

Advocating for a Sustainable and Viable Resolution of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

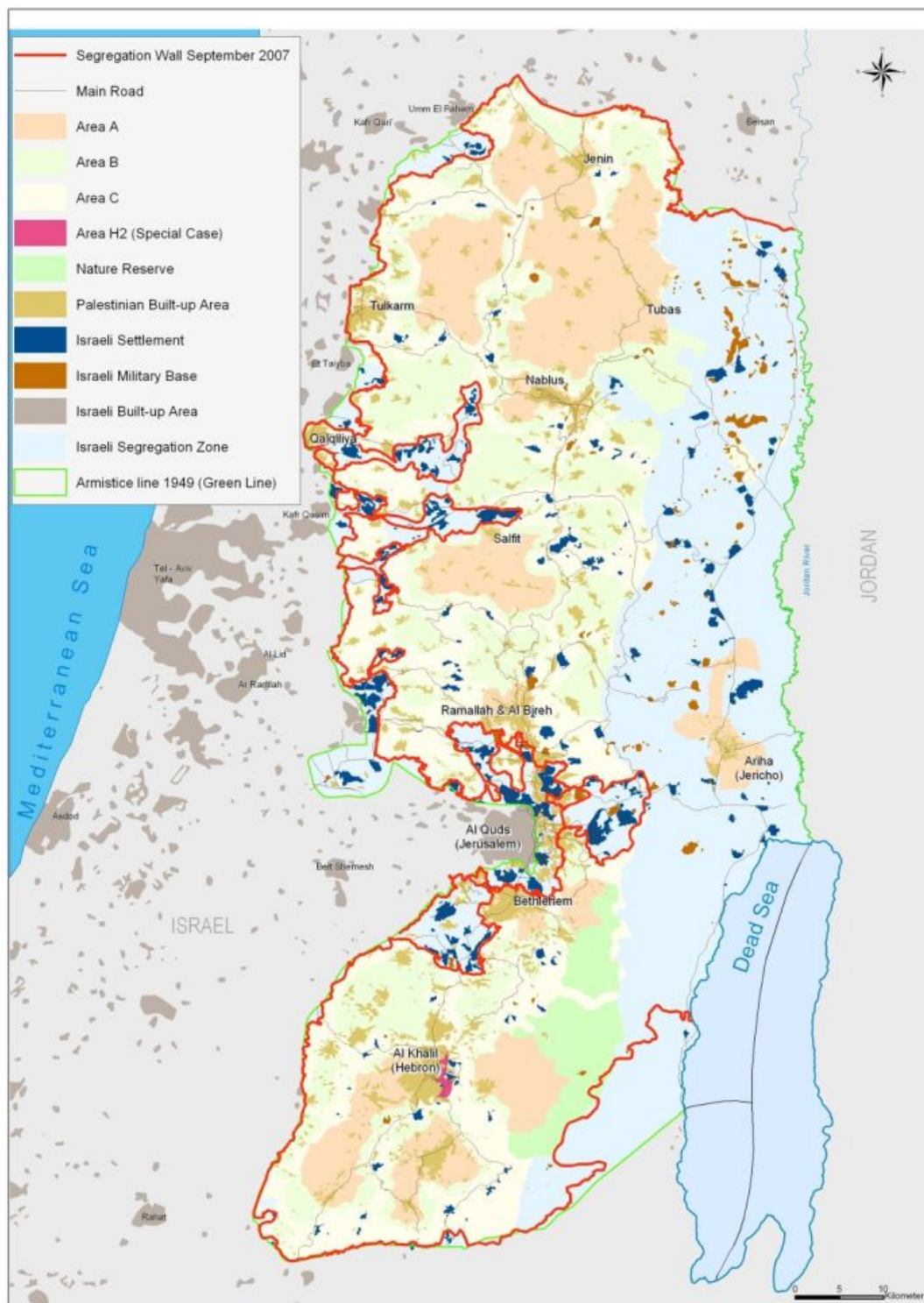
“Israeli settlement Activities in the occupied State of Palestine during the First Quarter of 2017”

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The Quarterly report highlights the chronology of events concerning the Israeli Violations in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, 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.

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Map 1: The Israeli Segregation Plan in the occupied Palestinian Territory

Bethlehem Governorate (January-March)/2017

Israeli Violations in Bethlehem Governorate during the Month of January 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanying employees of the Israeli Civil Administration raided Al Hadaf Area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and notified citizen Ibrahim Suleiman Muhammad Sbeih to halt the construction of a water well which he lately built under the pretext of unlicensed building. The IOA also took over a vehicle which was transferring construction materials for the construction of the water well. (Wafa 1 January 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and employees of the Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) raided Wadi Ash Shami area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and notified farmer Issa Muhamamd Darwish Salah to halt the construction of an agricultural room he has been building under the pretext of unlicensed building. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) started sieging lands with barbed wires and placing iron gates near Efrata settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. The IOA placed a one kilometer long barbed wires on lands of citizen Musa Ziyada near Efrata settlement and hindered him from accessing his land, causing the isolation of around 1000 dunums of Palestinian lands nearby. (NBPRS 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city and arrested six Palestinian citizens. The arrested Palestinians were identified as: Muhamamd Ahmad Taqatqa (17 Years), Bilal Shaher Dereyeh (16 Years), Muhamamd Waleed Thawabtah (17 Years), Usama Abed Rabbo Thawabta (16 Years), Nour Ad Din Naser Thawabta (15 Years) and Khaled Muhammad Taqatqa (16 Years). (Wafa 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Marah Rabah village south of Bethlehem city and arrested Ibrahim Yousif Ash Sheikh (28 Years) after raiding his house and searching it. (Wafa 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Ayda refugee Camp north of Bethlehem city and arrested Muhamamd Ahmad Jado (17 Years). (Wafa 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified Palestinian Farmers from Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city to halt the construction of their water wells in Wadi Al Walajiya and Wadi Ashami areas under the pretext of unlicensed building. The orders targeted 6 water wells in the two aforementioned areas which belong to Ahmad Huseein Abu Surra, Imad Ahmad Da'dou, Ibrahim

Daoud Hussein Musa, Imad Ahmad Salah, Muhammad Khalil Salah and Ibrahim Suleiman Sbeih. (Wafa 4 January 2017)

- The Israeli Civil Administration demolished five tents (animal pins) and eight water reservoirs under the pretext of being constructed without legal permits in the village of Tequ east of Bethlehem city. The two barracks are owned by Daoud Jibril and Hafeth Ibrahim Al Urouj; while the demolished water wells are owned by Al Imour, Jibril and Al Urouj families in the village. The demolition was carried out in response to a petition by the Israeli Regavim movement last November. Over the past year the movement submitted two petitions to the Israeli High Court against illegal construction in the Tekoa region - one regarding an illegal road paved using international funding connecting the Arab villages near Tequ to the Dead Sea and paved by the Palestinian National Authority. The second petition was submitted in November 2016 and referred to “illegal” construction near the aforementioned road with the intention of turning it into an inhabited area. (Wafa & [INN](#) 04 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned a female Palestinian citizen from Ayda refugee camp north of Bethlehem Governorate to see the Israeli intelligence at the Gush Etzion area after raiding her family house and searching it. The summoned Palestinian was identified as: Yasmeen Abdel Rahman Abu Srouf (20 Years). (Wafa 4 January 2017)
- In Tequ village east of Bethlehem city, three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated bullets and many suffered gas Inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the village. Clashes erupted at the western entrance of the village. (Wafa 06 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified 9 Palestinian homes in Area “A” in Wad Abu Al Hummos east of Bethlehem city to halt the construction of their homes under the pretext of unlicensed building. The homes are located in close proximity of Mazmuryia crossing and are owned by: Muhamamd Abu Teir, Ahmad Abu Hadwan, Ula Amira, Ja’afar Abu Ahmad, Muhammad Al Atrash, Ali Hamada, Ashraf Hamoud, Ra’fat Shqeir and Muhammad Dabash. (Wafa 08 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated records of Surveillance cameras of Abdeen Gas Station in Dar Salah village east of Bethlehem city. The IOA also raided a number of Palestinian homes nearby. (Wafa 08 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Sameer Mahmoud Muhammad Musa (36 years) from Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city after raiding his house and searching it. (SHASHA 10 January 2017)
- In the village of Marah Rabah, south of Bethlehem city, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into a stone factory and seized records from surveillance

cameras. The factory belongs to Muhammad Abd al-Nabi al-Daqqaq. (Maannews 11 January 2017)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Ayda Refugee camp after raiding the camp and fire tear-gas and sound bombs at Palestinians. (SAFA 11 January 2017)
- In Tequ village southeast of Bethlehem city, The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) carried out multiple predawn detention raids and detained 12 young men and teenagers. The IOA stormed the town and ransacked several homes before they detained Luay Habis al-Umour, 18, Abdullah Yousif al-Umour, 17, Ammar Yasser al-Umour, 18, Mamoon Salim Sabbah, 19, Qusay Muhammad al-Umour, 19, Sufian Atallah al-Umour, 22, Sami Ali Sabbah, 22, Mousa Khalil al-Umour, 24, Suleiman Khalid al-Umour, 20, Baraa Raed al-Umour, 20, Muayyad Muhammad Hajahja, 20, and Khalil Imad al-Umour, 21. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) released two Palestinian children from the village of al-Khader in western Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank after detaining them earlier in the day, and allegedly assaulting one of them. The IOA released Muhammad Salah, 12, and Issa Salah, 10, after holding them both for three hours. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) delivered a halt-of-construction order to a water reservoir and an agricultural barracks in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. Both properties are located in Wad Al Byar area and are owned by citizen Abdullah Ahamd Issa (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army arrested Isma'il Hamareh (21 Years) from Husan village after raiding his house and searching it. (Safa 12 January 2017).
- For the second day on row, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) continues to impose closure on Husan village west of Bethlehem city and the erection of military checkpoints at the village's main entrances/exits. Access to and exit from the village was only limited to village residents. The IOA also raided Palestinian homes in the village, chased Palestinian youth and arrested Isma'eil Abdel Majeed Hmamrah (21 years) after raiding his family home. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed with earth mounds and cement blocks the road leading to Wad Al Hummus village east of Bethlehem city. The IOA gave no justification to the latest closure. Earlier in years, village residents obtained a court order to open a road for them as an alternative to the road that was closed due to the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- Around 50 Israeli settlers raided Solomon's pools via the Um Hamdin Mountain under the protection of the Israeli occupation Army in Al Khader

village west of Bethlehem city and carried out Talmudic rituals. (WAFA 13 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by members of the Israeli Civil Administration raided Khallet An Nahla area in Wad Rahhal village south of Bethlehem city and delivered three halt of construction orders to two homes and an agricultural barracks in the area under the pretext of unlicensed building. (WAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned two Palestinians from from Bethlehem Governorate for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. after raiding their homes and messing with the contents. The two were identified as Mahmoud Adawi (52 Years) from Ad Doha village and Majed Taha Qaraqe' (42 Years) from Ayda Refugee camp. (WAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a march in Bethlehem demanding that Israeli authorities return the bodies of Palestinians killed by the IOA which are still held in their custody. The IOA fired tear gas, sound bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters. (WAFA, Maannews 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Dakhilallah Habes Al 'Amour from Tequ village south of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted two Palestinians while arresting them from Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates. The two arrestees were identified as Suleiman Sbeih (20 Years) from Bethlehem Governorate and Muhammad Al Harsh (28 Years) from Hebron Governorate. (WAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Husan village west of Bethlehem Governorate and set up surveillance cameras along Husan's main road (Al Matina Road) to monitor Palestinians movement and to protect Israeli settlers driving the road. (WAFA 18 January 2018).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Bethlehem Governorate. The arrestees were identified as Mahdi Taha Ash Sheikh (19 Years), Yazan Muhammad Ash Sheikh (15 Years) and Anis Mashhour Hamamrah (37 Years). (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Barriya area in Tequ village and detained the vehicle of Ahmad Kayed Jibreel, assaulted him and tried to confiscate the vehicle. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) carried out raids in Husan village west of Bethlehem city and arrested three Palestinian youth. (Maannews 19 January 2017)

- Construction work in the settlement of Tzur Hadassah has spread over the pre-1967 border. In the eastern part of the community, which is under the auspices of the so-called “Mateh Yehuda Regional Council”, extensive work has been underway to increase its size with the construction of a new neighborhood of 1,150 housing units. It has now emerged that some of the construction has spilled over the pre-1967 border (which is Tzur Hadassah’s boundary line) and have approached the lands of the village of Wadi Fukin in the West Bank. The situation was discovered by researcher Dror Etkes, who says that the work so far carried out across the pre-1967 border has added about 30 dunams (over seven acres) to Tzur Hadassah’s area. The chairman of Tzur Hadassah’s town council, Shlomo Magnezi, said that the community has no desire to take land from anyone else. “Somebody apparently spread across a line that’s supposed to be there. If that happened we protest and want to pull back to the lines. We don’t want to hurt our neighbors from Wadi Fukin.” Wadi Fukin is a small village wedged between the pre-1967 border and Tzur Hadassah and the large settlement of Betar Ilit. In 1948, sizable areas that were owned by residents of the village were left within Israel and expropriated as absentee property. Additional areas were confiscated for the construction of Betar Ilit. In August 2014, the state declared another approximately 1,748 dunams of the village land as state lands. The confiscation was among the punishments imposed by the government after the abduction and murder of three Jewish teens from nearby Gush Etzion. ([Haaretz](#) 19 January 2017)
- Several Israeli army jeeps invaded the village of Tequ’ east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and abducted one Palestinian. The soldiers abducted Tamer Salim al-Badan, 30, after invading his home and violently searching it, and took him to Etzion military base and detention center. (IMEMC 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mus’ab Muhammad Taqatqa (26 Years) and Muhammad Khalil Thawbta (24) from Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city for interrogation at the Gush Etzion military bloc. (WAFA 21 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Muhmmad Hasan Njajrah (18 Years) from southwest of Bethlehem city for interrogation at the Gush Etzion military bloc. (WAFA 21 January 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, Citizens Anas Taqatqa and Khatab Thawabta were detained in the village of Beit Fajjar. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Yabis in the village of Husan. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- Clashed erupted between the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinians in Tequ village southeast of Bethlehem city near the military tower that was

recently erected at the entrance of the village. The IOA fired Teargas and sound Bombs at Palestinians. (SAFA 23 January 2017)

- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army detained Mahmoud Atallah Mashayekh, Ali Muhammad Abu Srour, Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Khatib, Anas Muhammad Taqatqa, and Uday Thabta. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017) The Israeli occupation Army detained two Palestinians from Aida refugee camp, while another was detained from the village of Beit Fajjar south of Bethlehem. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- One Palestinian was detained from the village of al-Khader in the Bethlehem district, identified as Ibrahim Suleiman Sbeih, while Nidal Andunieh, and his son Amir were detained from the city of Bethlehem. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- Israeli officials gave final approval to build 153 housing units in East Jerusalem, two days after approving construction for some 2,500 homes in the West Bank, most in existing settlement blocs Israel hopes to keep in any peace deal with the Palestinians. The approvals by a city planning committee for homes in the settlement of Gilo were among those held up due to US pressure during Barack Obama's presidential term. ([Times of Israel](#) 26 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers of Sde Boaz outpost in Bethlehem Governorate uprooted 300 Grape seedlings, 100 Olive seedlings and confiscated them in addition to uprooting barbed wire fences owned by Sons of Muhammad Abdel Salam Salah in Al Khader village West of Bethlehem city. (Safa 28 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers of Sde Boaz outpost in Bethlehem Governorate uprooted 50 Grape seedlings owned by Husam Mustafa Salah and confiscated them. (Safa 28 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned three Palestinians from Bethlehem Governorate for interrogation in the Gush Etzion detention center. The three Palestinians were identified as Ahmad Jamal Shnayta (38 Years) from Al Ubeidiya village southeast of Bethlehem city, Isma'eil Kamel Al Kamel (29 Years) from Bethlehem city and Hamza Suleiman I'bayyat from Hindaza village in the east. (WAFA 29 January 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, Ali Ibrahim al-Qaisi, 31, and Amir Mustafa Miamir were detained in the village of Battir. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from the village of Nahhalin, and one from the village of al-Khader. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city and arrested Ahmad Mahmoud Taqatqa (23 Years) and Yaser Anwar Thawabta (23 years) after raiding their homes. (SAFA 31 January 2017)

- In Tequ village east of Bethlehem city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned a number of Palestinians for interrogation at the Gush Etzion Detention center after raiding their houses in the village. The summoned Palestinians were identified as Hamza Salem Raja Sabah, Mahmoud Kamel Sabah, Ahmad Khaled Sabah and Ahmad Riad Sabah. (SAFA 31 January 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration raided Um Rukba area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and notified to demolish a car repair shop owned by Abdullah Muhammad Salah under the pretext of unlicensed building. (Wafa 31 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) surprisingly closed Al Container checkpoint northeast of Bethlehem city and started checking Palestinians vehicles and Palestinian ID cards. Some Palestinians were subjected to Interrogation at the site. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

Israeli Violations in Bethlehem Governorate during the Month of February 2017

- In Bethlehem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Nashash area in the village of al-Khader and sealed a car wash after claiming that the imprisoned owners, Abed al-Minam and Dirar Muhammad Salah, were accused of planting an explosive device near an Israeli military site in November last year. The brothers were detained by the IOA last year after a similar raid. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to halt the construction of a car repair shop in Um Rukba area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The shop is owned by Abdullah Muhamamd Salah and was notified of demolition under the pretext of unlicensed Building. (ALQUDS 1 February 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers razed 12 dunums of land planted with Olive trees in [Surif](#) village in Hebron Governorate under the pretext of being previously cnonfiscatedby the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The razed land is owned by Ishaq Al Qadi and Muhammad Ghneimat.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers raided “Al Batta” area in Al Jab’a village southwest of Bethlehem city, razed and uprooted a number of Olive trees in the area owned by citizen Ahmad Muhammad Masha’la. The razing process comes as part of constructing the Israeli segregation wall. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 22 Palestinians -- 12 of whom from a Bethlehem-area refugee camp alone -- in overnight raids in the occupied Palestinian territory. In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, 13 Palestinians (one detention in the village of Husan and 12 in

Aida refugee camp) were detained by the IOA, identifying them as Asaad Rashid Darwish, 19, Ali Muhammad Abu Srou, Islam Jawarish, 30, Ali Hassan Abu Srou, 20, Samed Atiq, Ramzi Qawar, 32, Muhammad Odeh, Muhammad Jumaa Uweis, Abdullah Hamad, Mustafa Ibrahim Qneis, 32, Fathi Abu Srou, Majd Akram Abu Khdeir, 21, and Mahmoud Sabatin. The raid in Aida was a joint operation between the army and the Shin Bet intelligence agency to detain locals for unspecified “illegal activities.” (Maannews 2 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned The Palestinian lawyer, Amer Abu Shaeira, from Al Azza refugee camp north of Bethlehem city for interrogation at the Gush Etzion detention center after raiding his house and searching it. (Wafa 4 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained in predawn military raid three Palestinians from Al Khader village in the southern Bethlehem Governorate and were identified as Muhammad Rashad Issa, his brother Ahmad, and Qusay Issa. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Ibrahim al-Umour, 19, from the village of Tuqu in the southern Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 16-year-old Muhammad Raed Hamamra from Husan village west of Bethlehem City. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed two agricultural roads with earth-mounds in Al Thaghra area, near Neve Daniel settlement in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The closure of the road will obstruct the access of Palestinians to their lands near the settlement. (Wafa 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Tuqu southeast of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank early, took over a Palestinian home, and turned it into a military post. The soldiers took over a five-floor house belonging to Taysir Ahmad al-Shaer in the northwestern part of the village, and stationed snipers on the roof. The soldiers also put barbed wire around the house and sandbags on the rooftop, and covered the windows with cloth. Heavily armed soldiers were deployed at different areas around the house. The house overlooks the main road near the western entrance of the town, near where Israeli forces opened fire at Palestinian protesters last month, [shooting and killing 17-year-old Qusay Hassan al-Umour](#). (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Lajee Center, a community organization for refugee youth that stands at the entrance of the camp in Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem, when they seized computers and security camera footage./ , according to locals and a

Palestinian news outlet. The IOA held head of the center Salah Ajarmeh and head of the center's media unit Muhammad al-Azza, as soldiers searched the building and confiscated surveillance camera recordings and a computer. Israeli soldiers took the confiscated equipment and Ajarmeh to the military base next to Rachel's Tomb, when Ajarmeh was given a notice to meet with the Israeli intelligence for interrogation at a later date, and was then released. (Maannews 8 February 2017)

- An Israeli settler ran over an 81 Years old Palestinian citizen from Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and killed him. The Palestinian was identified as Hammad Muhamamd Salah. (Wafa 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamad Ibrahim Al 'Imour (23 Years) from Tequ village east of Bethlehem city after raiding his family house and searching it. (RB2000 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mahmoud Ibrahim Ar Rafati from Bethlehem city for interrogation at the Gush Etzion detention center after raiding his house and searching it. (RB2000 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided "Dozan" Print Shop in Bethlehem city and searched it. (RB2000 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently detained a Palestinian minor off the street in broad in Aida refugee camp in in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The IOA raided the camp in the afternoon and violently detained a boy in the street as he was walking home from school. The detainee was identified as Ali Afana (13 Years) and he was beaten by soldiers inside the vehicle. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Rani Abu Aker from Ad Duehisha Refugee camp in Bethlehem Governorate. (Wafa 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Saed Saleem Amarneh from Aida Refugee camp in Bethlehem Governorate. (Wafa 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at the house of Ahmad Amer in Aida Refugee camp in Bethlehem Governorate resulting in the bombing of the water tank on top of his house. (Wafa 9 February 2017)
- In the Governorate of Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Husan and detained Hassan Ali Hamamra and Muhammad Samih Hamamra after searching their houses. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- In Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained former prisoner Jihad Ahmad Thawabta as well as Fadi Fayed Taqatqa. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers uprooted around 400 Olive seedlings that were recently planted in Ash Shaghaf area near Sde Boaz outpost in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem

city. The trees were planted in the land owned by Ali Ahmad Issa. (RB2000 9 February 2017)

- The Israeli municipality approved the construction of 181 new settlement units in occupied Jerusalem. The local Planning and Building Committee of the municipality ratified a plan to build 181 settlement units in Gilo settlement, south of Jerusalem, and Ramat Shlomo, north of the city. (PNN 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian youth in the Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The IOA fired tear gas and live fire at Palestinians. The IOA also fired at water tanks on the rooftops of two homes to destroy them, and arrested two young men identified as Rani Abu Aker and Saeb Amarneh. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad al-Umour, 24, in the village of Tuqu east of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) has closed off the village of Nahalin west of Bethlehem city. The IOA surrounded the village and closed off the village's main entrances with sudden checkpoints. (WAFA 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad As'ad Sbeih from Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city and took him to unknown destination (ORIENTBETHLEHEM 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Ayda refugee camp north of Bethlehem city and summoned Hamza Abu Sroor for interrogation at the Gush Etzion Detention center after raiding a number of houses in the camp. (ORIENTBETHLEHEM 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli company "Ofra Aharon" started marketing 88 units in Gilo Settlement northwest of Beit Jala city. Prices for each apartment range between NIS 1.63 and 2.03 million depending on the area of the apartment. The project includes the construction of 4 buildings, with 22 apartment in each building. (Al Quds 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded al-Baida area, in Beit Sahour, east of Bethlehem, and violently searched the home of Bashir Mas'ad. (IMEMC 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Tequ village east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, searched homes, and abducted two young Palestinian men, in addition to summing another for interrogation. The IOA abducted Ekrema Odah al-Amour, 20, and Mahmoud Yousef al-'Amour, 21, and took them to an unknown destination. The invasion led to clashes between the soldiers, and many local youngsters, who hurled stones and empty bottles on the military

vehicles, while the army fired gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets. (IMEMC 12 February 2017)

- In the Bethlehem district, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three young men identified by locals as Bassam Masad from Beit Sahour, and Ikrima Odeh al-Umour and Mahmoud Yousif al-Umour from Tuqu east of Bethlehem. (Maannews 12 February 2017)
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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Invaded the al-Baida area, in Beit Sahour, east of Bethlehem, and violently searched the home of Bashir Mas'ad. (IMEMC 12 February 2017)
- A number of Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalation in Tequ villages east of Bethlehem city during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al Lawziya area near the village's northern entrance. (Wafa 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Fajjar town, south of Bethlehem, and abducted two Palestinians identified as Fadi Mahmoud Taqatqa, 18, and Jawad Ibrahim Taqatqa, 16. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Saff Street and the Fawaghra area, in the center of Bethlehem city, searched homes and abducted three Palestinians, identified as Amin Abdullah Abu 'Ahour, 21, Eid Kamel al-Kamel, 29, and Khader Ahmad Masalma, 55. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in 'Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, and abducted a child, identified as Adam Mahmoud Darweesh, 15. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) abducted Mazen Mohammad Zawahra, from his home in Doha town, west of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) abducted Shafiq Ali Radayda, 50, from the al-'Obeydiyya town, east of the city. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance leading to Bethlehem's Western Rural villages, Aqbet Hasna, in Al Khader village with earth-mounds and road blocks. Palestinians heading to Bethlehem city and vice versa had to take alternatives routes to reach their destinations. (WAFA 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded at dawn 'Aida refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, searched homes and abducted two siblings, identified as Mohammad Salah al-Masa'eed, 13, and his brother Anas, 14. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 25 Palestinians, including at least five minors, during predawn detention raids Across the occupied territory. Nine Palestinians, most of them former prisoners, were detained from different areas in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem and were identified as 20 year-old Mazen Muhammad Taqatqa, 21-year-old Amin Abu Ahour, 55-year-old Khader Ahmad Masalma, 18-year-old Fadi Taqatqa, 15-year-old Adam Mahmoud Darwish, 29-year-old Eid Kamil al-Kamil, 16-year-old Jawad Ibrahim Taqatqa, 50-year-old Shafiq Ali Radayda, and Ayman Issa Hamdan. Eight of the detentions in the Bethlehem area were carried out in the village of al-Ubeidiya, one in Beit Fajjar, one in Aida refugee camp, one in Rafida -- also known as al-Asakira -- three in Bethlehem city, and one in al-Shawawra. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded at dawn, the 'Aida refugee camp, north of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and abducted two child siblings. The IOA invaded the home of Salam al-Masa'eed and violently searched it, before abducting his two children. The children have been identified as Mohammad, 15, and his brother, Anas, 14, and added that the soldiers cuffed them and took them to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained in the village of Husan in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Husan during predawn hours confiscating five Palestinian-owned vehicles they claimed were "illegal." (Maannews 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed punitive measures on residents from the village of Husan in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem amid a crackdown on relatives of alleged Palestinian stone throwers. The IOA prevented workers in the village from entering the illegal Beitar Illit settlement where they are employed, while confiscating several Palestinian-owned vehicles. Dozens of workers from Husan were surprised when they were barred from entering the nearby Israeli settlement for work, despite having permits. The

