



ARIJ Daily Report

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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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli soldiers shot a 15-year-old Palestinian with a live bullet near the village of Nilin in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah for allegedly throwing a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli settler's vehicle near an Israeli bypass road in the territory. The boy was identified as Utayba Jiyad Hussein Amireh. Israeli soldiers sealed the area following the shooting and prevented people and Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances from approaching the wounded teenager. Amireh was detained and transferred to an unidentified location. The

entrance of Nilin was also sealed, as Israeli forces erected a military checkpoint and prevented any vehicles from coming in or out of the village. (Maannews 31 March 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya injuring four Palestinians with rubber-coated bullets fired by the IOA at demonstrators. The IOA fired rubber-coated bullets at protestors, causing “slight injuries” to four Palestinians. An Israeli bulldozer, escorted by Israeli forces, damaged the main network of the village’s water supply, causing the water to cut off in the village for hours before the damage was fixed by the village’s council. (Maannews 31 March 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Sebastya village north of Nablus city when the latter raided the village amid fire shooting. Tens of Palestinians suffered Gas inhalation as the IOA fire tear gas bombs at a wedding hall in the village. (Wafa 31 March 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained an unidentified Palestinian from the village of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank Government of Hebron near the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron city for allegedly possessing a pocket knife. (Maannews 31 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of the Palestinian ex-detainee Sheikh Adnan Hamarsheh in Yabad village southwest of Jenin city in the northern West Bank. Hamarsheh was questioned by IOA soldiers before leaving the village. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer military court turned down an appeal filed on behalf of the Palestinian administrative detainee Walid al-Houdeli, aged 57. The Israeli court confirmed the administrative term of prisoner al-Houdeli with neither charge nor trial. The Ofer court pledged that the sentence will be the last issued against al-Houdeli in case new “secret data” do not emerge. Palestinian detainee al-Houdeli was arrested on January 16, 2017. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) arrested on Thursday four Palestinian activists of the National Campaign to Lift the Closure of the Old City of Hebron during the commemoration of the 41st anniversary of the Land Day in Jaber neighborhood close to Kiryat Arba settlement.
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during the commemoration of the 41st anniversary of the Land Day in Jaber neighborhood close to Kiryat Arba settlement. A group of settlers, who escorted the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted the Palestinian activists while participating in the event. The IOF soldiers quelled the Land Day commemoration event, arrested the four activists and evicted others from the place, the assembly added. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Silwad village east of Ramallah city after raiding their houses. The four arrestees were identified as Muhammad Husam Hamed, 16, Abdel Qader Saed Hamed, 16, Muhammad Abdel Majeed Hammad, 32, and a fourth Palestinian whose ID is still unidentified. The IOA also raided several houses in the village and questioned inhabitants. Of the targeted houses, the house of Martyr Anas Hammad was known. (Wafa 31 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Younis Arrar from Yatta town south of Hebron city. The IOA also arrested Muhammad Ahmad An Najjar, 40, from Khallet Al Mai area east of Yatta town and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 31 March 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Al-Muwarraq Palace in Dura town, west of al-Khalil, under heavy military protection. A number of Israeli buses carrying dozens of settlers stormed the site escorted by large numbers of Israeli occupation Army (IOA). IOF soldiers were deployed in large numbers at the entrances of the town and prevented Palestinian movement during the provocative raid. The settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the Palace before leaving the area. Al-Muwarraq Palace is an ancient Roman building established over an area of 1,600 square meters. It is open daily except on Fridays, Saturdays and public holidays under the administration of the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Israeli occupation Authorities decided to take over 977 dunums of lands of Qaryut, As Sawiya, Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya and Sinjil villages south of Nablus city transform it into State Property. ([Wafa](#), [INN](#) 31 March 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers leveled 12 dunums (approximately 2.9 acres) of privately-owned Palestinian land in the Artas village southeast of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank owned by Ahmad Abu Srour, Riyad Issa, Muhammad Abu Laban, Omar al-Afandi, Jamal Zighari, Bassam al-Farahin, Hasan Shahin, Mustafa al-Afandi and Hussien Hamash. (Maannews 31 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands in Urif village, south of Nablus city in the northern West Bank. A group of Israeli soldiers blocked farmers from reaching their agricultural lands located within Area B close to Yitzhar settlement that was established by force over the town's land. The IOA troops threatened Palestinian farmers and warned them of dire consequences if they ever attempted to reach their lands again. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- The security cabinet unanimously approved establishing a new settlement to house settlers evacuated from the illegal outpost of Amona. This is the first time in over 20 years that Israel has established a new West Bank settlement. The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement that following the vote in the security cabinet, a telephone poll of all ministers who aren't part of that body will be conducted to give the decision final approval. The decision to establish the new settlement, which will be located near the existing settlement of Shiloh, stems from a promise Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made to Amona residents several months ago. Though the Trump administration objects to establishing any new settlements, Netanyahu told the White House in advance that he intended to keep his promise, saying that politically speaking, it was impossible for him to renege on it. At the security cabinet meeting, Netanyahu told the ministers that final approval has also been granted to market enough land for the construction of 2,000 homes in existing settlements. The Prime Minister's Office said these were the same homes whose planned construction Israel had announced two months ago, but the marketing of the land had been held up by technical problems at the Housing Ministry. Netanyahu also told the ministers that some 900 dunams of land near the settlement of Eli, including the outposts of Adei Ad and Givat Haro'eh, have been declared state land. This declaration will enable housing to be built on this land in the future. Both approval of the new settlement and Netanyahu's announcement of the other

