



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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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A 16-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed and another Palestinian teen was moderately-to-seriously injured, after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a group of Palestinian youth in al-Arrub refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The 16-year-old Palestinian was identified as Murad Yusif Abu Ghazi who succumbed to a critical gunshot wound in his chest. (Maannews 17 March 2017)

- Two Israeli peace activists were injured, and a number of Palestinian citizens choked on tear gas after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) quelled two anti-settlement and anti-occupation marches in Ni'lin and Kafr Qaddum towns in the occupied West Bank. The IOA fired sound bombs and tear gas canisters at the protesters in Ni'lin anti-settlement, anti-wall weekly march as they approached the apartheid wall built on the town's lands. Meanwhile, two Israeli peace activists were injured and dozens of suffocation cases were reported among Palestinian citizens after the IOA quelled the anti-settlement peaceful march of Kafr Qaddum which called for opening the town's street that has been closed for 14 years. The IOA fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at the marchers injuring the two activists, one in the hand and the other in the face, and causing dozens of suffocation cases that were treated in the field. The IOA soldiers stormed the town, raided the houses, and stationed on the roofs to fire tear gas canisters at the marchers. They also took pictures of participants and set up ambushes. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) stormed at daybreak Ramallah and al-Bireh, in the central West Bank. Israeli soldiers rolled into Ramallah and al-Bireh via al-Tira road and raked through southern residential neighborhoods. No arrests were reported in the assault. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) summoned citizen Zayd Muhammad Al Hreimi from As Saff Street in Bethlehem city for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement detention center and confiscated his laptop during raid to his house. (WAFSA 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided a car repair shop in Wad Shaheen area in Bethlehem city and confiscated records of his surveillance cameras. (WAFSA 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) organized the Jerusalem International Marathon for the 7th consecutive year in the street of Jerusalem supported by the occupation municipality, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Sports. The IOA organized this year's Marathon under the name "50 years to the liberation of Jerusalem from invaders"; this year is the 50th anniversary of occupying the rest of the city of Jerusalem in 1967. The Marathon aims at showing the city of Jerusalem as an Israeli unified city with its two parts (East and West Jerusalem). (WAFSA 17 March 2017)
- A number of Palestinian youths were injured when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into Sabstia village, north of Nablus to take off the Palestinian flag pole in the village. The clashes erupted when a number of Israeli military jeeps stormed the town amid heavy firing of teargas

bombs. A young man suffered rubber bullet injuries during the clashes while more than ten others suffered breathing problems after inhaling teargas including a whole family. (Wafa, PALINFO 17 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth after he crossed the border fence from the besieged Gaza Strip into Israel. The Palestinian youth was able to cross the border fence and make his way into the southern Israeli town of Eshkol. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at dawn kidnapped an ex-prisoner from Dura town, in al-Khalil, in the southern West Bank. Israeli army patrols stormed the home of ex-prisoner Youssef Kazaz and wreaked havoc on the building before they dragged the arrestee to an unidentified destination. The Israeli soldiers seized Kazaz's car and cracked down on his family members, sparking panic among women and children. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer Court adjourned the trial of the female Palestinian MP Samira Halayka to the 21st of March 2017. Three hearings were held for MP Halayka but there were neither charges nor tangible evidence that legitimize her detention. The Israeli court claimed the trial was delayed again because an indictment list is being prepared against Halayka. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A Palestinian taxi driver from Jerusalem sustained fractures and bruises after being assaulted by two Israeli settlers while working in West Jerusalem. The Taxi driver was identified as Fadi Abed, 41. (Maannews 17 March 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to halt the construction of a "Generation of energy via solar cells to operate a Saline Desalination Plant" project in An Na'ja village north of Jericho city which will serve a group of Palestinian farmers in the area, under the pretext of unlicensing. The project is funded by the Belgium Government. (Wafa 17 March 2017)

Other

- Israeli "Defense" minister Avigdor Lieberman declared the Palestinian National Fund (PNF), which is an affiliate of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a terror organization. The decision is considered the first of its kind since the signing of the Oslo accords in 1993. According to Israel's Channel 7, Lieberman justified the decision by saying that the PNF provides millions of shekels in salaries for Palestinian prisoners and families of "terrorists" (martyrs). He described the prisoners and families of martyrs as entities responsible for serious terrorist activity against Israel and Israeli citizens. He accused the PNF of playing a role in the Palestinian Authority's economic support for "terrorists" who committed attacks against Israelis, and serving as a delegate in the transfer of a significant amount of funds to them. According to a statement released by his office, steps will be taken to seize the fund's property and assets, both in Israel and abroad. PLO chairman Mahmoud Abbas appointed Ramzi Khouri in 2005 as director of the PNF. The PNF was founded in 1964 by members of the PLO in order to serve as the body which will manage the funds of the Palestinian people and their institutions. The person who heads the fund was unofficially considered the Palestinian finance minister. The PNF's sources of funding were defined as taxes collected from salaries of Palestinian citizens working in the Gulf, donations from businessmen, donations from Arab and other states, from organizations, profits from investments in economic projects and more. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)