



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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and navy's gunboats opened fire at unarmed Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Yunis. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation troops opened fire at Palestinian agricultural lands east of al-Qarara in Khan Yunis. (Maannews 26 March 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Joret al-Shama and Marah Mealla villages, south of Bethlehem. The IOA soldiers fired stun grenades at civilians in both towns with no arrests or injuries reported. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- A round of five-day military maneuvers is expected to be carried out by the Israeli occupation army across the West Bank as of Sunday. The military drills are to kick off on Sunday and be wrapped up on Thursday. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Raafat al-Tarada in the village of Taffuh west of Hebron city. The IOA stormed an apartment building in the village and proceeded to raid and ransack al-Tarada's home, before they detained him and also seized a camera drone from the apartment. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) identified as Muhammad Mamun Khalaf, his cousin Muhammad Mumin Khalaf, Ibrahim Issam Hamamra, Fadi al-Baw, and Khalid Hasan Ubayyat. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- In Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, Israeli troops detained 26-year-old Ahmad Saleh Awni. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- In northernmost Governorate of Jenin, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rami Hisham Abu Farha, Manaf Ahmad Abu Farha, and Tariq Khalil Shaaban. An Israeli army spokesperson confirmed three Palestinians were detained in Jenin, saying the detentions were carried out in the village of al-Jalama, located along the northern edge of the district near the border with Israel. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) rolled into al-Jalama IN Jenin Governorate at around 3 a.m. and wreaked havoc on Palestinian civilian homes before they kidnapped three Palestinians, two among whom aged 21 and the third in his early 30s. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- Palestinian journalist Raed Abu Rmeila, working for B'Tselem watchdog, was arrested by the Israeli occupation soldiers from southern Hebron and transferred to an Israeli detention center, where he had been aggressively attacked and strip-searched. He was released sometime later. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- In Bethlehem, in the southern occupied West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Kidnapped five Palestinian young men in a predawn raid on the city. The list of detainees included Mohamed

Mo'men Khalaf, his cousin Mohamed Ma'moun, and Ibrahim Hamamra, all kidnapped from their family homes in Husan village, west of Bethlehem. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

- The 27-year-old Palestinian youth Assid al-Wardian, from Bethlehem, was transferred to administrative detention, with neither charge nor trial, just a couple of days after he was arrested by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Israeli settlers and members of the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) broke into al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards under the protection of the Israeli police. 53 settlers stormed the courtyard of al-Aqsa Mosque from Bab al-Magharbeh, which has been under full Israeli control since the occupation of Jerusalem in 1967, before the Israeli police closed the gate at 11 am. The tours included some of the courtyards of al-Aqsa Mosque within a specific route ending with Bab al-Silsileh where the settlers performed Talmudic rites and prayers after exiting it. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Dozens of Palestinian homes have become threatened with demolition as the Israeli municipal authority in Occupied Jerusalem is still embarking on building a link road passing through the Palestinian neighborhood of Jabal Mukaber. The road, to be named the American Street, would be 32 meters wide, thus leading to the demolition of 57 Palestinian homes. ([PALINFO](#) 26 March 2017)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified several Palestinian families in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank that they would have to evacuate their homes on Wednesday (the 29th of March 2017) to make way for Israeli military training exercises. The IOA ordered more than 10 Palestinian families in the Ras al-Ahmar area northeast of Tubas to leave their homes starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday until 5 a.m. on Thursday. Meanwhile, Israeli media reported that the Israeli army had announced that military drills were set to take place in several areas of the occupied West Bank this week between Sunday and Thursday. (Maannews 26 March 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) along with groups of settlers banned Palestinians from continuing the construction of three stockyards in Khallet Hamad area, which is endangered of confiscation, east of Tubas city. The IOF soldiers evicted Palestinians from their own lands and warned them of violating the construction ban order. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

The Israeli Segregation Wall

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have re-commenced construction works of the Separation Wall in the part close to Bethlehem Arab Society Hospital for Rehabilitation in Beit Jala town, west of Bethlehem governorate. It is a four-meter-high barbed wire. completing the Separation Wall in Bethlehem means that the lands of Beir Ouneh and Wadi Ahmad areas northwest of Beit Jala are now completely isolated. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)

Other

- The number of Israeli settlers living in the West Bank has soared by nearly one-quarter over the past five years to over [420,000](#) people, a prominent settler leader said Sunday, presenting new population figures that he said put to rest the internationally backed idea of a [two-state solution](#) between Israel and the Palestinians. Yaakov Katz issued his report as the Israeli government is locked in negotiations with the Trump administration over understandings that are expected to include some curbs on settlement construction. "We are talking about a situation that is unchangeable," he said Sunday. "It's very important to know the numbers, and the numbers are growing." According to Katz, the settler population hit 420,899 on January 1, up 3.6 percent from 406,332 people a year earlier and a 23-percent increase from 342,414 at the beginning of 2012. Katz said the numbers were based on data from the Interior Ministry that have not yet been made public. The ministry, which oversees the country's population registry, had no comment. But Peace Now, an anti-settlement watchdog group, said the numbers appeared reasonable. The figures are being published on a new website sponsored by Bet El Institutions, a settler organization that counts members of President Donald Trump's inner circle among its supporters. Katz's figures did not include settlement construction in east Jerusalem, where more than 200,000 Israelis now live. Altogether, he said the population growth—which is nearly double the 2-percent nationwide rate of annual population growth—means the settlements

are "irreversible," he said. For more information: ([YNETNEWS](#) 26 March 2017)

- A US-Israel agreement gave a green light for the construction of an alternative settlement outpost to the evacuated Amona outpost. According to the Channel 2, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be able to build a new settlement outpost for Amona evacuees, but then restrain settlement construction elsewhere and focus on construction in the large settlement blocs according to the terms of an agreement being hammered out with Washington. The Channel 2 also indicated that the Trump Administration will also give Israel a green light to find a solution for other outposts where there are questions regarding illegal land ownership. ([YNETNEWS](#), PALINFO 26 March 2017)

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