Israeli military had reportedly issued an order preventing any family members of Palestinian “stone throwers” from working in the settlement. Israeli forces had also [closed the main entrance](#) of the village connecting Husan with Bethlehem city several days ago with large cement blocks, while military checkpoints were also erected at other entrances of the village. (Maannews 16 February 2017)

- Four Palestinians sustained wounds in clashes with the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) in Bethlehem’s eastern village of Tequ’, in the southern West Bank. An Israeli military patrol stormed the village and attacked the Palestinian anti-occupation youth with heavy spates of rubber bullets and teargas canisters, leaving four protesters wounded. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beit Fajjar south of Bethlehem Governorate in the southern West Bank and detained Uday Muhammad Thawabta, Yousif Mahmoud Taqatqa, Iyad Mahmoud Moussa Taqatqa, and Rashad Samih Derayya. The four were detained over suspicions of throwing Molotov cocktails at the illegal Israeli settlement Migdal Oz. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- Clashes erupted Tuesday afternoon in Bethlehem after Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Duha village west of the city. No injuries were reported. The IOA soldiers, in several patrols, stormed the town and broke into Palestinians’ homes. Summonses were also handed to families of a number of youths including two ex-detainees: Firas Ezzeyyeh and Anas Malash. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Khader village west of Bethlehem and broke into residents’ homes. The soldiers arrested a young man, Shaher Issa, 22, along with a 19-year-old girl, Saja Issa whose sister, Suzan, was summoned for questioning. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Shadi Muhammad Fawaghra, 20, Talal Muhammad Suleiman, 20, and Ayman Muhammad Ismail, 21, from the village of Jurat al-Shamaa south of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Khalid Issa in al-Khader west of Bethlehem city. Citizen Ziyad Ali Mustafa was also detained in the village, but was later released. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and detained a Palestinian man identified as Shehab al-Din Al-Titi while at the Container checkpoint east of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. Israeli soldiers deployed at the checkpoint assaulted Shihab al-Din Ahmad al-Titi, 24, by beating him before handcuffing and detaining him. The IOA took Shihab al-Din to an unknown location “after giving him bruises across his body. (Maannews 22 February 2017)

- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem before dawn to detain one person, identified by locals as 20-year-old Muhammad Imad al-Azraq, after some 20 soldiers broke into and searched his family's home, seizing his mobile phone, while some 20 other soldiers were stationed on the roof of the house. Israeli soldiers also raided and searched stores in the camp belonging to Abu Khalil Qunneis. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers leveled Palestinian cultivated lands and uprooted olive and Almond trees in Bethlehem's southern village of al-Khader. The Israeli occupation army (IOA) has been leveling Palestinian lands in an attempt to establish an access road leading to the Hatamar illegal outpost, built on Palestinian lands in the area. The targeted land tracts belong to the Palestinian citizen Issa Salah and cover an area of 3 dunums. 50 trees dating back to over 30 years were uprooted. The IOA also destroyed a penthouse covering 20 square meters and a stone wall set up decades ago in the area. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to halt the construction of an under-construction Palestinian house in Kherbit Skaryia southwest of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two 15-year-old boys, identified as Muhammad Nashat Hamamra and Zeid Muhammad Hamamra, from the village of Husan west of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 26 February 2017)
- Three Palestinian teachers (Adel al-Shaer, Murad Mufarrih, and Alaa Hmeid) suffered from pepper spray inflammation at the hands of Israeli occupation Army (IOA), when the latter stormed a secondary school in the southern occupied West Bank village of Tuqu to remove posters commemorating 17-year-old Qusay Hassan al-Umour, who was shot dead by Israeli forces in the village in mid-January. The IOA raided the school to remove photos of al-Umour which were posted to mark the 40 days since his killing. The teachers who tried to prevent soldiers from taking down the posters were assaulted and pepper sprayed in the face. After Israeli troops stormed the school, clashes broke out in the village between Israeli soldiers and schoolchildren. The IOA chased the youth through the village's alleys and showered the area in tear gas. No injuries were reported. Following the incident, at least seven Palestinian youth have been detained in Tuqu during overnight raids, while the IOA previously installed a military base at the western entrance to the village, periodically preventing residents from entering or leaving. (Maannews 26 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a grocery shop in the town of Beit Sahour east of Bethlehem city in the southern occupied West Bank and confiscated the hard drives of surveillance cameras belonging to the store. The IOA soldiers raided the shop near the Ush Ghurab neighborhood and confiscated hard drives of outdoor surveillance cameras without providing any explanations. The raided shop belongs to Mousa Jubran. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- In Bethlehem, a young man called Mohamed Taqateqa was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from his home in Beit Fajjar town. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and clashed with Palestinian Youth. The IOA fired live bullets, sound and Gas bombs at Palestinians in an attempt to disperse them. (WAFA 28 February 2017)

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- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, two Palestinians were detained, identified as Muhammad Hamdi Taqatqa, 32 in the village of Beit Fajjar, and the 16-year-old Muhammad Raed Hamamra, from Husan. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted heightened searches of Palestinian vehicles at the Container checkpoint in the southern occupied West Bank, causing important traffic jams. The IOA started suddenly stopping vehicles, searching them and checking the passengers' ID cards for unknown reasons. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian child on his way home from school in the village of al-Khas in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. Israeli soldiers stopped and detained Issa Hmeidan at a checkpoint east of Bethlehem when he was returning home from school. Hmeidan's age and the reasons for the detention remained unknown. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- Three Palestinian minors from the al-Duheisha refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem are scheduled to be indicted by an Israeli military court for throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli armed forces. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a Palestinian printing press in ad-Deheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem, confiscated its equipment and shut it down, claiming it was used to print inflammatory materials. During the IOA campaign in the camp, the soldiers clashed with local young men and intensively

fired tear gas grenades at them and nearby homes. Seven young men were arrested, some of whom were identified as Nael Naji Abu Aker, Rami Al Ahmar, and 'Ali Al As'ad after raiding their families' houses and searching them. A 12-year-old child called Hammam Radi was kidnapped from the camp. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians from the villages of Marah Rabah in the Bethlehem Governorates. The detainees were identified as Hussam Muhammad al-Sheikh, Murad Mahmoud al-Sheikh, Hamza Abdullah al-Sheikh, and Hussein Amr al-Sheikh. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- In Husan village west of Bethlehem city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man, whose identity was not revealed. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- In al-Duheisha refugee camp in southern Bethlehem, Mahmoud Karim Ayyad was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The detention sparked clashes in the camp as well as in the nearby town of Doha during which two young men were shot in the foot during the clashes. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) started leveling works of agricultural lands at the entrance of Nahalin village in southern Bethlehem in order to pave the way for the establishment of a new settlement project in the area. Israeli bulldozers began leveling lands in the main street of the village which has been closed for years. The road is adjacent to the Israeli Neve Daniel settlement. Israeli occupation authorities intend to construct a public park for settlers over the site. (PALINFO 5 March 2017)
- An Israeli military patrol stormed Bethlehem's eastern village of Za'tara and kidnapped the Palestinian MP Khaled Tafesh, 53, from his home. (PALINFO 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested MP—Anwar Izboun, 49, from Beit Sahour city. (Maannews 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hassan al-Wardian, 63, from Hindaza village southeast of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested the lecturer at the Quds Open University, Ghassan Hirmas, 49, from Bethlehem city. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- A Palestinian youth was fatally gunned down by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at daybreak at his family home in the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. Soldiers of an Israeli special unit shot and killed a Palestinian youth after they broke into his family home in Ramallah. The Martyr was identified as Basil al-A'raj, a native of Bethlehem's western village of al-Walaja. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a number of military checkpoints at the entrances to Bethlehem city shortly after an alleged stabbing attack in the area. Several Palestinian vehicles were stopped and searched at the checkpoints. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers filed a complaint to the Israeli Supreme Court, against a Palestinian citizen from Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city claiming that he established a car-repair shop in the area classified as "C" area (according to OSLO II Interim Agreement) without proper authorization from the Israeli occupation Authorities. Citizen Osama Ahmed Ali, received a complaint from the Israeli Supreme Court providing that a group of Israeli settlers complained against him in protest at his facility (a car-repair shop) which he established in the area of Um Rukba south of the village. Citizen Ali established the facility close to his home. (WAFA 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two brothers from the village of Husan west of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank, identified as Ismat Amjad Hamamrah, 28, and Muhannad Amjad Hamamrah 26. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed, with barbed wires, a dirt road that Palestinian students usually take to reach their schools in Tequ village east of Bethlehem city to avoid the Israeli Occupation Army. (WAFA 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) occupied an under-construction building in the village of Tuqu east of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank, turning the house into a military post. Large numbers of Israeli troops were deployed on the rooftop of a house belonging to Juma Muhammad Ali near on the main road of Tuqu, near the al-Khansa school. The house was undergoing interior finishing and was almost ready to be inhabited. Israeli soldiers broke down the main doors and ascended to the rooftop where they raised an Israeli flag. The soldiers also placed sandbags at the windows of the house. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the eastern and western entrances of Husan village west of Bethlehem city and hindered access to the village under the pretext of throwing stones at Israeli settlers vehicles. (WAFA 9 March 2017)
- Clashes erupted after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) quelled a peaceful massive march in al-Walajah village south of Bethlehem. The march aimed at demanding Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) to hand over the body of martyr Basel al-A'raj. Dozens of Palestinian youths participated in the march after the IOA postponed the release of his body until a further notice. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)

- A number of Palestinians choked on teargas and others were summoned to questioning at daybreak in clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Bethlehem. Clashes flared up in Artas village, south of Bethlehem, shortly after an Israeli military patrol rolled into the area and targeted Palestinian homes with heavy spates of teargas canisters. A number of civilians reportedly choked on teargas in the assault. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Aida refugee camp for Palestinian refugees, north of Bethlehem, and wreaked havoc on civilian homes before they summoned two youngsters—Hamza al-Nabtiti and Assaad Darwish—to questioning. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Quteiba Mahmoud Khalifa from Al Ubeidiyah village in Bethlehem Governorate for interrogation at the Gush Etzion detention center after raiding his house. (WAFA 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into al-Duheisha refugee camp, Hendaza Mount, and al-Mawalih area in Bethlehem and handed over interrogation summonses to three Palestinian youths. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)
- A number of Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army in Bakoush area west of Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. (WAFA 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped the brother of martyr Amani Sabatin from his home in Husan village, west of Bethlehem in the West Bank. The IOA broke into and ransacked the house of 41-year-old Adnan Sabatin, and confiscated cellphones and one laptop. (PLAINFO 11 March 2017)
- Clashes flared up in Bethlehem's villages of al-Khader and Tekou' between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and the Palestinian protesters. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has embarked for days on bulldozing and preparing a vast tract of Palestinian land in Beit Jala, west of Bethlehem, for the expansion of the illegal settlement of Gilo. The construction was taking place within the boundaries of Cremisan Valley in Beit Jala and the villages of Al Walajeh and Sharafat. About 900 housing units would be built on 150 to 200 dunums of Palestinian land that had been annexed to Gilo settlement. The IOA almost finished building infrastructure for the new housing units. Another 300 housing units would be built after finishing the first stage of this settlement expansion project. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 24-year-old Habib Muhammad al-Sheikh and 20-year-old Ayman Muhammad al-Sheikh from the village of Marah Rabah. (Maannews 17 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nour Abdullah Mahmoud al-Jawarish, 26, from Beit Jala town in the Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian schoolchildren in Tekou', in the southern West Bank. Israeli army patrols stormed Bethlehem's eastern town of Tekou' and attacked Palestinian schoolchildren on their way back home. The Israeli soldiers chased down the Palestinian students across Tekou' streets and alleys, amid heavy discharge of gunfire and teargas canisters. The 17-year-old minor Mohamed Saleem al-Badan, a secondary school pupil, was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers from his family home in Tekou'. The boy was kidnapped shortly after the end of the school day on allegations of hurling stones at the occupation patrols. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- A teenaged Palestinian girl was shot and injured by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at an intersection in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The shot Palestinian girl was identified as Fatima Jibrin Taqatqa, a 16-year-old from the village of Beit Fajjar. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian with live fire as the man was attempting to pass through a gap in Israel's separation wall in the occupied West Bank to go to work in Jerusalem. The IOA opened fire on the man in the Wadi Abu al-Hummus area, near Israel's Mazmuriya military checkpoint east of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. The injured Palestinian was identified as 27-year-old Ahmad Radaideh, from the town of al-Ubeidiya east of Bethlehem. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- Five Palestinians were injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live fire at locals during a predawn detention raid in Duheisha refugee camp near Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. Fierce clashes broke out between local youth and Israeli troops who raided the camp around dawn to detain one young Palestinian man from his home, identified as former prisoner Murad Zghari. Three young men were injured during the clashes, identified by locals as Ahmad al-Jiwi, Muath Abu Nasser, and Muhammad Faris Fararja. The 40-year-old Iyad Ibrahim Ramadan was shot in the leg while he was standing on the rooftop of his home in the camp, before his brothers Mahmoud and Shadi rushed him to a car to drive him to the Hospital in Beit Jala. As they were driving through the neighboring village of Doha, Israeli troops opened fire on their car. Mahmoud, 34, sustained injuries after being hit in the head with shrapnel. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- Palestinian worker has been injured by Israeli gunfire east of Bethlehem to the south of West Bank. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened heavy fire at a group of Palestinian workers while on their way to their workplaces in occupied

Jerusalem. One of the workers was shot and injured in his thigh before being arrested by Israeli forces. The 31-year-old worker was identified as Ahmed Rdayda. (PALINFO 15 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) issued stop construction orders for two houses in Al Khader village, south of Bethlehem. The Israeli civil administration raided Um Rukba area and notified to halt the construction of Omar and Khaled Salah Abdel Salam houses in the village, under the pretext of being built without permit. (PALINFO 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer military court extended the detention of a wounded Palestinian teenage girl for eight days. The court extended 16-year-old Fatima Jibrin Taqatqa's detention in absentia, pointing out that she remains in critical condition under anesthetics and on respirators at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. Taqatqa was shot and injured by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) on March at a junction near the illegal Israeli settlement bloc of Gush Etzion in the southern occupied West Bank Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers uprooted dozens of grape seedlings and destroyed part of a grape arbor in the village of al-Khader in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The Israeli settlers uprooted 90 grape seedlings belonging to Nader Salah Abd al-Salam and destroyed part of his grape arbor in the Khallet al-Fahem area that is surrounded by the illegal Israeli Eliazar and Daniel settlements. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) summoned citizen Zayd Muhammad Al Hreimi from As Saff Street in Bethlehem city for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement detention center and confiscated his laptop during raid to his house. (WAFA 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided a car repair shop in Wad Shaheen area in Bethlehem city and confiscated records of his surveillance cameras. (WAFA 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned citizen Muhamad Naser Al Masri, 24, from Ad Doha village in Bethlehem for interrogation at the Gush Etzion settlement detention center. (WAFA 18 March 2018)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 22-year-old Hassan Ahmad Sabatin and Yazan Sabatin from the village of Husan. (Maannews 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 22-year-old Muayyad Salah Taqatqa in Beit Fajjar, as well as 18-year-old Jamil Ibrahim Taqatqa and an unidentified woman from Umm Salamuna. (Maannews 19 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently suppressed a peaceful march organized in Bethlehem to the south of West Bank demanding the return of slain Palestinians' bodies held in Israeli morgues. The march came in coincidence with a court hearing held in the Israeli Supreme Court in occupied Jerusalem to decide over the appeals submitted by the dead Palestinians' families. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained at predawn Wael Amjad al-Khatib and Mohamed Jamal al-Azza from Bethlehem Governorate. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wael Amjad Al Khateeb from Beit Jala city in Bethlehem Governorate after raiding his house. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Jamal Al Azza from Bethlehem city after raiding his house. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) uprooted a number of trees planted by the Environment Quality Authority, the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network and Laje' center yesterday in the Aida refugee camp north of Bethlehem, in commemoration of the National Day for the Palestinian Environment. (PALINFO 22 March 2017).
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) sentenced a Palestinian MP and other detainees to administrative prison-terms, with neither charge nor trial. The IOA issued a renewable four-month sentence against MP Anwar Zaboun, incarcerated since early March 2017. The IOA further slapped administrative terms against four Palestinian prisoners from Bethlehem. Ghassan Hirmas, Khaled Dhweib, and Hassan Wardian were all sentenced to a four-month term while the fourth detainee, Mahmoud Ayad, received a six-month sentence. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- In the town of Beit Sahour east of Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a Palestinian home and interrogated the family, without detaining anyone. The Israeli Occupation Army raided Beit Sahour at 3:15 a.m. and surrounded the three-floor building, where Issam Qumsiyeh, 57, his brother Sami, 60, and their two families live. The Qumsiyeh family said they woke up to the sound of explosions and discovered Israeli forces blasting open the exterior door to the building. Dozens of soldiers broke into the house, forcing both families into one room where they were thoroughly interrogated, while the building was being searched and ransacked. Israeli forces also cut off the telephone and the internet during the half-hour raid. Members of the family told Ma'an that "soldiers had a map (of the building) and knew detailed information

about the family, as if the interrogation was only to confirmation what they already knew.” (Maannews 23 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem and detained Muhammad Jamal al-Azza in Bethlehem city and Wael Amjad al-Khatib in the neighboring town of Beit Jala, which was confirmed by the Israeli army. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- Three Palestinians were detained in the village of al-Rashayida south of Bethlehem. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) installed surveillance cameras on the bypass road passing through Za'tara village lands , on the entrance of Tequ village. (WAFa 23 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the Palestinian ex-detainee Usaid al-Werdiyan, 23, from Bethlehem, while passing through a makeshift barrier. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- In Bethlehem, in the southern occupied West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Kidnapped five Palestinian young men in a predawn raid on the city. The list of detainees included Mohamed Mo'men Khalaf, his cousin Mohamed Ma'moun, and Ibrahim Hamamra, all kidnapped from their family homes in Husan village, west of Bethlehem. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- The 27-year-old Palestinian youth Assid al-Wardian, from Bethlehem, was transferred to administrative detention, with neither charge nor trial, just a couple of days after he was arrested by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have re-commenced construction works of the Separation Wall in the part close to Bethlehem Arab Society Hospital for Rehabilitation in Beit Jala town, west of Bethlehem governorate. It is a four-meter-high barbed wire. completing the Separation Wall in Bethlehem means that the lands of Beir Ouneh and Wadi Ahmad areas northwest of Beit Jala are now completely isolated. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- A housing project planned in the settlement of Efrat southwest of Bethlehem city which is planned to include 50 residential units. The project was organized by settlers of Beitar Illit settlement themselves, who commissioned a contractor to build the 50 housing units. The settlers have already invested hundreds of thousands of shekels each into the project and obtained building permits. (INN 27 March 2017)
- In the Bethlehem Governorate, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians from Beit Fajjar village in the southern Bethlehem Governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Alaa Muhammad Taqatqa, Issam Muhammad

Taqatqa, Munir Muhammad Taqatqa, Fayiz Ali Derayya, Yahya Hani Jadu, and Alaa Muhammad Hreimi. (Maannews 28 March 2017)

- An Israeli company, named Giv'at Ya'el, is trying to seize land in the village of Walaja, northwest of Bethlehem. The company, and under the protection of the Israeli occupation Army (IOA), accompanied by employees of the absentee property of Beit El and Etzion, as well as the director of the Israeli Tabo, raided Al-Ruwaisat Mountain, which includes the areas of Al-Sarj and Khallet An Nafla east and began to place border marks to seize the land in the area, with an area of 618 dunums. (WAFA 28 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) continued to impose road closures on a main road in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem for the fifth day in a row, blockading a route used every day by thousands of commuters from four Palestinian villages. Five days ago, Israeli forces placed rocks and dirt mounds in the middle of a road near the village of al-Khader. The road serves as a main route between the city of Bethlehem and the villages of Husan, Battir, Nahhalin, and Wadi Fukin. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian-owned home in Khallet al-Nahleh, southeast of Bethlehem, that was still in the building stage. The three storey demolished house belonged to Nabhan Nasrallah and the army claimed it was built without a permit. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Talal Issa Al 'Oumor and Jameel Issa Al 'Omour in Tequ village southeast of Bethlehem city. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- In Tequ village, in the southeastern part of Bethlehem city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Awadallah al-Umour and Wael Ideis.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained the 30-year-old Moussa Muhammad Abd al-Rabbu, a former prisoner who was released from Israeli custody three months ago. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- An Israeli special force arrested a Palestinian youth and assaulted his brother in downtown Bethlehem. An undercover Israeli force, accompanied by a number of military vehicles, stormed al-Halal market in Bethlehem, arrested Firas Nawawra, 34, and severely assaulted his brother Hasan who was transferred to hospital after sustaining several injuries and bruises. Following the raid, confrontations broke out between Palestinian youths and the Israeli occupation soldiers who opened fire in the air and threw tear gas canisters at the citizens. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers leveled 15 dunums (approximately 2.9 acres) of privately-owned Palestinian land in the Khallet Al

Quton area in Artas village southeast of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank owned by Ahmad Abu Srouf, 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)

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- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Ya'bad village south of Jenin city after raiding their homes. The three were identified as Fares Abu Baker (17 Years), Yousif Qusai Amarneh (18 Years) and Hazem Muhammad Salem Amarneh (19 Years). The IOA also attacked a young Palestinian citizen, Hadi Nour Ad Din Amarneh, causing injuries. (Safa 1 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into Ya'bod village, south of Jenin. They raided and searched several houses and then arrested 3 civilians, including a child, namely Mohammed Fares Abu Baker (17), Yusuf Qusai 'Amarnah (19) and Hazem Mohammed Salem 'Amarnah (19). They also attacked and beat Hadi Nour Eden 'Amarnah (19), causing him bruises throughout his body. (PCHRGAZA 01 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Muthalath Ash Shuhada coffee shop south of Jenin city and confiscated surveillance cameras from the place. The coffee shop is owned by Hnaysha family (Shasha 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at Jenin's southern entrance near Bir Al Jmal, stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinian ID cards. No arrests were reported. (Shasha 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Ya'bud village, south of Jenin. They raided and searched several houses and then arrested Mohammed Mahmud Khalid 'Amarnah (20). The IOA withdrew taking him to an unknown destination. (PCHRGAZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Qabatyia Town south of Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as Nael Kameil and Zakariya Zakarneh. (SAFA 4 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Ya'bud village, southwest of Jenin. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested Yusuf

Mahmud 'Amarnah (18). The IOA later withdrew taking him to an unknown destination. (PCHRGAZA 04 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Um al-Raihan village, southwest of Jenin. They raided and searched several houses and then arrested 4 civilians, including 2 brothers, namely Saleh Mohammed Manasrah (43), his brother Jeha (45), Na'el Muhannad Manasrah (24) and Husam Jamal al-Khatib (28). (PCHRGAZA 04 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) declared the bypass road connecting Jenin city with villages in the north as closed military area and intensified its existence in the area. The IOA also set up checkpoints, mainly near Haddad resort, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked Palestinian ID cards. (Wafa 4 January 2017)
- A number of Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al Almaniya neighborhood in Jenin city. The IOA set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the neighborhood which caused tension in the area. During the clashes, the IOA attacked a Palestinian journalist, Mathna Ad Deik. (Wafa 4 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint between Al Mughayyer and Al Mutallah villages east of Jenin city and obstructed Palestinian vehicular movement. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and interrogated Palestinians. No arrests were reported. (Wafa 06 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Silat Al Harthiyah, Kafr Dan, Tiniik and Al Yamoun villages in Jenin Governorate and carried out thorough search in the aforementioned villages. No arrests were reported. (Wafa 07 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) Raided jaba' village in Jenin Governorate and arrested a number of Palestinians. The arrestees were identified as: Nazeeh Abu Owen and his son Islam, Basel GHannam. Ziyad Alawneh, Radwan Fashafsha, Said Wajeeh Abu Owen, Imad Kan'an, Ahmad Nemer Malaysha and Ashraf Hasan Malaysha. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- A 16-year-old Palestinian detainee (Said Khanfar) has had to undergo a below-the-knee amputation, due to a severe injuries he sustained after an Israeli jeep hit him at an Israeli military checkpoint in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Jenin last week. The teen was with three of his friends riding a Vespa motorcycle when they were apprehended by Israeli forces for allegedly planning a vehicular attack on soldiers on Jan. 3, and were injured after an Israeli jeep hit them. The accident occurred at a so-called "flying checkpoint" -- a non-temporary Israeli military checkpoint -- that had been set up between the city of

Jenin and the al-Jalama checkpoint, which Palestinians use to cross into Israel from the northern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 11 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Maythaloun village south of Jenin village and arrested a Palestinian. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Barta'a village southwest of Jenin city and bulldozers demolished a chicken-barracks owned by Husam Abdullah Qabha and notified him to demolish another barrack he owns in the village under the pretext of unlicensed building. Qabha was given a time period of ten day to remove the barracks otherwise, it will demolished. The IOA also demolished an industrial facility owned by Warrad Ma'rouf Qabha under the pretext of unlicensed building. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at the entrance of Zabuba village west of Jenin city and obstructed Palestinian vehicular movement. The IOA detained tens of Palestinian cars, check ID cards and interrogated some Palestinians under the pretext of hurling stones at Israeli Military Jeeps. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Authorities renewed the administrative detention for the second time (three more months) of Prisoner Abdel Salam Jamal Abu Al Haija from Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank. (SAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a number of checkpoints in villages east of Jenin city, mainly Deir Ghazala, Beit Qad, Jalqamous, Deir Abu Da'if, Um At Tut, and Qabatyia town, and carried out thorough searched to Palestinian vehicles driving the road. No arrests were reported. (WAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the home of Muhammad As Sa'di from Jenin city and arrested his son Noor. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the home of Hamza As Sa'di from Jenin city and arrested him after searching house contents. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the industrial area of Barta'a village east of Jenin city and confiscated 6 Palestinian vehicles belonging to Palestinians in the village. The IOA gave no justification to the confiscation process. (SAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 5 Palestinians from Jenin Governorate. The arrestees were identified as Ahmad Damanhuri Kameel, Muhamamd Malek Kameel, Muhamamd Khaled Kameel, Jaser Tayseer Kameel and Rambo Ghassan Alawneh. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mujahed Adel Yaseen from Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 18 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Quteiba Rateb Ar Rifa'I (28 Years) from Rummana Village west of Jenin city north of the West Bank while crossing a flying checkpoint that was set up near Tinnik village. The IOA searched his vehicle and transferred him to unknown location. (SAFA 18 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Quteiba Rateb Ar Rifa'I (28 Years) from Rummana Village west of Jenin city north of the West Bank while crossing a flying checkpoint that was set up near Tinnik village. The IOA searched his vehicle and transferred him to unknown location. (SAFA 18 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Abu Arra family house in the Jenin-area village of Aqaba, detaining one and interrogating others, including former prisoner Sheikh Mustafa Abu Arra and his son Zaid Abu Arra. The detainee was reported to be Omar Walid Abu Arra. (Maannews 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Rummana village in Jenin Governorate. The two arrestees were identified as Muhamamd Younis Sbeihat (23 Years); he was arrested while trying to cross Barta'a military checkpoint; and Allam Bilal Nayef Jarban (29 Years). He was arrested after the IOA raided his workplace inside the 1948 lands. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several homes and questioned their inhabitants in Arraba town in Jenin Governorate. The raided homes belong to Raed Abu Ghalboush, Abdel Majeed Shebani, Ibrahim Dahbour, Hani Abu Sara, and Muhammad Raouf Hamdan. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Abdel Kareem Azem (29 Years) near Arraba junction south of Jenin city and detained his cousin Azzam Mustafa Azem for some hours before releasing him few hours later. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the southern Jenin city entrance. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinian ID cards. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Taher Jamal Kamil in the town of Qabatiya in the Jenin district. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two former Palestinian prisoners in the Jenin district, identified as Saddam Muhammad Yassin from Anin village and Ismail al-Kilani from the village of Yaabad. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- In Jenin, former prisoners and brothers Muhammad and Ahmad Abu Khalifa were detained from the Jenin refugee camp by the Israeli Occupation army. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Amro Nayif Jarar from al-Hashimiya village in Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 26 January 2017)

