

# **ARIJ Daily Report**

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 30 March 2017

 ${f T}$ he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, the the in 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) raided Salfit city, as well as the the nearby villages of Kifl Haris, Haris, and Yasuf, in order to carry out training activities. No detentions were reported. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- Clashed erupted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens in Abu Dis town southeast of Jerusalem where the latter fired tear gas bombs at protestors to disperse them. (WAFA 30 March 2017)

- Clashed erupted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens near the Israeli checkpoint at the entrance of Su'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the office of Al-Hamoda company for foods and dairy products in As Sawahra Ash Sharqiya town near Ash Shayyah military checkpoint and started destroying office contents. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- 45 Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Madama village south of Nablus city, while 17 others suffered gas inhalation **commemorating** the 41th anniversary of "Land Day". (WAFA 30 March 2017)

### Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from the Nablus district in the northern West Bank, and identified the three as Huthaifa Khater, Khalid Rasmi Edeili, 18, and 17-year-old Amid Ibrahim Edeili. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- Citizen Hamza Fouad Abu al-Hajj was detained from the Deir al-Sudan village in the Ramallah Governorate in the central West Bank. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- Three "children" were detained from occupied East Jerusalem. The minors were identified as Ibrahim al-Zaghal, 13, Muhammad Shweiki, 16, and Hamdi Jaber, 16. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- From the Bethlehem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Awadallah al-Umour, Wael Ideis, and 30-year-old Moussa Muhammad Abd al-Rabbu, a former prisoner who was released from Israeli custody three months ago. One of the three detentions was made in Bethlehem city, and two in the Bethlehem-area village of Tuqu. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Prisons Service (IPS) has continued to hold an injured Palestinian prisoner Mahmoud Amid Nassar in solitary confinement for nearly two months without providing him with proper medical treatment. The prisoner had been assaulted four times by IPS officials during his solitary confinement period, adding that Nassar was also assaulted by IPS officials before being transferred to solitary confinement on Feb. 1, 2017. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- Israeli interrogators assaulted an 18-year-old Palestinian prisoner during interrogation. Israeli interrogators attempted to strangle Muhammad Ahed al-Khadour while interrogating him in the Russian compound detention center in Jerusalem. Al-Khadour, from the village of Biddu in the occupied West Bank Governorate of

Jerusalem, has been detained since March 22. An Israeli court extended his detention until March 30. (Maannews 30 March 2017)

- A Palestinian youth was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from Tubas. Israeli soldiers deployed at al-Hamra checkpoint, separating Jericho and the Jordan Valley from the northern occupied West Bank, stopped a vehicle and arrested the youngster Mohamed Ayeda, before they dragged him to an unidentified destination. The Israeli soldiers were reportedly carrying a list of wanted Palestinians and inspecting the passengers' identity documents in search for alleged anti-occupation protesters. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- In al-Far'a Refugee Camp, to the northeast of Nablus, a Palestinian youth sustained wounds following clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). Youngster Mohamed Nassar was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers in the process. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Sebastiya town, to the northwest of Nablus, along with Beit Furik and Beit Dajan, to the east. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers, escorted by army troops, broke into Sebastiya's archaeological zone and destroyed a Palestinian flagpole. Violent clashes burst out shortly afterwards. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) wreaked havoc on civilian homes in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron after they stormed the city in 11 military vehicles. The IOA kidnapped Mohamed al-Khadour from his home in Bani Na'im town and two other Palestinians from Beit Ummar. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Clashes burst out after The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the northern West Bank city of Jenin and raked through residential alleys. A number of Palestinian civilians choked on teargas canisters, some among whom while indoors. The IOA showered the area with randomly-shot spates of bullet fire. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of ex-prisoner Sheikh Ezzedine Amarna in Yabad and seized his three laptops, before they attacked the inhabitants. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- A round of clashes rocked Qalqilya, in the northern West Bank, and culminated in a set of ambushes and military checkpoints arbitrarily pitched in the city. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have been preventing a Palestinian detainee from family visits for several years running. 41year-old Youssef Abdul Rahim Eskafi has been denied the right to family visits in Israeli jails for years. Eskafi's wife, children, brothers, sisters, and parents have all been banned from visiting their imprisoned relative under the security pretext. Prisoner Eskafi was

arrested by the Israeli occupation forces in 2004 and sentenced to four back-to-back life-terms. He is currently held in the Israeli Nafha jail, where he had been diagnosed with cardiovascular diseases. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)

