



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 2 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) injured three Palestinian teenagers with live ammunition after clashes broke out near Azmout, Deir Al Hatab and Salem junction in eastern Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank. The injured teenagers, ages 15, 16, and 17, sustained injuries in their thigh and leg from the IOA opening live fire on them. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out military trainings in Al Farisiya area in the northern Jordan Valley. (Wafa 2 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- An Israeli military court extended the detention of Palestinian prisoner Shafiq al-Halabi, father of 19-year-old Martyr Palestinian Muhammad al-Halabi, for five more days, as al-Halabi has continued a hunger strike in protest of his detention. The court extended al-Halabi's detention over participating in a sit-in event with other families of Palestinian Martyrs and their supporters who demanded the return of slain Palestinian bodies being held by Israel. Al-Halabi had declared a hunger strike five days ago after being detained. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) disguised themselves as Palestinians and "kidnapped" two Palestinian students at the entrance of Birzeit University in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. The two students were identified as Tawfiq Abu Arqub, and Basel Falaneh, the secretary of specialties committee of the student council. They were studying computer science and business, respectively. The students were forced into a vehicle "at gunpoint," while also pointing guns at other students in the area. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 22 Palestinians -- 12 of whom from a Bethlehem-area refugee camp alone -- in overnight raids in the occupied Palestinian territory. In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, 13 Palestinians (one detention in the village of Husan and 12 in Aida refugee camp) were detained by the IOA, identifying them as Asaad Rashid Darwish, 19, Ali Muhammad Abu Srouf, Islam Jawarish, 30, Ali Hassan Abu Srouf, 20, Samed Atiq, Ramzi Qawar, 32, Muhammad Odeh, Muhammad Jumaa Uweis, Abdullah Hamad, Mustafa Ibrahim Qneis, 32, Fathi Abu Srouf, Majd Akram Abu Khdeir, 21, and Mahmoud Sabatin. The raid in Aida was a joint operation between the army and the Shin Bet intelligence agency to detain locals for unspecified "illegal activities." (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Youssif Abd al-Aziz Maghnam, 50, and his son Hussein, 22. The two Palestinians were detained in the Hebron-area village of Yatta, while another was detained in the city of Hebron. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Thaer Abu Sbeih, 20, in Jerusalem. (Maannews 2 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Omar Husni Ghawadra in the Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Samer Samih Sawafta and Saher Anis Abu Muhsen in the Tubas Governorate. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- In the Nablus Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Muayyad Ghazi and Karam Salah. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two young men from the Old City of Jerusalem. The arrestees were identified as Thaer Abu Sbeih and Rawhi Kulghasi after raiding their homes in the Old City. (SILWANIC 2 February 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 26 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab Al Magharabh and escorted by the Israeli Occupation Police. The settlers tried to perform Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 2 February 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to remove four residential tents owned by Palestinian farmers in Bardala village in the northern Jordan Valley. (Wafa 2 February 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Route 60 in the Ramallah Governorate of the occupied West Bank while continuing the closure of the Beit El (DCO) checkpoint for the second consecutive day. The IOA Closed the part of Route 60 that connects the Mikhmas junction in the north to Wadi al-Haramiya junction in the south. The Beit El checkpoint was also closed for the second consecutive day. The closures were being implemented as part of a "security campaign" as Israeli authorities have cautioned Israeli passengers about the dangers of roads shared with Palestinians. (Maannews 2 February 2017)

Other

- The White House warned Israel to cease settlement announcements that are "unilateral" and "undermining" of President Donald Trump's effort to forge Middle East peace. For the first time, the administration confirmed that Trump is committed to a comprehensive two-state

solution to the Israeli- Palestinian conflict negotiated between the parties. The White House was not consulted on Israel's unprecedented announcement of 5,500 new settlement housing units over the course of his first two weeks in office. Trump plans to bring up the peace process in his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House scheduled for February 15. Trump looks forward to those discussions, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said in response to this report. Trump has, however, repeatedly called peace between Israel and the Palestinians the "ultimate deal" – one that he has tasked Jared Kushner, a top adviser and his son-in-law, with moderating. ([IPOST](#) 2 February 2017)

- Housing Minister Yoav Galant (Kulanu) confirmed 2,086 housing units for immediate marketing in Judea and Samaria. 698 units will be marketed in the town of Alfei Menashe, 630 units will be marketed in Beit Aryeh, 660 units will be marketed in Beitar Illit, and 98 units will be marketed in Karnei Shomron. Minister Galant said: "There is no day more symbolic for building in Judea and Samaria than the day of the evacuation of Amona. We are a law-abiding nation, and the State has carried out the ruling ordered by the Supreme Court. Nevertheless I announced previously that we shall build a greater Amona. The beginning comes in the form of hundreds of housing units which will be put on the market immediately." ([INN](#) 2 February 2017)
- Amona residents may not have to move far: Location considered for new town for Amona residents just a few kilometers away from their old homes. It is possible that the new town for the residents evicted from Amona may be located just a few kilometers away from their old homes, the *nrg* Hebrew news site reported. One of the locations being considered for the new town is an area between the towns of Rimonim and Kochav Hashachar. Rimonim is located near Amona. The families were left without alternative housing after the Supreme Court tore up the agreement which the government and the residents of Amona reached last December, ruling that the lands on which the State had planned to build new housing for the residents was private Arab land. A suit had been filed by a leftist NGO claiming Arab ownership and the court ruled in the NGO's favor. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu announced yesterday that he had set up a committee to examine the establishment of a new town in Samaria for the residents of Amona. The Prime Minister elaborated on his proposed new town in a speech in the city of Ariel today. "We are going through difficult days. We made every effort not to reach this point but in the end we fulfilled the requirements of the law because we are a law-abiding

state. I and you share in the great pain of the families forced to leave their houses and their life's work and we all understand the extent of their pain." "We have to establish a new community for them on state land. Yesterday I set up a team to locate a place for the community and to begin preparing it. We will act to enable this to occur as soon as possible. "I call on all the residents to leave without violence or altercations, to respect the soldiers and police. It hurts them no less than it hurts us and I want to remind everyone that they protect us. And at the same time we will strengthen the other communities here [in Samaria], including, of course, Ariel." ([INN](#) 2 February 2017)

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