

ARIJ Daily Report

Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)

P.O Box 860, Caritas Street – Bethlehem Phone: (+972) 2 2741889, Fax: (+972) 2 2776966 pmaster@arij.org | http://www.arij.org

Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

10 May 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.

The daily report does not necessarily reflect ARIJ's opinion.

Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

• For the second day in a row, the Israeli occupation authorities continued to install more surveillance cameras in the main street, from the direction of Al-Mutala'a Hospital to Al Makassed Charitable Hospital in the Mount of Olives, all the way to the Old City of Jerusalem. The Israeli occupation authorities attributed the incident to the continued stone-throwing incidents targeting settlers' vehicles as they were passing through the area. (WAFA 10 May 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three students of Birzeit
 University in the Ramallah Governorate -- hours before student
 council elections were scheduled to take place at 8 a.m. The three
 were identified as Ahmad al-Ayish, former head of student council
 Amr al-Rimawi, and Ahmad Faraj. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- In the Ramallah Governorate, an unidentified Palestinian was detained in the village of Kafr Nima. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in the town of Abu Dis in the central Jerusalem Governorate and were identified as Radi Rabee, 18, and Muhamamd Rabee, 16. The two were detained after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided their homes in the town. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Hamza Zahran after raiding his home in Qalandyia refugee camp and took him to one of the interrogation centers in the city. (SAFA 10 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem and detained Moussa Muhammad al-Umour and Hassan Khalid al-Badan from the village of Tequ, as well as Mahmoud Ahmad Abu Sway from al-Khader. (Maannews 10 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained held and briefly interrogated 20 Palestinian youths from the town of Asira al-Shamaliyeh in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus -- the majority of them former prisoners, including Bilal Kayid, who was released from Israeli prison after undertaking a 71-day hunger strike last year in protest of his administration detention without charge or trial. The detainees were taken from their homes to a wedding reception hall in the town, where they were interrogated for nearly two hours before they were let go. (PALINFO, Maannews 10 May 2017)
- In Tulkarem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Attil village, where they ransacked homes and a workshop and interrogated citizens. IOA forced residents of an apartment building in the central neighborhood of the village to stay outdoors for several hours before they broke into it and searched its units. The IOA also assaulted families and wreaked havoc on furniture as they were searching homes in the village. The IOA also pillaged a metalworking workshop belonging to a citizen called Azem Tawfiq before they withdrew from the village. (PALINFO, 10 May 2017)
- In Jenin, violent clashes broke out between local young men and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at the main entrance to Qabatiya town in the

south. The IOA soldiers intercepted Palestinian cars and citizens on a road near the petrol station between Burqin and Qabatiya towns, without making arrests. (PALINFO, 10 May 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement set fire to Olive fields in the eastern part of Burin village south of Nablus city. (WAFA 10 May 2017)
- 67 Israeli settlers renewed their incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque, with the protection of the Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Incursions were carried out through Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mugrabi Gate). (WAFA 10 May 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

• Israeli occupation authorities announced the confiscation of thousands of Palestinian agricultural dunums in the northern Jordan Valley east of the West Bank. The IOA raided the Jordan Valley area and handed over administrative orders that stipulated the confiscation of the lands over which random settlement outposts were established and declared them as Israeli military zones. The Israeli civil administration teams also confiscated Palestinian agricultural machinery in al-Bkeia area in the northern Jordan Valley and transferred them to Israeli military camps. (PALINFO 10 May 2017)

Others

• The new version of the nation-state bill has passed its preliminary round of voting in the Knesset. Forty-eight lawmakers voted for the bill and 41 voted against it after heated discussion. The controversial bill revokes Arabic as an official language, holds that Israel is "the national home of the Jewish people" and that the right to realize self-determination in the state is unique to them. The Ministerial Committee for Legislation voted in favor of the bill on Sunday. Avi Dichter (Likud), the sponsor of the new version of the bill, called the decision "a major step in establishing" the Jewish identity of members of the faith in Israel and around the world. The bill doesn't subordinate democracy to the state's Jewish character, as did a previous version. It also states that "the national language [of Israel] is Hebrew" and downgrades the status of Arabic to "a special status in the state," adding that "its speakers have the right to language-accessible state services." If the nation-state bill is enacted, it would become a basic

law, joining the central body of legislation that equivalent to Israel's constitution. The bill was blasted by Israel's opposition and Meretz Chairwoman Zehava Galon called the bill "a declaration of war against Israel's Arab citizens and against Israel as a democratic and properly governed society." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the bill, saying, "there is no contradiction between the law and equal rights for all of Israel's citizens." (Haaretz 10 May 2017)

• Attorney Harel Arnon, who is representing the state in an appeal against the "Expropriation Law" allowing Israel to retroactively approve illegal construction on private Palestinian land in the West Bank, is illegally building a home in the settlement of El'azar in Gush Etzion. The home is being built outside of the settlement's development plans, on land claimed for military use. The Israeli Civil Administration that oversees the West Bank and is responsible for allocating land in El'azar, confirmed that the home is being constructed illegally and that development plans have designated the property for the building of a public square. This designation meant that the land was never declared as state-owned land and has remained a military expropriation since the '70s. To read full report, click here, (Haaretz 10 May 2017)