- Four Palestinians were injured and beaten by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) during a raid in the Jenin refugee camp in the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin in the predawn hours. Clashes erupted after more than 20 Israeli military vehicles raided the Jenin refugee camp just before dawn. Three youths were injured with rubber-coated steel bullets. Muhammad Lamiya Dbaya was injured in the leg while Ishaq Rafiq Abu Shahla and Malek Muhammad Amer were injured in the chest. Israeli soldiers also assaulted Amer Nashat Marie, 19, during clashes. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- A Palestinian was killed and five others were injured when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Jenin refugee camp in the northern occupied West Bank and confronted with Palestinians. The IOA opened fire at Palestinians and fired tear Gas and sound bombs at them. (WAFA 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Jenin city and confiscated records of Surveillance cameras from a number of commercial shops in Dahiyat Sabah Al Khair (Sabah Al Khair outskirts) and the industrial area in the city. The IOA also set up a sudden checkpoint at An Nasera street near Alwaha supermarket near Sabah Al Khair outskirts, searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (WAFA 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Arrana village northeast of Jenin city after raiding his family house and searching it. The arrestee was identified as Wael Azmi Abu Hannana (23 years). (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Taxi driver from Jenin Refugee camp while trying to cross a sudden checkpoint that was set up by the IOA near Jenin-Nablus road. The detainee was identified as Waleed Ahmad As Sa'di (40 Years). (SAFA 30 January 2017)
- An Israeli military court sentenced a 16-year-old Palestinian girl to a year and a half in prison for allegedly [attempting to stab an Israeli soldier](#) last year at a checkpoint in the northern occupied West Bank. Amal Jamal Qabha, from the village of Tura in the West Bank district of Jenin, was also fined \$5,300. (Maannews 31 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Abu Ubeida Mosque area in Kafr Saba neighborhood in Jenin city and stormed the house of Ahmad Al Barsh (23 Years), searched it and assaulted family members before arresting their son. (SAFA 31 January 2017)

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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Imad Sadeq Nawahda from Al Yamun village in Jenin Governorate, searched it and questioned its owners. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Amro Ahmad Masri, 24, and Salah Yasin Ghanam, 23, from the village of Aqqaba allegedly that the two were alleged Hamas operatives. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Omar Husni Ghawadra in the Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided At Tayba village west of Jenin city, stormed a number of Palestinian shops in the village and questioned shop owners. The IOA detained a number of Palestinians in the area for few hours, checked their ID cards and questioned them. (Wafa 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Rummana and Anin villages west of Jenin. No clashes or arrests were reported. (Wafa 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Abd al-Samad Shawahna from his workplace in the Israeli city of Ashkelon for lacking a work permit to enter Israel. Shawahna was a resident of Silat al-Harithiya village in the northernmost West Bank Governorate of Jenin. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli planes dropped suspicious objects in Al Fawara area in Jaba' village south of Jenin Governorate in the southern West Bank area. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Haitham Ahmad Assaf (30 Years) from Qabatya town south of Jenin city north of the occupied West Bank and took him to unknown destination. (SAFA 8 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded Ya'bad village southwest of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, violently searched homes, and distributed leaflets threatening severe measures and punishment. The soldiers invaded many neighborhoods in the town, before storming and searching several homes. The soldiers interrogated many Palestinians in their homes, including the families of two detainees identified as Qais 'Amarna and Ahmad Turkman, in addition to the homes of Yacoub Taher, Awad Herzallah and Hazem Jalal Hamdan. Furthermore, the soldiers interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cars, and distributed leaflets on the residents, threatening harsh measures and punishment against the entire village "should youngsters continue to hurl stones at army vehicles and settlers' cars, driving nearby.(IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmad Fayez Sa'adi from Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, after the soldiers invaded and searched several homes. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian in the Jenin refugee camp and was identified as Ahmad Fayez Saadi. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Fahma village south of Jenin city after raiding his family home and took him to unknown destination. The arrestee was identified as Muneer Khamees Al Batran (30Years). (Wafa 10 February 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed the evacuated “Tarsala” outpost to the south of Jenin under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces (IOF). The settlers broke into an ancient mosque in the site and remained there for a few hours where they offered Talmudic rituals in blatant provocation to the local residents. (PALINFO 11 February 2017)
- The IOA soldiers interrogated Palestinians at the entrance of Kafr Dan town to the west of Jenin. Israeli military vehicles, stationed at Haifa Street at the junction of Kafr Dan town in Jenin, stopped Palestinians’ cars and questioned them after checking their IDs. Israeli soldiers were deployed on the road and questioned shop owners in the area. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- In Jenin, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Faqqou’a village, east of the city, and abducted a teacher and a documentary director, identified as Abdullah Ali Enkheili, 28. The IOA also confiscated mobile phones, and Abdullah’s personal computer. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- In Jenin city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Zibda village, southwest of the city, and summoned owners of several stores and a car wash facility owned by citizen Murad Amarneh, for interrogation at the Salem military base. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) interrogated the owner of a car wash in Zibda village to the west of Jenin city, and handed him a summon to appear before the Israeli intelligence in Salem army camp. The IOA raided the car wash and interrogated its owner, Murad Amarneh, before handing him the summons. A number of Palestinian citizens were interrogated by Israeli intelligence officers in the field inside their shops before the Israeli force withdrew from the village without arresting anyone. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian youngster after breaking into Barta’a village, southwest of Jenin to the north of West Bank. The arrestee was identified as Youssef Qubaha, 27. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) threatened Palestinian natives of Jenin’s western village of Zabouba, in the northern West Bank, with collective punishment. The IOA pitched a military checkpoint on the Jenin-Haifa road, near

the main entrance to Zabouba, and subjected Palestinian civilians to exhaustive interrogation before they threatened to enforce harsh penalties in case anti-occupation stone-throwing attacks and protests are spotted in the area. The Israeli military Army further threatened to tighten the noose around Zabouba, to slap a tough military cordon, and to rescind work permits if anti-occupation protesters show up near the apartheid fence. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian activist who earlier served time in Israeli jails, after breaking into Rummana village, west of Jenin, and brutally attacked another man who was in the scene at that time. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- One Palestinian, Saleh Abu Zeina, was arrested from Jenin refugee camp after raiding his family house and searching it. Several other houses in the camp were also raided and searched by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- A The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jenin's western village of Kafr Qud in the northern West Bank, and summoned Mahmoud Walid Ateiq to questioning, after they broke into his family home. Israeli army squads have, meanwhile, been spotted across the Nazareth Street and on the Jenin-Haifa thoroughfare. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Journalist Khaled Muhammad Bushnaq, 39, from Rummana village in Jenin Governorate and forced him to take off his clothes. (WAFA 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the northernmost West Bank Governorate of Jenin, identifying them as Majdi Abu al-Haija and Saleh Abu Zina from the Jenin refugee camp, Muhammad Hardan from the city of Jenin, and Mahdi Bushnaq, 42, from the village of Rummana after raiding his house and destroying contents. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) searched a number of Palestinian houses in the eastern neighborhoods of Ya'bad village south of Jenin Governorate. Among the searched houses, the house of a former Palestinian prisoner, Imad Rajeh Asfour, was identified. (ARN 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the city of Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank and detained former Palestinian prisoner, 43-year-old Zakariya Ammar, after raiding his house. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) withdrew commercial permits for travel to Israel from 110 Palestinian businessmen from Jenin province in the West Bank. An Israeli officer from the Israeli army's civil administration took away permits issued especially for commercial purposes from citizens on allegations they were not businessmen or merchants. The measure comes as part of the Israeli

restrictions on the lives and livelihoods of the Palestinian families in the occupied West Bank. (PALINFO, SAFA 23 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jenin's southern town of Qabatiya and cordoned off residential neighborhoods before they rounded up four Palestinian youths, in their early 20s. The four were identified as: Ihab al-Najma, Wael Zakarna, Mohamed Kmeil, and Ahmed Abu al-Rub. The IOA rummaged into the detainees' family homes before they dragged them to an unidentified destination. At predawn time, Israeli troops sealed off the main access roads to the town with flying checkpoints. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli soldiers and policemen stormed Bartaa's market, to the west of the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, and ravaged Palestinian commercial shops. The Israeli soldiers kidnapped the Palestinian citizen Mohamed Makhzoumi after they wreaked havoc on his shop and seized all the commodities. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- A number of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba' village south of Jenin city. The IOA raided the village and stormed the Pharmacy shop of Abu Baker family and searched it. The IOA fired live bullets at Palestinians, stopped Palestinian vehicles and detained the ID card of Mahmoud Hmour and his brother Murad after questioning them. (Wafa 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Jenin refugee camp and arrested Citizen Ahmad Al Amer. (Wafa 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned three Palestinians for interrogation at Salem Militray Camp. The three Palestinians were identified as Muhamamd Farouq Abed, Zaki Saleh Mir'I and Ahmad Alabed Al Jabbar Salah from Kafr Dan village in Jenin Governorate. (Wafa 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into civilian homes in the nearby Kafr Dan village and summoned civilians to interrogation. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish more than 14 stables (Bastas) near Al Jalameh checkpoint, alongside Jenin-An Nasera road, in Jenin Governorate, under the pretext of establishing them without licenses. (Wafa 28 February 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Sheikh Izzuddin Amarneh in Ya'bad town west of Jenin. No arrests were made. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Muhammad Fadeel Zaghal in Zabuba village in Jenin Governorate and messed with house contents. (WAFA 28 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Izz Ad Din Amarneh from Ya'bad village and questioned him. (WAFA 28 February 2017)

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- In Jenin, several Palestinian citizens suffered from inhaling tear gas during clashes with Israeli soldiers in Zabuba town. Soldiers were also deployed near Rummanah village. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- A large number of Jewish settlers stormed the evacuated site of Tersella outpost south of Jenin city in the occupied West Bank and desecrated an old mosque. Dozens of settlers rallied at the site as a military helicopter dropped soldiers in a nearby area located close to Juba town. Israeli patrol vehicles were also deployed at the main entrance leading to the abandoned outpost during the presence of settlers there. Settlers broke into an old mosque at the site and occupied its rooftop, where they provocatively performed rituals. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- Heavily-armed Israeli occupation troops have been deployed around Jenin Governorate, in the northern West Bank at daybreak. The IOA patrols sealed off the Nazareth Street, between Jenin and al-Jalama crossroads, with a military checkpoint at the crack of dawn and subjected Palestinian workers to intensive questioning. Other Israeli military squads showed up on the Jenin-Haifa thoroughfare, near the main entrance of Rumana and Zabouba towns. A military checkpoint was set up in the area, where Palestinian vehicles and passers-by have been subjected to exhaustive inspection. The IOA further raked through Palestinian lands and olive groves located between al-Erka town and the access road to Shaked illegal settlement outpost. (PALINFO 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) provocatively patrolled in the streets of Zabuba And Al Yamun villages west of Jenin city; No arrests were reported. (WAFA 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) subjected Palestinian civilians at a military checkpoint in western Jenin to exhaustive questioning. The IOA deployed on Haifa Road, at Kafr Dan crossroads, stopped Palestinian citizens and subjected them to intensive questioning. Palestinian vehicles and civilians lined up in streets as the IOF blocked their access to their homes and workplaces via the checkpoint. (PALINFO 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities have been seizing the press pass, laptop, and money owned by the Palestinian journalist Khaled Maali for the fourth month.

Salem military court ruled that he be released on condition that he shell out a 7,000-shekel bail and hand over his personal laptop and private international press card. (PALINFO 5 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested an-ex Palestinian Prisoner from Silat Al Harthiya village west of Jenin city after raiding his house and searching it. The arrestee was identified as Fares Husni Shawahna, 37. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- In Jenin Refugee camp, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses and caused destruction to contents and arrested Hamza Nael Ammar, 32, and Kifah Abu 'Ali Aloub, 21. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested a number of Palestinians in Bartaa village in Jenin Governorate after raiding their houses. The list of Barta'a arrestees included Mootassem Qubha, Mu'nis Qubha, Muhammad Al Haj Said Qabha, the brothers Hamed and Maher and Mujahed Jameel Qubha. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) cracked down on the Palestinian residents and subjected dozens to exhaustive interrogation after raiding their houses in Bartaa village in Jenin Governorate. The raided houses belong to Dirar Ibrahim Qabha, Muhamamd Ibrahim Qabha, Younis Ibrahim Qabha, Kamal Abed Hussein Qabha, Abdel Qader Jad Sabri, Nafe' Al Haj Ahmad Qabha AND Ahmad Al Haj Said. (WAFA 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian car owned by Tareq Al Inzawi in Jenin city after raiding a car-repair shop in the German neighborhood in the city. (WAFA 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ali Salih Hithnawi in Qabatia town in Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped two young men from Rummana village west of Jenin city in the West Bank. Israeli soldiers rounded up Mohamed Ammour and Ahmed Subaihat during their attempt to enter the 1948 occupied lands to look for jobs. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The 22-year-old university student Ahmad Ezzedine Amarna, from Jenin's southwestern town of Yabad, was also kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at a military checkpoint pitched on Nablus-Tulkarem road. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- Several Palestinian homes sustained damage in Anin village, west of Jenin, when Israeli soldiers opened fire at them with no reason. Israeli soldiers guarding the segregation wall intensively opened fire at nearby homes, causing damage to them. Such gunfire attacks happened repeatedly during the past few days in the village spreading fear among the inhabitants, especially since the separation wall is encircling a big number of the village lands. (PLAINFO 11 March 2017)

- Wild pigs attacked an animal farm in Al Yamun village west of Jenin city. The targeted property is owned by citizen Mahmoud Az Zu'bi. Several chickens and sheep were killed as a result. (SAFA 11 March 2017)
- A series of Israeli military checkpoints were pitched by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) on the Jenin-Haifa access road, where Palestinian civilians and vehicles have been subjected to intensive inspection. The IOA raked through Palestinian cultivated lands in Sahl Bin Amer. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Israeli raids were carried out at dawn today in Qabatia town, south of Jenin, where a Palestinian young man was arrested from his family home. Israeli soldiers were deployed in large numbers throughout the town and erected a number of checkpoints. They also arrested the young man Maher Zakarneh after breaking into and violently searching his house. (PALINFO 13 March 2017)
- During raids to the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Jenin, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Qabatyia town and searched the houses of Abu Ar Rob, Saba'nah and Zakarneh families and searched them. The IOA detained the 19-year-old Khalid Muhammad Sabaanah and his 28-year-old brother Amin in the town of Qabatiya during a raid to uncover unlicensed weapons and another Palestinian from Zakarneh family. The IOA also questioned a number of civilians in the town, of which the following was known, Odai Kameel. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- In the village of Rummana village north of Jenin, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 45-year-old Ahmad Fayyad Bushnaq and his 38-year-old brother Hussam Fayyad Bushnaq -- both former prisoners -- after their homes were raided. The IOA also prevented Rummana villagers from heading to their workplaces after declaring the village a closed military zone. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- In Jenin, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Silat Dahar village, south of Jenin city, and arrested a youngster at a make-shift checkpoint erected at the entrance to the town. The youngster was detained after IO soldiers stopped his car at the checkpoint and took him to unknown investigation center. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- In Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Omar Ghalib Abu Bakir and his brother Jamal. (Maannews 19 March 2017)
- A Palestinian young man identified as Hassan Abu Ein was kidnapped by the Israeli forces from the Jalama crossing on his way to visit his brother in the Israeli Megiddo jail. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- Heavily-armed Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) troops cordoned off the Jalama crossing overnight and raked through the bypass road and the Nazareth Street,

before they sealed off the area with makeshift checkpoints. Violent clashes burst out with Palestinian protesters in the process. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)

- A Palestinian was detained in the northern occupied West Bank for allegedly throwing an explosive device near the al-Jalama checkpoint in the Governorate of Jenin. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Jenin refugee camp and arrested citizen Fathi Zeidan Khazem, 22. The IOA also raided the houses of Amin Zeidan Khazem and Fathi Zeidan Abu Ra'd and messed with house contents. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Muhammad Badr Barahma from Anza village south of Jenin city. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Mahmoud Saleh Shreim from Jenin city at al Jalameh checkpoint. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in Jenin's western village of Arqa, in the northern occupied West Bank, in favor of illegal settlement expansion. A number of Israeli bulldozers razed Palestinian lands in Arqa village in an attempt to expand Shaked illegal settlement. A new road is expected to be built in the area so as to smooth settlers' access to Shaked's industrial zone. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- In Jenin, the northernmost Governorate of the West Bank, two detentions were reported in al-Zababida, one in Anza, and another in the Jenin refugee camp. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up ambushes across Jenin Governorate and a checkpoint on the Jenin-Haifa access road, near the main entrance to Zabouba village, where Palestinian drivers have been made to endure intensive questioning. The campaign culminated in the abduction of 14-year-old minor Jamal al-Ghoul from Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Palestinian lawmaker Ibrahim Dahbour, at a roadblock near Arraba village, southwest of Jenin city in the West Bank. The IOA rounded up Dahbour at a makeshift checkpoint on a road near Arraba and confiscated the car he was driving. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) were deployed in the vicinity of the Arab American University east of Jenin. The IO soldiers stopped passing by Palestinians and checked their IDs. The IOA in several military vehicles, closed the road leading to the university dormitories area and erected a barrier in the place. The soldiers were deployed on another road leading to the towns of al-Mughayyer, Jalqammous and Raba east of Jenin. Checkpoints were also set up in that road. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)

- Clashes burst out after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Shuhadaa Triangle near the southern entrance to Jenin Governorate, in the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli army patrols further raked through al-Jabriyat area, in Jenin, and cordoned off Nazareth Street leading to al-Jalama crossing. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- In northernmost Governorate of Jenin, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rami Hisham Abu Farha, Manaf Ahmad Abu Farha, and Tariq Khalil Shaaban. An Israeli army spokesperson confirmed three Palestinians were detained in Jenin, saying the detentions were carried out in the village of al-Jalama, located along the northern edge of the district near the border with Israel. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) rolled into al-Jalamah in Jenin Governorate at around 3 a.m. and wreaked havoc on Palestinian civilian homes before they kidnapped three Palestinians, two among whom aged 21 and the third in his early 30s. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Water Well Drilling Rig while on duty in Deir Abu Daif village east of Jenin city. The rig is owned by Mustafa Hussein Yaseen. Citizen Yaseen was taken to a military camp near the village and detained him for a while. (WAFA 28 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Farouq Ayyad in the Jenin Governorate. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the home of Rania Wasfi, a program coordinator for the Palestinian arts organization in the Jenin refugee camp, at dawn, stayed for about 45 minutes, turning the house upside down: mattresses, sheets, clothes, even the saucepans in the kitchen were torn down from the shelves, the fridge was searched. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Clashes erupted between the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinians in the village of Jaba' in Jenin Governorate. Many Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalation as the IOA fired Tear Gas bombs at Palestinian civilians in the village. The IOA violently stormed and searched Palestinian houses, attacked civilians and destroyed houses contents. The houses of Mahmoud Aziz Fshafsha, Saif Farahat Fshafsha, Ribhi Fshafsha, Mahmoud Naser Alawneh, Ahmad Anwar Ghannam, Azzam Abu Oun, Muhammad Rajeh Ghannam, ,uha,,ad Hasan Khalilieh and the stores of Nemer Alawneh were known. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained citizen Sultan Bassam Hamdan, 31, from Jenin city after summoning him for interrogation at Salem military camp. (WAFA 29 March 2017)

- Clashes burst out after The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the northern West Bank city of Jenin and raked through residential alleys. A number of Palestinian civilians choked on teargas canisters, some among whom while indoors. The IOA showered the area with randomly-shot spates of bullet fire. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of ex-prisoner Sheikh Ezzedine Amarna in Yabad and seized his three laptops, before they attacked the inhabitants. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out between young men and The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Jaba village in Jenin Governorate after the latter broke into and ransacked homes in different neighborhoods. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched commercial stores belonging to Mahmoud Ghannam from the town. (PALINFO 30 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. Hamaresheh was questioned by IOA soldiers before leaving the village. (PALINFO 31 March 2017)

Jerusalem Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Jerusalem Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli Magistrate Court extended the arrest of the two young men Mo'ayad Bader and Nasser Obeid until 01/08/2017, and citizen Amer Zeddani until the release of his "conduct report". The judge also extended the trial of Yazan Abu Assab until 01/17/2017, till he obtains his "conduct report", and Mohammad Jouda, age 16 until the 2nd of January 2017. The Public Prosecutor submitted an indictment against the young man Yousef Falah and his detention has been extended for one more day. (SILWANIC 1 January 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Jerusalemite woman, Ms. Raeda A'layan, mother of the Jerusalemite detainee Mohammad Rabah A'layan, during her entry to visit him in Galboa' Prison; she is from Issawiya town. On the other hand the judges of the Israeli District Court postponed the judgment of Manar Majdi Shweiki until 02/02/2017; it had been scheduled to rule against the girl Shweiki, however her conduct report has not been issued. (SILWANIC 1 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army stationed at al Container checkpoint in east Jerusalem arrested citizen Hisham Fawwaz Salah (23 years) from Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city after detaining him for some time. (Wafa 1 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinian citizens in Jerusalem, namely Saleh Badr Abu Assab age 16, Adam Fadi Mustafa age 16, Husam Samih A'liyan age 16, and Amir Othman Darwish age 14. Meanwhile the IOA arrested four others from Bab Hatta neighborhood in Jerusalem Old city and were identified as: Omar Ibrahim, Nasser Ibrahim, Mohammad Abu Farha, and Mo'min Hashim. (SILWANIC 2 January 2017)
- Israeli undercover forces arrested two Palestinians from Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem and were identified as Adel Naser Daoud Mahoud (16 Years) and Sami Eid Faisal Abu Rmeilah (16 Yeras). (SILWANIC 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Bulldozers raided Bir al-Maskub area north of the Ma'ale Adumim settlement and demolished the homes of four families numbering 30 people, including 18 minors. (BTSELEM 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli municipality bulldozers demolished a house belonging to 'Amer 'Obaido in al-'Aqabah neighbourhood in Beit Haninah village, north of the city. The house was built 16 years ago and comprised of 2 floors. The first 35-square-meter floor was used as a store while the second 120-square-meter floor was used as an abode. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army accompanied with Israeli municipality crews and 2 bulldozers moved into in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina town north of occupied east Jerusalem. They surrounded a house comprised of 2 apartments belonging to 'Adnan al-Shweiki. The families of Fadi al-Faqeeh and Mohamed al-Masalmah, who rent the abovementioned apartments, were forced to vacate their apartments. Israeli bulldozers demolished the aforementioned house, which was built on an area of 300 square meters. Al-Shweiki said that the abovementioned families live in his house with a rental contract and the house demolition came without any warning. Israeli municipality issued a decision to delay the demolition until 01 January 2017, during which the family attempted to get a license for the apartments, but the Israeli forces raided the house without warning and demolished it. It should be noted that the house was built 15 years ago and during the past years Israeli municipality imposed construction fines of around NIS 335,000 that were previously paid. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
- 46 Israeli Settlers escorted by Israeli security guards raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Al Magharbeh gate and toured in the courtyard. (Wafa 4 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked citizen Ameer Uthman Darwish (14 Years) from Al Isawiya town north of Jerusalem city after arresting him from his family house. (Al Ayyam 4 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wisam Seder and Ahmad Said Aqab after raiding their homes in Jerusalem old city and Ras Al Amoud. (SAFA 4 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Al 'Abbasi and Anas Al 'Abbasi from Ras Al Amoud area in Jerusalem. The IOA also arrested citizen Obaida Al Atrash from Ras Al Amoud area. (SAFA 4 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Zayed Al Ajlouni after raiding his home in Al Isawiya town northwest of Jerusalem city. (SAFA 4 January 2017)
 - Israeli court sentenced 17-year-old Palestinian girl to eight years in prison. The girl was identified as Marah Bakir from Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem city and was sentenced under the pretext of carrying out a "terror attack" against Israeli settlers in Jerusalem city. (RB2000 4 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired at the car of Palestinian Deputy Minister of Health Asaad al-Ramlawi in the occupied West Bank district of Jerusalem. The IOA deliberately opened fire at al-Ramlawi's car as he was driving near the village of al-Ram, adding that the front windshield of his vehicle was damaged, but that the deputy minister was not injured. (Maannews 05 January 2017)
 - The judges of the Israeli court ruled three young Jerusalemites, and extended the detention of young boys and young men. The three young boys were identified as (1) Issa Abu Riala, 8 months of actual imprisonment, a fine of 3600 Shekels, and a seven month suspension for a period of 3 years.(2) Haitham Owaida, 6 months and a day of actual imprisonment, and a six month suspension for a period of 3 years for the accusation of inciting against Israel via "Facebook"; and (3) Mohammad Abu Sbeih, a hundred days of actual imprisonment, a fine of 3600 Shekels, and a five month suspension for a period of 3 years. He was released after he served his sentence. (SILWANIC 05 January 2017)
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- The judges of the Israeli court extended the arrests of Mohammad Qasem and A'areen Za'aneen until 01/06/2017, Iyad Al Shalabi until 01/15/2017, Mohammad

Abu Khdeir and Salam Abeid until 01/09/2017, Iyad Eiseleh until 01/29/2017, Raeda Al Atrash until 01/06/2017, Ahmad Darweish until 01/08/2017, Ameen Hamed until 01/12/2017, Muath Abd Rabbo 02/16/2017 “witnesses heard”, Ahmad A’ashayer until 01/17/2017, Yousef Falah until 02/01/2017 (A deal was made with the public prosecutors to sentence him for four months for the accusation of throwing stones), Amani Hasheem until 02/06/2017, Akram Mustafa until 01/08/2017 “witnesses heard”, Anas Mohammad Al Abassi age 22 and Mohammad Saari Al Abassi age 24 until 01/05/2017. (SILWANIC 05 January 2017)

- The Israeli intelligence summoned Saari Al Abbasi, age 55, and his son Hamza Saari Al Abassi, age 21, and their final extension has been for tomorrow. (SILWANIC 05 January 2017)
- The judges of the Israeli court extended the arrest of Mohammed Ja’bari until 03/09/2017, Mo’ayad Abu Mayala and Majd Al A’war until 01/17/2017, Mousa Abu Ghanam until 01/15/2017, Mu’tasem Habeeb and Yousef Abu Sneineh until 02/26/2017, Sami Eid Abu Rmeileh and Adel Mahmoud until 01/08/2017, Mohammad Al Masri until 03/01/2017, Waseem Dari until 05/03/2017, Majd Mustafa until 01/10/2017, Mohammad A’sho until 01/29/2017, Yaqoub Al Qawasmi until 02/20/2017, Mohammad Jawdeh until 01/19/2017, and Mo’men Al Dibs until 01/22/2017 “for his conduct report”. (SILWANIC 05 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished the two- storey home of Amer Abido in Wadi Ad Dam neighborhood in Beit Hanina town north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of unliced building. The home’s area is 160 square meters and was shelter for 8 people. (Wafa 05 January 2017)
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem issued a decision to demolish the house of Issa Ja’afra (family of eight members) in the “Bridge” district in Silwan village, under the pretext of building without a permit. The municipal crews asked him to demolish his home himself for not paying the charges for the demolition crews, which could reach 40 thousand Shekels. (SILWANIC 05 January 2017)
- El ‘Ad settlers organization took over a two-storey building in Silwan town south of Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city owned by citizen Hani Sarhan. Each floor is 70 square meters area. (SILWANIC 08 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers resumed their incursions to Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi Gate) under the cover of the Israeli security forces and tried to carry out Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 08 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and School students at the main entrance of Ar Ram town north of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired Tear

Gas Bombs at Palestinian students which resulted in tens of Palestinians suffering from Gas Inhalation. (Wafa 08 January 2017). (Wafa 08 January 2017).

