



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 Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody has been deprived of regular family visits for more than three years. Ali Muhammad Hassan, 47, from the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia, has not had regular family visits for more than three years. Hassan, a father of six, has been serving a life sentence plus seven years in Israeli prison since 2004. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted heightened searches of Palestinian vehicles at the Container checkpoint in the southern

- occupied West Bank, causing important traffic jams. The IOA started suddenly stopping vehicles, searching them and checking the passengers' ID cards for unknown reasons. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- Several Palestinians suffered from severe tear gas inhalation when clashes broke out with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) as students of Birzeit University staged a protest against the detention of at least six fellow students by Israeli forces. Students rallied from the Birzeit University campus northeast of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank to the Israeli military checkpoint of Beit El some five kilometers away. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
 - A young Palestinian man was shot and killed by an Israeli settler in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron after allegedly carrying out a stabbing attack near the illegal settlement outpost of Havat More in the Masafer Yatta area -- also known as the South Hebron Hills. The Palestinian was identified as the 25-year-old Saadi Mahmoud Ali Qaisiya, from the village of al-Dhahiriya west of Masafer Yatta. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian lands and homes in the northern Gaza Strip while Israeli military vehicles entered the besieged territory in central Gaza. The IOA stationed at the borders of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian land and homes. No injuries were reported during the incident. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened machinegun fire at Palestinian homes north of Beit Lahia town, north of the embattled Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers stationed along the northern border of Beit Lahia opened machinegun fire from their heavy military vehicles and watchtowers at Palestinian homes and lands. Luckily, no one was injured in the gunfire attack. Several homes only sustained material damage. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
 - 11 Palestinians sustained wounds in clashes that flared up in Abu Dis town, in eastern Occupied Jerusalem. Six protesters were treated for bullet injuries sustained in clashes with the Israeli forces in Abu Dis. Five Palestinians reportedly choked on teargas in the clashes. The Israeli soldiers showered Abu Dis town and the environs of the Quds University with teargas grenades and rubber bullets. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
 - Israeli military bulldozers carried out a limited incursion into an eastern border area in Khan Younis, south of the Gaza Strip. Four armored bulldozers and three Israeli Merkava tanks came from the Kissufim military base and combed the border area before infiltrating dozens of meters into the eastern areas of the city. The military vehicles

were advancing into the Palestinian territory amid heavy presence of Israeli snipers to provide protection for the military bulldozers. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 5 donkeys in the northern Jordan Valley and handed it to Israeli settlers in Kherbit Mazuqeh. (WAFA 2 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian child on his way home from school in the village of al-Khas in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. Israeli soldiers stopped and detained Issa Hmeidan at a checkpoint east of Bethlehem when he was returning home from school. Hmeidan's age and the reasons for the detention remained unknown. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- Three Palestinian minors from the al-Duheisha refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem are scheduled to be indicted by an Israeli military court for throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli armed forces. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer Court sentenced a number of Palestinian prisoners to different prison terms and imposed on them heavy fines, a rights group revealed Thursday. Prisoner Mohamed Abi Eid was sentenced to 26 months imprisonment and a fine of 4,000 shekels. Along the same line, the prisoner Suhaib Abu Rezq was sentenced to 24 months and a fine of 2,000 shekels while the prisoner Baha Mansur was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment and a fine of 4,000 shekels. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed at an early hour in the morning Beit Awa town in the west and kidnapped three young men from their homes. The detainees were identified as Omar Masalmeh, Farouq Hussein Masalma, Ali as-Suwaiti and Atef Hussein Al Shalash. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed ad-Dhahiriya town south of Hebron, raided homes and clashed with local young men near the house of martyr Sa'ad Qaisiya. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- In Jenin, several Palestinian citizens suffered from inhaling tear gas during clashes with Israeli soldiers in Zabuba town. Soldiers were also deployed near Rummanah village. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rounded up young men at dawn raids on homes in Beita and Awarta town, southeast of Nablus Governorate. In Awarta village, five citizens were kidnapped from their homes and taken to Huwara military base before being released

