



ARIJ Daily Report

Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)

P.O Box 860, Caritas Street – Bethlehem
Phone: (+972) 2 2741889, Fax: (+972) 2 2776966
pmaster@arij.org | <http://www.arij.org>

Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 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.

The daily report does not necessarily reflect ARIJ's opinion.

Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured a 16-year-old Palestinian with live fire in the central Gaza Strip near the border between the besieged enclave and Israel. The Palestinian was shot by the IOA and injured in his right leg. His wounds were described as medium. The IOA stationed at the border fence east of Maghazi refugee camp opened live ammunition on a group of Palestinian youth in the area, causing the injury to the minor. (Maannews 24 February 2017)

- in the village of Kafr Qaddum in Qalqiliya, Two Palestinians, including a child, were injured with rubber-coated bullets as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's weekly march against Israeli settlements and the opening of the village's main entrance which has been closed by Israeli forces for 14 years. The IOA fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets, injuring Muhammad Hilme, 11, in the neck with a rubber bullet and Abdullah Salim, 26, in the leg with a rubber bullet. Salim works as a photographer for the Israeli rights group B'Tselem. nine Palestinians had also suffered from tear gas inhalation. Clashes erupted when the IOA raided the village and "heavily fired" rubber bullets and tear gas canisters at protesters. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- In the village of Bilin west of Ramallah city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's weekly march against Israeli settlements and occupation. The march included the participation of both Palestinians and international peace activists. The protesters held Palestinian flags and weaved through the village's streets calling for national unity, the immediate release of Palestinian prisoners, and ending the Israeli occupation. Protesters headed toward Israel's separation wall in the village, where some Palestinian youths climbed to the top of the wall and raised the Palestinian flag, while Israeli forces shot tear gas canisters at the protesters. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- A weekly march was held in the village of Nilin west of Ramallah city where protesters marched against Israeli settlements, land confiscations, and in commemoration of the [23rd anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre](#). The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed behind the separation wall fired tear gas canisters at protesters, causing a number of Palestinian and international peace activists to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Protesters held Palestinian flags and demanded the destruction of the separation wall, ending the Israeli occupation, and halting Israeli settlement expansion. Six international supporters and tend of Palestinians participated in the march, which has been considered a "weekly tradition for years." (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a crowded march in the Old City of the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, as local Palestinian residents and international activists demanded the reopening of closed streets and the removal of the illegal Israeli settlers from the city. The march was launched in line with the 23rd anniversary of the Ibrahimi mosque massacre, when Jewish-American settler Baruch Goldstein entered the Ibrahimi

mosque in Hebron and shot dead 29 Palestinians during worship. Since then, Shuhada street, which was once home to the old city's main marketplace, has remained almost entirely closed to Palestinians. The march set off at noon from the al-Sheikh neighborhood and headed towards al-Shalala Street near al-Shuhada Street. The IOA fired tear-gas canisters at protesters, causing some of them to suffer from suffocation. (Maannews 24 February 2017)

- Israeli occupation authorities denied a work permit application for the Israel and Palestine director of international NGO Human Rights Watch on the basis that it was "not a real human rights group," the organization said in a statement on Friday. In its February 20, 2017 letter denying a work permit for Omar Shakir, Israel's Interior Ministry cited an opinion received from the Foreign Ministry that Human Rights Watch's "public activities and reports have engaged in politics in the service of Palestinian propaganda, while falsely raising the banner of 'human rights.'" (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- Clashes burst out between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and the Palestinian anti-occupation youth shortly after a flock of Israeli military jeeps rolled into Jerusalem's eastern town of Hizma. The Israeli soldiers attacked the Palestinian protesters with heavy spates of teargas canisters, resulting in several suffocation cases. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a donkey belonging to a Palestinian farmer in "Mazuqeh" area in Al Himma area in the northern Jordan Valley and handed it to the Israeli Nature Authority. (Wafa 24 February 2017)
- A Palestinian journalist, Imad Iseid, working for the Associate Press news agency was injured as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked him while on duty in the old city of Hebron city. (Wafa 24 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) temporarily detained the Palestinian Authority (PA) minister of Waqf and religious affairs, Youssef Ideiss, and those accompanying him at an Israeli checkpoint as the minister was attempting to enter Qalqiliya from Nablus. The IOA stopped the minister's car, demanded him to step out, and began searching it. The IOA also confiscated devices from the car and deliberately" detained him at the checkpoint for more than an hour

until the Palestinian liaison intervened and secured his release. (Maannews 24 February 2017)

- Israeli occupation authorities transferred two Palestinians from occupied East Jerusalem to administrative detention. Israeli authorities transferred Majd Darwish to administrative detention for 6 months and Muhammad Abed al-Latif for 3 months. The IOA had detained the two “youths” during the past few days. One of the detainees is from the occupied East Jerusalem town of Al Isawiya, while al-Latif is from Jerusalem’s Old City. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli soldiers and policemen stormed Bartaa’s market, to the west of the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, and ravaged Palestinian commercial shops. The Israeli soldiers kidnapped the Palestinian citizen Mohamed Makhzoumi after they wreaked havoc on his shop and seized all the commodities. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- Two Palestinian youths, one among whom was identified as Kamel Nakhla, were kidnapped by the IOF from al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate. The occupation troops broke into civilian homes in the camp. Nakhla is a student at Birzeit University and a member of the students union in the University. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- At predawn time, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped the Palestinian youth Tahseen al-Haj from Jalqamous village in Jenin Governorate while in his workplace in 1948 occupied territories. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided At Tabaqa area in Dura town south of Hebron city and arrested two Palestinians identified as Ahmad Tayseer Abu Atwan, 16, and Al Muntaser Bellah Muther Abu Atwan, 18, and took them to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of a Palestinian activist in Hebron city, Badei’ Dweik, and threatened to arrested him for his involvement in calling for lifting off the closure and the removal of checkpoints in the old city of Hebron. (Wafa 24 February 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Jewish settlers under military protection have continued to bulldoze vast tracts of land in Wadi Qana area, west of Deir Istiya town in Salfit

Governorate, in order to build more housing units and infrastructures for their settlements. The bulldozing activities were still taking place inside and outside the boundaries of Yakir settlement and Havat Yair outpost. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)

Other

- [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#)'s office director general, Eli Groner, decided to grant 700 million shekels to the Jerusalem Municipality for 2017 . (Wafa 24 February 2017) The agreement was made possible by the mobilization of government ministries to increase financial support for the city. Groner instructed that a professional team be established, to be headed by the director general of the Interior Ministry and with the participation of representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministers of Finance and Jerusalem Affairs, which will complete the staff work on the outline of a permanent multi-year grant to the capital. The team will present its recommendations to ministers by Jerusalem Day, which falls at the end of this May. Minister for Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, Ze'ev Elkin added, "I sincerely hope that this is only the first step in the list of steps...to strengthen (Jerusalem's) economic power and thus the national power of Jerusalem. ([YNETNEWS](#) 24 February 2017)