Kibbutz Ramat Rachel's jurisdiction to that of the Jerusalem municipality. The area was once an agricultural area of [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel](#). The municipality recently received an official letter from the Interior Minister announcing transfer of the demarcated area. Consequently, the Jerusalem municipality, together with the Housing Ministry and the Israel Lands Authority, plan to build the [Mordot Arnona](#) neighborhood including more than 2,000 housing units in the area. The approval of the residential [Mordot Arnona](#) neighborhood and its transfer to the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality enabled government authorities to develop and market the neighborhood. The program was already approved and enacted by the District Committee and the land is currently being marketed- a process that is expected to take about a year - prior to issuing the building permits. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said that "we are bolstering and expanding Jerusalem. In the 50th year of its reunification, it continues to grow and develop. Establishment of the new neighborhood will allow us to attract young families to the city, to better respond to the housing demand in the city, and of course to strengthen Jerusalem as Israel's capital." ([INN](#) 22 February 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed with earth-mounds the bypass road leading to Zuwwata and Ijinsiya villages north of Nablus city without pre-notification. (Wafa 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its measures against Palestinians of northeast of Nablus villages. The IOA set up two checkpoints, one near Al Bathan village where the IOA obstructed the movement of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint which caused traffic congestion. Another checkpoint was erected near Tallouza village, where the IOA also obstructed the movement of Palestinians in the area. (Wafa 22 February 2017)