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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

- Israeli naval forces obstructed a fishing boat off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip and detained three fishermen, who were all from al-Shati refugee camp in northern Gaza. They were identified as Muhammad Tariq Bakr, 22, Abdullah Sabri Bakr, 20, and Muhammad Said Bakr, 27. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli military vehicles staged a limited incursion into Palestinian lands east of Deir Balah in the central besieged Gaza Strip. Four Israeli bulldozers set off from Israel's Kissufim military base and crossed

some 50 meters past the border area and proceeded to level the lands. (Maannews 14 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with live ammunition after an Israeli military detention raid into Jenin refugee camp sparked clashes between locals and Israeli soldiers. The IOA raided the camp before dawn and proceeded to search houses while firing live bullets and tear gas at Palestinians, sparking clashes with local youth. Citizens Yazan Muhammad Jaaisa, 20, and Majdi Abu Jelda, 15, sustained gunshot wounds. The IOA also raided several houses in the camp, and detained Muhammad Mahmoud Ar'arawi, 17, and Yaseen Ali Amouri, 18, and Mustafa Abu Jelda, 18. (Maannews 14 May 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestinian writer and political scientist [Ahmad Qatamish](#), who has spent several years in Israeli prisons, most recently a two-and-a-half-year stint under administrative detention. Qatamish, 66, was detained from his home in the city of al-Bireh near Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, after Israeli soldiers thoroughly searched the house, damaging some of his possessions. He was then taken to an unknown location. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of al-Tira, west of Ramallah, and detained one Palestinian. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians in the village of Nahhalin in the southern Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian in al-Fara'a refugee camp in the northeastern Tubas Governorate. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in the city of Qalqiliya in the northwest of the West Bank. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians in Jenin in the northernmost Governorate of the West Bank. (Maannews 14 May 2017)
- A raid into Jenin refugee camp [sparked clashes](#) between Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and local youth. The IOA shot one resident in the leg with a live bullet. Locals identified one of those detained as Yassin al-Amuri. (Maannews 14 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained citizen Yazeed Nidal As Sa'di, 20, from Jenin city after raiding his house in Bour Saed street in Jenin city. (Maannews 14 May 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 72 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem via Al Mughrabi Gate escorted by the Israeli occupation Police. The settlers toured in the backyard of the Mosque and carried out provocative actions. (Wafa 14 May 2017)
- An Israeli settler ran over a Palestinian near Atarot industrial area in occupied East Jerusalem, identified as Raed Ghaith from Beit Hanina town. (Wafa 14 May 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians in al-Matar neighborhood to the north of occupied Jerusalem and Israeli soldiers, after the latter stormed the area and handed notices to demolish four buildings there. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the neighborhood and shut down a building, before handing demolition orders against four under-construction buildings in the area, provoking clashes with residents. No injuries were reported. The demolition orders came under the pretext of being constructed too close to the apartheid wall, which separates the neighborhood from Qalandia airport. Forces also seized two vehicles belonging to residents in the neighborhood. (Wafa 14 May 2017)

Other

- Despite its misleading name, The United Jerusalem Fund is not a charity organization. Nor is it a right-wing group or an offshoot of a political party. The United Jerusalem Fund is a construction company in every way. The so-called fund, an entirely for-profit entity headed by Gad Gabriel, advances projects like the new settlement of Mitzpeh Yehuda, also called Givat Adumin, on a hill adjacent to Ma'aleh Adumim in the West Bank. The company's officials point to a government decision from the 1980s calling for a settlement on the spot, but no concrete government plans for such a settlement exist, and promises to build there are ephemeral. Meanwhile, the company markets the land it owns on the hill, offering buyers building rights in the settlement, should it one day come into existence. Every parcel of land for sale is worth 130,000 shekels (\$36,000) according to the

company's prospectus, but its value will soar to 315,000 shekels if it will suddenly become possible to build there. By way of assurance, the company shows the deed of commitment from the previous Gush Etzion council head, Davidi Perl, verifying that the company purchased some 417 dunams in the area and promises that the council "encourages the advancement of planning and development of the parcel." It also "aspires for the parcel to be approved according to every residential and building law." But promises are one thing and reality is another. Meanwhile, designating this hill for a new settlement seems far in the future. Clearly, the company's interest in preparing the ground for building is that doing so will transform it from selling plots near Ma'aleh Adumim into building units on 417 dunam. The company has been lobbying politicians in the Knesset to allow construction. Dozens of lawmakers have signed the letter of support passed around by the United Jerusalem Fund. At first glance, the petition seems like a declaration by a right-wing organization or a regional council. "We see it as an obligation, right and mission to provide Israeli citizens with attainable housing solutions, and support every enterprise making this possible," it reads. "We support the Israeli government's 1984 decision to build Mitzpeh Yehuda ... to help thousands of families to find affordable housing in the suburbs of the capital, Jerusalem." Signatories include Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, Science Minister Ofir Akunis and Ayoub Kara, a minister in the Prime Minister's Office; Deputy Interior Minister Yaron Mazuz; and many legislators from Likud, Habayit Hayehudi, Shas, United Torah Judaism and Kulanu. A partial list includes Yoav Kish, Oren Hazan, Avraham Nagosa, Michael Malkieli, Yaakov Asher, Uri Maklev, Yoav Ben-Tzur, Moti Yogev, Menachem Eliezer Moses, Yitzhak Vaknin, Akram Hasoon, Miki Zohar, Sharren Haskel and Shuli Moalem. If the lobbying proves effective, the lawmakers will discover that they didn't support a right-wing organization but instead made Gad Gabriel much richer. ([Haaretz](#) 14 May 2017)