



# 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

- An Israeli police officer physically assaulted and injured several Palestinians in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Wadi. A plainclothes police officer aggressively verbally confronting a Palestinian truck driver after the latter allegedly hit the officer's car. The officer the officer proceeds to headbutt, slap, punch, kick, and knee the truck driver in the lower abdomen. Ahmad al-Tawil, a 26 year-old Jerusalemite who witnessed the scene, tried to intervene once the officer began assaulting the truck driver, only for the Israeli officer to

hit him several times in the head and stomach, injuring al-Tawil in the eye. (Maannews 23 March 2017)

- Israeli naval forces detained two Palestinian fishermen off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Naval forces detained Khader al-Saadi and Rajab Abu Mayala, both residents of the al-Shati refugee camp, while they were sailing three nautical miles from the shore of Gaza City. The forces also confiscated the fishermen's boats and equipment. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Supreme Court ruled not to release the bodies of Palestinians still held in Israeli morgues to their families for burial. The court also rejected a petition by Israel's general prosecution that requested that the four Palestinians, who died while allegedly carrying out attacks on Israelis, be buried in Israel's "cemetery of numbers," a series of mass graves comprised of marked and unmarked plots of mostly Palestinians killed by Israeli forces over the past 60 years. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) deployed troops and dozens of heavy military vehicles and equipment in the vicinity of Aqraba village, southeast of Nablus, and the nearby southern area of Attaira. Dozens of military tracked vehicles and artillery equipment in Attaira area, and many mobile homes were also brought to the area. The military deployments in areas near Aqraba village could be a prelude to conducting military drills. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- Violent clashes burst out in Beit Furik, east of Nablus province, shortly after the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) stormed the town. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) rolled into al-Haouz mountainous area, in Beit Furik village, and forced the Palestinian farmers out of their lands, sparking violent clashes with dozens of Palestinian anti-occupation youths. The occupation soldiers attacked Palestinian homes and protesters with randomly-shot spates of teargas canisters and acoustic bombs, resulting in several suffocation cases. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) installed surveillance cameras on the bypass road passing through Za'tara village lands, on the entrance of Tequ village. (WAFa 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided An Nahda print shop in Tulkarem city owned by Muhannad Abu Saleh, destroyed equipment while conducting an intensive search inside the shop. The IOA also confiscated PC hard drives, machines, Cheques, Abu Saleh's cellphone and ID. (WAFa 23 March 2017)

## Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem and detained Muhammad Jamal al-Azza in Bethlehem city and Wael Amjad al-Khatib in the neighboring town of Beit Jala, which was confirmed by the Israeli army. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- Three Palestinians were detained in the village of al-Rashayida south of Bethlehem. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- In the town of Beit Sahour east of Bethlehem, Israeli forces raided a Palestinian home and interrogated the family, without detaining anyone. The Israeli Occupation Army raided Beit Sahour at 3:15 a.m. and surrounded the three-floor building, where Issam Qumsiyeh, 57, his brother Sami, 60, and their two families live. The Qumsiyeh family said they woke up to the sound of explosions and discovered Israeli forces blasting open the exterior door to the building. Dozens of soldiers broke into the house, forcing both families into one room where they were thoroughly interrogated, while the building was being searched and ransacked. Israeli forces also cut off the telephone and the internet during the half-hour raid. Members of the family told Ma'an that "soldiers had a map (of the building) and knew detailed information about the family, as if the interrogation was only to confirmation what they already knew." (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah and detained Ali Ahmad Khattab in the village of Beit Sira, Hassan Ribhi Nafe from the village of Nilin, and 17-year-old Murad Suleiman Atta from Deir Abu Mashaal village. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 23-year-old Mahmoud Muhammad al-Hroub from the village of Ibziq in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank [when a tractor and private vehicle were also confiscated.](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 15-year-old Bassam Shukri al-Qunbar from Jabal al-Mukabbir when the IOA raided the town [to seal a home with cement,](#) as a punitive action taken against the family of Palestinian Martyr Fadi al-Qunbar. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained in the northern Israeli village of Sandala, who was identified as Sheikh Firas al-Omari, a

