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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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- An 18-year-old Palestinian was killed and two other Palestinians were injured by Israeli shelling in eastern Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip before dawn. Israeli drones were also flying overhead as the sound of gunshots and explosions were heard. Youssef Shaaban Abu Athra, 18, was killed while two others sustained multiple injuries from shrapnel as a result of the artillery fire. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli military vehicles launched a limited incursion into eastern Khan Younis city, south of the blockaded Gaza Strip. Four

Israeli military bulldozers deployed at the Kissufim base moved into the eastern edges of Khan Younis city and leveled Palestinian lands in the area. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)

- A barrage of gunshots were fired from Israeli military watchtowers toward al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported in the attack. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Sahour city in Bethlehem Governorate and stormed the three storey building of Sami and Issam Qumsieh after bombing door entrances. The IOA locked family members in one room, questioned them and carried out an intensive house search. No arrests were reported. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- Tens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Abu Dis town in Jerusalem Governorate. (SAFA 22 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- In the week of March 13 to 21, Israeli authorities issued 30 administrative detention orders -- Israel's controversial policy of internment without charge or trial -- against Palestinian prisoners, according to the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS). Among the 30 Palestinians, 18 had their orders renewed after already have served months or years in administrative detention. The 18 were identified as: Muhammad Mahmoud Awwad, resident of the Hebron district, two-month extension, - Abd al-Fattah Kamal Ajrab, resident of the Ramallah district, three-month extension, Iyad Omar Hamad, resident of the Nablus district, three-month extension, Issa Talab al-Sanadiya, resident of the Hebron district, four-month extension, Abd al-Rahman Hussein Qaswasmeh, resident of the Hebron district, four-month extension, Nadir Abd al-Halim al-Natsha, resident of the Hebron district, four-month extension, Muhammad Akram Taqatqa, resident of the Bethlehem district, four-month extension, Abd al-Rahim Bassam Hamad, resident of the Ramallah district, four-month extension, Saif Mustafa Nasser, resident of the Ramallah district, four month-extension, Ali Abd al-Rahman Jaradat, resident of the Ramallah district, four-month extension, Hussein Muhammad Mardawi, resident of the Nablus district, four-month extension, Salah al-Din Ayman Dweikat, resident of the Nablus district, four-month extension, Shadi Muhammad Shuli, resident of the Nablus district, four-month extension, Sami Muhammad Birawi, resident of the Nablus district, four-month extension, Fouad Muhammad al-Qab, resident of the

Tulkarem district, four-month extension, Luay Sati Ashqar, resident of the Tulkarem district, four-month extension, Shadi Muhammad Jarrar, resident of the Jenin district, four-month extension, Muhammad Abdullah Harb, resident of the Jenin district, six-month extension. Among the 35 Palestinians, 12 were sentenced to administrative detention for the first time. The 12 were identified as: Zakariya Abd al-Hamid Uweidat, resident of the Hebron district, four months, Anwar Muhammad Zein, resident of the Bethlehem district, four months, Ghassan Issa Hirmas, resident of the Bethlehem district, four months, Khalid Ibrahim Thweib, resident of the Bethlehem district, four months, Hassan Muhammad Wreidan, resident of the Bethlehem district, four months, Fadi Munthir Raddad, resident of the Tulkarem district, four months, Muhammad Sami Ghneim, resident of the Jenin district, four months, Fares Husni Shawahna, resident of the Jenin district, four months, Mustafa Fahmi Ballut, resident of the Jenin district, four months, Muhammad Hussein Shalash, resident of the Hebron district, six months, Mahmoud Karim Ayyad, resident of the Bethlehem district, six months, Amir Nizar Khawaja, resident of the Ramallah district, six months. (Maannews 22 March 2017)

- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) member Muhammad al-Tal in the village of al-Dhahiriya. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Tamara Zein and her 16-year-old son Ahmad al-Najjar in the village of Yatta, while Khader Idriss Nammura was detained in Dura. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- In the Masafer Yatta area, in the South Hebron Hills, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a bulldozer and a truck owned by Wael Ali Shreiti, a resident of the village of Shiaab al-Butum . The tools were used to build a dirt road to connect neighboring villages with one another. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- One Palestinian was detained in the Ramallah-area village of Abud. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- Two Palestinians others were detained in Qarawat Bani Hassan in the Salfit Governorate. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- In Jenin, the northernmost Governorate of the West Bank, two detentions were reported in al-Zababida, one in Anza, and another in the Jenin refugee camp. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- Six Palestinians were detained for working at a construction site in the central town of Hod HaSharon. Two of the detained were a father and

his 17-year-old son from the besieged Gaza Strip. (Maannews 22 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained at predawn Wael Amjad al-Khatib and Mohamed Jamal al-Azza from Bethlehem Governorate. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Ali Ahmad Khatab and Murad Suleiman Ata from Ramallah Governorate. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The 15-year-old Bassam Shukri Qunbur was also kidnapped by the The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained from Jabal al-Mukabbir town in occupied East Jerusalem. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- Three Palestinians including a 19-year-old youngster were arrested by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The three Palestinians were from Tubas area, and were identified as Jomaa Amer, 30, Ghanem Abu Muhsen, 58, and Yazid Abu Ali, 19. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young man at a military checkpoint erected west of Nablus to the north of West Bank. The IOA erected a make-shift checkpoint near Beit Wazan village, west of Nablus city, where several Palestinian vehicles were stopped and searched. A Palestinian young man was arrested at the checkpoint after IOA stopped and searched his car. The detainee was then taken to an unknown detention center. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Khaleel Abu Dayyah, 28, from Beit Ummer town in Hebron Governorate after raiding and searching his house. The IOA also searched the house of Muhammad's brother, Hatem. (WAFSA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the house of Sa'do Ali Ikhleil searching for one family member who is considered as "wanted" by the Israeli occupation army. (WAFSA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ribhi Nafe' after raiding his house in NI'lin village west of Ramallah city and took him to unknown destination. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ali Ahmad Khattab after raiding his house in Beit Sira village west of Ramallah city. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Deir Abu Mash'al village, and stormed a number of Palestinian houses after bombing door entrances. The IOA also messed with the content of the houses and deliberately caused destruction to the properties. (SAFA 22 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wael Amjad Al Khateeb from Beit Jala city in Bethlehem Governorate after raiding his house. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Jamal Al Azza from Bethlehem city after raiding his house. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Hani Abu Rmeila, 15, and his brother Jawad, 18, from Silwan city south of Jerusalem. (SAFA 22 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers attacked three Palestinian shepherds in Nablus's northwestern town of Burqa, in the northern West Bank. The Palestinian young man Ahmad Ragheb Salah was attacked, along with his brother and cousin, by Israeli settlers while they were grazing their sheep in Burqa's western ranches. The settler horde targeted Salah, his brother, and cousin with gunfire, forcing them to flee the scene for fear of being killed in the attack. The settlers stole the sheep and a bag containing the identity documents of Salah's brother. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- A number of Israeli settlers attacked Burin village Farmers while working in their lands that lie in close proximity of Yetzhar settlement. A Palestinian farmer identified as Musheer Qadus was injured in his leg. (WAFa 22 March 2017)
- Israeli Settlers renewed their incursion at Al Aqsa Mosque via Bab Al Magharba gate (Al Mughrabi gate) and carried out provocative tours. (WAFa 22 March 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) punitively sealed a Palestinian home in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Jabal al-Mukabbir on Wednesday morning by pouring concrete inside the house, displacing five Palestinians -- including four children -- as a result. The house belonged to the family of Fadi al-Qunbar. Israeli special forces, police, and intelligence officers were heavily deployed in the neighborhood, having closed off the main streets and preventing vehicles and pedestrians from entering or leaving the area. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Bulldozers demolished two agricultural barracks in Az Zubeidat village to the north of Jericho city. The

