



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 8 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.*

*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 authorities (IOA) prevented holding an event for the International Women's Day in occupied Jerusalem. The IOA abruptly prevented organizing the women's event based on a decision issued by the Israeli Minister of Public security. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided at dawn a lathe shop and confiscated some of its equipment in the southern Governorate Hebron city, south of the West Bank. The IOA stormed and ransacked a

machine workshop belonging to Abdul-Shakur Ghanem in Wadi al-Hariya neighborhood, south of the city. The IOA confiscated some heavy tools and machines from the shop. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian farmers along Gaza borders and fishermen sailing within the Palestinian territorial waters with gunfire. The IOA stationed along the borders with eastern Rafah city, in southern Gaza Strip, opened heavy machine gunfire toward farmers and prevented them access to their borderline agricultural land. However, no injuries or material damage were reported. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- Israeli naval forces targeted Palestinian fishermen with gunfire, despite sailing within the 6-nautical-mile allowed fishing zone, off northern Gaza City. No injuries were reported among the farmers who reportedly returned ashore for fear of being injured. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli police prevented al-Aqsa Mosque personnel from repairing the gate of the Qibli place of worship and arrested two staff members. The Israeli police arrested al-Aqsa staff members Issa al-Dabagh and engineer Basam al-Halaq as they headed to the Qibli Mosque to repair its entrance gate. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into al-Rahma Cemetery, adjacent to al-Aqsa Mosque, and prevented Palestinian mourners from digging a grave to bury their dead relative. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses in Hebron city owned by Khaled As Sa'di, Murad Ideis and Iyad Mujahed and commercial stores owned by Citzien Azmi Abu Rmeileh. The IOA also raided the houses of Marwan Al Qawasmi and Amer Abu Eisha. (Wafa 8 March 2017)

## **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinians including a child when clashes broke out near Ofer prison in Ramallah. Heavy firing of teargas bombs was monitored during the clashes, leaving a number of protesters suffering breathing problems. Journalists have been also attacked by IOA while covering the events. Five Palestinian youths and a 13-year-old child were detained and taken to a nearby investigation center. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rummaged into ex-prisoners' homes and summoned a number of civilians to questioning in Hebron city. Palestinian youth Shadi al-Atrash was kidnapped by the IOF from Abu Esneineh neighborhood, in southern Hebron city, and dragged to an unidentified location. The Israeli troops also broke into the homes of

the Palestinian ex-prisoners Saad al-Qawasma, Abdul Karim al-Qawasma, and Mohamed Abeid. At the same time, the IOA stormed the house of Palestinian citizen Abdul Ghani Taha and kidnapped his 18-year-old son, Alaa. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army jeeps and troop-carriers rolled into the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus at 2 a.m. and wreaked havoc on civilian homes in Balata al-Balad, to the east, before they kidnapped Thaer Issawi, 24, and Youssef Dweikat, 20. A Palestinian youth was rushed to a hospital so as to be urgently treated for rubber bullet injuries sustained in his leg during clashes that burst out in Nablus between the occupation army and the anti-occupation youth. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Tulkarem's northern village of Bal'aa, in the northern West Bank, and cracked down on Palestinian civilians. A series of makeshift checkpoints was randomly pitched across the area. The IOA broke into the home of the wanted Palestinian Mahdi Mer'i and kidnapped his father and brothers as a means to force Mer'i to turn himself in. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- A Palestinian young man Ashraf Awda, from Azzoun town, east of Qalqilya, turned himself in to the occupation army following threats to arrest his father and brother. One day earlier, the IOF stormed Awda's family home and detained his brother for hours. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The 22-year-old university student Ahmad Ezzedine Amarna, from Jenin's southwestern town of Yabad, was also kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at a military checkpoint pitched on Nablus-Tulkarem road. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nour Areikat from his home in Abu Dis town, in east Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped two young men from Rummana village west of Jenin city in the West Bank. Israeli soldiers rounded up Mohamed Ammour and Ahmed Subaihat during their attempt to enter the 1948 occupied lands to look for jobs. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Surif village northwest of Hebron city and arrested Diaa Hasan Hmeidat.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Kharas village and arrested Younis Awwad Al Hroub. (WAFSA 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Awwa town southwest of Hebron city and arrested Mahmoud Muhammad Sweiti. (WAFSA 8 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city and arrested Muhamamd Ibrahim Abu Sbeih. (WAFa 8 March 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- 23 Israeli settlers, escorted by police troops, stormed the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque via the Maghareba Gate as part of the morning break-in shift. The Israeli settlers performed sacrilegious rituals at the holy site, stirring furor among the Muslim worshipers and sit-inners. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) bulldozed agricultural lands in Jericho city, north of occupied Jerusalem, and uprooted and stole 400 palm seedlings near al-Karama crossing between Jordan and the West Bank. The agricultural lands were razed by Israeli bulldozers without a prior notice. The 400 palm seedlings were planted two years ago, were uprooted and stolen by workers brought by the IOA under the protection of Israeli soldiers. The IOA claimed that these lands are located in Area C despite the fact that their owners have official documents confirming their ownership and the workers hired to work in palm cultivation in these lands have licenses. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the Hajai road south of Hebron city, with no known reason. The Hajai road is an arterial route connecting all the southern towns and villages of Hebron with the north. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the eastern and western entrances of Husan village west of Bethlehem city and hindered access to the village under the pretext of throwing stones at Israeli settlers vehicles. (WAFa 9 March 2017)

### **Other**

- The Israeli Knesset passed first reading of the edited motion of [Adhan ban bill](#). Israel's Ministerial Committee for Legislation had earlier approved an amendment to the contested Adhan ban bill, which seeks to impose limits on the Muslim call to prayer within the Green Line and in occupied Jerusalem, paving the way for the bill to be voted on

in the Knesset. The bill was modified to prevent the use of loudspeakers by mosques only between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., after ultra-Orthodox Israeli Minister of Health Yaakov Litzman filed an appeal against the draft law in November out of fear that it could also affect use of sirens for the weekly Jewish call for Shabbat. Violations of the ban on loudspeakers during those hours will be fined 10,000 shekels (\$2,665). The bill will be submitted to the Knesset and will have to go through three rounds of votes before it can pass into law. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

- As the world marks International Women's Day, 65 Palestinian women, including 12 minors, are being imprisoned by Israel "under dire conditions," according to a statement released by the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) on Tuesday. The 65 women are being held in Israel's HaSharon and Damon prisons, where prison cells are unbearably cold in winter and hot in summer. In addition, the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) imposes restrictions on provision of clothes, bed sheets, and shoes, PPS said. According to the statement, the longest serving female prisoner is Lina al-Jarbouni, who has been jailed since 2002. (Maannews 8 March 2017)