- Israeli soldiers and Israeli intelligence units stormed the home of martyr Fadi Al Qunber in “Qunber Street” in Jabal Al Mukaber village. They surrounded his house completely and prevented relatives from reaching it except the ones who were summoned. They also prevented the neighbors from passing through to their homes. The family of the martyr Al Qunber explained that Israeli soldiers arrested Tahani Al Qunber, age 21, the martyr’s wife, Manwa Al Qunber, age 63, the martyr’s mother, Ahmad Al Qunber, age 85, the martyr’s father, his brother Mohammad, age 30, and Munther Al Qunber, age 22. The martyr’s sisters were summoned after interrogating them at home and were called upon to the Mascobia police station in West Jerusalem. The Israeli soldiers searched the home of the martyr and his brothers who were his neighbors, and deliberately vandalized its contents. Martyr Fadi, was a father of four children, the eldest is 7 years old and the youngest is an infant, and they are: Izz, Jana, Ghazal, and Mohammad. (SILWANIC 08 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinians at Biddu village main Road northwest of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired Sound and Tear Gas Bombs at Palestinians and closed the main road in an attempt to disperse Palestinian protestors. (Wafa 08 January 2017).
- Israeli police raided East Jerusalem Jabel Mukaber neighborhood of East Jerusalem and barred the family of Martyr fadi Qunber from putting up a traditional Muslim mourning tent to receive visitors paying condolence calls. Police used concrete slabs to block entrances to the neighborhood, and a police officer checked each car driven out of the area. ([Haaretz](#) 09 January 2017)
- The Ofer military court sentenced a Palestinian man to two life sentences. The Palestinian was identified as Muhammad Husni Abu Shahin, a resident of the Qalandiya refugee camp in the central occupied West Bank. The court also imposed a 3.5 million-shekel (\$908,955) fine on Abu Shahin. (Maannews 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli regional committee for building and planning affiliated to the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will discuss tomorrow the ratification of 390 settlement units in two Israeli settlements in occupied East Jerusalem. 170 settlement units to be built in the settlement of Ramat Shlomo, 220 others in the settlement of Ramot in addition to ratifying the building of a Synagogue and a kindergarten in the same settlement. (Wafa 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian homes in Hizma village northeast of occupied East Jerusalem and took photos of family

members. The IOA also checked the phones of a number of Palestinians especially those aging 11 and above. (WAFA 11 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped Palestinian vehicles (cars and buses) near Ar Rashidiyah school in the old city of Jerusalem, carried out provocative searches and checked ID cards. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the entrance of Ar Ram town north of Jerusalem city. Several Palestinians suffered gas inhalation as the IOA fired Tear-Gas and sound bombs at Palestinians to disperse them. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Jabal al-Mukabbir neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem to deliver warrants notifying relatives of Martyr Fadi al-Qunbar that their Jerusalem residency status would be punitively revoked. The IOA raided their home to deliver the revocation orders to some of the relatives, locking the family inside one room throughout the raid. Fadi's mother Minwa al-Qunbar has held a Jerusalem ID for years after she was granted legal status under Israel's Family Reunification Law. Suha al-Qunbar's Jerusalem residency was also ordered to be revoked, while Israeli authorities cancelled applications for her husband Murad Eqsat and their two children, aged 11 and 17, to become residents under reunification. Fadi al-Qunbar's nephew 21-year-old Diyaa Eweisat, the son of Fadi's sister Hind, was delivered a warrant notifying that his reunification application was cancelled. Fadi's sister-in-law Manal al-Qunbar received an order cancelling her application to gain legal status in Jerusalem under reunification with her husband Sami al-Qunbar. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- Minister of the Interior Aryeh Deri has decided to revoke the permanent resident status of 13 members of relatives of Martyr Fadi Al-Qunbar's in Jabal Al Mukkabir Town in occupied East Jerusalem, including his mother, following consultations with the Shin Bet and the Immigration Authority. ([Ynetnews](#) 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers raided Al Qanabra neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukkabir town in occupied East Jerusalem and stormed the home of Martyr Fadi Al Qunbar . As a result, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA in the town. (SAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen near Bab Al Amoud (Damascus Gate) and took him to the one of the detention centers in the city. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three minors in Jabal al-Mukabbir town in occupied East Jerusalem, identifying them as Usama Uweisat, 12, his brother Bassim, 14, and their cousin Muhammad, 14. According to a statement

from Israeli police, the three were detained and interrogated on suspicion of throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli police in Jabal al-Mukabbir, with no injuries reported. (Maannews 11 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided As Sa'diya neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem, raided the house of Abdel salam Abu Ghazaleh, father of Martyr Thaer Abu Ghazaleh, messed with house contents, arrested him and took him to Al Qeshla detention center in Jerusalem. (SAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) delivered three demolition orders and one halt of construction order to Palestinian families in Hizma village northeast of occupied East Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed building. The threatened homes belong to Jaber Al Khateed, Abdel Qader Al Khateeb, Muhammad Al Shaqbawi and Mu'tamen Abdel Samee'. Owners of the houses were given three days to object the demolition orders; otherwise, their homes will be demolished. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- Dozens of police officers and Jerusalem Municipality inspectors arrived in Jabal al-Mukabber town in occupied East Jerusalem with bulldozers and demolished three stables and a trailer home. (BTSELEM 10 January 2017)
- Israeli inspectors taped warning notices to the doors of some forty houses in Jabal al-Mukabber town in occupied East Jerusalem, stating that they were built without permits and that administrative proceedings to demolish them had been instigated. These structures all belong to the extended al-Qunbar family. (BTSELEM 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Bulldozers raided Al Mintar Nature Reserve (300 dunums area) in Arab As Sawahra community and attacked the recently established project of "Al Mintar Nature Reserve", which aimed at preserving the area from desertification. The IO bulldozers started destroying a 300 meters long barbed wires that were protecting the newly planted 4500 seedlings in the Natue reserve. The project was implemented by the Land Research Center and Oxfam and funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation, as part of the project "to build and strengthen the steadfastness of the Bedouin communities in occupied east Jerusalem,". (LRC 1 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian youths during a detention raid in the Shufat refugee camp in the Jerusalem Governorate of the occupied West Bank under the pretext of looking for Palestinians suspected of having entered Israel without permits, detaining ten residents, including two dentists. Clashes broke out during the raid for more than two hours, with the IOA firing tear gas and rubber-coated steel bullets at youth. (Maannews 12 January 2017)

- Israeli undercover forces injured citizen Malek Abu Asab (18 Years) during a raid to Jabal Al Mukkabit town south east of the occupied city of Jerusalem and arrested him. (Safa 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers affiliated to the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished structures in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Jabal al-Mukabbir for being built without license. The demolished structures are owned by Ahmad As Surkhi and include the following: a carwash shop, a cell phone shop, a horse stable, A Fuel filling station and a car repair shop. The structures were built on a five dunums land area owned by Khader Musa Ibeidat. . (WAFA & Maannews 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) uprooted and cut down tens of olive trees in the [Karam al-Mufti](#) area of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem as part of a plan to construct a new bypass road that will connect the nearby illegal settlement with the Israeli ministry of interior. The IOA have been uprooting and cutting down tens of olive trees planted in the area for the last week, transferring the trees to unknown locations. Israeli authorities put signs in the [Karam al-Mufti](#) area last year, declaring that construction works would be conducted on the land “in accordance with articles 5 and 7 of the law,” the construction and planning law regulated 1965 and plan number 4329. ([Maannews](#) 12 January 2017)
- The Jerusalem municipality has approved plans to establish a new settlement in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Jabal al-Mukabbir, on the site of the home of Martyr Fadu Qunbar. Israel’s security cabinet has already ordered Fadi al-Qunbar’s home to be demolished, and the family will be left homeless by Israel’s policy of punitive home demolition. The Jerusalem municipality is preparing to build a new settlement on the remains of the soon-to-be destroyed house and a large surrounding area in the neighborhood. Plans for 2,500 settler units have been approved for construction in Jabal al-Mukabbir. (Maannews 12 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Hizma village northeast of Jerusalem city as the latter stormed the village and carried out provocative actions against Palestinian citizens. The IOA fired teargas and sound bombs and rubber coated bullets to disperse Palestinians. As a result, tens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation. (WAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Central court in occupied Jerusalem sentenced Citizen Akram Mustafa Salem Dari (20 Years) from Al Isawiya town to 32 months in the Israeli Jails allegedly for hurling stones and fire bombs at Israeli military jeeps. Dari was arrested in the 14th OF October 2015. (SAFA 14 January 2017)

- The Israeli reconciliation Court extended the arrest of citizen Musa Sror from Jabal Al Mukkabir town south of Jerusalem city. (SAFA 14 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested seven Palestinians from Jerusalem Governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Ameen Ameen, Ahmad Salman, Majd Shqairat, Iyad Shqairat, Layth Mash'al, Ahmad Froukh, and Muhammad 'Ashayer. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two children from Silwan town in Jerusalem Governorate after assaulting and severely beating them. The IOA raided several neighborhoods in Silwan town and arrested 13-year old Seif Abu Nab and 15-year old Mohammad Sufian Atrash. (SILWANIC 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a house for Abbasi family in "Kroom Qamar" in Silwan and assaulted a woman and her son under the pretext of looking for stone-throwers. (SILWANIC 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three children after raiding their homes in the town of Jabal Al-Mukabber. The IOA along with intelligence personnel raided the town of Jabal Al-Mukabber and arrested Karam Raed Aweisat (13), Radi Aziz Aweisat (14) and Adham Aweisat (14). (SILWANIC 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Military court extended the detention of citizens Malek Sroor and Muhammad Derbas till the 16th of January 2017. The court also extended the detention of Eid Shabaneh and Muhammad Al Hidrah till the 12th of February 2017, Citizen Mu'ayyad Bader till the 18th of January 2017, Muhammad Amin till the 29 of March 2017, and Nidal Ghannam till the 17 of January 2017. (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- Around 35 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem Governorate from Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi Gate) under the cover of the Israeli security forces. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers living above a Palestinian family in the Silwan town of occupied East Jerusalem assailed the family's courtyard and attempted to break into their home. settlers stormed the courtyard of Muhammad Muheisin's home, smashed the outdoor furniture, damaged garden plants, and shattered framed Quran verses. The settlers left about a half an hour later. Muheisin and his family live on the ground floor of a six-story building. (SilwanIC, Maannews 15 January 2017)
- Ciztien Azmi Mustafa from Al Isawiya town northeast of Jerusalem city was forced to evacuate his home after the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem threatened to demolish it under the pretext of unlicensed building. Mr. Mustafa evacuated

the house's contents after members of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem raided his home last week, took photos of the house and threatened to demolish it. The house's area is 165 sq meters and is inhabited by 5 family members. (SAFA 15 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Mansour Abu Gharbieh while near Ar Rashidiyah school near Bab As Sahera area in Jerusalem city and took him to unknown destination. (WAFA 16 January 2017)
- Hundreds of Israeli police forces raided the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem, searching and ransacking more than 20 homes at gunpoint and arrested 9 Palestinian youth. More than 500 Israeli police officers, border police soldiers, and special force officers were involved in the raid of the camp. The Israeli troops "deliberately" damaged the interiors of the houses they searched. Seven of the young men who were detained were identified as Usayd Ahmad Ali, Ward Muhammad Sheikh Ali, Ihab Muhammad Nababta, Amir Sheikh Ali, Muhammad al-Fasfous, Ihab Nawfal, and Anas al-Rajabi. Palestinians were arrested allegedly for throwing stones, fireworks, and Molotov cocktails at Israeli forces. Others were suspected of illegal possession of firearms and stolen commodities. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Tax Authority fined owners of nursery shops in Hizma town in Jerusalem Governorate for illegally using the land on which the shops were built. (WAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 9 Palestinians from Shu'fat Refugee camp and were identified as: Ward Ash Sheikh Ali, Osaid Hasan Ali, Ameer Ash Sheikh Ali, Muhammad Fasfous, Issa Muhammad 'Ali, Issa Derbas, Muhammad Jaberi, Ihab Muhammad Suleiman, Anas Al Rajabi, and Ayman Al 'Adawi. (Maannews and Wafa 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nadyia Abu Jamal, wife of Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal from Jabal Al Mukkabir town in occupied East Jerusalem and summoned the Martyr's father for interrogation after raiding their house in the town. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Jerusalemites after raiding their homes in the city of Jerusalem. The IOA raided the villages of Jabal Al-Mukabber, Al-Tur and Esawyeh and arrested six Jerusalemites and transferred them for interrogation at the police centers. The IOA arrested Ahmad Salman Farroukh (17), Mohammad Na'eem Ashayer (17), Majd Sami Shkeirat (17), Eyad Mohammad Shkeirat 913) and Laith Tamer Mash'al (18). The IOA also arrested Amid Obeid. (SILWANIC 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Court extended the arrest of Malek Sroor and Mohammad Dirbas until 16/1/2017, Eid Shabaneh and Mohammad Hadreh until 12/2/2017, Mouayad

Bader until 18/1/2017, Mohammad Amin Obeid until 29/3/2017 for sentencing, Nidal Ghanem until 17/1/2017. The judge sentenced the minor Issa Firawi for 4 months of public service and a 3 thousand NIS fine. (SILWANIC 17 January 2017)

- A Palestinian from the occupied East Jerusalem town of Issawiya demolished his own home in order to comply with a demolition order from the Israeli Jerusalem municipality. Homeowner Firas Mahmoud had been notified by the Jerusalem municipality that if he didn't take care of it himself, Israeli authorities would demolish his home themselves and charge Mahmoud 300,000 shekels (\$78,518) for the cost of the demolition. The 130-square-meters area house was built eight months ago and is located in the area known as Habayil al-Arab area of Issawiya. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Qalandia crossing north of occupied east Jerusalem and obstructed the Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movement on both sides. The crossing was closed under the pretext of examining a suspicious object found near the place. (WAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Qalandia refugee camp in Jerusalem, patrolled in the streets and alleys and fired teargas and sound bombs at Palestinian citizens in the Camp. (WAFA 18 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Court sentenced Citizen Muhamamd Yousef Zakaryia Burqan from Ath Thuri Neighborhood in Silwan city to 22 Months in the prison and fined him NIS 5,000 allegedly for throwing stones and bombs at Israeli Military Jeeps. (SAFA 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished 7 workshops and commercial stores near Qalandia crossing in Jerusalem Governorate . One of the affected owners, identified as Saddam Amer, 35, owns a car repair shop in the area. Other owners were not identified. The demolition process affects 30 Palestinian families in Qalandia village. Clashes erupted in the village between Palestinians and the IOA as Palestinians were trying to stop the demolition process. As a result, 6 Palestinians were injured. (WAFA 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli Committee on Legislation will debate a bill to annex Ma'aleh Adumim on the 22nd of January 2017, just two-days after the inauguration of US President-elect Donald Trump. (IPOST 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from Jabal Al Mukkaber town in occupied East Jerusalem. The two were identified as Yaseen Al Qunber (20 Years) and Mahmoud Eweist (20 Years). Two others were arrested after the IOA raided their homes, searched the contents and confiscated their

personal computers and cellphones. The two were identified as Shadi Sroor and Ahmad Rezeq. (WAFA 19 January 2017)

- Around 18 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city from Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi gate) under the cover of Israeli security Police and carried out provocative tours in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Safa 19 January 2017)
- Dozens of supporters and activists set up tents in a park at the illegal Maale Adumim settlement in the occupied West Bank, establishing the Bab al-Shams village on lands surrounding the settlement near the controversial E-1 corridor. The activists had set up the Bab al-Shams village, or “Gate of the Sun,” to protest illegal Israeli settlements and against the US President Donald Trump, who is expected to give a green light to further Israeli annexation of occupied Palestinian territory, as a bill to annex Maale Adumim is planned to be introduced to Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, on Sunday, just two days after the controversial American figure assumes office. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six activists that had arrived at the park and attempted to set up Bab al-Shams, as the IOA surrounded the village and expelled protesters and journalists from the area, in addition to issuing tickets for media vehicles. Journalists and photographers were also prevented from taking pictures during the event. The IOA also delivered notices to journalists preventing them from being on the main street. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians in Jerusalem Governorate in the occupied West Bank. The detainees were identified as Faisal Shabaneh, 16, Mahmoud Abu al-Hawa, 17, Yousif Abu al-Hawa, 17, Ashraf Abu Jumaa, 17, and Ahmad Abu Sbeih, 18.
- One Palestinian had been detained in Beit Anan and Qatanna vilages northwest of Jerusalem Governorate. (Maannews 22 January 2017)
- The Israeli judges extended the arrest of several young men and children to continue interrogating them, and released others on condition of deporting them from their areas of residency. The judge decided to release the child Ahmad Rizeq Aweisat and Yassin Qunbar, Mahmoud Aweisat and Shadi Sroor on conditions of bails between 500-1500 NIS, house-arrest, deportation outside the village of Jabal Al-Mukabber and third-party bails. The judge decided to release 16-year old Mohammad Joudeh with a 3-thousand NIS bail, house-arrest and deportation to Beit Hanina in addition to a third-party bail of 7 thousand NIS. Majd Shkeirat, Bashar Shkeirat and Ahmad Farroukh were also released with a 1000-NIS bail and house-arrest for 5 days for each. The judge extended the arrest of Mo’men Dibs, Sami Abu Rmeileh, Adel Mahmoud, Daoud Abu Aweis, Issa Ali, Majd Al-A’war and Mouayad Abu Mayaleh until completing the legal

procedures against them. The judge also extended the arrest of Ashraf Abu Jom'a, Yousef Abu Jom'a, Mahmoud Abulhawa, Faisal Shabaneh and Ahmad Abu Sbeih until 24/1/2017. In addition to extending the arrest of Ahmad Fasfoos and Malek Sroor until Monday, Mohammad Shyoukhi until Thursday for sentencing, Mouayad Bader until 29/1/2017, Abdel Fatah Abdelrahman and Ihab Nababteh until 23/1/2017 and Ahmad Abu Diab until 24/1/2017. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested four young Jerusalemite men after raiding their homes in the village of Al-Tur in Jerusalem. The IOA arrested Yousef Mohammad Yousef Abu Jom'a (17), Ashraf Saed Eddin Abu Jom'a (17), Ahmad Zuheir Abu Sbeih (18) and Mahmoud Abdullah Abulhawa (17). The occupation forces transferred the young men for interrogation at the police center. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)
- The Magistrate judge extended the arrest of the Jerusalemite activist and member of follow-up committee in the village of Esawyeh, Mohammad Abu Hummos, until next Tuesday. Abu Hummos family explained that Mohammad was presented to court on Saturday night and the judge extended his arrest until next Tuesday to continue interrogating him. Mohammad was arrested on Friday afternoon while monitoring the occupation forces' raid on the village of Esawyeh. The occupation forces have been conducting daily raids on the village of Esawyeh during which activist Abu Hummos was targeted by preventing him from taking pictures, detaining his ID and cell phone and forcing him to delete the pictures and videos he took. Recently, they targeted him with a rubber bullet and wounded him in his leg. (SILWANIC 22 January 2017)
- Israel's Jerusalem municipality approved permits for the construction of at least 566 new illegal Israeli settlement units in occupied East Jerusalem, after the plans were said to be put on hold until after US President Donald Trump was sworn in. The Local Building and Planning Committee in Jerusalem approved the construction of 671 housing units in a number of areas, after their approval was delayed for several weeks. 324 units were approved in the Ramot settlement, 174 units in the Ramat Shlomo settlement, and 68 units in the Pisgat Zeev settlement. (Maannews, [Haaretz](http://www.haaretz.com) 22 January)
- The Israeli occupation authorities, particularly the West Jerusalem municipality, continued reprisal measures against Palestinian residents of Jabal al-Mukabber in East Jerusalem. Residents said crews from the municipality and police have intensified their raids of homes and businesses, imposing taxes and giving orders for home demolitions under the pretext of building without a permit. In addition, police issue tickets to drivers and cars parked on the streets. Residents

said they have been subjected to collective punishment as a result of the incident. (WAFA 23 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army detained nine Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Governorate of the West Bank. The detainees were identified as Adam Mahmoud, Samer Atiyeh, Ahmad Ubeid, Muhammad Mahmoud, Muhammad Atiyeh, and Ahmad Tarwa were detained in the neighborhood of Issawiya. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Mamduh Ajluni and Ahmad Badriya in the Old City of Jerusalem. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Mahmoud al-Zaghil in Ras al-Amoud. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers renewed their incursions to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city from Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi gate) under the Cover of the Israeli security Police and toured in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed out military orders to Palestinian home owners in Ebeidat neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukkabit town in occupied East Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed building. The orders were dated back to the 22nd of 2016, but were delivered to Palestinian home owners only yesterday. Note that two months ago, the Municipality of Jerusalem delivered notifications to the entire neighborhood residents asking them to see the Municipality for “using an unlicensed real state” in the town. The threatened neighborhood is located in close proximity to Zahava Tzion settlement. (SAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shu’fat refugee camp in Jerusalem and started confiscating Palestinian cars in the camp. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- Employees of the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli Tax Authority ordered to close a restaurant in Khan Az Zeit area in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being unlicensed. The restaurant is owned by Salah Ash Shaweesh. The restaurant is the only source of income for resident Abu Shaweesh and his family. (SAFA 23 January 2017)
- A number of Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at Al Jabal junction in Abu Dis town in Jerusalem. The IOA fired teargas and sound bombs to disperse the Palestinians which resulted in the injury of several Palestinians. During the clashes the IOA arrested Citizen Islam Rabe’. (SAFA 23 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Kayed Mahmoud, Abdel Qader Dari, Ameer Derbas, Nadeem As Safadi, and Khaled Abu Ghoush from Al Isawiya Town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- 43 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi gate) under the cover of Israeli security forces. The settlers carried out provocative tours in the court yard of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered a demolition notice for an agricultural structure in the village of Hizma in the West Bank's Jerusalem Governorate. The demolition notice was delivered just days following the demolition of structures used for selling crops and stores in the area after Israeli authorities accused Palestinian owners of lacking Israeli-issued permits. clashes broke out after Israeli troops stormed the village, with local youth hurling stones at the Israeli soldiers, who fired rubber-coated steel bullets and "showered the village's alleys" with tear gas. Hizma's main entrance has remained closed with large cement blocks by the Israeli army as they continue to search for alleged stone throwers in the village. (Maannews, [Safa](#) 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians from the Jerusalem Governorate. The detainees were identified as Yousif Mahdi Dar Sheikh, 12, from the village of Biddu; Malik Muhammad Hmeid, Ahmad Bakr Rabiaa, and Mubin Muhammad Ibrahim Jumhur from Beit Annan; and Mustafa Ahmad Hamed, 17, from Anata in eastern Jerusalem. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers took over a storage unit formerly belonging to the Sub Laban family on the ground floor of their apartment building in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem. An Israeli family living below them drilled through the wall into the Sub Laban storage space, seemingly with the intention of expanding their apartment unit. The settlers were given ownership of the storage unit following a controversial Israeli Supreme Court ruling in December which concluded a decades-long legal battle between the family and Israeli settlers. The ruling allowed Sub Laban's parents, Noura and Mustafa Sub Laban, to reside in the apartment for 10 more years, but ordered the eviction of Ahmad, his wife, two children, and siblings. Sub Laban told Ma'an that while the settlers were given the storage unit by the Israeli Supreme Court, they had not undergone the proper legal channels to take over the property, and instead drilled through the wall and changed the locks of the unit from the inside, preventing the family from entering the space. The Israeli police were called to the scene, but did not force the settlers out of the unit and told the family that the space no longer belonged to them. According to Sub Laban, the settlers were prevented by the police from continuing with the wall demolition, as they had not obtained proper construction permits. The Sub Laban family are the last Palestinian family left in

their apartment building in the Aqbat al-Khaldiya area of the Old City, where at least eight other Palestinian families are facing eviction spearheaded by Israeli settler organizations. The family has been targeted by settlers since the 1970s, shortly after the passage of Israel's 1970 Legal and Administrative Matter Law, which states that Jews are permitted to claim property that was owned by Jewish people before the establishment of Israel in 1948. The apartment was initially rented by the family from Jordan's Custodian of Enemy Property, which controlled property belonging to Jews before the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. According to Palestinian rights group BADIL, the former Jewish properties were used by the Jordanian government in various ways, including for Palestinians who were displaced from their homes during the 1948 war and the establishment of the state of Israel. However, settlers have failed to evict the Sub Labans due to the family's protected tenancy, referring to rental agreements many Palestinians held with the Jordanian government which protected them from eviction. Israeli authorities allowed Palestinian families to keep the status for three generations, however Israeli courts have ruled that Sub Laban and his siblings no longer hold the protected status, and therefore must leave their home, a ruling which the Sub Labans have contested. (Maannews 26 January 2017)