demolished structures belong to Salameh Ahmad Az Zubeidat and Ahmad Odeh Az Zubeidat. (WAFA 22 March 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at daybreak seized Palestinian vehicles east of Tubas city, in the northern West Bank. Israeli soldiers seized a car of the Mitsubishi brand and another vehicle owned by Palestinian citizen Hayel Turkman, along with an agricultural tractor belonging to citizen Namer Harroub Under the pretext that they are used to cultivate military lands and carry water tanks to Palestinians. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) uprooted a number of trees planted by the Environment Quality Authority, The Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network and Laje' center yesterday in the Aida refugee camp north of Bethlehem, in commemoration of the National Day for the Palestinian Environment. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- Any attempt to undertake construction in the area known as E1, which separates Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim in the West Bank, is like a red rag to the international community. Even these days, in the Trump era, when initiatives for annexing Ma'aleh Adumim keep appearing on the political agenda, the government seems to be very cautious with regard to expanding the settlement in the direction of Jerusalem in a way that would create territorial contiguity between the two. Nevertheless, in recent weeks there has been talk of several projects which could create a "mental" proximity between the two cities. Despite increasing voices in the coalition calling for legal annexation of Ma'aleh Adumim, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is dragging his feet out of concern for the international ramifications of such a move. Promotion of these new projects, however, could strengthen the ties between Jerusalem and the settlement and pass quietly under the diplomatic radar. For several weeks now, tractors have been working along Highway 1, which leads to Ma'aleh Adumim, just outside the city. They are busy constructing a new interchange which will provide easier access to Jerusalem for Ma'aleh Adumim residents. The non-profit Ir Amim organization says that this interchange is critical for future construction in E1, since it will serve as an alternative route for Palestinian traffic between the two cities. The plan for this interchange was approved in 2013. The

Jerusalem Municipality's finance committee also approved the construction of a new tunnel at the French Hill intersection, which will greatly alleviate traffic congestion in that area. Traveling from Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods and Ma'aleh Adumim into the city's core will thus become much easier. The city says that both projects are part of an overall plan to improve traffic infrastructure in the city's north. In recent weeks demolition orders were issued for a Bedouin village lying along the highway. The houses there were built without permits decades ago and Israel has been trying to evacuate it for some time, and now intends to finally do so. In addition, Jerusalem's Planning and Construction Committee has approved a plan for open areas within and around the city. The plan calls for designating the slopes of Mount Scopus that face Ma'aleh Adumim as a national park to be further developed. East Jerusalem residents and left-wing activists claim that this plan is designed to prevent any expansion of nearby Palestinian neighborhoods. "The right wing is trying to whitewash the E1 project by claiming that Ma'aleh Adumim lies within the national consensus," says Aviv Tatarsky, a researcher at Ir Amim. "Building there will convert Ma'aleh Adumim from an Israeli negotiating point which could be part of a land swap with the Palestinians into a death blow for the two-state solution," he says. "Investing billions in infrastructure there expresses a determination to foil such a solution. This involves the expulsion of thousands of Bedouin as well, while pretending to address the problems of nearby Arab neighborhoods. This is what makes continued Israeli rule over the Palestinians illegitimate," he adds. The city responded by saying that it was improving infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing city, and that these projects would improve traffic congestion in the northern parts of the city. Plans are also being prepared for Arab neighborhoods, said a municipality spokesman. ([Haaretz](#) 22 March 2017)

Other

- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Tuesday during a briefing to reporters during his visit to China that the Russians had not changed their policy regarding Israeli military actions in Syrian territory and that the coordination between the two countries was continuing. Netanyahu made the remarks in response to reports that Russia summoned the Israeli ambassador to express its displeasure over an Israeli air-strike in Syria last weekend. Netanyahu also stated that the issue was raised during his recent meeting with [Russian President Vladimir Putin](#), and that he had made it clear to the Russian leader

that Israel would not halt its attacks on Hezbollah arms convoys. "Our policy on the subject will not change," declared Netanyahu. "If there is a feasibility from an intelligence and military standpoint - we attack and so it will continue." The Prime Minister said that Syria was not informed in advance of Israeli strikes against Hezbollah, so as not to potentially harm Israeli Air Force pilots. He also clarified that restrictions on construction in Judea and Samaria do apply to Jerusalem, and that there is no pressure from the Trump Administration to freeze construction in any part of Israel's capital. "There are no restrictions on construction in Jerusalem, I do not discuss the issue of Jerusalem, and the discourse with the Americans concerns only construction in Judea and Samaria." ([Haaretz](#), [INN](#) 22 March 2017)