



# 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

- At least five Palestinian youths, were injured with live fire, while seven others were injured with rubber-coated steel bullets by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) what started out as a peaceful anti-settlement demonstration in the eastern Ramallah Governorate of the central occupied West Bank. The clashes took place near the villages of Kafr Malik and al-Mughayyar, where residents of the villages were protesting the construction of an illegal Israeli settlement on the lands of the two villages. In addition to those injured by live fire and rubber

bullets, dozens others suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation. Among those who suffered from severe tear gas inhalation were multiple journalists, including AP photographer Nasser al-Shuyoukhi, who fainted as a result. The march set off towards the lands threatened with confiscation, where Israeli settlers have set up an illegal outpost in anticipation of a new settlement. (Maannews 24 March 2017)

- Clashes erupted between locals of al-Jalazun refugee camp in Ramallah Governorate and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who were deployed at the entrance of the illegal Israeli Beit El settlement in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, shortly after the IOA killed one Palestinian teenager, the 17-year-old Muhammad Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Hattab, and critically injured three others in the same area identified as 8-year-old Jassem Muhammed Nakhla, who was shot in the head and foot, 18-year-old Muhammad Hattab, who was shot in the abdomen, and 18-year-old Muhammed Musa Nakhla who was shot in the foot and shoulder. The IOA fired live-fire, rubber-coated steel bullets, stun grenades, and tear gas at protesters. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a weekly march held in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, causing at least ten Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Israeli border police fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets at protesters, causing ten Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. The IOA also attempted to ambush a number of Palestinians in order to detain them. However, no detentions were reported. Over the course of five years, an elderly protester was killed after suffering from excessive tear gas inhalation, one youth lost his eyesight, and another his ability to speak, he added. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) heightened movement restrictions at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem after a sit-in was organized at the site following Friday prayers which demanded the release of slain Palestinian bodies withheld by the Israeli state. The IOA raided Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while soldiers deployed at the gates of the holy site banned Palestinians from entering the area after the Dhuhur (afternoon) prayer. The IOA also searched all Palestinian youth “in a provocative manner” as they exited the compound following prayers and the subsequent sit-in. Additionally, the IOA stationed at the gate also detained an unspecified number of Palestinians and transported them to Israeli interrogation centers. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
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- Palestinians from the central occupied West Bank Ramallah-area village of Bilin set out on their weekly march, in protest of Israeli settlement expansion and the construction of the Israeli separation wall on the village's lands. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) took pictures of protesters who claimed threw rocks at the separation wall and Israeli military vehicles in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinians from accessing areas around the Wadi Qana valley west of Deir Istiya village in northern Salfit in the central occupied West Bank, in order to create a "comfortable atmosphere" for illegal Israeli settlers in the area. The Israeli authorities closed the entrance of Wadi Qana, preventing Palestinians from entering the area from 8 a.m to 3 p.m Friday to provide a "comfortable atmosphere" for Israeli settlers from the nearby Karnei Shomron settlement who organize an annual "spring march" in the area. The IOA had put up signs in Hebrew reading "no entry" late Thursday and informed farmers that the area was closed by the IOA the next day. Israeli settlers arrived in the area with power generators and "entertainment tools. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- About 15 Israeli soldiers kidnapped a Palestinian child in Hebron city a few days ago and forced him to accompany them for about one hour in search for stone throwers, although he was not a resident of the area. According to information received by B'Tselem human rights center in Israel, eight-year-old Sufyan Abu Hitah was wandering on March 19, 2017 barefoot outside his grandparents' house in al-Khalil looking for a toy he had lost, when a group of at least 15 soldiers seized him. Then, two soldiers grabbed the boy by the arms and dragged him to the al-Harika neighborhood, where they told him to point out children who had allegedly thrown stones and a Molotov cocktail at the Kiryat Arba settlement earlier in the day. (PALINFO, Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian students from the Umm Salma primary school for girls in the village of Yatta, in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, from entering Jerusalem for a school visit, despite them having Israeli permits. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) were deployed in the vicinity of the Arab American University east of Jenin. The IO soldiers stopped passing by Palestinians and checked their IDs. The IOA in several military vehicles, closed the road leading to the university dormitories area and erected a barrier in the place. The soldiers were deployed on another road leading to the towns of al-Megheyyir, Jelqammous and Raba east of Jenin. Checkpoints were also set up in that road. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)

