



# 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.*

*The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Violent clashes broke out after a large number of Israeli troops stormed Joseph's Tomb in the eastern Governorate of Nablus city. About 10 military vehicles carrying soldiers and one bus carrying Israeli construction workers stormed the mausoleum at around 01:00 am in order to renovate the site. Consequently, skirmishes between local young men and Israeli soldiers broke out in the area around the shrine before it escalated and expanded to the nearby town of Balata al-Balad, Amman street, and the northern outskirts of Balata refugee camp. At

- about 03:30 am, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) withdrew to the Beit Furik military barrier, east of Nablus city. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the West Bank village of Sabastia north of Nablus city for the second time in 24 hours. Israeli patrols raided the historic area in the village leading to a state of tension and mobilization among Palestinian families and visitors who were present at the site. Several patrols escorted by some buses carrying Jewish settlers stormed the same village a day before. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
  - Clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Bethlehem when Israeli soldiers broke into commercial shops for the confiscation of security cameras. The IO troops stormed a number of shops close to the northern entrance of Bethlehem city and adjacent to al-Ezzah refugee camp and searched shops and confiscated surveillance cameras' records in order to identify Palestinians who threw stones at the Israeli military watchtower in the area. Palestinian young men confronted the incursion by throwing stones at IO soldiers who fired tear gas grenades in order to disperse the protesters. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
  - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Shu'fat refugee camp in the center of occupied Jerusalem, near the military checkpoint which is located at the entrance to the camp. The IOF stopped Palestinian vehicles and check ID cards. (Wafa 11 May 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian young man, from Nablus city, upon his return from Jordan, where he pursues his higher studies. The 30-year-old Muaad al-Sarkaji was arrested by the Shin Bet at Allenby border crossing with Jordan after he returned from Amman. Sarkaji works as a lecturer at al-Ummah College in Ramallah city and travels every week to Amman to attend a postgraduate study program. The detainee is married with one kid, and was already jailed for six months in 2010. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- Disguised Israeli soldiers kidnapped a Palestinian young man during his presence in Jericho (Ariha) city, with no known reason. Plain-clothes soldiers stormed the city, rounded up a young man called Qusai Sawafta, from Tubas city in the northern West Bank, and withdrew from the area. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Salem military barrier west of Jenin city at the pretext of arresting a young man in possession of an explosive device. Israeli soldiers arrested a Palestinian young man at the road barrier, closed it and prevented relatives and lawyers

of prisoners from going to the military Salem court. An Israeli officer told citizens at the barrier to leave the area, claiming there was an explosive device to be dealt with later by special teams. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli occupation Army (AIO) demolished a commercial grocery store near Qalandia checkpoint, at the entrance of Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of unlicensed building. Clashes broke out between the IOA and Palestinians in the camp where the IOA fired live, rubber and poisonous bullets at Palestinians to disperse them. The IOA also closed the checkpoint in both directions, causing heavy traffic to and from occupied east Jerusalem. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- The residents of the village of Yabad to south of Jenin to the north of the West Bank were surprised on the 6th of May, 2017 by the Israeli occupation authorities' military order to confiscate the village's lands as part of an ongoing plan to target the village. The (IOA) handed over a decision to the Yabad inhabitants, which states confiscating land from the village at a total of 9,858 dunums of land, along the adjacent bypass road to the south of the village, in a clear violation of private property of citizens. The IOA informed the citizens in an arbitrary manner that their land was confiscated, noting that vast fields of these lands are planted with olives. The IOA published a list of names of citizens whose lands were confiscated. The decision issued by the Israeli occupation army states that it aims at "seizing the land for security purposes" based on "special security conditions in the region and the need to take action (vis-à-vis such conditions)." The Israeli occupation authorities issued a list, which includes 59 of the affected people as a result of this order, in the town of Yabad. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli government has renewed its intent to build a new settlement in the West Bank for the Jewish settlers who were evacuated earlier this year from an illegal outpost called Amona. The public Hebrew radio quoted an official source from the office of Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu as saying that the settlement would be

established within four months after receiving approvals from the competent authorities. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed a road with dirt mounds and cement blocks near the Palestinian village of Osarin in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. Israeli military bulldozer escorted by several Israeli military vehicles closed the junction leading to Osarin completely and banned residents from passing through until further notice.(Maannews 11 May 2017)

### **Other**

- The Israeli Knesset approved initially the so-called nationality law or the Jewish state law proposed by right-wing MK Avi Dichter, from Likud party. The law passed its initial reading by a majority of 48 to 41 and will be transferred to the Knesset constitution and law committee to be drafted for vote in its first reading. The law legislates Israel's status as the national home of the Jewish people, emphasizes that Hebrew is the official language of the state and states that (Occupied) Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. (PALINFO 11 May 2017)