- Hebrew media sources unveiled an Israeli scheme to establish a new settlement outpost in the site of Jerusalem airport on the lands of Qalandia village to the north of occupied Jerusalem. The construction will start by building 8 thousand settlement units. According to the Hebrew newspaper, Haaretz, Nir Barkat, mayor of Jerusalem, instructed the planning crews in Jerusalem Municipality to submit a comprehensive plan to establish the new settlement next to an industrial area called "Atarot". As directed by Barkat, the plan will include the construction of 8 thousand settlement units allocated to Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) Jewish groups in addition to an industrial and commercial area opposite to the Jewish neighborhood which will occupy a large area of the airport's site. The target site of this settlement project is located near Qalandia village in occupied Jerusalem which witnessed large-scale demolitions of Palestinian citizens' houses in July 2016. Jerusalem Municipality said that directives were given to the Ministry of Interior to transfer 200 dunums classified as industrial area to residential area. The municipality also issued instructions to draw a plan for the establishment of an industrial and commercial area opposite to the new settlement neighborhood to provide job opportunities for its inhabitants in the future. ([PNN](#) 27 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least eight Palestinians during overnight raids in the occupied Palestinian territory. The three minors were detained in Jerusalem, without specifying if they were detained in occupied East

Jerusalem or in the Jerusalem district of the West Bank. The two were identified as Laith Abd al-Rabbu, 17, and Nadim Mujahid, 16. (Maannews 29 January 2017)

- Around 35 Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Police raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab Al Magharba (Al Mughrabi Gate) and carried out provocative tours in its court yards. (Safa 29 January 2017)
- A unit of undercover Israeli forces detained a Palestinian from the town of Hizma in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem, while he was standing in front of a shop in the center of Hizma. The Israeli troops immediately stormed the village to protect the undercover agents, prompting clashes with local young men. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Abed abed and Ra'fat Al Hathalin from Ar Ram city north of Jerusalem city and took them to one the Israeli detention centers nearby. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Biddu village northwest of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Qatanna village northwest of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- Five Palestinians were detained from across the Jerusalem-area villages of Qatanna, Biddu, and al-Ram. The detainees were identified as Mahmoud Muhammad Taha, Ahmad Issa Mansour, Hamad Nasser al-Khadour and former prisoners Muhammad Abed and Rafat al-Hathalin. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- A group of 24 Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Police raided Al Aqsa Mosque and carried out provocative celebrations in the court yard of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- Large Civil Administration and Border Police forces arrived at the community of Badu al-Baba, located near al-'Eizariyah, northeast of Jerusalem. The forces destroyed tents that were the homes of three families, and two livestock pens, leaving 17 people, including 9 minors, homeless. The forces did not allow the families to remove all of their belongings from the tents and pens before the demolition, resulting in extensive property damage. (BTSELEM 30 January 2017)
- A Palestinian resident of occupied East Jerusalem was sentenced to life in prison by an Israeli court and was identified as Khalid Kutina, a resident of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem. (Maannews 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Jerusalem Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Makassed hospital in occupied East Jerusalem, and detained a youth from the Jenin Governorate of the occupied

West Bank. The IOA raided the hospital and conducted searches in all of its sections before raiding the obstetrics and gynecology departments and detaining a Palestinian youth there. The youth had arrived in an ambulance earlier in the day in order to escort his mother to the hospital. The reasons behind the raid remained unknown, and the identity of the Palestinian youth has not yet been released. (Maannews 1 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Hisham Ubeidat, 24, from Jerusalem. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- An Israeli military court extended the detention of Palestinian prisoner Shafiq al-Halabi, father of 19-year-old Martyr Palestinian Muhannad al-Halabi, for five more days, as al-Halabi has continued a hunger strike in protest of his detention. The court extended al-Halabi's detention over participating in a sit-in event with other families of Palestinian Martyrs and their supporters who demanded the return of slain Palestinian bodies being held by Israel. Al-Halabi had declared a hunger strike five days ago after being detained. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two young men from the Old City of Jerusalem. The arrestees were identified as Thaer Abu Sbeih and Rawhi Kulghasi after raiding their homes in the Old City. (SILWANIC 2 February 2017)
- 26 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab Al Magharabh and escorted by the Israeli Occupation Police. The settlers tried to perform Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Magistrate's Court issued a decision to seize the "saving accounts" of members of Ad Dweik family in Silwan accounts for the use of the land held by their homes in Batn Al Hawa neighborhood in the town, under the pretext that land is ownership of "Ateret Cohanin" association. The Israeli court approved the request of the Ateret Cohanin association which asked Dweik's family to pay for the lease for use of the land held by their homes for eight consecutive years, NIS "652,000,". Ad Dweik families live within the "Ateret Cohanin" plan area to control the 5 dunums and 200 square meters of Bab Hatta neighborhood under the pretext of its ownership of the land. The decision includes the families of Khamis Dweik and Elias Dweik and Mazen Dweik and his wife, and Nabil Dweik. (SILWANIC 2 February 2017).
- The Jerusalem District Court dismisses claim of Arabs living in Jewish-owned home in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina and orders their eviction by Feb. 12, 2017. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Odai Abu Taya and Muhamamd Abu Al Hamam after raiding their houses in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 3 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousef Sameh Abu Ar Radeif (22 Years) from Jenin city while heading to Jerusalem city to accompany his sick mother to Al Maqqased Hospital for treatment. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli court sentenced Muhammad Moussa Abassi, 25, from the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan to three-and-a-half years in jail and imposed a fine on him of 5,000 shekels (approximately \$1,331) after convicting him of throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli forces. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli central court sentenced two Palestinians from Jerusalem to prison. One of the youths, Ismail Mahmoud Rushfi al-Karaki, 18, was sentenced to 34 months in jail. The teenager was detained on April 17th, 2016 by a group of undercover Israeli forces and was convicted of throwing Molotov cocktails.
- Israeli police released three Palestinian youths from detention in occupied East Jerusalem on the condition of being banned from entering the Al-Aqsa mosque for 6 months. Thaer Abu Sbeih, Mahmoud Abed al-Latif and Rawhi al-Kalghasi were released by the Israeli police on the condition of being banned from the Muslim holy site, while Abu Sbeih was additionally charged a fine of 1,000 Shekels (approximately \$265). (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Ar Razem family (a man and his wife) near Bab Hatta neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem. As a result, clashes erupted between the IOA and the Palestinians who gathered at the site of the incident to prevent the attack and resulted in the injury of 5 Palestinians. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- An Israeli court sentenced a teenage Palestinian girl from Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem to six years in prison after she was charged with knife possession and planning a stab attack. The Jerusalem magistrate court formally sentenced Manar Majdi Shweiki to six years in prison after the girl had already spent more than a year in detention, highlighting that the court postponed the sentencing twice since the beginning of 2017. Israeli police detained her on Dec. 6, 2015 in the Wadi Hilweh area of the Silwan, claiming they found a knife in her bag after searching her belongings, though it was unclear what had prompted the search in the first place.. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers resumed their provocative incursions to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city through Bab Al Magharba under the cover of the Israeli security Police. (Wafa 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Abu Jamal (71 years), father of Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal after raiding his house in Jabal Al Mukkabir town in occupied East Jerusalem and searching it. (Safa 6 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Jamal Faraj Al Mansi (50 Years) from Shu'fat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem after raiding and searching his house. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Imad Ad Din Al 'Abbasi from Silwan city in the southern Jerusalem city after raiding and searching his house. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Tareq An Natsheh from Ras Al Amoud Neighborhood in Jerusalem city after raiding and searching his house. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- Groups of Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city and performed Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 06 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and members of the Israeli Tax Authority raided a bakery shop in Shu'fat town in occupied East Jerusalem and attacked owners and workers. (Wafa 7 February 2017).
- Members of the Israeli Tax Authority escorted by the Isrageli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Palestinians' shops in Bab Al Khaleel area in occupied East Jerusalem. Clashes erupted between shop owners and the IOA as the IOA went on checking Palestinians' ID cards. (Wafa 7 February 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Industrial Islamic Orphanage school in Al Wad Street in the old city of Jerusalem. No arrests were reported. (Wafa 7 February 2017).
- The occupation authorities isolated four young Jerusalemite men from Al-Aqsa Mosque. The occupation authorities decided to isolate Mahmoud Abdellatif, Thaer Abu Sbeih and Rawhi Kulghasi from Al-Aqsa for 6 months. The authorities also isolated Khader Ajloni from Al-Aqsa for 6 months. (SILWANIC 7 February 2017).
- The Israeli Court extended the arrest of Mohammad Salaymeh and Mohammad Assaileh until 8/2/2017, Malek Sroor indefinitely, Mouayad Bader and Naser Obeid until 9/2/2017, Amid Obeid and Issa Dirbas until 12/2/2017, Suhaib Afaneh until 29/3/2017 and Munir Mheisen until 22/3/2017. (SILWANIC 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli Police arrested Mohammad Zghayyar from the Old City of Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli District Court sentenced 18-year old Ismaeel Mahmoud Karaki for 34 months of actual imprisonment on charges of throwing Molotov Cocktails. (SILWANIC 7 February 2017)

- The Israeli District Court sentenced Mohammad Mousa Abbasi (25) for 3 and a half years in prison on charges of throwing stones and Molotov Cocktails as well as communicating with “enemies”. (SILWANIC 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli police and intelligence officers obstructed and stopped a wedding parade in the Wadi al-Joz neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem of a former Palestinian prisoner, Majd Nadir Saida. The Israeli police and intelligence officers stormed Wadi al-Joz and interfered with the wedding parade as it reached the Saida family home, preventing Majd’s friends and family members from completing the traditional wedding rituals. The family highlighted Saida had served 17 months in Israeli jails in 2015 and 2016. The Israeli Police forced the family members to remove photos of Saida and flags of Palestinian factions that were hung on the walls of his family home. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Malek Abu Teir, Muhammad Abu Teir and Mustafa Abu Teir from Um Tuba village in occupied East Jerusalem. (SAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Al Qunbar and Abdullah Shqeirat from Jabal Al Mukkaber. (SAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Court extended the arrest of Ahmad Abu Abed and Muhamamd Judeh till the 21st of February 2017. (SAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Police bars citizen Talal Abdel Majeed Al Rajabi from Jerusalem’s Old city for 15 Days. (SAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a Palestinian-owned building that was under construction in Beit Hanina in occupied East Jerusalem, under the pretext that the building lacked the nearly impossible to obtain building licenses required by Israeli authorities. The Israeli bulldozers raided the Tal al-Foul area of Beit Hanina, surrounded the building, and began razing it to the ground. The building is owned by citizen Ayman Abu Rmeila and is composed of three floors, where the first floor is a parking lot and a shelter; while the second floor is composed of three apartments and grounds for a second floor has been set but yet under construction. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Jerusalem municipality bulldozers and Israeli police surrounded another under construction building in Beit Hanina town north of Jerusalem city and demolished it without prior notification. The building is owned by Adel Abu Sneineh and Zakaryaia Anati. Four apartments were sold to four families (Ghayth, Anu Nejme, Anabtawi and Ash Shweiki). The building is composed of 4 floors where each floor is composed of 3 apartments. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted by Israeli intelligence officials, raided and searched the house of Amin Siyam in the neighborhood of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA also imposed a complete closure on the

neighborhood's street, causing traffic jams in the area, according to the center. (Maannews 9 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted five Palestinians during the raid and detained them. They were identified as Jawad Siyam, the head of Wadi Hilweh Center, Muhammad Siyam, Omar Siyam, Diyaa Baydoun, and Hilal Qaraain. The IOA also summoned Majd Ghaith, an employee at the center, for interrogation with Israeli intelligence, and questioned several employees during the raid. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentenced a Palestinian teenager to 15 years in prison for his alleged involvement in a stabbing attack. The court also ordered that Anas al-Aqraa, 19, pay 15,000 shekels (\$4,000) in compensation. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Kafr Aqab town north of Jerusalem city after raiding their homes and searching them. The detainees were identified as Sami Disi and Muhammad Disi. (RB2000 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Yacoub Saydawi (14 Years) from Ar Ram Town north of Jerusalem city. (RB2000 9 February 2017)
- An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentenced a Palestinian mother of six to a year in prison and a fine of 12,000 shekels (\$3,203) allegedly for depositing funds into a prison commissary belonging to a Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody. Dalal Abu al-Hawa from Jerusalem's Old City was sentenced for depositing the funds. Israel Prison Service (IPS) allows families of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli custody to deposit a fixed amount of money each month into a prisoner's commissary, which they can then use to purchase items from the prison's canteen. Abu al-Hawa was detained on Aug. 28 from her home, before Israeli police stormed the house and searched it, while confiscating mobile phones and other properties. One of Abu al-Hawa sons, 17-year-old Omar Khalil Abu al-Hawa, is also serving two years in Israeli prison. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- In the Jerusalem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Samer al-Dibsi in the village of Kafr Aqab. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- In the Jerusalem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yaqoub Sidawi, 14, in al-Ram Town. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- An Israeli court in occupied Jerusalem sentenced media activist and the head of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center in Silwan (Silwanic), Jawad Siyam, to five days under house arrest, and a 5000 Shekels bail. Jawad was abducted by Israeli soldiers from Wadi Hilweh neighborhood, in Silwan, along with two other Palestinians. The two Palestinians, Mohammad Siyam and Dia Beidoun along,

with Jawad himself, were violently assaulted by the soldiers and police officers who abducted them, and suffered various cuts and bruises. The Israeli police claimed that the three “attacked officers,” before they were taken prisoner. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)

- Israeli Settlers seized a residential room and its facilities in addition to storage area and a courtyard in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan. A group of settlers along with occupation forces raided “Hosh Qaraeen” in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan using flashlights. They completely surrounded it and seized a residential room with its facilities and storage area that were used for raising sheep. The settlers changed the door locks and placed a fence. The settlers seized a 30-square meters room, a 50-square meters courtyard used as a passage to the room and the house where the family of Izzat Salah lives. It is noteworthy that the property is owned by Aref Qaraeen. The settlers also stormed into the storage area (200 square meters) but the locals were able to confront them and evacuate them from parts of since Aref Qaraeen doesn’t own the whole area. Settlers seized nearly 50 square meters of the storage. The family members of Izzat Salah are now “detained” in their home where they have lived since 1968 after settlers seized the passage (the courtyards which leads to their home) to their home and they cannot use anymore. (SILWANIC 10 February 2017)
- Israeli authorities entered the occupied East Jerusalem town of Silwan in the area of al-Bustan and delivered at least 16 demolition notices to several Palestinian families. The Jerusalem municipality had “stormed” the al-Bustan neighborhood under military protection and delivered demolition notices. At least 16 Palestinian homes received the orders, Abu Diab said, which includes at least 118 individuals. The families of al-Ruweidi, al-Qadi, Shaloudi, al-Abbasi, and Hamdan were all reported to have received the orders. (Maannews 11 February 2017)
- Members of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem gave Citizen Em Mahmoud Qara’een an order to demolish a 12 square meters storage room in Wadi Hilwah neighborhood in Silwan Town under the pretext of unlicensed building. (ORIENTBETHLEHEM 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at the western entrance of Al Isawiya town northeast of Jerusalem city. The IOA stationed in the vicinity of Al Arba’ain Mosque in the town, checked Palestinian vehicles and caused obstruction to the movement. (Safa 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Qalandia crossing with prior notification resulting in serious traffic jams and mobility impediments on morning commuters attempting to enter the city of Ramallah and vice versa.

Vehicles attempting to enter Ramallah and Vice Versa were denied entry through Qalandyia crossing and vehicles were turned around. (ORIENTBETHLEHEM 11February 2017)

- A group of Israeli settlers stormed the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, from Mughrabi gate, under heavy guard of Israeli police. Police closed the gate at ten o'clock in the morning, after the of settlers stormed the holy site. Around 30 settlers have stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque since morning, staging provocative tours in its courtyards. (IMEMC 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authority (IOA) extended the administrative detention orders against four Palestinian detainees for the fifth time. The Israeli authorities extended the illegal detention orders against each of Anas Qaqour, 31, from Jenin and Jamal Barham, 56, from Ramin town in Tulkarem, to three months each. As for the two other prisoners, the IOA extended the administrative detention orders against both Shaher al-Raei, 47, from the West Bank city of Qalqilya and Maher al-Qadi, 27, from Ramallah city to four months each. (PALINFO 12 February 2017)
- The District Court decided the prison sentence against Sheikh Omar Abu Sara (51) from 8 months to 14 months on charges of incitement in a religious lecture he gave inside Al-Aqsa Mosque. Abu Sara was arrested at the beginning of 2015 from his home in "Um Al-Sharayet" north of Jerusalem and was interrogated regarding the lecture he gave on 28/11/2015 at Al-Aqsa Mosque entitled "Jews Characters from the Holy Qur'an". (SILWANIC 12 February 2017)
- An Israeli magistrate court sentenced a Palestinian teenager to 12 years in prison over charges of attempting to carry out a stabbing attack in Jerusalem more than a year earlier. Huthaifa Ishaq Taha, a 17-year-old resident of the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Kafr Aqab, was sentenced for reportedly attempting to stab an Israeli in Jerusalem in January 2016. (Maannews 12 February 2017)
- The head of the Jerusalem chapter of the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) Nasser Qaws was assaulted by Israeli police during a raid into occupied East Jerusalem's Old City, when three other Palestinian youths were also detained. The Israeli police forces raided al-Wad Street in the Old City, targeting the home of the Najib family where officers detained three unidentified youths. Israeli forces used pepper spray and physically assaulted members of the Najib family, including women and children. The Israeli forces retreated from the house, they assaulted and pushed back local Palestinians that had gathered in the area. Qaws sustained an injury to his eye at the hands of Israeli police. (Maannews 13 February 2017)
- Israeli police raided the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya before dawn ,searched several houses, destroying furniture and other personal

belongings, and detained a group of youths who were taken in for interrogation. (Maannews 13 February 2017)

- Israeli police attempted to set up stalls in Al-Aqsa Mosque yards to use it as rain shields. (WAFA 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested several young men from the village of Esawyeh after raiding and searching their homes. The IOA arrested Bara' Mahmoud, Mahmoud Dirbas and Mohammad Obeid. The IOA also arrested Amir Dirbas, Bashar Mahmoud and Ashraf Obeid. (SILWANIC 13 February 2017)
- In the town of Jabal Al-Mukabber, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Ali Abu Sakran after raiding his home. (SILWANIC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided "Hosh Najib" in Al-Wad Street in the Old City of Jerusalem and assaulted the residents and arrested Ala' Munther Najib and Mohammad Murad Najib. The IOA assaulted the locals after leaving Hosh Najib by pushing and beating them. (SILWANIC 13 February 2017)
- An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem ruled to increase the sentence of Sheikh Omar Abu Sara from eight to 14 months in prison. Abu Sara was charged with "inciting violence against Jews" during a religious lecture he gave at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in November 2014. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- Israeli police detained two Al-Aqsa Mosque employees after dozens of Israelis toured the site. 13 Israeli settlers and 43 armed Israeli officers raided the compound after entering from the Moroccans' Gate. Israeli police later entered the holy site and detained two Palestinian employees of Islamic Endowment (Waqf) that manages Al-Aqsa, who were identified by locals as Mahmoud al-Anati and Muhammad al-Hadra. Israeli police ordered the two to immediately appear at an Israeli police station in occupied East Jerusalem's Old City, where they were still being detained. The incident came after Israeli police attempted to construct a portable aluminum cabin inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, but were prevented by Palestinian guards despite the fact that police threatened to use force. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Palestinian areas in occupied East Jerusalem, detaining Amir Dirbas, a minor identified as Baraa Mahmoud, 16-year-old Majd Abu Sakran, Bashar Mahmoud, and Muhammad Fawzi Ubeid. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- In occupied Jerusalem, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched a few homes, and abducted a former political prisoner, identified as Midhat 'Obeid,

and another Palestinian, identified as Ahmad 'Ateyya. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)

- Israel's attorney general Avichai Mandelblit has agreed to give the pro-settler Elad group a foothold at the archaeological park next to the Western Wall of the Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Occupied Jerusalem. Mandelblit took this decision during a meeting he held last week with government officials. Mandelblit affirmed he would offer Elad a foothold at the site, but that it would not manage the park exclusively. The government-affiliated Jewish Quarter Development Company received control over the park two years ago. This company then signed a deal with Elad, the settler group that runs the so-called City of David park and promotes Jewish settlement in the Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan, to be responsible for the archaeological park. ([PALINFO](#) 14 February 2017)
- Israeli soldiers invaded the town of Al Isawiya, in occupied East Jerusalem, before forcing a family of eleven out of their home, and demolishing it. Dozens of soldiers and police officers, including undercover soldiers, invaded the town, before breaking into the home of Saleh Abu Turk, and forced him and his family out of their property. The soldiers prevented the family from removing their furniture and belongings from the property, before demolishing it. A demolition order was issued against the property several months ago, but he went to court and managed to achieve a ruling delaying the demolition until February 08, 2017, in addition to being ordered to pay a 25.000 NIS fine, which he is still paying. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers, soldiers, police officers and personnel of the Jerusalem City Council invaded, the town of Al Isawiya, north of occupied East Jerusalem, and demolished an under-construction two-storey house. The demolished house is owned by Hasan Yassin Mustafa, and his family. Dozens of soldiers and officers surrounded the entire area, before invading it, and demolished the property. The army claimed the home was being built without a permit. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- Members of Qara'in family in Silwan were forced to demolish their own shed in Silwan, to avoid high fines and fees, after the Jerusalem City Council decided to demolish it. Umm Ammar Qara'in, the owner of the property, said the family had to demolish its own property, especially since the City Council orders families to pay very high fines, if the municipality demolishes their properties. The demolished 16 square/meter property was built nearly two years ago, and was constructed with bricks and fortified iron plates. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)

- Israel security minister Gilad Ardenne renewed his earlier order to close the Orient House in occupied Jerusalem for another six months. Extending the closure order came after intelligence information affirmed the PA's intention to strengthen its sovereignty in the occupied city of Jerusalem. The Orient House is a building located in occupied Jerusalem that served as the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the 1980s and 1990s. Built in 1897 by Musa al-Husayni, it has been owned by the Al-Husayni family since. It was closed by Israeli authorities in 2001 after the eruption of the Palestinian Intifada (uprising). The closure order has been extended every six months since 2001. ([PALINFO](#) 14 February 2017)
- The Jerusalem Municipality along with the Israeli ministry of Transportation and CEO of Moriah company inaugurated the Israeli bypass Road No. 21 which was constructed on lands of Beit Hanina town north of occupied East Jerusalem to connect Israeli settlements in the city with each other (the settlement of Ramat Shlomo with Pisgat Zeev settlement and the surroundings) while disrupting the territorial contiguity of the Palestinian communities in the area. ([AL QUDS](#) 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Silwan Secondary School for males in Ras Al Amoud Neighborhood in Silwan city in the hunt for alleged anti-occupation stone throwers. The IOA toured in the school yard and searched classes. (SAFA 15 February 2017)
- Citizen Saad al-Zghayyar was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the Jerusalem Governorate village of Kafr Aqab. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli magistrate's court in Jerusalem convicted an imprisoned Palestinian teenage girl on charges of attempted murder and possession of a knife. The 17-year-old Malak Muhammad Salman was convicted for [allegedly attempting to stab Israeli officers on Feb. 9, 2016](#) at the Damascus Gate entrance to occupied East Jerusalem's Old City. Salman has been held in Israel's HaSharon prison since her detention. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two homes and a room of a third house in the town of Hizma in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem. The IOA demolished the 140 square meters area house and the 30 square meters room belonging to the Abed al-Aziz family, leaving eight members of the family homeless. Another 80 square meters area under-construction house belonging the Othman family was also demolished, with Israeli authorities claiming that the family lacked Israeli-issued building permits. (Maannews, SAFA 15 February 2017)

- A series of checkpoints was also pitched by the Israeli forces across Silwan, where Palestinian civilians have been subjected to intensive questionings and crackdowns. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli interior minister has renewed orders banning Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, head of the Islamic Movement in the 1984 occupied lands, from traveling abroad and entering the Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem for five additional months. Israeli police officers came to the house of Sheikh Ra'ed Salah in Umm al-Fahm city and handed him written orders in this regard signed by Israeli interior minister Aryeh Deri. The ban on his entry to Jerusalem was renewed until July 11, 2017 in accordance with the British mandate emergency law, while his travel ban was extended until July 15, 2017 at the pretext of the authority vested in the interior minister. Salah was imprisoned for the second consecutive time on allegations of incitement during a sermon he delivered in 2007 in Wadi Joz neighborhood in Occupied Jerusalem after the Israeli authorities demolished a ramp leading to the Maghariba Gate of the Aqsa Mosque. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- Israeli military patrol stormed the house of Youssef Dar Moussa and his family house and those of his brothers in Beit Leqia and wreaked havoc on the buildings. Israeli military patrol ravaged blacksmith shops owned by his brothers Saddam and Hakim and sealed them off with red wax. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) abducted two Palestinians from Abu Dis town, in eastern Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli court sentenced six Jerusalemite children and were identified as: (1) Shadi Atyeh: Actual imprisonment for 5 months, a 3500-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for two years. (2) Mahmoud Obeid: Actual imprisonment for 5 months, a 3500-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for two years. (3) Mutasem Obeid: Actual imprisonment for 5 months, a 3500-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for two years. (4) Tarek Obeid: Actual imprisonment for 6 months, a 3500-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for two years. (5) Khaled Radwan: Actual imprisonment in "Yarka" institute for 2 years, a 3500-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for two years. (6) Tawfiq Abu Dheim: Suspended probation of 4 months for 3 years, a 7500-NIS fine and a 100-hour course. (SILWANIC 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli court extended the detention of minor Majd Majdi Abu Asab until 29/3/2017; he is a resident of the Old City of Jerusalem. The court also extended the arrest of Mohamad Abu Hummos (minor) until 20/4/2017, Samir Atyeh until completing the legal procedures against him and Mousa Abu Ghannam until 14/6/2017 for sentencing; the house-arrest imposed on Abu Ghannam was

cancelled. A hearing session was held for the minors Sami Abu Rmeileh and Adel Mahmoud. The indictments previously filed against them were modified and the judge extended their arrest until 20/4/2017. Also, the court extended the arrest of Amin Hamed until 1.3.2017. (SILWANIC 16 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Jerusalemites from the town of Al Isawiya after raiding their homes. The arrestees were identified as Mahmoud Mohammad Mustafa (13) and Younes Wisam Abu Hummos (15) after raiding their homes in the village of Esawyeh. The IOA also arrested Khalil Naser and Muhannad Abu Asab. (SILWANIC 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the child Mohammad Saeed Al-Doo from the Old City of Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed a blacksmith shop in Beit Leqia, southwest of Ramallah, on claims that it was used to manufacture weapons. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Hizma in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem. Israeli vehicles, border guards, and soldiers raided several areas of Hizma town from multiple entrances. The IOA stopped and searched passing vehicles and checked the ID cards of the Palestinian passengers. (Maannews 17 February 2017)
- A large number of Israeli police forces at dawn stormed Hizma town, east of Jerusalem, patrolled its streets and alleys and intercepted cars. The soldiers from the border police stormed aboard vehicles different areas of the town, stopped cars and checked IDs of passengers. The soldiers fired volleys of tear gas grenades, with no known reason, in the eastern district of the town, causing several citizens to suffer from inhaling the resultant fumes. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- 330 Israeli settlers stormed over the past week al-Aqsa Mosque in total provocation to Palestinian worshipers, a Palestinian report revealed on Friday. According to Quds Press, 156 settlers and 85 Jewish students were allowed to break into al-Aqsa last week under Israeli police protection. 43 Israeli soldiers also stormed the holy site in their military uniform during the reported period. Meanwhile, Palestinian worshipers managed to confront Israeli police attempts to enter a mobile room into Al-Aqsa Mosque from Al-Magharibeh gate. As a punitive measure, Israeli police prevented Palestinian students from entering food into the site. Along the same line, Israeli police arrested two guards of Al-Aqsa and took them for investigation. They were later released.

