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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) shot and injured a Palestinian man in northern Gaza Strip. The young man was slightly injured after being targeted by Israeli gunfire along with a group of people east of Jabalia refugee camp to the north of the Strip. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- Four Israeli bulldozers have carried out earlier today a limited incursion east of Beit Hanoun town in the northern borders of the enclave. IOF soldiers routinely shoot at Palestinian farmers in their agricultural lands near the border fence. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) withdrew its armored vehicles and bulldozers following a small-scale incursion into eastern border areas of the embattled Gaza Strip. Four bulldozers escorted by two Merkava tanks and two troop carriers had moved from Abu Safia military post east of al-Maghazi refugee camp and advanced several meters into Gaza. The bulldozers, then, embarked on leveling lands east of al-Masdar village and al-Maghazi camp before withdrawing later to one of the border military post near al-Bureij refugee camp. The army had started its bulldozing activities in the morning on the western side of Abu Safia military base. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, and ransacked approximately 20 houses belonging to Palestinians who have previously been imprisoned by Israel. A number of former prisoners whose houses were raided were identified as Fayiz Misk, Shadi Uweiwi, Mahmoud Yusri Uweiwi, Yahya Ismail Qawasmi, Raed Natsha, Rasmi Dufish, Hashim Abu Turki, Yaqub Zaarir, Hisham Hmeidan Sharabati, Thaer Ziad Fakhouri, Bilal Salhab, Anas Zghayyar, and Fadi Shawar. The IOA briefly detained Fayiz Misk for a few hours before releasing him. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized “weapons manufacturing machines” at a metals workshop during a raid into the village of Jamain south of Nablus in the northern West Bank. The workshop’s owner Mansour Majid Gheith stated that the IOA stormed Jamain and broke into his workshop after breaking open the main door. The IOA destroyed the contents of his workshop, before they notified him that it had been shut down by military order. The Israeli raid was carried out without any prior notice, and the workshop was worth hundreds of thousands of Israeli shekels. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) occupied an under-construction building in the village of Tuqu east of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank, turning the house into a military post. Large numbers of Israeli troops were deployed on the rooftop of a house belonging to Juma Muhammad Ali near on the main road of Tuqu, near the al-Khansa school. The house was undergoing interior finishing and was almost ready to be inhabited. Israeli soldiers broke down the main doors and ascended to the rooftop where they raised an Israeli flag. The soldiers also placed sandbags at the windows of the house. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed, with barbed wires, a dirt road that Palestinian students usually take to reach their schools in

Tequ village east of Bethlehem city to avoid the Israeli Occupation Army. (Wafa 7 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raked through Qalqilyia's eastern village of Azzun and broke into the home of the Palestinian citizen Sofyan Awdeh before they attacked his family members. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two brothers from the village of Husan west of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank, identified as Ismat Amjad Hamamrah, 28, and Muhannad Amjad Hamamrah 26. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ali Salih Hithnawi in Qabatia town in Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- In September, [Facebook agreed to work with the Israeli government](#) to "minimize online anti-Semitic incitement" -- in an effort to pressure the social media site to coordinate to remove content considered to promote "terrorism." (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- A predawn Israeli police raid to detain five Palestinians in the occupied East Jerusalem Town of Issawiya sparked clashes between the Police and Palestinian youth where the police violently assaulted the five Palestinians before apprehending them. Three other Palestinians were also detained in the East Jerusalem raids. Israeli soldiers raided Issawiya several times on Sunday and were heavily deployed at all entrances to the neighborhood. The IOA fired sound bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets in the neighborhood and removed posters hung in the area celebrating the release of local Palestinians from Israeli prison. The five detainees were identified as 52-year-old Ahmad Moussa Darwish, 42-year-old Ibrahim Moussa Darwish, 29-year-old Mansour Hassan Darwish, 25-year-old Muhammad Nihad Darwish, and 23-year-old Saeb Kayid Dirbas. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, searched several houses in Silwan and detained two Palestinians, identified as 20 year-old Moussa Muhammad Odeh and Diya Odeh. Three Palestinian minors, all aged 17, were also ordered to appear for interrogation with Israeli intelligence. The three were identified as Muslim Moussa Odeh, Muhammad Issa al-Qaq, and Ahmad Muhammad Froukh. (Maannews 7 March 2017)