- An Israeli special force arrested a Palestinian youth and assaulted his brother in downtown Bethlehem. An undercover Israeli force, accompanied by a number of military vehicles, stormed al-Halal market in Bethlehem, arrested Firas Nawawra, 34, and severely assaulted his brother Hasan who was transferred to hospital after sustaining several injuries and bruises. Following the raid, confrontations broke out between Palestinian youths and the Israeli occupation soldiers who opened fire in the air and threw tear gas canisters at the citizens. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- In Jenin, violent clashes broke out between young men and The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba town after the latter broke into and ransacked homes in different neighborhoods. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The IOF also stormed and searched commercial stores belonging to Mahmoud Ghannam from the town. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- In Nablus, eyewitnesses told the Palestinian Information Center (PIC) that the IOF kidnapped three Palestinian young men in different areas, including one identified as Hudaifa Khater from Aqraba town. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Two other young men were reportedly kidnapped from their homes during an IOF campaign in the nearby town of Osrin. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- In Bethlehem, three others were also kidnapped in the towns of Tuqu and Beit Jala. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The IOF also stormed different areas of Salfit Governorate, including the villages of Kifl Hares, Hares and Yasuf. No arrests have been reported. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)

### Israeli Closures

• The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) continues for the second day on row the closure of the main entrance of An Nabi Saleh village northwest of Jerusalem city. (WAFA 30 March 2017)

#### Other

• The Israeli lawmaker Yehuda Glick has petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to reverse a ban preventing members of Israel's parliament, the Knesset, from visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem, making good on his pledge to do so after he was sworn into the Knesset last May. (Maannews 30 March 2017)

- The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) has confirmed in a report that five French financial institutions have funded Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories through their cooperation with Israeli banks and companies operating in the settlements. The FIDH released today a report entitled: "Dangerous Links between French Banks and Insurance Companies and Israeli Colonization", in which it said that the following banks and companies: BNP Paribas, Societe Generale, Credit Agricole, BPCE, and "AXA" Insurance, have, through their continuous support of Israeli banks and companies operating in the settlements," directly contributed to the sustainability and development of these settlements. The report, on which "Association France Palestine Solidarite", CCFD - Terre Solidaire, Fair Finance France, FIDH, LDH, Solidaires, CGT et Al-Haq, have all worked together to publish, said that these French large financial groups manage "financial partnerships" or "own shares" in Israeli banks, and constitute "an essential tool in the settlement policy" by "financing construction" in these settlements. The report added that these French institutions have relations with Israeli companies that "provide vital services for the sustainability and development of the settlements," such as the "construction of houses, factories, phone networks, Internet substructure, or even the development of surveillance equipment." Furthermore, FIDH Vice President Maryse Artiguelong, stated in the report that these five French institutions are regretfully "seeking profit, whatever the outcome," adding "it's sad that these institutions have placed themselves in such an oppressive position only to earn a little money." (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu related at the opening of his meeting with the President of Slovakia to the establishment of a <u>substitute town</u> for the former residents of Amona. "I promised that we would establish a new town, I believe I gave the first commitment in December, and we will establish it today. There are several more hours, and you will know all the details later." Amona Staff activists related earlier to reports that the cabinet will convene today for a vote tonight on the establishment of a new town for Amona. "We demand in advance from the PM and cabinet ministers to unanimously support the establishment of a new town, including the granting of a town symbol, and in the location specified by the residents," they said. "We are clearly aware that the establishment of a new town as laid out in the agreement with us, and that such a decision opposes the agreement. As such, we will not cooperate with it," they added. They continued, "If

the decision to establish of a new community is not made today, it will constitute a breach of the government's obligations beyond low public standard and will establish that agreements are not worth the paper that they're written on. In that case, we will be compelled to use all legal means at our disposal. You destroyed - now build. You committed to begin the establishment of the new community by March 31 - fulfill the agreement, a day before it expires." The Staff also related to reports that the establishment of a new town is contingent upon limitations on building in Judea and Samaria, and that it damages settlement. "One must not link, in any way, the building of a new community with the debate about building in Judea and Samaria and Israel as a whole. There is an agreement, and it must be kept. In parallel, there is a political discussion about how much to build in Judea and Samaria and where to build. Creating a paradoxical equation whereby the establishment of a new community comes at the expense of building is a manipulation - no less. The members of the cabinet must deny this and the placement of this assumption at the core of the discussion. Just as Amona must be rebuilt as soon as possible, so life and building must be added in Judea and Samaria, and all of the land of Israel." (INN 30 March 2017)