measures appear to be an effort to lay the groundwork for an impending decision to significantly restrain settlement construction in response to pressure from the Trump Administration. For more information, ([YNENTNEWS](#), [Haaretz](#), [INN](#) 31 March 2017)

- Israeli settlers bulldozed Palestinian lands in Bruqin village west of Salfit, to expand the Ariel industrial zone. Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian cultivated lands and ranches covering 20 dunums in Khilet al-Zaafaran, in Bruqin with the attempt to build more factories in the Ariel industrial zone. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

Other

- Israel's Foreign Minister was reportedly instructed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to slash \$2 million from Israel's contributions to the UN in protest of the [adoption of four resolutions](#) in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) last week addressing issues of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, Israeli media reported on Thursday. Calling the resolutions "hostile proposals," [Israeli media outlet Ynet reported](#) that the former UN contributions would instead "be used to deepen and expand Israeli projects in the field of international assistance and will be invested in developing countries that support Israel in international institutions." Thirty-six member states voted in favor of the resolution that criticized illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights, according to Israeli daily Haaretz. Nine states had abstained, and only two states -- the United States and Togo -- opposed the resolution. The Council also adopted three other motions at the time. A resolution that aims to ensure accountability for human rights violations committed by Israel in the occupied West Bank, besieged Gaza Strip, and occupied East Jerusalem was passed with the approval of 30 member states, with two against and 15 abstaining. The second resolution, concerning the Palestinians' right to self-determination, was passed almost unanimously, with 43 states voting in favor, two abstaining, and two voting against the resolution. A third resolution that dealt with the status of Palestinian human rights in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem passed with 41 states voting in favor, four abstaining, and two voting against it. Another resolution condemned Israel for its violations of the human rights of Druze residents of the Golan Heights. (Maannews 31 March 2017)
- The Israeli Shin Bet has been banning for weeks Gazan doctors from entering Occupied Jerusalem for working in al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society Hospital in Jerusalem. The hospital management

received negative replies to applications for seven entry passes for doctors from Gaza to access al-Makassed hospital which lacks human resources especially specialized physicians. The eighth application has not been answered yet. Among the banned staff were doctors, some of them work in the ICU Section, and nurses who have been working in the hospital for about 30 years. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

- An Israeli government-owned company has agreed to allow temple mount groups to hold the Passover sacrifice ceremony in the Umayyad Palaces (archaeological park) area close to the Aqsa Mosque. The company approved the request to hold the ceremony in the park, but required organizers to also receive permission from the police in the city. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)