



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 4 March 2017

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.

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Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Khalet Hamad east of Tubas and arrested a local shepherd and prevented Palestinians' movement in the area. The IOA violently stormed the area and arrested a shepherd. The detainee was investigated for more than three hours on charges of sheep grazing in the area. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Al Fakhouri after assaulting him at the so-called "Al Mafia" checkpoint in the old city of Hebron. (WAFSA 4 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Azmi Muhhamad Hamed Al Qwasmī, 22, while at his work in Farsh Al Hawa area west of Hebron city. (WAFa 4 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Violent clashes broke out in Nablus city after Israeli soldiers and employees from the antiquities authority stormed archaeological areas. Israeli soldiers were deployed in Tal Balata area, the eastern area of the city and al-Shuhada junction. Soldiers clashed with local young men and violently attacked them with volleys of tear gas and stun grenades in the areas of Ras al-Ein and al-Basha in the Old City of Nablus. A young man from al-Zarba family was arrested near the Western Cemetery. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qaryut town, south of Nablus, and threatened residents in the western neighborhood of taking punitive measures against them if they did not remove Palestinian flags from street light poles. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- More than 50 Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked Huwwara village via its southern entrance. As a result , clashes erupted between settlers and Palestinian villages. (WAFa 4 March 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- For the past two days, a Palestinian family in the neighborhood of Sur Bahir in the Jerusalem Governorate of the occupied West Bank has been anticipating the worst after the Israeli central court rejected their appeal against a demolition order on their home on the 2nd of March 2017. Ashraf Fawaqa, owner of the house, attempted to obtain an Israeli building license for six years following the construction of his home. He had to pay more than 200,000 shekels (\$54,102) for various costs associated with postponing and extending Israeli demolition orders during this time. The Israeli municipality had decided to carry out the demolition at the start of last month without allowing any more postponements. However, after appealing to the Israeli central court, he was able to extend the demolition until March 2, while paying a postponement fee of 30,000 shekels (\$8,115), in addition to court fees. The court, however, rejected the appeal and approved the municipality's decision to demolish the house. (Maannews 4 March 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) started last week to build a road for settlers near Gilo settlement in Jerusalem as well as factories in Qalandiya, north of the holy city. According to Yerushalim newspaper, a new road is being built nowadays to connect Ein Yael area with the mountainous area of Gilo settlement. The newspaper said that the construction of the road started after the Israeli housing ministry approved a plan to develop infrastructure in the area. For its part, Kol Ha'ir newspaper said that Israeli minister of Jerusalem affairs Ze'ev Elkin and chief of the Jerusalem municipality Nir Barkat launched a few days ago the industrial zone project (Atarot-C) in Qalandiya. The newspaper said that 12 factories would be built as part of this project on nearly 100 dunums of land. (PLAINFO 4 March 2017)

Other

- A new Israeli poll revealed that an overwhelming majority of the Israelis support launching a new war on Gaza. The survey said that 43% of the participants believe that "a military intervention would succeed to prevent future attacks on Israel." At the same time, however, only 29% of the public supports a political solution to the conflict. 42% of Israeli respondents say they think the Israeli recent military response to Gaza rockets fire is "not enough," while 39% support it. About 9% say it is "powerful." Meanwhile, 53% expressed dissatisfaction with the Israeli Army Minister Avigdor Lieberman's performance. Over the past decade, Gaza Strip has witnessed three bloody aggressions which left thousands of victims including women and children. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)