



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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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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### Israeli Arrests

- An Israeli court extended the detention period of an employee of Turkish aid agency TIKA until Thursday. An Israeli court in Beersheba city extended the remand of TIKA staff member Mohamed Murtaja following the demand of an Israeli prosecutor to keep Murtaja under custody. The Israeli court also imposed a gag order against publishing news on the case until March 14. Murtaja who had worked for TIKA in the Gaza Strip, had reportedly been on his way to Turkey when he was

detained on February 12 at the Beit Hanun (Erez) border-crossing, north of Gaza Strip. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

- In the central Jerusalem Governorate, two young men were detained in the village of Biddu, identified as Muhtadi Khalid Ayyash and Salih Mansour. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 27-year-old Ali Muhammad Saada in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Hamza Mahmoud Jarrar, a resident of the northern Tulkarem Governorate. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- A 24-year-old girl Batoul al-Rumhi was kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) from her family home in Surda village, north of Ramallah. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped the Palestinian journalist and ex-prisoner Mus'ab Sa'id, 25, from his family home in Ramallah's northern town of Birzeit. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Osama Fukahaa, a student at Birzeit University, was arrested by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Ein Munjid village, in Ramallah. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Clashes flared up in Bethlehem's villages of al-Khader and Tekou' between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and the Palestinian protesters. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian youth from Nablus's southeastern town of Huwwara. The IOA stormed the village at the crack of dawn and kidnapped Ali Mohamed Saada from his home. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the nearby Awarta village, southeast of Nablus, and wreaked havoc on civilian homes. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- A series of Israeli military checkpoints were pitched by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) on the Jenin-Haifa access road, where Palestinian civilians and vehicles have been subjected to intensive inspection. The IOA raked through Palestinian cultivated lands in Sahl Bin Amer. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- A number of Israeli settlers and their children attempted to enter a kindergarten on al-Shuhada street in Hebron's Old City. Israeli settlers in Hebron often gather in al-Shuhada street and the neighborhood of Tel Rumeida [during the Jewish holiday of Purim](#). The Hebron settlers

chanted a number of anti-Palestinian slogan, including some hailing Baruch Goldstein, who killed 29 Palestinian Muslims in Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque in 1994. (Maannews 12 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Palestinian village of Kifl Haris in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit to provide protection for Israeli settlers visiting a site believed to be a Jewish shrine. Chief of the illegal Nablus-area settlement bloc Yossi Dagan and Eli Shapiro, the chief of the illegal Israeli settlement of Ariel, were among the visitors to the tomb of Joshua. The Israel army's commander in the Nablus area was also reportedly among the visitors. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers uprooted and stole 150 olive trees from Palestinian land in Nablus's southern village of al-Sawiya. The farmers were shocked as they caught sight of the uprooted olive trees, planted over a decade ago in their land. The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have been preventing the owners of the targeted land lots, located near the border fence of Rechalim illegal settlement, from reaching their lands. Only those who obtain a permit from the IOA are allowed access into their tracts. The uprooted trees were planted on land lots owned by Palestinian citizens, namely Haythem Kafana and Suheil Suleiman, among others. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Three Palestinians including a minor were injured evening due to two separate attacks by Jewish settlers in Occupied Jerusalem. A group of Jewish settlers from Ma'aleh Michmash settlement northeast of Occupied Jerusalem assaulted two Palestinian men: Ahmad al-Shawahin from Yatta town in al-Khalil and Jamil al-Khatib from Hazma town in Occupied Jerusalem. The fanatic settlers smashed the Palestinians' car before beating them brutally and leaving them with bruises. The attacking settlers also robbed their money. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Three Israeli settlers assaulted the 15-year-old Palestinian boy Malek Siyam in the French Hill in Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- The Israeli occupation authorities issued military orders to confiscate Palestinian lands in al-Sharawiya area, north of Tulkarem, and in the towns of Baqa al-Gharbiyye and Jit located in the northern Triangle area of occupied Palestine. Palestinian citizens found the confiscation notices near the gate of the Segregation Wall near Nazlat 'Isa village. The notices provided for seizing 142.2 dunums of Palestinian lands, pointing out that the owners of these lands were given a seven-day

time limit to object to these orders at the so-called Coordination and Liaison Office (Ephraim) or the Office of the Israeli Attorney General. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

- Israeli Machinery have been razing lands in Qalqilya Governorate with the aim to build a new neighborhood in Oranit settlement. Around 100 dunums of lands of Azzun Atmeh, Sanniryia and Beit Amin are threatened of confiscation due to the building process. The Israeli Occupation Authorities have been denying Palestinian farmers access to these lands in the past few years which are located west of the Israeli Segregation Wall. (WAFa 12 March 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has embarked for days on bulldozing and preparing a vast tract of Palestinian land in Beit Jala, west of Bethlehem, for the expansion of the illegal settlement of Gilo. The construction was taking place within the boundaries of Wadi Cremisan (Cremisan Valley) in Beit Jala and the villages of Walaja and Sharafat. About 900 housing units would be built on 150 to 200 dunums of Palestinian land that had been annexed to Gilo settlement. The IOA Almost finished building infrastructure for the new housing units. Another 300 housing units would be built after finishing the first stage of this settlement expansion project. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles and passengers at the eastern entrance to Qalqilyah city, north of the West Bank. The Israeli soldiers set-up a roadblock at the eastern entrance to Qalqilya, intercepted and searched passing vehicles and checked the IDs of passengers. This roadblock led to traffic jams in both directions and long delays for citizens, who needed to reach their destinations. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

### **Other**

- Israel should annex all of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip and take full responsibility for the Arabs living there, said Yitzhak Chai Zaga, who is challenging Education Minister Naftali Bennett for the leadership of Bayit Yehudi in a race set to be held on April 27. Bennett has spoken about annexing Area C of the West Bank, not about full annexation of the land and its entire Arab population. Zaga said he would provide equal education, housing and employment

opportunities for the Arab population but would not grant them citizenship or the right to vote until they respect Israeli nationalism... Zaga has a plan for taking responsibility for the Arab population that starts with removing their ammunition and ending incitement. (JPOST 12 March 2017)

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