- The Israeli police also extended the detention of Khalid al-Zir, who was detained for "obstructing police work" after he filmed Israeli forces raiding houses in Silwan earlier Sunday evening. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ravaged over 20 ex-prisoners' homes and seized cash. Ex-prisoner Fayez Mesk was detained by the IOA for hours and subjected to intensive questioning before he was released afterwards. Ex-prisoner Mesk said that the occupation soldiers stole 15,000 shekels from his home. The campaign also targeted the homes of ex-prisoners Anas Zagheir, Ahmed al-Aweiwi (journalist), Sheikh Fawzi al-Khatib, and Hesham al-Sharbaty, among others. The IOA also rummaged into the home of ex-prisoner Rasmi Doufesh, the father of the two slain Palestinians Tareq and Jihad, and seized laptops and mobile phones. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian car owned by Tareq Al Inzawi in Jenin city after raiding a car-repair shop in the German neighborhood in the city. (Wafa 7 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli military patrols, escorted by a police jeep, stormed Nablus's eastern towns of Rujeib and Awarta and rummaged into civilian homes. A Palestinian vehicle was seized from Rujab in the process. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested a number of Palestinians in Bartaa village in Jenin Governorate after raiding their houses. The list of Bartaa's arrestees included Mootassem Qubha, Mu'nis Qubha, Muhammad Al Haj Said Qabha, the brothers Hamed and Maher and Mujahed Jameel Qubha. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) cracked down on the Palestinian residents and subjected dozens to exhaustive interrogation after raiding their houses in Bartaa village in Jenin Governorate. The raided houses belong to Dirar Ibrahim Qabha, Muhamamd Ibrahim Qabha, Younis Ibrahim Qabha, Kamal Abed Hussein Qabha, Abdel Qader Jad Sabri, Nafe' Al Haj Ahmad Qabha AND Ahmad Al Haj Said. (Wafa 7 March 2017)
- At predawn time, Palestinian youth Talib Jumu'a sustained thigh wounds in clashes with the Israeli occupation army (IOA) in Kafr Qaddum village, in eastern Qalqilya. The IOA further kidnapped a

Palestinian youth from the town and summoned four others to questioning. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers filed a complaint to the Israeli Supreme Court, against a Palestinian citizen from Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city claiming that he established a car-repair shop in the area classified as "C" area (according to OSLO II Interim Agreement) without proper authorization from the Israeli occupation Authorities. Citizen Osama Ahmed Ali, received a complaint from the Israeli Supreme Court providing that a group of Israeli settlers complained against him in protest at his facility (a car-repair shop) which he established in the area of Um Rukba south of the village. Citizen Ali established the facility close to his home. (WAFa 7 March 2017)

Other

- As the world marks on March 8 International Women's Day, 56 Palestinian women, 12 of them minors under 18 years of age, are currently held in Israeli jails, Palestinian Prisoners Society (PPS) said on Monday. The PPS pointed out that two female prisoners are serving time in administrative detention according to which they are held without charge or trial. Lena Jarbouni, who is the longest serving Palestinian female prisoner in Israeli jails, was arrested in 2002 and is serving a 17-year sentence. The 56 female prisoners are currently held in HaSharon and Damon prisons suffering harsh treatment and bad incarceration conditions by which they are treated inhumanely and denied access to the most basic rights including heating, winter clothing, medical treatment, and family visits, the PPS noted. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- Israeli Haaretz newspaper disclosed that Israeli transportation and intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz announced that he is working to advance plans to build an artificial island off the coast of Gaza. Katz has been trying for a year and a half to table the plan called "the separation island". He previously expressed his support for the prospect of a seaport in Gaza as part of efforts to completely cut off the Gaza Strip from Israel. In his call for a port in the coastal Palestinian territory, Katz proposed that the international community should oversee access to such a terminal under Israeli security control. Katz's plan stipulates the establishment of an artificial island over 8-kilometer area connected to the Gaza Strip through a bridge with a security checkpoint. "The off-shore project could provide Gaza with an

economic and humanitarian gateway to the world without endangering Israeli security," he said. According to Haaretz newspaper, senior Israeli officials support the plan, while it is rejected, however, by Israeli war minister Avigdor Lieberman. (PALINFO March 2017)