later. In Beita village where a school teacher called Mohamed Mu'alla was taken prisoner following a raid on his home. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Far'a refugee camp, northeast of Nablus, clashed with local residents and kidnapped a young man. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a Palestinian printing press in ad-Deheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem, confiscated its equipment and shut it down, claiming it was used to print inflammatory materials. During the IOA campaign in the camp, the soldiers clashed with local young men and intensively fired tear gas grenades at them and nearby homes. Seven young men were arrested, some of whom were identified as Nael Naji Abu Aker, Rami Al Ahmar, and 'Ali Al As'ad AFTER raiding their families' houses and searching them. A 12-year-old child called Hammam Radi was kidnapped from the camp. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, violent skirmishes broke out between Israeli policemen and young men in Kafr Aqab town, with no reported arrests. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Hizma town, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and kidnapped a young man from his home. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city and arrested Anas Muhammad Mahmoud Az Zugeir and Mansour Sameer Salem Al Qudsi. The IOA also stormed a number of houses in the city, of which, the houses of Abdel Karfeem Abu Shkheidem and Majed Azmi Abu Hammad were known. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian near Salah Ad Din Street in Jerusalem city and took him to a nearby detention center. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A large number of Jewish settlers stormed the evacuated site of Tersella outpost south of Jenin city in the occupied West Bank and desecrated an old mosque. Dozens of settlers rallied at the site as a military helicopter dropped soldiers in a nearby area located close to Juba town. Israeli patrol vehicles were also deployed at the main entrance leading to the abandoned outpost during the presence of settlers there. Settlers broke into an old mosque at the site and occupied its rooftop, where they provocatively performed rituals. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

- Around 50 Israeli settlers and 50 members of the Israeli Intelligence Police raided Al Aqsa Mosque via Al Magharbah gate (Al Mughrabi Gate) and carried out provocative tours. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed entrances of the village of Marda in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit preventing Palestinian vehicles and citizens from leaving or entering the area. The IOA closed the iron gates installed at the entrances of Marda by Israeli authorities in 2000 when the Second Intifada broke out across the occupied Palestinian territory. The IOA closed the gates after claiming that residents of the area threw stones at Israeli settler cars passing Abir al-Samra street near the village. (Maannews 2 March 2017)

Other

- The house in which MK Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi) lives in the West Bank settlement of Kedumim was built illegally and might be on private Palestinian land, Haaretz has learned. Smotrich spearheaded legislation to legalize settlement homes built illegally on private Palestinian land. Smotrich, who is also deputy speaker of Israel's Knesset, lives on Ish Yeminkha Street, in the Rashi Hill section of the veteran northern West Bank settlement, which is lined with pretty one-story stone houses. Haaretz has learned that a number of houses on this street, including Smotrich's, were built illegally, outside the declared state lands and in breach of the settlement's master plan. In 2012, Civil Administration personnel mapped the area. The purpose of the mapping project was to precisely pinpoint state lands as opposed to privately owned land, so the state could realize its rights on the lands it owns, while the private lands would remain in private hands. Was MK Bezalel Smotrich's house in the West Bank settlement of Kedumim built on private Palestinian land? Olivier Fitouss. In their work at Kedumim, the team mapped a prominent enclave in the heart of the settlement on land that had not been declared state land. This is where Smotrich's house is. Historically, in the West Bank, people purchased rights to land by cultivating it. Aerial photographs in the 1970s, the 1990s and the early 2000s show that as opposed to non-arable, rocky land that was declared state land, the land on which the buildings in question were built was cultivated. Aerial photos show trees in the area until 2002. In 2004, construction seems to have started there. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 2 March 2017)

- The explosive proposal to annex Ma'aleh Adumim, a West Bank settlement east of Jerusalem, is expected to be submitted to the Ministerial Legislation Committee on Sunday, after numerous delays. The controversial bill's sponsor, MK Yoav Kish (Likud), asked to submit it to the vote several weeks ago, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused, reluctant to surprise the new U.S. President Donald Trump just before their first meeting. Now Kish intends to force the ministers to discuss the proposal, in a bid to bring it to the Knesset vote in the next few weeks. The bill calls for applying Israeli law to Ma'aleh Adumim, and, as a result, to annex it to the disputed E1 area, which has been added to the town's municipal area in the past. "It's possible that as part of a compromise we'll agree to pass the bill without [the] E1 [clause]," Kish told Haaretz. "I don't want someone to say he won't join the process because [it means Israeli] sovereignty will apply to E1." The area in question is 12 square kilometers northwest of Ma'aleh Adumim. The international community, especially the American administrations, have objected to its annexation as it will cut the north of the West Bank' from its south and make it impossible to establish a Palestinian state on the area. Consequently, all the construction plans for this area have been delayed for diplomatic and political reasons since 2005. Ma'aleh Adumim mayor Benny Kashriel launched a campaign intended Wednesday to pressure the ministers to support the legislation to annex the town. Kashriel and youths have given out the telephone numbers of members of the key legislative committee to passersby, urging them to text the ministers and ask them to "vote for sovereignty in Ma'aleh Adumim." "There's no such thing as the right timing and I expect the prime minister and ministers to approve the proposal on Sunday," Kashriel said. ([Haaretz](#) 2 March 2017)