- member of the Freedoms and Prisoners Committee. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man in the village of Ibziq in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank and confiscated a tractor and a private vehicle in the area. The IOA, escorted by several Israeli Civil Administration jeeps, detained Mahmoud Muhammad al-Hroub, 23, and confiscated a tractor belonging to his father and a vehicle belonging to Hayil Turkman. The confiscated vehicles were taken to the Nahal military site in the al-Maleh area of the Jordan valley. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
  - The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) sentenced a Palestinian MP and other detainees to administrative prison-terms, with neither charge nor trial. The IOA issued a renewable four-month sentence against MP Anwar Zaboun, incarcerated since early March 2017. The IOA further slapped administrative terms against four Palestinian prisoners from Bethlehem. Ghassan Hirmas, Khaled Dhweib, and Hassan Wardian were all sentenced to a four-month term while the fourth detainee, Mahmoud Ayad, received a six-month sentence. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped seven Palestinians from the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya. The IOA rolled into Qalqilya city in over 20 military jeeps and attacked the Palestinian protesters with spates of teargas canisters, resulting in several suffocation cases. The assault triggered violent clashes with Palestinian anti-occupation youth. The list of arrestees included ex-prisoner Tahseen Daoud, 47, who was kidnapped by the IOF from his own family home, Firas Bennan Ulba, Waleed HUteari, 40, Hamza Hutari, 21, and Waseem Hutari, 38. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kafr Qaddum village and arrested Ayman Rafeeq Shtwei, 40, and Nader Amer, 27, and raided a number of Palestinian houses in the village. (Wafa 23 March 2017)
  - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qalqilya's eastern village of Azzun, where Palestinian vehicles and civilians were subjected to thorough inspection. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
  - A Palestinian youth—Baraa Abu Nawas—was kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) IOF from Qatr al-Nada residential apartment in Nablus's western neighborhood of al-Ma'ajin. Abu Nawas was later dragged to an anonymous location in an armored military truck. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)

- Palestinian citizen Bashar Mleitat, from Nablus's eastern village of Beit Furik, sustained wounds after he had been heavily beaten by the Israeli soldiers. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli soldiers stormed Attil village, in Tulkarem, in a number of army vehicles and kidnapped the youngster Youssef al-Shalabi before they wreaked havoc on his family home and attacked his relatives. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- Palestinian citizen Muthana al-Sadala was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers from his home in Anabta village, east of Tulkarem. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up ambushes across Jenin Governorate and a checkpoint on the Jenin-Haifa access road, near the main entrance to Zabouba village, where Palestinian drivers have been made to endure intensive questioning. The campaign culminated in the abduction of 14-year-old minor Jamal al-Ghoul from Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Palestinian lawmaker Ibrahim Dahbour, at a roadblock near Arraba village, southwest of Jenin city in the West Bank. The IOA rounded up Dahbour at a makeshift checkpoint on a road near Arraba and confiscated the car he was driving. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)

## Other

- Construction on new homes for Jewish residents in Judea and Samaria rose by 40 percent in 2016 compared with the previous year, official figures showed Wednesday. Ground was broken on 2,630 housing units last year compared with 1,884 in 2015, figures from Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics showed. Peace Now called it "the second highest number of construction starts in the past 15 years". The highest number during that time was [2,874 in 2013](#). "On average, since 2001, 1,790 housing units begin to be constructed in West Bank settlements each year," Peace Now said. The figures exclude eastern Jerusalem, liberated by Israel in the Six Day War 50 years ago. Some 200,000 Jews live in eastern Jerusalem, in addition to about 400,000 in Judea and Samaria. Around three million Arabs live in Judea, Samaria and eastern Jerusalem. Netanyahu has been in discussions with US President Donald Trump's administration on how to move forward with construction in Jewish communities. When meeting Netanyahu at

the White House in February, Trump called for Israel to "hold back on settlements for a little bit". At that meeting, Trump also broke with decades of US policy by saying he was not bound to a two-state solution to the conflict and would be open to one state if it meant peace. But one of his top advisers, Jason Greenblatt, visited Israel and the PA last week, holding a range of meetings on both sides, including with PA chairman Mahmud Abbas and Netanyahu. ([INN](#) 23 March 2017)

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