



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 9 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 Army (IOA) continue to hinder Palestinians farmers from Falamyia village in Qalqilyia Governorate from accessing their lands located west of the Israeli Segregation Wall. The IOA has been hindering the issue of permits to Palestinian famers under various pretexts. (Maannews 9 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence, kidnapped a young man and his mother in Hebron. The 32-year-old Rawhi Salimiya from Idhna town, west of al-Khalil, and his mother Mazuza were taken prisoners after they went to Etzion detention center in response to a summons issued against them. The reason for their detention is also unknown. (PALINFO 9 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Tulkarem city after raiding their houses. The arrestees were identified as Mahmoud Hussein Mahmoud Abu Hamra, 20, from Thinnaba village and Mathna Fuad Abdel Raheem, 23, from Izbat Al Jarad east of Tulkarem and Issa Omar Mustafa Odeh, 24, from Tulkarem city. (WAFA 9 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of armed Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian shepherds in the Jordan Valley near Tubas to the north of occupied West Bank. The shepherds were forced to leave the scene under gun threat. (PALINFO 9 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers of the illegal settlement of Maon east of the village of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank uprooted tens of olive tree saplings and sprayed poisonous pesticides on Palestinian crops. Israeli settlers raided agricultural lands belonging to Fadel Jibril Moussa Rabiaa and his brothers in the village of al-Tawana near Yatta. The settlers reportedly cut the wires on the fence surrounding the lands, uprooted tens of olive trees, and sprayed pesticides in the area. (Maannews 9 March 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

Israeli Military Orders

Confiscation & Razing of lands

Expansion of settlements

- An Israeli plan to establish a Judaization park near holy al-Aqsa Mosque, in Occupied Jerusalem. The park stretches from al-Sultan Pool to Ayoub Well, southwest of Jerusalem's Old City, near al-Aqsa Mosque, and covers an overall area of 37 dunums. The plan for the 800-meter-long park dates back to 2006. The Israeli Nature Authority has

increasingly held sway over Palestinian land in the area, paving the way for the project. Construction works to establish the park in Wadi al-Rabab had already started. (PALINFO 9 March 2017)

Erection of Outposts

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

Israeli Closures

The Israeli Segregation Wall

Other

- Community members in Ofra settlement held a ceremony during which the foundation stone was laid for 10 new housing units in Ofra's "Hahaganah" neighborhood. After the **destruction of the nine housing units** last week, Ofra is trying to pick up the pieces and continue forward to new building in the community. ([INN](#) 9 March 2017)
- Shevach Stern, the chairman of the Likud National Headquarters, made clear on Wednesday that the Likud National Headquarters will not allow the construction freeze in Judea and Samaria to continue. Stern spoke to *Arutz Sheva* amid reports that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu ordered Housing and Construction Minister Yoav Galant to freeze thousands of housing units which Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman had recently approved for construction in Judea and Samaria. "At the moment, despite the Prime Minister's statements about the construction of 5,500 housing units, there is no construction," he said. "Netanyahu said that until understandings are reached with the U.S. government on the issue of construction in Judea and Samaria, he does not want to do anything else. We will wait two or three weeks until things become clear and I hope that as soon as he returns from his next trip to Washington there will be a positive turnaround including, of course, the establishment of a new community for the evacuees from Amona." Stern continued, "I understand that the Prime Minister wants to be coordinated with the Americans. I believe that he will not accept a dictate not to build at all. Even during the Obama administration, several thousand housing units were built and there was never a total freeze." "I think Trump's call to hold back [on construction] is a kind of mantra that remains from the Obama era that the settlements are an obstacle to peace," he added. "Things will become clear in a few weeks and I hope that the

issue of Amona will be resolved even before that. But if after the process with the Americans ends it will turn out that the policy of Obama will continue, we in the Likud will not remain silent and will certainly take action.” Stern also discussed Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman’s **controversial remarks** earlier this week, when he said that annexation of Judea and Samaria will result in “repercussions” from the United States. “From what I gathered, he was asked about applying sovereignty over all of Judea and Samaria, including the territories of the Arabs, and that’s what he was replying to. We believe that on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Judea and Samaria, we must begin to gradually apply sovereignty,” he opined. ([INN](#) 9 March 2017)

- The Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization illegally advanced the construction of settlements on land that it had no authority over, including private Palestinian land, without the knowledge of the Defense and Justice Ministries, according to documents obtained by Haaretz. Despite recurring criticism of the division’s modus operandi, it continued to seize and distribute land illegally in recent years. The Settlement Division has for years been the government’s executive arm for construction in the West Bank, as well as in the Negev and the Galilee, until its activities were restricted recently. Although it’s financed with public funds, the division is not a regular government agency; it is directly subordinate to the WZO and thus isn’t subject to government transparency rules. The government budgets tens of millions of shekels for the division every year, and then transfers additional tens of millions to it during the year’s course. The division has also played a major role in setting settlement policy in the West Bank. For More information, ([Haaretz](#) 9 March 2017)