- Al-Aqsa Mosque is subjected to such raids on a near daily basis, upon which settlers perform Talmudic rituals and desecrate the sanctity of the Mosque.
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem decided to confiscate a land owned by Ghazlan-Abbasi family in Al-Ein Street in Silwan under the pretext of using it for “public benefit”. Municipality crews raided the town of Silwan and hung a note on a piece of land in both Arabic and Hebrew saying: “Order to use an empty piece of land in order to do gardening work”; they also attached a map showing the location of the land. The 300-square meters land is owned by Ghazlan family and is classified as “green land” by the municipality of Jerusalem where building is prohibited. According to the municipality’s order, the land will be confiscate and used for 5 years based on Article 2 of the law of “local authorities - temporary use of an empty land”. Trees will be planted and irrigation systems will be installed as well as equipment and toys. According to the decision, the owner of the land can submit an objection to the order of confiscating the land within 90 days. (SILWANIC 17 February 2017)
- Israeli municipality ordered Palestinian families whose homes were demolished in al-Aqaba neighborhood in Beit Hanina town in northern Occupied Jerusalem to evacuate their belongings from their land lot. The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) claim that the evacuation order was issued for the establishment of a municipality school over an area of 15 dunums in the land lot. Badwan al-Salayma, owner of one piece of land, stated that the municipality crews had put a fence around the land in preparation for the confiscation of the 15-dunum area. Badwan's piece of land has a small cottage and an old oven in addition to plants and seedlings over which Israeli municipality put numbers and prohibited him to remove them. These land lots are owned by nine Jerusalemite families. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- Members of Qaraeen family self-demolished their 60 square meters house in Silwan following an order by the Israeli occupation municipality and to avoid paying expensive demolition costs. The family started demolishing a residential apartment in Al Farouk neighborhood in Silwan town south of Al Aqsa Mosque using hand-demolition tools following an order made by the occupation municipality which recently raided the property several times. The municipality gave them until the end of February to execute the self-demolition or they will use their bulldozers to demolish it and charge the family for the expenses. The property was established nearly 7 years ago and consists of one room and its facilities. (SILWANIC 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality confiscated the lands owned by [Sheikh Abdel Muti al-Ansari’s](#) heirs near the foothills of Mount of Olives to be included in the so-called biblical gardens. The Israeli project includes the

establishment of commercial buildings, parking lots, and biblical gardens. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)

- A Palestinian family of 13 was displaced after they were forced to demolish their own home in the Bir Ayoub area of the Silwan neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem, in compliance with orders from Israel's Jerusalem municipality. Hajj Salih Shweiki stated that his family chose to carry out the demolition themselves to avoid the huge fees imposed when municipality crews perform demolitions. The municipality would have charged 80,000 shekels (approximately \$21,600) for the demolition. Members of the family started to manually demolish the interior of the house using sledge hammers and other small tools. The house was built of bricks and corrugated metal sheets. The demolition had been postponed several times over the past few years, and that a final demolition order was issued recently. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar in the occupied West Bank northeast of Jerusalem to deliver demolition orders to classrooms for the village's primary school. 40 homes in the community were also reportedly delivered demolition orders. The IOA surrounded the school -- which has been threatened with demolition by the Israeli government for years -- as faculty and students were prevented from accessing the building. Israeli soldiers imposed a military closure on Khan al-Ahmar before they stormed the village's school to deliver the demolition warrants. The IOA also issued demolition order against 40 Palestinian-owned houses in Khan al-Ahmar on Sunday morning. Residents were notified that they had until Feb. 23 to leave their homes. The "construction termination warrants" were issued against an unspecified number of buildings in Khan al-Ahmar, adding that enforcement of the orders "will take place in coordination with state directives and required legal certifications," without providing further details. ([Haaretz](#), Maannews 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a woman after stopping her at a checkpoint in Ras Al-Amoud, Silwan. (SILWANIC 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli Court extended the arrest of Midhat Obeid until 21/2/2017, Ihab Abu Dheim until 26/2/2017, Naser Obeid until 22/2/2017, Ahmad Rabay'a until 23/3/2017, Mohammad Dirbas and Mohammad Fawzi Obeid until 23/3/2017. (SILWANIC 19 February 2017)
- In the occupied West Bank's Jerusalem Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Hizma, which has seen an increase in military presence in recent days, kidnapped the Palestinian youngster Ali Askar and

handed several young men summonses to appear for interrogation with Israeli intelligence. (Maannews 19 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Jabal al-Mukabbir town of occupied East Jerusalem and detained Ihab Abu Dheim from his home in a predawn police raid. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- Several Palestinian protesters choked on teargas after the Israeli occupation Army (AIO) aggressively dispersed a march in Qalandiya, north of Occupied Jerusalem, in solidarity with Palestinian hunger strikers in Israeli jails. The IOA violently quelled a peaceful Palestinian march that kicked off from the Qalandiya military checkpoint, in northern Occupied Jerusalem, to support the Palestinian hunger strikers Jamal Abu al-Leil and Raed Mteir, who have been on an open-ended hunger strike for the fourth consecutive day to protest administrative detention, with neither charge nor trial. The IOA attacked the Palestinian marchers with heavy spates of teargas canisters, sparking clashes. The Israeli troops closed off the Qalandiya checkpoint and intensified their presence in the area. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at predawn rolled into al-Issawiya village and turned it into a military barrack. Over 200 Israeli soldiers and intelligence officers stormed al-Issawiya and intensified their presence on all access roads to the village. The IOA broke into Palestinian homes and rummaged into the buildings using sniffer dogs. The Israeli soldiers further attacked the Palestinian anti-occupation youth with randomly-discharged spates of teargas canisters and acoustic bombs. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- The Israel Ofer Court sentenced the Palestinian child Ahmed Khadour, 15, to three months imprisonment for an alleged stone-throwing attack, rights group revealed. A fine of 3,000 shekels was also imposed on the child. The court gave his family a year as a deadline for paying the fine. Khadour was detained on January 2, 2017 despite being previously diagnosed with blood cancer, and currently suffers from partial seizures and right hand paralysis. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Fatah Revolutionary Council member and her son, eventually releasing the politician hours later. Salwa Hdeib and her 23-year-old son Ahed Ahmad Qanam got into an argument with Israeli soldiers over the closure of the Hizma checkpoint in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem. They were detained at the checkpoint from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. before being transferred to an Israeli police station in the illegal Atarot Industrial Area settlement, where they were interrogated. The Fatah official was finally released after three hours of interrogation, while Qanam, her son, saw his detention extended. (Maannews 20 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Sheikh Najih Bkeirat, the director of Islamic education at the Waqf, as well as two Palestinian women from a bus in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah. 'The Israeli police stopped two tour buses traveling on a trip to Jaffa and detained Bkeirat and two women identified as Ikram Natsha and Raghad Natsha. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli military court at Ofer prison sentenced 15-year-old Ahmad al-Khadour to 91 days in prison and a 3,000-shekel fine (approximately \$810), after the boy was accused of throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers. The sentencing came despite Ahmad's family's and rights groups' extreme concern regarding the boy's health due to his chronic illnesses -- including leukemia and epilepsy -- and frequent need for medication. The court's judge gave al-Khadour a period of one year to pay the fine. The judge also gave complete authority to Ofer prison director to release al-Khadour before the end of his sentence (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli government is cooperating with Jewish settlement associations to escalate its ongoing Judization policy at al-Aqsa Mosque and the rest of the Old City in occupied Jerusalem. Israeli associations started installing fake Jewish tombs around al-Aqsa Mosque. Israeli bulldozers were seen carrying Jewish tombstones and planting them around the Mosque to indicate graves, but underneath, there are no bodies, nor skeletons. Al-Aqsa Foundation for Endowment and Heritage had earlier revealed that different Israeli government-backed associations and authorities such as the Elad Association and the so-called Nature and National Parks Authority have been working on implanting dozens of fake Jewish graves in the land surrounding al-Aqsa Mosque "at the pretext of carrying out repair and maintenance works and new excavations in a bid to lay hand on Palestinian and Islamic endowment lands. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation police removed a tent erected in Issawiya district, east of Jerusalem, in order to hold a reception for Mohamed Zaidan, a Palestinian citizen who was released after 15 years in Israeli jails. 39-year-old Mohamed Zaidan had been arrested in 2002 and sentenced then for 15 years in prison on a charge of his affiliation with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which Israel classifies as a "terrorist group". (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth at the al-Jib Israeli military checkpoint northwest of Jerusalem due to a post he published on his personal Facebook page. The youth was identified as Laith Barakat. The IOA stopped Barakat at the checkpoint. After providing his ID card to Israeli soldiers, he was detained and transferred to an unidentified location. (Maannews 22 February 2017)

- The District judge sentenced 16-year old Rama Fayez Abdellatif for 14 months of actual imprisonment on charges of “possession of a knife and attempt to wound”. She was arrested last February and was released nearly a month later on condition of house-arrest and deportation from her house to the village of “Ein Naquba”. Several hearing sessions were held for her until the prison sentence was issued on Tuesday. (ARN, SILWANIC 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out a series of arrests in the town of Al Isawiyeh and Shu’fat Refugee Camp in Jerusalem. In Al Isawiyeh and Shu’fat Refugee Camp said dozens of Special Forces along with Intelligence personnel raided the above mentioned areas from several entrances and stormed into residential houses to execute arrests; they also handed several young men from Esawiyeh requests for interrogation. The IOA arrested Mohammad Anwar Obeid (36) and his brothers Samer (24) and Sami (41). They also arrested Shahin Alayan (23) and Mohammad Kayed Mahmoud (24) from the town of Al Isawiyeh. Mohammad Hassouneh was arrested from Shu’fat Refugee Camp. The IOA also arrested Hamzeh Malhi and Nader Masri FROM Shu’fat Refugee camp. (SILWANIC 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Jerusalemite children from the town of Silwan. The IOA arrested Mo’men Sami Abu Sharkh (15), Wisam Rawhi Da’na (13) and Adam Mansour Risheq (13); they are accused of throwing stones. (SILWANIC 22 February 2017)
- The Musta’ribeen unit supported by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested one child from the neighborhood of Al-Thori in Silwan. The Musta’ribeen individuals (undercover police) supported by Special Forces arrested 12-year old Shaker Basem Ashhab and transferred him for interrogation. (SILWANIC 22 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed the plazas of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque. 129 Israeli settlers, escorted by policemen, broke into the plazas of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque via the Maghareba Gate, as part of the morning break-in shift, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 98 settlers, among the 129 Israelis who stormed the site, defiled the al-Aqsa place of worship. Dozens of other Israelis are expected to force their entry into the site in the afternoon shift, started at 12:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian facility in Beit Hanina town, north of occupied Jerusalem, under the pretext of being built without permit. Israeli municipal crews stormed the town accompanied with a number of bulldozers under the protection of Israeli police and surrounded the house of Loay Abu

Ramouz. The municipal crews forcibly evacuated the house before the demolition process. Seven family members, including children, became homeless after the demolition of their 130-square-meter house. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)

- For the first time since the Six-Day War, 250 new acres were recently attached to the territory of the city of Jerusalem completing a multi-year process enabling the municipality to build a new residential neighborhood in Jerusalem with 2,000 housing units. In 2009 the Interior Ministry's Border Committee held its first meeting to discuss the possibility of transferring a 250 acre area adjacent to the Arnona neighborhood from the Yehuda Regional Council and Kibbutz Ramat Rachel's jurisdiction to that of the Jerusalem municipality. The area was once an agricultural area of [Kibbutz Ramat Rachel](#). The municipality recently received an official letter from the Interior Minister announcing transfer of the demarcated area. Consequently, the Jerusalem municipality, together with the Housing Ministry and the Israel Lands Authority, plan to build the [Mordot Arnona](#) neighborhood including more than 2,000 housing units in the area. The approval of the residential [Mordot Arnona](#) neighborhood and its transfer to the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality enabled government authorities to develop and market the neighborhood. The program was already approved and enacted by the District Committee and the land is currently being marketed- a process that is expected to take about a year - prior to issuing the building permits. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said that "we are bolstering and expanding Jerusalem. In the 50th year of its reunification, it continues to grow and develop. Establishment of the new neighborhood will allow us to attract young families to the city, to better respond to the housing demand in the city, and of course to strengthen Jerusalem as Israel's capital." ([INN](#) 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli authorities closed a Palestinian elementary school for boys, [al-Nukhba school](#), in the town of Sur Bahir in the central occupied West Bank Jerusalem Governorate over alleged "incitement". Head of the school Luay Jamal Bkirat stated that Israeli intelligence officials summoned him and the school's financial manager Nasser Hamed for interrogation at an Israeli police station, where they were then told to their surprise that the Israeli police would be shutting down the school over "incitement in the schools' materials." The school -- serves 250 boys from kindergarten to grade six. (Maannews 23 February 2017)
- 75 Israeli settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque and carried out provocative tours throughout the compound. 35 Israeli settlers and 40 guides broke into the Mosque via al-Magharibeh gate under heavy police protection. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

- The occupation authorities transferred two young Jerusalemite men to administrative detention. The authorities decided to transfer Majd Darwish from the town of Al Isawyeh to administrative detention for 6 months, and Mahmoud Abdel Latif from the Old City of Jerusalem for 3 months. (SILWANIC 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Radwan Amro and transferred him for interrogation at Al-Qishleh police station in the Old City of Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 23 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities transferred two Palestinians from occupied East Jerusalem to administrative detention. Israeli authorities transferred Majd Darwish to administrative detention for 6 months and Muhammad Abed al-Latif for 3 months. The IOA had detained the two “youths” during the past few days. One of the detainees is from the occupied East Jerusalem town of Al Isawiya, while al-Latif is from Jerusalem’s Old City. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- Clashes burst out between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and the Palestinian anti-occupation youth shortly after a flock of Israeli military jeeps rolled into Jerusalem’s eastern town of Hizma. The Israeli soldiers attacked the Palestinian protesters with heavy spates of teargas canisters, resulting in several suffocation cases. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli municipal authority in Occupied Jerusalem plans to seize a large tract of Palestinian land on Mount of Olives to carry out a touristic park. A master plan for the park was submitted recently to the district planning and building committee in Occupied Jerusalem to obtain approval. The local residents in Mount of Olives area, however, are deprived of using the land where the park project would take place for building homes or establishing projects for their own benefit. The new project will be 6.3 kilometers long and extend to the Hebrew University on [al-Masharif \(Scopus\) Mount](#). It will overlook the Old City of Jerusalem and include roads, bistros, public toilets, an information center, a souvenir store, a parking lot and other structures. (Palinfo 25 February 2017)
- The Israeli Supreme Court ratified the decision to demolish the house of Martyr Fadi Qunbar in the town of Jabal Al-Mukabber south of Jerusalem. The Supreme Court’s decision came as a response to the appeal submitted by the Martyr’s family through “Hamoked” Center for the defense of individuals. Demolishing the house of Martyr Qunbar is part of the sanctions imposed on the Martyr’s family who passed away nearly a month and a half ago. The Israeli Minister of Interior, Aryeh Dar’ee, decided to suspend the residency of the Martyr’s mother and 12 other relatives. The Israeli authorities also prohibited the family from

establishing a funeral tent for the Martyrs and took it down not to mention the multiple arrests against family members including the Martyr's father, brothers, sister and cousins. The occupation authorities continue to detain the body of Martyr Qunbar in their freezers for the second consecutive month. (PALINFO 24 February 2017)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem as the IOA raided the area following the funeral of a former Palestinian prisoner, 24-year-old Muhammad Kayid Mahmoud. dozens of Israeli police raided the town, sealed its entrance for more than an hour, and raided the town's cemetery and a mosque in the neighboring Obed neighborhood, which caused clashes to erupt in the area. (Maannews 25 February 2017)
- After Israeli authorities shut down a Palestinian elementary school in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Sur Bahir last week over alleged "incitement" in its study materials, students attended class in the street on Sunday and protested against Israel's decision to close the school. Children who were enrolled at al-Nukhba ("the elite" in Arabic) arrived to the campus with their parents in an action organized by the parent committees of Sur Bahir's schools, holding posters expressing support for al-Nukhba and denouncing Israel's closure of educational institutions as "tyrannical." (Maannews 26 February 2017)
- Violent clashes burst out between Palestinian protesters and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Jerusalem's Silwan town, to the south of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque. Violent clashes flared up in Ein al-Lawza neighborhood, in Silwan, after the IOA closed Palestinians' commercial shops and prevented passengers from parking their vehicles the area. The occupation forces further closed off the main access roads to the area, turning it into a military barrack. (PALINFO 26 February 2017)
- 101 Israeli settlers, escorted by policemen and two intelligence officers, broke into al-Aqsa Mosque via al-Maghreba Gate and defiled its plazas. Over the past couple of days, 267 Israeli settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque.
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen from Beit Hanina town north of occupied East Jerusalem after raiding his house. The arrestee was identified as Ribhi Ibrahim Ash Shareef and was transferred to Al Maskobiya detention center west of the city. (Wafa 27 February 2017)
- The Jerusalemite woman Sahar Natsheh was indicted at the Israeli Magistrate's Court for preventing a settler's access into a "sacred place." Sahar was earlier arrested for 11 days before being held under house arrest and banned from entry into al-Aqsa Mosque for more than a year. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)

- The young Palestinian, Mahmoud Abd Latif, 26, is scheduled to be brought before court to look into the Israeli police's administrative detention order against him for three months. Mahmoud was arrested nearly two weeks ago, only three days before his wedding. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- Israeli Occupation authorities issued an administrative detention order against the Jerusalemite prisoner Majd Darwish, 26, for six months. Majd, from Al Issawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem, had earlier spent four years in Israeli jails. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- A Palestinian girl was shot and injured by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Qalandiya military barrier north of Occupied Jerusalem. IOF soldiers shot the girl, closed the barrier in all directions and summoned reinforcements to the site. The girl was left on the ground wounded. The Palestinian Red Crescent crews arrived at the scene, but Israeli troops prevented them from approaching the wounded girl. (PalInfo 27 February 2017)
- Two Palestinians, including a 9-year-old girl, were injured by rubber-coated steel bullets fired by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) During clashes in the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem. Dozens of Israeli police officers stormed the camp and started to ransack stores, prompting local young men and teenagers to clash with them. As a result, a teenage schoolboy was hit with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the chest. The Israeli soldiers "detained the injured boy for more than half an hour at a checkpoint in Shufat before an ambulance, followed by a military jeep, was able to take him to a hospital. A 9-year-old girl was also hit in the foot with a rubber-coated steel bullet and received treatment at a medical center in the camp. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young man "after beating him violently. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- A group of 32 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque through Al Magharba Gate (Al Mughrabi Gate) in Jerusalem along with members of the Israeli Intelligence Police and three members of the Israeli Nature Authority and tried to perform Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 28 February 2017)

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- Palestinian child Abdullah Haroun al-Anati from the Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem was shot by Israeli forces with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the chest **during a violent raid in the camp two** days ago, and has since remained chained to his hospital bed at Israel's Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem despite being in the intensive care unit. The 14-year-old son was being held in Israeli custody while receiving medical treatment, as the Israeli

Occupation Army (IOA) accused the boy of throwing stones at Israeli military vehicles during the raid. (Maannews 1 March 2017)

- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem escorted by Israeli policemen. 98 Israeli settlers broke into the plazas of the holy al-Aqsa Mosque via the Magharibeh Gate, as part of the morning break-in shift, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Three Israeli Intelligence officers and students of Jewish religious schools were among the Israelis who stormed the site. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a building in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya without giving prior warning, leaving 30 Palestinians homeless, under the pretext that the building lacked the nearly impossible to obtain construction permits required by Israeli authorities. It was the third time the building -- a two-level apartment comprised of four units -- was destroyed over the course of a 15-year administrative battle to legalize the structure. Dozens of Israeli special forces, bulldozers, and crews from Israel's Jerusalem municipality raided Issawiya at around 4:30 a.m. and surrounded the building, owned by Khalid Nimr Mahmoud. residents of the building were forced outside before they had time to evacuate their belongings. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- 11 Palestinians sustained wounds in clashes that flared up in Abu Dis town, in eastern Occupied Jerusalem. Six protesters were treated for bullet injuries sustained in clashes with the Israeli forces in Abu Dis. Five Palestinians reportedly choked on teargas in the clashes. The Israeli soldiers showered Abu Dis town and the environs of the Quds University with teargas grenades and rubber bullets. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, violent skirmishes broke out between Israeli policemen and young men in Kafr Aqab town, with no reported arrests. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Hizma town, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and kidnapped a young man from his home. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian near Salah Ad Din Street in Jerusalem city and took him to a nearby detention center. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- Around 50 Israeli settlers and 50 members of the Israeli Intelligence Police raided Al Aqsa Mosque via Al Magharbah gate (Al Mughrabi Gate) and carried out provocative tours. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) quelled a solidarity march with Palestinian hunger striking detainees in Qalandiya refugee camp in Occupied Jerusalem.

Dozens of Palestinians participated in the peaceful march in solidarity with both hunger striking captives: Jamal Abu Al-Lail and Mohammad Al-Qiq. The IOA showered participants with tear gas and stun grenades while they were approaching Qalandiya's barrier. The forces closed the military checkpoint and blocked traffic because of the solidarity march amid intensive deployment of Israeli military forces. Clashes erupted between Israeli troops and activists who took part in the march. (PALINFO 3 March 2017)

- For the past two days, a Palestinian family in the neighborhood of Sur Bahir in the Jerusalem Governorate of the occupied West Bank has been anticipating the worst after the Israeli central court rejected their appeal against a demolition order on their home on the 2nd of March 2017. Ashraf Fawaqa, owner of the house, attempted to obtain an Israeli building license for six years following the construction of his home. He had to pay more than 200,000 shekels (\$54,102) for various costs associated with postponing and extending Israeli demolition orders during this time. The Israeli municipality had decided to carry out the demolition at the start of last month without allowing any more postponements. However, after appealing to the Israeli central court, he was able to extend the demolition until March 2, while paying a postponement fee of 30,000 shekels (\$8,115), in addition to court fees. The court, however, rejected the appeal and approved the municipality's decision to demolish the house. (Maannews 4 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) started last week to build a road for settlers near Gilo settlement in Jerusalem as well as factories in Qalandiya, north of the holy city. According to Yerushalim newspaper, a new road is being built nowadays to connect Ein Yael area with the mountainous area of Gilo settlement. The newspaper said that the construction of the road started after the Israeli housing ministry approved a plan to develop infrastructure in the area. For its part, Kol Ha'ir newspaper said that Israeli minister of Jerusalem affairs Ze'ev Elkin and chief of the Jerusalem municipality Nir Barkat launched a few days ago the industrial zone project (Atarot-C) in Qalandiya. The newspaper said that 12 factories would be built as part of this project on nearly 100 dunums of land. (PLAINFO 4 March 2017)
- After completing a 12-year sentence in Israeli prison, 34-year-old Moussa Darwish was immediately re-detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) upon being released. The Israeli intelligence officers were waiting for Darwish outside of Ktziot prison to re-detain him as they prevented his family -- who had traveled to the southern Israeli prison to greet the freed man -- to go near him. Darwish, who is a resident of the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya, spent 12 years in jail. (Maannews 5 March 2017)

- Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque and carried out Talmudic rituals in Bab Ar Rahma area. Settlers also toured in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque and carried out provocative actions. (WAFA 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration has replaced the recently issued 42 stop work orders by demolition orders in [Khan al-Ahmar Bedouin village](#), located in Israeli-controlled Area C in the West Bank. A large part of the Bedouin village is threatened with demolition after the distribution of 42 demolition orders. Last week, the villagers filed an urgent petition against the demolition process, requesting an injunction on those demolition orders from the High Court. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Khaldoun Taha Dari and Islam Al Qurom FROM Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Musa Muhammad Odeh and Dia' Odeh from Silwan city south of Al Aqsa Mosque. The IOA also summoned Mussallam Odeh, Muhhammad Al Qaq and Ahmad Froukh for interrogation at the Israeli Intelligence Police office in Jerusalem city. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- Palestinian child, shot by Israeli forces with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his left eye during a violent raid into Shufat camp in occupied Jerusalem, has been kept chained to an iron bed at Israel's Hadassah Medical Center. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, searched several houses in Silwan and detained two Palestinians, identified as 20 year-old Moussa Muhammad Odeh and Diya Odeh. Three Palestinian minors, all aged 17, were also ordered to appear for interrogation with Israeli intelligence. The three were identified as Muslim Moussa Odeh, Muhammad Issa al-Qaq, and Ahmad Muhammad Froukh. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli police also extended the detention of Khalid al-Zir, who was detained for "obstructing police work" after he filmed Israeli forces raiding houses in Silwan earlier Sunday evening. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- A predawn Israeli police raid to detain five Palestinians in the occupied East Jerusalem Town of Issawiya sparked clashes between the Police and Palestinian youth where the police violently assaulted the five Palestinians before apprehending them. Three other Palestinians were also detained in the East Jerusalem raids. Israeli soldiers raided Issawiya several times on Sunday and were heavily deployed at all entrances to the neighborhood. The IOA fired sound bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets in the neighborhood and removed posters hung in the area celebrating the release of local Palestinians from Israeli prison.