- The Knesset gave its final approval to a bill that forbids granting entry visas or residency rights to foreign nationals who call for economic, cultural or academic boycotts of either Israel or the settlements. The interior minister would be able to make exceptions to this rule if he deems it warranted in a particular case. The bill, which was enacted into law after it passed its second and third readings, was backed by 46 lawmakers and opposed by 28. Zionist Union this time imposed coalition discipline against the bill, after it gave its MKs freedom to vote as they choose during its first reading. The Knesset Interior and Environment Committee approved the final wording of the boycott bill, whose goal is to fight the international boycott, divestment and sanctions movement. It says the entry ban will apply to any person "who knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel that, given the content of the call and the circumstances in which it was issued, has a reasonable possibility of leading to the imposition of a boycott – if the issuer was aware of this possibility." This definition was copied from a 2011 law that permitted civil lawsuits against BDS activists. The ban would apply not just to people who call for boycotts against Israel, but also to those who call for boycotts of any Israeli institution or any "area under its control" – i.e., the settlements. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 7 March 2017)
- David Friedman's leadership role in an organization that raises funds for the West Bank settlement of Beit El is frequently cited as grounds for disqualifying him from becoming U.S. ambassador to Israel. It now emerges that Friedman's financial ties to the settlement movement run deeper than Beit El. Friedman has also made contributions over the years to Ateret Cohanim, a right-wing organization that buys land in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City and Arab East Jerusalem for creating a "Jewish presence" there. Bernie Hoenig, the founder of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim, the group's U.S. fundraising arm, said Friedman was one of the organization's donors. "I definitely know that he has contributed – there's no question about that," Hoenig told Haaretz. "But he is not one of our major donors." Hoenig said he did not know how much money Friedman had contributed to Ateret Cohanim over the years. But he said he did remember seeing him at "at least one, maybe two" of the organization's annual fundraising galas in New York. Hoenig today is the legal adviser of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim, which is headed by Shoshana Hikind, the wife of Dov Hikind, a New York

State assemblyman and well-known supporter of the Israeli right. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to vote on Friedman's appointment Thursday. If Friedman is confirmed as expected, the vote will go to the full Senate. In his Senate confirmation hearings several weeks ago, Friedman tried to play down his connections to the settler movement. American Friends of Ateret Cohanim is also known as Jerusalem Chai and the Jerusalem Reclamation Project. Following the announcement of Friedman's nomination, it published a statement extending him a "heartfelt Mazal Tov." "Mr. Friedman has been a long and generous supporter of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim and we thank him for his past support and friendship," it said. According to Peace Now, an Israeli organization that monitors settlement activity, Ateret Cohanim owns 59 properties in the Muslim Quarter and Arab East Jerusalem. Since its establishment in 1987, it has settled 1,100 Jews in these areas, including hundreds of yeshiva students. One of Ateret Cohanim's best-known donors was the late Irving Moskowitz, a Florida physician who contributed considerably to the settler movement. Ateret Cohanim's latest project, approved in December, is a new three-story building in the middle of the crowded Silwan neighborhood. Opposition members in the Jerusalem City Council have been fighting the plan. "Ateret Cohanim is known as an organization that tries to make the most provocative purchases possible right in the heart of East Jerusalem," said Laura Wharton, a city council member for the left-wing Meretz party. "They are seeking to incite as much conflict as they can." According to its tax forms, American Friends of Ateret Cohanim has raised close to \$25 million over the past 20 years. Donations to the organization are tax-exempt because it enjoys 501c status. The tax forms filed do not identify the organization's donors. On its tax forms, the American Friends organization says it strives to "encourage and promote the study and observance of Jewish religious traditions and culture through seminars, newsletters, tours, Internet and website, support various children's activities, provide aid for security equipment in support of the safety and protection of community residents, and provide funds for needy families for housing renovations and repairs." Friedman is president of American Friends of Bet El Institutions, an organization that raises several million dollars a year for projects in that settlement, where he has several close friends. Plaques bearing Friedman's name and those of other family members appear on buildings in the settlement, including a school built illegally on private Palestinian land. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 7 March 2017)