## Israeli Arrests

- Two Palestinian fishermen who were detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) were injured and were subsequently being treated in Israeli hospitals. The detained fishermen, identified as Rajab Abu Mayala and Khader al-Saadi, were injured during their detentions. The IOA detained al-Saadi and Abu Mayala, both residents of the al-Shati refugee camp, while they were sailing three nautical miles from the shore of Gaza City. The IOA confiscated the fishermen's boats and equipment at the time. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a 17-year-old Palestinian for unknown reasons, while the boy was on his way to Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank. The boy, identified as Muhammad Imad Jaradat, was detained at the entrance of the town of Sair, northeast of Hebron. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the Beit Einun crossroads -- which the IOA sealed due to what they claimed was "an increase in stone throwing in the area" -- detained his cousin and took him to the Etzion detention center for unknown reasons. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth, near an Israeli checkpoint near the Ibrahim Mosque in the Old City of Hebron. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the Palestinian ex-detainee Usaid al-Werdiyan, 23, from Bethlehem, while passing through a makeshift barrier. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has been denying the Palestinian captive Mohammad al-Arqan, 54, his right of family visitation for many years under alleged security pretexts. One of Al-Arqan children has not seen his father for 17 years. The rest of family members are allowed to see him via few and brief irregular visits. Prisoner Arqan, from Hebron, has been held captive since 1995. He serves a life sentence and suffers chronic diseases and is currently held in Raymond jail. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) rolled into the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya and kidnapped 21-year-old Palestinian youth Qassam Abdul Hafidh after they wreaked havoc on his family home and attacked his relatives. The detainee was later dragged to an unidentified destination. The IOA rolled into Qalqilya in a number of military vehicles and set up ambushes and checkpoints. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- clashes burst out after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Shuhadaa Triangle near the southern entrance to Jenin Governorate, in

the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli army patrols further raked through al-Jabriyat area, in Jenin, and cordoned off Nazareth Street leading to al-Jalama crossing. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers stormed Deir Ballut village, west of Salfit Governorate, in the northern West Bank, raked through Palestinian lands in Deir Balout and verbally assaulted the local Palestinian farmers. Israeli soldiers deployed at a military watchtower east of Deir Balout kept watching over the settlers all the way through the assault. The Israeli settlers reportedly headed to Palestinian olive groves located east of the town, sparking tension in the area. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers razed Palestinian-owned lands in Qaryut village, south of Nablus. Israeli settlers stormed the village along with a number of bulldozers and carried out excavations near the main road linking between Nablus and Ramallah. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- A delegation of the Israeli Civil Administration visited the Jordan Valley Regional Council, compromising 21 illegal settlements, to discuss ways to establish new development projects in the Jordan Valley settlements. The meeting was attended by David El Hayani, mayor of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, and Aravot HaYarden, chairman of the council. The discussion covered means of developing agriculture, tourism, and other economic sectors in the settlements. El Hayani revealed plans to establish new tourism projects in the area including restaurants and parking. The new projects came as part of the Israeli settlement expansion policy which has notably escalated over the past few months. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the Attara military checkpoint north of Ramallah city in the central occupied West Bank, firing stun grenades and tear-gas bombs at Palestinian vehicles to deter people from the checkpoint. The sudden closure of the checkpoint, which connects the central and northern occupied West Bank, caused a major traffic jam in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Israeli authorities closed entrances of the Beit Einun crossroads in the northern part of the Hebron Governorate, located in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA closed various entrances of the

crossroads with iron gates, preventing vehicles from passing through the crossroads, which connects Hebron with the town of Sair. The closure reportedly came upon an order by the Israeli military commander of the area who cited an increase of rock-throwing in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017).

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