The five detainees were identified as 52-year-old Ahmad Moussa Darwish, 42-year-old Ibrahim Moussa Darwish, 29-year-old Mansour Hassan Darwish, 25-year-old Muhammad Nihad Darwish, and 23-year-old Saeb Kayid Dirbas. (Maannews 7 March 2017)

- 23 Israeli settlers, escorted by police troops, stormed the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque via the Maghareba Gate as part of the morning break-in shift. The Israeli settlers performed sacrilegious rituals at the holy site, stirring furor among the Muslim worshipers and sit-inners. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nour Areikat from his home in Abu Dis town, in east Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli police prevented al-Aqsa Mosque personnel from repairing the gate of the Qibli place of worship and arrested two staff members. The Israeli police arrested al-Aqsa staff members Issa al-Dabagh and engineer Basam al-Halaq as they headed to the Qibli Mosque to repair its entrance gate. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into al-Rahma Cemetery, adjacent to al-Aqsa Mosque, and prevented Palestinian mourners from digging a grave to bury their dead relative. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) prevented holding an event for the International Women's Day in occupied Jerusalem. The IOA abruptly prevented organizing the women's event based on a decision issued by the Israeli Minister of Public security. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the sister of Martyr Ali Ash Shoukhi, Su'ad Atef Ash Shoukhi, from Silwan city south of Jerusalem. The arrestee was transferred to unknown place. (SAFA 10 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the home of martyr Fadi Qanbar in Mount Scopus town east of Occupied Jerusalem and took its measurements in preparation for its demolition or closure. The IOA took measurements of the streets surrounding the home as well in order to be able to enter Israeli heavy vehicles and bulldozers either for razing or closing the house with concrete. (PALINFO 10 March 2017)

- A Palestinian family was forced to demolish part of its house (a storage room) in Wadi Hilwah neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem. The room is owned by citizen Arafat Qara'ien. (SAFA 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested the Palestinian novelist [Khalida Ghusha](#) from her house in occupied Jerusalem. Khalida was detained for issuing a novel attacking collaborators with the Israeli occupation. (PLAINFO 11 March 2017)
- In the central Jerusalem Governorate, two young men were detained in the village of Biddu, identified as Muhtadi Khalid Ayyash and Salih Mansour. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- Three Palestinians including a minor were injured evening due to two separate attacks by Jewish settlers in Occupied Jerusalem. A group of Jewish settlers from Ma'aleh Michmash settlement northeast of Occupied Jerusalem assaulted two Palestinian men: Ahmad al-Shawahin from Yatta town in al-Khalil and Jamil al-Khatib from Hazma town in Occupied Jerusalem. The fanatic settlers smashed the Palestinians' car before beating them brutally and leaving them with bruises. The attacking settlers also robbed their money. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Three Israeli settlers assaulted the 15-year-old Palestinian boy Malek Siyam in the French Hill in Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and killed a 25-year-old Palestinian near the Lion's Gate entrance to Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem's Old City. The killed Palestinian was identified as Ibrahim Mahmoud Matar, a resident of the East Jerusalem town of Jabal al-Mukabbir, located south of the Old City. (Maannews 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented the guard of Al Aqsa Mosque, Arafat Najeib, from entering the Mosque. (WAFA 13 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers renewed their incursion to Al Aqsa Mosque via Bab Al Magharba, (Al Mughrabi Gate, under the cover of Israeli Police. Settlers toured in the alleys of Al Aqsa Mosque and chanted slogans. (WAFA 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli police closed a land mapping office in East Jerusalem, which they say is run on the behalf of Palestinian security forces to keep track of land sales made by Palestinians to Jews in Jerusalem. According to the police, the office in Jerusalem's Beit Hanina neighborhood, which ostensibly dealt with land mapping, was being funded by the Palestinian Authority while operating in under the guise of a geographic consulting firm. The mapping office is run by Dr. Khalil Tukfaji, a geographer who researches Israeli settlements. Tukfaji has taken part in the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians over the years, and is well-known to the Israeli peace negotiating teams. ([Haaretz](#) 14 March 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished a 2-level building under construction in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Al Issawiya, in Al Dahra area. A large number of Israeli security army stormed Al Issawiya to protect bulldozers and a Jerusalem municipality crew carrying out the demolition. The bulldozers then tore down a two-story, 250-square-meter building under construction owned by Majdi Mustafa. Mustafa's family had only recently started to build the structure, and had not yet obtained a construction permit from the Jerusalem municipality for it. (Maannews 14 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 19-year-old Abdullah Mashhour Said and 18-year-old Ahmad Afif Askar from the village of Hizma in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 14-year-old Muhammad Nadir Abu Farha from his home in the Old City. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed occupied East Jerusalem's Jabal al-Mukabbir town and broke into the home of Martyr Fadi al-Qunbar. Cement mixing trucks arrived to the area and waited outside of the house, but left after sometime because they appeared to have trouble accessing the home from the street. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Police detained six young men and one minor from Jabal al-Mukabbir town in occupied East Jerusalem in predawn raids. They were identified as Wajdi Khalil Shqeirat, 33, Mithqal Khalid Shqeirat, 21, Ahmad Amin Mashahra, 31, Hussein Bassam Shqeirat, 29, Muhammad Issam Shqeirat, 19, Bashar Bassam Shqeirat, 17, and Rias Ibrahim Shqeirat, 29. (SILWANIC, Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Police arrested Mohammad Ra'fat Dari, Ahmad Abu Rmeileh and Ismaeel Mheisen in the town of Al Esawyeh in occupied East Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Police arrested 20-year old Omar Firas Al-A'war from Silwan town in occupied East Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli court in Jerusalem sentenced Akram Mustafa for 24 months of actual imprisonment, a suspended probation of 12 months for 3 years and a 3-thousand NIS fine.
- In Al Issawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Police detained Muhammad Raafat Dari, Ahmad Abu Rmeila, and Ismail Muheisin. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- In Silwan town, the Israeli Occupation Police detained the 20-year-old Omar Firas al-Awar. (Maannews 15 March 2017)

- In the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem, the Israeli occupation army detained three Palestinians in the town of Anata and one in al-Eizariya. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli police arrested journalist Samah Dwaik from her house in Ras al-Amud neighborhood in Silwan town, south of al-Aqsa Mosque. Dwaik was taken to an interrogation center in occupied Jerusalem. Dwaik was previously arrested by the Israeli police on charges of "incitement" on social media. (PALINFO 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Sobhi Mahmoud Mas'oud from Al Fanduqimyia village while on his way to cross a sudden checkpoint that was erected by the IOA near the evacuated Homesh settlement site, southwest of Jenin city. (WAFA 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested the Jerusalemite journalist Samah Dweik after raiding her house in Ras Al-Amoud, Silwan. She was taken to Al-Qishleh police station in the Old City of Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli court in Jerusalem extended the arrest of Mohammad Ja'bari until 29/5/2017, Yehya Al-Kamel until 2/4/2017, Musleh Shihadeh until 19/3/2017, Mahmoud Salah until 16/3/2017, Mahmoud Naser until 27/3/2017, Mohammad Jodeh until 18/6/2017, Mohammad Abed and Ahmad Salaymeh and Mohammad Abu Asab until 2/4/2017. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli court in Jerusalem extended the arrest of Omar Rweidat, Mohammad Shkeirat, Hussein Shkeirat, Mithqal Shkeirat, Khader Shkeirat and Eyad Shkeirat until 19/3/2017; Ahmad Mashahra, Wajdi Shkeirat, Ri'as Shkeirat and Bashar Shkeirat until 17/3/2017; Mansour Naser and Ahmad Abu Rmeileh until 21/3/2017, Suhaib Afaneh until 5/4/2017 and Mohammad Batroukh (Jerusalemite journalist) until 19/3/2017. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli court in Jerusalem issued sentences against the following: (1) Abdelqader Dari (minor): a 140-hour course, a 4-thousand NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for three years. (2) Majd Mustafa (minor): Six months and one day in prison, a 3400-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 4 months for three years. (3) Mo'men Dibs (minor): Actual imprisonment for 100 days, a 3600-NIS fine and a suspended probation of 3 months for three years. (4) Yehya Abu Khdeir: Actual imprisonment for 27 months, a 5-thousand NIS fine and a suspended probation of 6 months for three years. (SILWANIC 15 March 2017)
- 42 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque via Al Magharabah Gate under the cover of Israeli security Police. (WAFA 15 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a Palestinian home in the Silwan town of occupied East Jerusalem without giving prior notice, under the pretext that it was built without Israeli-issued construction permits. The excavators under heavy military and police protection stormed the Ein al-Luzah area of Silwan and demolished a two-room home built of bricks and roofed with tin sheets, owned by Muhammad Abu Salih. The Israeli bulldozers carried out the demolition raid without giving prior notice. One of the rooms was built 18 years ago, and the other was added five years ago. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, Ahmad Abd al-Haidari was detained from the neighborhood of Issawiya. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Arafat Abu al-Hamam from Silwan town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Arafat Abu Al-Hammam (42) and Mohammad Ali Abu Tayeh (22) after raiding their homes in Silwan town in occupied East Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmad Dari from the town of Al Esawyeh in occupied East Jerusalem. (SILWANIC 16 March 2017)
- A horde of 35 Israeli settlers, escorted by MK Moshe Feiglin stormed the holy al-Aqsa Mosque, in Occupied Jerusalem, via the Maghareba Gate as part of the daily morning break-in shift carried out starting at 7 a.m. Israeli cops locked the Maghareba Gate shortly after the break in and cordoned off the plazas of the site. Meanwhile, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) have been banning a group of Muslim women from entering al-Aqsa to perform their prayers. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) organized the Jerusalem International Marathon for the 7th consecutive year in the street of Jerusalem supported by the occupation municipality, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Sports. The IOA organized this year's Marathon under the name "50 years to the liberation of Jerusalem from invaders"; this year is the 50th anniversary of occupying the rest of the city of Jerusalem in 1967. The Marathon aims at showing the city of Jerusalem as an Israeli unified city with its two parts (East and West Jerusalem). (WAFA 17 March 2017)
- A Palestinian taxi driver from Jerusalem sustained fractures and bruises after being assaulted by two Israeli settlers while working in West Jerusalem. The Taxi driver was identified as Fadi Abed, 41. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian child from his house in Wadi Hilwah neighborhood in Silwan town south of Jerusalem city. The arrestee was identified as Muhammad Awni Siyam. (WAFA 19 March 2017)

- 131 Israeli settlers and students stormed Al Aqsa Mosque via Bab Al Magharba (Al Mughrabi Gate) under the cover of Israeli security Police and performed Talmudic Rituals. (WAFA 19 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation authorities prosecuted two Palestinians for alleged “Facebook incitement,” amid an ongoing crackdown by Israel on Palestinian freedom of expression and social media activity. Israeli authorities issued a list of charges against Jerusalemite journalist Muhammad Batroukh, which included alleged incitement on Facebook, and extended his detention until Tuesday. Batroukh was detained on March 7, 2017. (Maannews 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian young man at a makeshift checkpoint near Anata town, northeast of Occupied Jerusalem, with no known reason. Israeli soldiers rounded up 19-year-old Sultan al-Naqib, from Askar refugee camp in Nablus, as he was traveling on a car near Anata. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- In occupied east Jerusalem, Israeli police kidnapped at dawn three Palestinians from their homes in Al Issawiya town. They were identified as Hatem Zumorod, Mohamed Naser, and Mohamed Muhaisen. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers renewed their incursion to Al Aqsa Mosque via Bab Al Magharba (Al Mughrabi Gate) under the cover of Israeli security Police. The settlers carried out provocative tours in the courtyards of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Wafa 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced a Palestinian from Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem to demolish his owned house under the pretext of unlicensing. The house is owned by Firas Salah Mahmoud and is 140 square meters area. (SAFA 20 March 2017)
- Israeli military Jeeps raided Qalandyia refugee camp north of Jerusalem city and fired tear gas bombs to disperse Palestinians who gathered to prevent the Israeli incursion to the area. The Israeli troops also distributed posters threatening Palestinian families in the camp to watch over their kids. No arrests or injuries were reported. (WAFA 21 March 2017)
- Around 60 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque via Al Magharba gate (Al Mughrabi gate) under the cover of Israeli security Police. (WAFA 21 March 2017)
- Tens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Abu Dis town in Jerusalem Governorate. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The 15-year-old Bassam Shukri Qunbur was also kidnapped by the The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained from Jabal al-Mukabbir town in occupied East Jerusalem. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majd Hani Abu Rmeila, 15, and his brother Jawad, 18, from Silwan city south of Jerusalem. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) punitively sealed a Palestinian home in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Jabal al-Mukabbir by pouring concrete inside the house, displacing five Palestinians -- including four children -- as a result. The house belonged to the family of Fadi al-Qunbar. Israeli special forces, police, and intelligence officers were heavily deployed in the neighborhood, having closed off the main streets and preventing vehicles and pedestrians from entering or leaving the area. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- Any attempt to undertake construction in the area known as E1, which separates Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim in the West Bank, is like a red rag to the international community. Even these days, in the Trump era, when initiatives for annexing Ma'aleh Adumim keep appearing on the political agenda, the government seems to be very cautious with regard to expanding the settlement in the direction of Jerusalem in a way that would create territorial contiguity between the two. Nevertheless, in recent weeks there has been talk of several projects which could create a "mental" proximity between the two cities. Despite increasing voices in the coalition calling for legal annexation of Ma'aleh Adumim, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is dragging his feet out of concern for the international ramifications of such a move. Promotion of these new projects, however, could strengthen the ties between Jerusalem and the settlement and pass quietly under the diplomatic radar. For several weeks now, tractors have been working along Highway 1, which leads to Ma'aleh Adumim, just outside the city. They are busy constructing a new interchange which will provide easier access to Jerusalem for Ma'aleh Adumim residents. The non-profit Ir Amim organization says that this interchange is critical for future construction in E1, since it will serve as an alternative route for Palestinian traffic between the two cities. The plan for this interchange was approved in 2013. The Jerusalem Municipality's finance committee also approved the construction of a new tunnel at the French Hill intersection, which will greatly alleviate traffic congestion in that area. Traveling from Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods and Ma'aleh Adumim into the city's core will thus become much easier. The city says that both projects are part of an overall plan to improve traffic infrastructure in the city's north. In recent weeks demolition orders were issued for a Bedouin village lying along the highway. The houses there were built without permits decades ago and Israel has been trying to evacuate it for some time, and now intends to finally do so. In addition, Jerusalem's Planning and Construction Committee has approved a plan for open areas within and around the city. The plan calls for designating the slopes of Mount Scopus that face Ma'aleh Adumim as a national

park to be further developed. East Jerusalem residents and left-wing activists claim that this plan is designed to prevent any expansion of nearby Palestinian neighborhoods. “The right wing is trying to whitewash the E1 project by claiming that Ma’aleh Adumim lies within the national consensus,” says Aviv Tatarsky, a researcher at Ir Amim. “Building there will convert Ma’aleh Adumim from an Israeli negotiating point which could be part of a land swap with the Palestinians into a death blow for the two-state solution,” he says. “Investing billions in infrastructure there expresses a determination to foil such a solution. This involves the expulsion of thousands of Bedouin as well, while pretending to address the problems of nearby Arab neighborhoods. This is what makes continued Israeli rule over the Palestinians illegitimate,” he adds. The city responded by saying that it was improving infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing city, and that these projects would improve traffic congestion in the northern parts of the city. Plans are also being prepared for Arab neighborhoods, said a municipality spokesman. ([Haaretz](#) 22 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 15-year-old Bassam Shukri al-Qunbar from Jabal al-Mukabbir when the IOA raided the town [to seal a home with cement](#), as a punitive action taken against the family of Palestinian Martyr Fadi al-Qunbar. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- An Israeli police officer physically assaulted and injured several Palestinians in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Wadi Al Jouz. A plainclothes police officer aggressively verbally confronting a Palestinian truck driver after the latter allegedly hit the officer’s car. The officer proceeds to headbutt, slap, punch, kick, and knee the truck driver in the lower abdomen. Ahmad al-Tawil, a 26 year-old Jerusalemite who witnessed the scene, tried to intervene once the officer began assaulting the truck driver, only for the Israeli officer to hit him several times in the head and stomach, injuring al-Tawil in the eye. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) heightened movement restrictions at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem after a sit-in was organized at the site following Friday prayers which demanded the release of slain Palestinian bodies withheld by the Israeli state. The IOA raided Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while soldiers deployed at the gates of the holy site banned Palestinians from entering the area after the Dhuhur (afternoon) prayer. The IOA also searched all Palestinian youth “in a provocative manner” as they exited the compound following prayers and the subsequent sit-in. Additionally, the IOA stationed at the gate also detained an unspecified number of Palestinians and transported them to Israeli interrogation centers. (Maannews 24 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian Jerusalemites after raiding their homes in Jerusalem area. The arrestees were identified as Ameer Al Balbisi from As Suwana neighborhood and Abdel Raheem Barbar from Ras Al Amoud.
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinians in Jerusalem following the Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. The arrestees were identified as Muhammad Al Shalabi, Issa Al Ja'bari, Alaa Ad Din An Natsheh, Hamza Malhes, Yazan Hisham Al Ja'bari and Siraj Ad Din Mureish. (SAFA 25 March 2017)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced, Yousif Bakhtan, a Palestinian from Al Ash Qaria Beit Hanina town north of Jerusalem city, to self-demolish the roof of his own house under the pretext of unlicensed building. (Safa 25 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at Ras Jabal area in Jabal Al Mukkabit southeast of Jerusalem city, and started searching vehicles and Palestinians' ID cards. (SAFA 25 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Abu Shosha family in Wadi Al Jooz neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (SAFA 25 March 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers and members of the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) broke into al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards under the protection of the Israeli police. 53 settlers stormed the courtyard of al-Aqsa Mosque from Bab al-Magharbeh, which has been under full Israeli control since the occupation of Jerusalem in 1967, before the Israeli police closed the gate at 11 am. The tours included some of the courtyards of al-Aqsa Mosque within a specific route ending with Bab al-Silsileh where the settlers performed Talmudic rites and prayers after exiting it. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- Dozens of Palestinian homes have become threatened with demolition as the Israeli municipal authority in Occupied Jerusalem is still embarking on building a link road passing through the Palestinian neighborhood of Jabal Mukaber. The road, to be named the American Street, would be 32 meters wide, thus leading to the demolition of 57 Palestinian homes. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- Israeli police detained four guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, in Jerusalem after they stopped a Jewish archaeologist from stealing an ancient mosque stone. Police first detained three guards when they attempted to block the theft of the stone and shoved the director of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Omar Kiswani, when he tried to intervene on behalf of the employees. A fourth guard was later detained for the same reason. All four were taken into custody. (WAFA 27 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers attacked a number of Palestinian cars near the Spanish Consulate in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Attacks included punching

the tires of some cars and writing racist slogans on others. (WAFA 27 March 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 10 security guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem after they prevented an Israeli archaeologist from trying to remove an old stone from the religious compound. The altercation occurred after the guards intervened as the Israeli archaeologist, escorted by an Israeli police officer, entered the Al-Aqsa compound and tried to take a stone from an underground section below the al-Qibli mosque in the compound. The archaeologist was removed from the area, which is closed to the public, but later tried to re-enter via the underground Marwani prayer hall, when the security guards once again rejected him. The IOA detained three guards in the morning, while seven others were detained after Israeli police raided their homes later that afternoon. He identified the guards as Luay Abu al-Saad, Salman Abu Mayyala, Hamza Nimr, Arafat Najib, Ahed Judah, Muhammad Idriss, Samir al-Qabbani, Qasim Kamal, Usama Siyam, and Khalil al-Tarhouni. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Luay Abu al-Saad and Suleiman Abu Mayyala. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a number of Palestinian vehicles in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Occupied Jerusalem. The attacks included damaging the tires of some vehicles and writing racist slogans on others. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality's bulldozers demolished a house and an under-construction building in the village of Esawyeh without prior notice under the pretext of building without a permit. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) along with municipality employees and a bulldozer raided the village in the early morning hours and demolished a 150-square meters house owned by Ahmad Abu Hummos; the family were getting ready to move-in after they had completed construction. The bulldozer also demolished an under-construction building that consists of one floor owned by Mheisen family. The first floor was built a year ago and the family had to stop construction following an order by the municipality. The demolition operation took place without prior notice. (SILWANIC 28 March 2017)
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality's bulldozers demolished two houses in the neighborhood of Al-Sal'a in the village of Jabal Al-Mukabber south of Jerusalem under the pretext of building without a permit. The Israeli police along with municipality employees and bulldozers raided the area of "Al-Mrooj- Al-Sal'a" in the village of Jabal Al-Mukabber and surrounded two houses owned by Islam Abbasi and his brother Moussa around 04:30 a.m. and surrounded them before

evacuating the residents and proceeding with the demolition operation under the pretext of building without a permit. Islam's family consists of 8 individuals (6 children) while the family of Imam consists of 6 individuals (4 children). The two houses were built in 2014 and have an area of 160 square meters. The family was able to extend and freeze previously issued demolition orders. The last extension was until mid-march, and the family filed a request to freeze the demolition order but the municipality never responded. (SILWANIC 29 March 2017)

- 58 Israeli settlers, escorted by police troops, stormed holy al-Aqsa Mosque. Settlers broke into the plazas of al-Aqsa Mosque and carried out sacrilegious rituals. The break-in comes a couple of days after Muslim guards at al-Aqsa thwarted a stone-theft attempt by an Israeli archaeologist. (PALINFO 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three children from the neighborhood of Ras Al-Amoud in Silwan. The IOA arrested three children after raiding their homes in Ras Al-Amoud, they are: Ibrahim Ammar Saghal (13), Mohammad Mazen Shweiki (16) and Hamdi Jamal Jaber (16). (SILWANIC 29 March 2017)
- Five Palestinian guards at al-Aqsa Mosque are to be brought to an Israeli court. The five guards, among 11 arrested by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) over the past couple of days, will be put on trial at Israel's Central Court, in Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- Clashed erupted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens in Abu Dis town southeast of Jerusalem where the latter fired tear gas bombs at protestors to disperse them. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- Clashed erupted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens near the Israeli checkpoint at the entrance of Su'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the office of Al-Hamoda company for foods and dairy products in As Sawahra Ash Sharqiya town near Ash Shayyah military checkpoint and started destroying office contents. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- Three "children" were detained from occupied East Jerusalem. The minors were identified as Ibrahim al-Zaghal, 13, Muhammad Shweiki, 16, and Hamdi Jaber, 16. (Maannews 30 March 2017)

Hebron Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Hebron Governorate during the month of January 2017

- Three settlers were arrested after they entered territory near Sussiya defying an IDF order banning them from the area near the Palestinian village. The settlers allegedly wrote the word “revenge” and a Star of David in stones near the village. Police arrived on the scene after the IDF, which sought to clear the settlers from the area. However, the settlers resisted IDF efforts. With a population of only 400, the Palestinian village of Sussiya has garnered international attention as it faces a demolition order from the government. ([IPOST](#) 1 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Hebron Governorate. The IOA first raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested Rani Mouhamamd Abdel Rahman (15 years). The IOA also arrested Bajes Hasan As Suweiti from Beit Awwa town west of Hebron city and Zeid Zeidan Al Rajabi from Hebron Old city. (Shasha 1 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a house belonging to Zaid Zaidan al-Rajbi (23) in the Hebron’s Old City and then arrested him. (PCHRGAZA 01 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into Beit ‘Awa village, southwest of Dura, southwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Bajes Hasan al-Suwaiti (30) and then arrested him. Israeli forces claimed they were looking for weapons in the area. (PCHRGAZA 01 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Mohammed Abdul Raman Ehdeeb (47) and then arrested his son Rani (15). (PCHRGAZA 01 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented a number of Palestinian workers affiliated to the Hebron Rehabilitation committee from continuing their work to renovate buildings located in Ash Shuhada Street, Tel Rumeida and Jabal Al Rahma in the heart of Hebron city. The IOA raiding the house of Abu Haikal family located at the entrance of Ash Shuhada Street which has been undergoing some restoration and maintenance work and detained workers at the site. (WAFA 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into Beit Ummer village, north of Hebron, and stationed in Khelet al-‘Ein neighbourhood. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Yusuf Mohammed Kamel Za’aqiq (26) and Anwar Yusuf Khdair ‘Awad (22) and then arrested them. The Israeli forces then took the arrested civilians to a detention centre in “Gush Etzion” settlement complex, south of Bethlehem. (PCHRGAZA 02 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into the southern area in Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Naser Rab'i Abu Suneinah (25 years). (PCHRGZA 02 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Hebron Governorate. The three were identified as: Yousif Muhammad Z'aqueeq (26 Years), a former prisoner who spent 4 years in the Israeli jail; and Anwar Yousif Awad (22 Years) who also spent 2 years in the Israeli jail and Naser Rib'I Abu Sneineh. (Shasha 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Abu Suneinah neighborhood, south of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Abdullah Mohammed 'Arif al-Atrash (45), damaged the house contents and then beat Abdullah with their rifles. They also searched a car workshop belonging to Abdullah and damaged cars spare parts for. They also damaged a NIS 6000 machine used for welding and pulling cars. Moreover, Israeli forces questioned Abdullah's son Ahmed (4) claiming they search for weapons. As a result, the child panicked. They also questioned Abdullah's eldest son Mohammed (17) who was then handcuffed and taken to an abandoned store where Israeli forces severely beat him. Israeli forces later withdrew from the house, but no arrests were reported. However, Abdullah missed NIS 10,000 and was not given any document of the confiscation. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Idhna village, west of Hebron, and stationed in 'Aziz neighborhood, west of the village. They raided and searched 2 houses belonging to Rezeq Khalil Tamizi (38), Ghassan Abdul 'Athim al-Qaisi (33) and then arrested them. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Yatta, south of Hebron, and stationed in Ruq'aah neighborhood. They raided and searched a house belonging to Murad Ahmed Nawaj'ah (29) and then arrested him. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Hebron and stationed in al-Ja'abari neighborhood, south of the city. They raided and searched a house belonging to 'Ali Saber al-Ja'abari (30) and then arrested him. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Sayel Abdul Mahdi Zaidat (36) and then arrested him and his brother Ziyad (25). (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Hebron and stationed in Khelet Nafisah neighbourhood. They raided and searched a house belonging to

Mohammed Ahmed Abu Fonunah (50) and then withdrew, but no arrests were reported. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Hebron and stationed in al-Sharif Mount neighbourhood. They raided and searched a house belonging to Fathi Zakaryah Maswadah. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up two military checkpoints at Adh Dahriya town entrance and Al Fawwar refugee camp. (Wafa 4 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Sair town east of Hebron city and arrested Yousif Abed Rabbu Kawazba (34 Years) and Hamza Mahmoud Ash Shahateet from the town. The IOA also arrested Hamza and Omar Abdel Halim At Talahma from Kharsa village south of Hberon city, and Anas Khalil Al 'Alami (22 Years) from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city after raiding his family home. (Wafa 4 January 2017)

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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Kharsa village, south of Dura, southwest Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested 3 civilians namely Omer Abdul Halim al-Talahmah (26), his brother Mahmud (19) and Hamzah 'Ayed Shahatit (22). (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Beit Ummer village, north of Hebron, and stationed in 'Asidah neighborhood. They raided and searched a house belonging to Anas Khalil al-'Alami (22) and then arrested him. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron. They raided and searched 4 houses from which they arrested Ahmed Mahmud Abu Wardah (35), Mustafa Jawad Selmi (19), Mohammed Akram Jouah (17) and Basel Saber Joudah (17). (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Sa'ir village, east of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to Yusuf Kawazbah (40) and then arrested him. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) halted the construction of an agricultural road in Al Burj village in the southern Hebron Governorate under the pretext of its close proximity of the route of the Segregation Wall. (WAFA 05 January 2017).
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by members of the Israeli Civil Administration raided Tarqumyia town west of Hebron city and notified to halt the construction of the under-construction house of Alaa Ghazi Qa'qour for the second time under the pretext of unlicensed building. (WAFA 05 January 2017).
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) summoned Samer Eid Halayqa from Ash Shuyoukh village east of Hebron city for interrogation in the Gush Etzion

settlement bloc after raiding his house and causing damages to the contents. (Wafa 06 January 2017).

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Muhammad Mahmoud Issa Abu 'Arram (21 YEARS) from Yatta town south Hebron city while he was near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, and took him to unknown destination. (WAFA 07 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Amin Ali Musa Manasrah from Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city after raiding his house and the house of his brother, searching them and messing with contents. The IOA took citizen Manasrah (49 Years) to unknown destination. (WAFA 07 January 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked the house of Imad Abu Shamsieh who videotaped the death of Abdel Fattah Ash Shareif in Hebron city at the hands of the Israeli soldiers. Settlers hurled stones at the house. (NBPRS 08 January 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided AT Tabaqa and Kharsa villages in Dura town, raided a number of homes in the aforementioned villages and detained two Palestinians, Ayman Abdel Naser Ad Darabee' (12 Years) and Ali Al Koumi (18 Years). The IOA interrogated the two detained Palestinians before again releasing them. (WAFA 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrance of Al Fawwar Refugee camp with an Iron gate, set up a military checkpoint and searched Palestinian vehicles causing obstruction to the Palestinian vehicular and Pedestrian movement. (WAFA 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the iron gate located at the entrance of Sair village and hindered the Palestinian entry/exit to and from the village through the Israeli bypass road No. 60. The IOA also raided a number of homes in the village and carried out thorough search. (SAFA 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nidal Omar Al Froukh from Sair village at a sudden checkpoint that was erected near the city of Bethlehem and took him to unknown destination. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) threatened to halt the construction of two residencies in Al Fakheit village in Massafer Yatta in the southern Hebron city. The two residencies are owned by Muhei Abu Sabha and Muhamamd Ayyoub Abu Sabha and were built with the help of the Italian cooperation donation. (WAFA 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Jameel Masharqa in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) searched the house of Suleiman Ali Muhamamd Abu Ayyash in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city, confiscated

his wife's car, money, Jewelry and their personal computer. (SAFA 10 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Mahmoud Muhammad Darweesh Adi from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city, searched it and confiscated an amount of money before leaving the house. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- In Idhna town west of Hebron city, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Issa Al Batran, thoroughly searched it and messed with the contents. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian near Gush Etzion Junction north of Hebron city under the pretext of carrying out a terror attack. (SHASHA 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Qusai Ahmad Khalil Abu Hashem (16 Years) after raiding his family house in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and confiscated NIS 2,500. The IOA also summoned his father for interrogation at the Gush Etzion Settlement bloc. (SAFA 10 January 2017)
- A number of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear-gas bombs at Palestinians in Ath Thaher area near Karmeil Zur settlement north of Hebron city. (Wafa 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained, for half an hour, a Palestinian Photographer, Mashhour Al Wahwah, working for Wafa news agency near Kiryat Arba settlement in Hebron city and three other Palestinians working for Palestine TV station. The three detainees were identified as Thaer Faqousa, Sari Al Uweiwi, Jihad Al Qawasma and Alaa Haddad. The IOA also confiscated their tools and cameras. (Wafa 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as Ayham Adawi (13 years) and Jaber Ribhi Al Badawi (14 Years). The IOA raided the camp and fired tear-gas and sound bombs at Palestinians. Several Palestinians suffered gas-Inhalation. (SAFA 11 January 2017))
- Israeli settlers attempted to break into the Hebron home of activist Imad Abu Shamsiyya and threw stones at the house as he has continued to be the target of death threats and harassment after he filmed an Israeli soldier shoot a Palestinian to death last year. Since his footage went viral the day of the shooting back in March 2015, Abu Shamsiyya has been the target of violent settler incursions on his home and has received hundreds of death threats online. Settlers gathered around his house, and when they failed to break in, they hurled stones, causing minor damages. A Large numbers of Israeli forces were present when the settlers

attacked the house and soldiers intervened and drove away the attackers. (Maannews 11 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Bulldozers razed the main road that links Masafer Yatta with Bani Na'im village south of Hebron city, in Al Buweib area. The road extends a length of 2-3 kilometers and was rehabilitated with the help of external donation. ([SAFA](#), WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detonated a suspected object in the vicinity of the Ibrahimi Mosque in the heart of Hebron city. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- Tens of Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The IOA hindered Palestinians from their reaching the town's cemetery through the main road which led to clashes with the Palestinians, during which, the IOA fired tear gas and sound bombs at Palestinians. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a workshop in Hebron city, confiscated equipment and ordered to close the workshop. (RB2000 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian driver in the southern occupied West Bank district of Hebron Governorate. The driver hit a parked vehicle at a checkpoint near the illegal settlement of Otniel when the IOA asked him to reverse for an identity check. The Palestinian driver then drove forward in the direction of Israeli troops, without causing any injuries, and fled to a nearby gas station. The IOA forces followed the vehicle to the gas station where they shot at the car's tires and apprehended the driver, identified as a resident of the nearby village of al-Rihiya. (Maannews 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army arrested Fares Musa Al Khmour from Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city after raiding his workplace. (Safa 12 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Bayyada area in Beit Ummer town and stormed the house of Abdel Qader Muhammad Ikhleil. The IOA searched the house and confiscated the car of his son, Khaldoun (30 Years), who was arrested on the 8th of January 2017. (Maannews 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ibrahim Hijazi Ibrahim Al Harsh from Ar Rayhiyeh south of Hebron city after firing at his vehicle at a sudden checkpoint that was set up on the road connecting Ar Rayhieh village with Yatta town. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Metal Lathe shops in Al Fahs area south of Hebron city in the southern West Bank. The IOA destroyed the door-entrances of the shops and carried thorough search. (WAFA 13 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained seven Palestinians during overnight raids. Three detentions from Beit Anan village west of Ramallah city in the central West Bank, and one from the southern West Bank village of Bani Naim in the Hebron district. Three others were detained after the IOA allegedly found two locally-made weapons in the vehicle they were driving, south of Nablus in the northern West Bank. The detainees were transferred to Israeli intelligence for interrogation. (ARIJ & Maannews 13 January 2017)
- An Israeli military court decided to extend the detentions of 13-year-old Jabir Rebhi Badawi and 14 year-old Ayham Muhammad Adawi from the al-Arrub refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Hebron Governorate until January 15 to continue interrogation. The IOA detained Badawi and Adawi on January 11 while the two were returning back home from school. (Maannews 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot tear gas canisters at Palestinians in the village of Beit Ummer in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, causing a number of Palestinians to suffer tear gas inhalation. Israeli soldiers had stormed the al-Bayyada area of the village and seized a Palestinian vehicle, prompting clashes to erupt between the soldiers and the village's residents. The confiscated car belonged to Ibrahim Khalil Kamel Ikhleil. (MAANNEWS 14 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted Citizen Ramez Rami Al Ja'bari (11 Years) from the southern Hebron areas and injured him. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Khamat Al 'Ein area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city, raided the home of a former prisoner, namely Waheed Hamdi Zamel Abu Maria (50 Years) and summoned him and his son, Muhammad (15 Years), for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement block north of Beit Ummer Town. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hamza Odeh Halayqa from Hebron Governorate. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmad Muhammad Ar Rjoub (45 Years) after raiding and searching his house. The arrestee was taken to unknown destination. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Military court sentenced citizen Jaber Ribhi Badawi (13 Years) from Al Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron Governorate to 31 days in the Israeli jails and fined him 3000 NIS allegedly for throwing stones at Israeli military Jeeps while on his way back home from school. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Saleh Daoud Al Rajabi from Zeif village in the southern Hebron city. (WAFA 15 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a temporary checkpoint at the entrance of Ad Dahiriya town in Hebron Governorate, stopped Palestinian vehicles and check Palestinian ID cards. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a temporary checkpoint at the main road near Al Fawwar Refugee camp in Hebron Governorate, detained Palestinian youth, searched their vehicles and checked ID cards. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated the equipment of a lathe workshop owned by Ahmad Muneer Jawabrah in Al Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city. (WAFA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a number of homes in Al Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city belonging to Jaber Abu Sel and Mu'ath Ahmad Musa At Titi. (WAFA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Ath Thaher area near Karmeil Zur Settlement, stormed and searched a number of homes and arrested citizen Abdel Naser Abu Maria (18 Years) . (WAFA 16 January 2017)
- The regional council of Mitzpe Yeshai settlement is carrying out expansion on 20 dunums of agricultural lands in Wad Zahra area in Kafr Qaddum village. The expansion work is being carried out in the eastern part of the settlement to add new buildings and public services in the area. (NBPRS 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched the house of Bassam Mahmoud Abdel Fattah At Teet from Safa area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The IOA caused a state of fear among residents. (SAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Hebron Governorate. The four were identified as Raheeb Yousif Mughannam (18 Years), Muhye Salah Abu Maria (18 Years), Hareth Ibrahim Tumeizi and Safwat Jihad Tumeizi (36 Years). (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Safa area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and stormed the house of Bassam Mahmoud Abdel Fattah At Teet. The IOA searched the house and took photos of family members' ID cards. (SAFA 18 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Hebron Governorate and were identified as Muhamamd Khaled Abu Sel (26 years), Muhammad Nour Ghaith, Ahmad Haitham Abu Atwan (18 Years) from Dura Town and Ihab Ismaeil Sharawnah. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- An Israeli settler ran over a four-year-old Palestinian child in the southern part of Hebron city in the occupied West Bank. Layan Ayed al-Razem, 4 was crossing the street in the Jabal Jales area of southern Hebron city when an Israeli settler

ran her over with his car. Al Razem suffers from bruises all over her body, mainly on her right leg. (Maannews 18 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Ad Dahriya town in Hebron Governorate. (WAFA 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Idhna town in Hebron Governorate, carried out strict inspection to Palestinian vehicles and checked Palestinians' ID cards. (WAFA 18 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bani Neim town in Hebron Governorate, before storming and violently searching a home belonging to Fakhri Zeidat. (Maannews 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Taffouh town, west of Hebron, and interrogated several Palestinians. (IMEMC 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed a roadblock at the main entrance of the Adh Dahriya town, south of Hebron, stopped and searched dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting the ID cards. (IMEMC 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian from the town of Beit Ummar. The IOA invaded the home of Montaser Wajeesh Shehda, 26, and violently searched it, before abducting him. (IMEMC 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Mutaser Wajeesh Aby Ayyash and Muhammad Zeidat from Hebron Governorate. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Surif town, northwest of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and detained a retired Palestinian Lieutenant, after breaking into his home and searching it. The detained Palestinian was identified as Hatem Hasan Eghneimat. The IOA cuffed and blindfolded Eghneimat, and took him to the Etzion detention and interrogation center, where he remained held for several hours before being released. (IMEMC 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian from the Hebron-area village of Wadi Semaan. (Mannnews January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a former Palestinian prisoner, Randa Ash Shahateet while trying to cross a sudden checkpoint that was set up at the entrance of Al Fawwar Refugee camp south of Hebron city. The IOA stopped Ash Shahateet's car and arrested her. (SAFA 20 January 2017)
- Dozens of American flags have been raised at the junctions and roads leading to the Gush Etzion Israeli settlement, built on Palestinian lands south of the West

Bank city of Bethlehem, as the “Settlements Council” is preparing to celebrate Trump’s inauguration and the pending approval of 2700 new colonialist units. The settlers started raising the American flags on electric poles and junctions in preparation for their celebration of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, which they say is the first step for the approval of thousands of units, in the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 20 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Asida and At Tarbiqa areas in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and summoned a number of Palestinians for interrogation at the Gush Etzion Settlement Bloc. A former prisoner identified as Ashraf Ali Sabarneh (30 Years) was among the summoned Palestinians. (WAFA 21 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned the Mother of a Palestinian prisoner, Ahmad Abu Sel, from Al Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city for interrogation at the Gush Etzion military bloc. (SAFA 21 January 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, The Israeli occupation Army detained a Palestinian girl identified as Thuraya Abu Sil, as well as Mahmoud Abu al-Zgharit in the al-Arrub refugee camp. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Muhammad Ahmad al-Hur from Surif town in Hebron. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Muhammad Abd al-Halim Sawaifa in the old city of Hebron. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian citizen from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city at a military checkpoint that was erected at the entrance of Halhul town. The arrestee was identified as Ahmad Abdullah Abu Ayyash (27 Years) and was taken to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Waheed Ibraheem Musa Abu Maria (21 Years) and Ameen Imad Muhammad Al Sleibi (15 Years) after searching their homes and messing with the contents. The IOA took the two arrestees to Etzion Military Camp. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yacoub Yusri Iskafi (25 Years) from Aqbat Tafuh west of Hebron city and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several Palestinian homes in Tafuh village, and messed with their contents. The targeted homes belong to Muhannad Rasmi Irzeiqat, Muhammad Mahmoud Irzeiqat, Ahmad Yousif Irzeiqat and Azmi Azzam Irzeiqat. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up sudden checkpoints at the entrances of Sair and As Samou villages and at Hebron’s northern entrance. The IOA

stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked Palestinian ID cards. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

- In the southern Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least two Palestinian men and confiscated equipment from a blacksmith workshop during overnight military raids. The IOA raided the village of Dura and detained Izz al-Din Jamil al-Titi from his home. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Sair, detaining Suhaib Hussein Jaradat. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The wife of Palestinian journalist and hunger striker Muhammad al-Qiq was delivered an interrogation summon with Israeli intelligence during a raid to the village of Sair in Hebron Governorate. Al-Qiq was re-detained by Israeli forces earlier this month after participating in a protest in Bethlehem held to demand the release of bodies of slain Palestinians held in Israeli custody. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Surif and sealed a Palestinian-owned blacksmith workshop after confiscating equipment. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- Two additional detentions were carried out in the al-Fawwar refugee camp in Hebron. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers escorted by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) uprooted 260 olive trees in an area west of the village of Kharas in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. Three Israeli bulldozers escorted by Israeli forces uprooted the olive trees, all more than 14 years old, planted on 25 dunams (six acres) of land. The IOA uprooted the trees without prior notice, and that Palestinian owners of the land were embroiled in court disputes as Israeli authorities have attempted to issue confiscation orders for the land. One of the owners of the land, Faisal Moussa al-Hroub, said that the Israeli authorities were attempting to expel them from their lands. The olive trees uprooted by Israeli forces were owned by him and his brother Muhammad, and that the land was the only major income for them and scores of his relatives. (LRC, Maannews 26 January 2017)
- Palestinian prisoner Randa al-Shahatit, a resident of the southern occupied West Bank Hebron-area village of Dura, began an open hunger strike in protest of her ongoing detention by Israeli occupation Army (IOA). Israel's Ofer military court extended al-Shahatit's detention in Israel's HaSharon prison to 12 days, until Feb. 6, leading her to open a hunger strike after she had been "returning main meals" for a few days prior. Al-Shahatit, a former prisoner and mother of three, was detained on January 20th for unspecified reasons. After spending several years in

Israeli jails, al-Shahatit was released in 2011 as part of the Shalit Deal (Maannews 27 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) carried out search and detention raids in the Hebron-area villages of al-Dhahiriya, al-Samu and Dura, with Israeli forces detaining three teens from Dura. The three detainees from Dura were identified as Ayed Jamal Amr, Ali Mteir and Saddam Mwaffaq al-Talahmeh, all 17 years old. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses in al-Dhahiriya and al-Samou and set up checkpoints in southern Hebron searching vehicles and IDs of passengers. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attempted to obstruct a volunteering event with Hebron-based Youth Against Settlements (YAS) in the area of Tel Rumeida in the occupied West Bank. The group had organized a volunteering day to restore an old Palestinian factory that was closed by the IOA during the second intifada in order to transform it into a cinema.
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened their measures at Palestinian roads in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar refugee camp which connects with the road leading to Beir Al Sabe' community, stopped Palestinian cars and checked ID cards. (Wafa 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Ayyad Awwad, 26-year-old Mahmoud Haitham al-Salibi, who spent three years in Israeli prisons, was detained from the Hebron-area village of Beit Ummar. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- In Beit Ummar, The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) summoned 37-year-old former prisoner Yousif Badr Ikhlayyil, who had spent four years in Israeli custody, for interrogation at the Gush Etzion detention center. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- Mazen Abu Atwan, Munir Samir Abu Sharar, and Khalil Ahmad Amro were detained from the village of Dura in Hebron Governorate, while Islam al-Asafin was detained from the city of Hebron. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Raed Abdel Afou Al 'Amleh from Beit Ula town northwest of Hebron city and summoned him for interrogation after searching his house. The IOA also raided the house of his brother and summoned him for Interrogation at the Gush Etzion Detention center. (SAFA 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Hebron Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least eight Palestinians, including a 14-year-old in Hebron Governorate. The IOA raided and searched several houses in the village of Beit Ummar in Hebron Governorate using police dogs and detained four Palestinian who had formerly spent time in Israeli prisons. They were identified as Muhammad Munir Radwan Qawqas Ikhlayyil, 37, who had previously spent 12 years in Israeli custody, Ahmad Khader Abed Abu Maria, 50, and Maher Ibrahim Odeh Sabarneh, 35, who had both spent three years in Israeli prisons, and a 14-year-old identified as Khattab Wahid Hamdi Abu Maria, also a former prisoner. The IOA also detained Alaa Moussa Zaaqiq, 25, Ayman Ali Abu Arquub, 32, and Omar Rujoub.
- In the Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Youssif Abd al-Aziz Maghnam, 50, and his son Hussein, 22. The two Palestinians were detained in the Hebron-area village of Yatta, while another was detained in the city of Hebron. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) have finished a 10-kilometer section of the Israeli separation wall in the south of the occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The order to complete the wall in the area came as a punitive response to a deadly shooting attack in Tel Aviv [carried out in June last year](#) by Palestinians from the village of Yatta in Hebron. The plan was set by the Israeli Defense Ministry and states that the separation wall would start from the Tarqumiya checkpoint in western Hebron to the Metar checkpoint in the south. The wall is 42-kilometers long and is erected on the side of bypass road 35, constructed for the use of settlers illegally residing in Palestinian territory to connect them with Israel. The wall is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. (Maannews 4 February 2016)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian Protest in At Tuwani village south of Hebron city against the Israeli demolition policy and settlement expansion in the area. Five Palestinians were injured and were identified as Fatima Jum'a Ribhi, Muhamamd Al Hureini and Husam Ballal, Sameh and Basel Al Idrah. (Safa 4 February)
- Tens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who raided Jdour and Safa junction areas and Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The IOA fired Tear-Gas and bombs at Palestinians. The IOA also set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the town, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 4 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted an elderly woman and her son and grandson in the Old City of the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA had broken into the home of Fatima Natsheh, 70, in the Old

City, and proceeded to assault her and her son Hasan, 35, and grandson Falah, 23. The IOA used the butt of their guns to hit them, causing injuries that necessitated treatment at the hospital. (Maannews 4 February 2017)

- An Israeli military court at Ofer detention center in the central occupied West Bank sentenced a Palestinian woman from Hebron to 20 months in prison and a fine of 6,000 shekels (\$1,600), after she was accused of planning to carry out a stab attack. The 29-year-old Abir Tamimi was detained on Dec. 22, 2015. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Hebron in the southern West Bank. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Prisoner Bassam Az Zeir in Dura town in Hebron Governorate, searched the house and messed with the contents. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army detained two Palestinians from the village of Tarqumiya and one from the town of Idhna. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The 35-year-old Nader Abu Mayala was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the city of Hebron. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint in Abu Sneneh neighborhood in the southern Hebron city and obstructed movement in both directions. The IOA detained a number of Palestinians, checked their ID cards and searched their vehicles. (Wafa 7 February 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) sealed a Palestinian home in the old city of Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank. The home, located on Shuhada street, belongs to Izzat Yassin Abu Munshar. The IOA put up a sign on the entrance of the house reading “house under security,” and barred entry to the residents. Residents are afraid that sealing the house could mark the beginning of a process to hand over the house to illegal Israeli settlers in the area. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Iyad Jibril Khaleel I’mar from Yatta town south of Hebron city. (WAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned former prisoner, Musa Mashni Halayqa, for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. after raiding his house in Ash Shououkh town northeast of Hebron city. (WAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at Halhul bridge north of Hebron city, searched vehicles and checked Palestinians’ ID cards. (WAFA 8 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Ad Dhahriya town south of Hebron city and obstructed Palestinian vehicular movement. (Wafa 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron before dawn and searched several houses and detaining brothers Said and Hassan Jibril Murr. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Khillet al-Ein area in Beit Ummar north of Hebron, searched Taha Muhammad Ahmad Abu Maria's house and detained his 16-year-old son Wassim. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested invaded and searched homes in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, and abducted two Palestinians, identified as Mohammad Kamel Eqtel and Nafeth Shawamra. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nafith al-Shawamra and Muhammad Kamil Iqtel in the Hebron Governorate during a raid in the village of Deir al-Asal. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian father, his seven sons, and the wife of one of his sons, in the Sammoa' town, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and confiscated military uniforms and ammunition. The abducted Palestinians have been identified as Mohammad Mousa Bheiss, his sons, Mousa, Emad, Rami, Jihad, Ra'fat, Ali and Ra'ed, in addition to the wife of one of his sons. The nine Palestinians were cuffed and blindfolded before being moved to an interrogation facility. (IMEMC 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Beit Ummar north of Hebron and detained 14-year-old Qusay Muhammad Kamil Abu Maria. large numbers of Israeli troops stormed the town and ransacked several homes. At the home of Abd al-Hamid Zaaqiq, Israeli soldiers rounded up all of the family members in one room as they inspected the house, confiscating photos of Omar Zaaqiq, who was killed by Israeli forces in 2015. (Maannews 12 February 2017)
- Israeli border police detained a Palestinian teenage girl at a military checkpoint near the Ibrahimi mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron claiming she was in possession of a knife and intended to carry out a stabbing attack. The arrestee was identified as the 17-year-old Israa Samih Jaber, who lives near the southern side of the Ibrahimi mosque. (Maannews 12 February 2017)
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- The Israeli army announced the launch of large-scale military maneuvers in 1948 occupied territories and the West Bank. The military maneuvers are expected to run throughout the week, starting Sunday, in Negev, to the south of the 1948 occupied territories, and in the southern West Bank province of al-Khalil. Sounds of heavy blasts and bullet fire are slated to be spotted across the maneuver scene. (PALINFO 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) took photos of new homes and animal barns in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron Governorate. (ALQUDS 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched and ransacked homes, and abducted Emad Hamdi Abu Khalaf, 25, and Yousef Khairi Abu Sneina, 19 from Hebron city in the southern West Bank. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed roadblocks at the entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, and Hebron's northern and southern roads, before stopping dozens of cars, and searched them while inspecting the ID cards of the passengers. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- Violent clashes burst out near the Ibrahimi Mosque, in al-Khalil, after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the area and aggressively attacked Palestinian protesters. Violent confrontations burst out near an Israeli military checkpoint pitched in Abu Al-Rish Zone, adjacent to the southern entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque, in al-Khalil, after the occupation soldiers aggressively beat a Palestinian youth. The Israeli forces further showered the area with spates of bullet fire. The IOA sealed off the checkpoint along with the main access road into the Ibrahimi Mosque, before they chased down Palestinian youths across residential neighborhoods. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the southernmost Governorate of Hebron, and detained 25-year-old Imad Hamdi Abu Khalaf and 19-year-old Yousif Khairi Abu Sneineh. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, and abducted two Palestinians, identified as Arafat Ahmad Eghneimat and Zaher Abdul-Rahim Halayqa. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Ash Shoyoukh town, north of Hebron, and abducted Zaher Abdul-Rahim Halayqa, after searching his home, and his brother's home. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, at dawn, several communities in the southern West Bank district of Hebron, abducted one Palestinian, and installed many roadblocks. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) abducted at dawn, two Palestinians in the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The soldiers searched and ransacked homes, and abducted Emad Hamdi Abu Khalaf, 25, and Yousef Khairi Abu Sneina, 19. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed roadblocks at the entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, in addition to Hebron's northern road, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, while inspecting the ID cards of the passengers. (IMEMC 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a makeshift checkpoint at the entrance of Ad Dhahriya town in southern al-Khalil. The IOA searched Palestinians along with their cars at the barrier. The IOA forced Palestinians, including university students, to get out of their cars and wait in the extreme cold. They checked their IDs and blocked traffic. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses in central Beit Ummar as well as in the al-Bayyada area of the town. They raided the house of 40-year-old Raed Muhammad Mahmoud Ikhlayyil and detained him. Ikhlayyil was not able to move properly as he was suffering from a live gunshot wound in his pelvis that he sustained after being shot by Israeli soldiers in December at [a funeral for his relative Khalid Ikhlayyil](#), when at least 20 other mourners were shot. Two others were also detained after Israeli soldiers raided their homes in Beit Ummar, identified by Awad as 19-year-old Muhammad Ghazi Issa Zaaqiq and 16-year-old Muhammad Mahmoud Abdullah Awad, who were taken to the Etzion military camp in northern Beit Ummar. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- In the town of Dura, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Dafa'a Hantash, as well as Youssef Shahin and Nour al-Bustanji from the Wadi al-Shajina area after raiding and searching their homes. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians in Sair town in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in Deir Razih village in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian activists following Friday prayers at the gates of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city in the occupied West Bank, as hundreds had gathered to perform prayers as part of a demonstration called for by the international campaign “Dismantle The Ghetto, Take Settlers Out of Hebron.” Israeli border guards had attacked several demonstrators, including local Sheikh Ziad Abu Heleil, activists Anan Daana and Muhammad al-Jibrini, and human rights activists Badie al-Dweik and Imad Abu Shamsiyeh, after they shouted slogans calling for ending the military closure on Shuhada street in Hebron. (Maannews 17 February 2017)
- A Palestinian man was injured after being hit by an Israeli settler’s vehicle at the entrance of the town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The injured Palestinian was identified as 36-year-old Rafat Muhammad Shihdeh Abu Arrar Masalmeh from the Deir Samet town west of Hebron City. The incident occurred when Masalmeh stepped out of his car in order to talk to his brother, who had parked in front of him on the side of the road. He added that Masalmeh was talking to his brother when an Israeli settler in a private vehicle “deliberately” ran him over. Masalmeh sustained several injuries across his body and face. (Maannews 17 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned at dawn the fathers of the two Palestinian Martyrs Uday and Dania Ershaid for investigation. The IOA stormed and violently searched Johad Ershaid’s house before summoning him for investigation at the Etzion investigation center. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Fawwar refugee camp in Hebron Governorate and arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses. The arrestees were identified as Muhamamd Mua’th Haliqaei, Ahmad Hasan Haliqaei and Amin Jaber Asfour. (WAFA 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Hagai checkpoint in the central Hebron city arrested citizens Ahmad Fawzi Raten At Toubasi and Naser Talal At Toubasi. (WAFA 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a library located next to Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron Governorate owned Majdi Al Karaki and confiscated files and personal computers. (WAFA 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 20-year-old Tamer Awwad Nawfal at a military checkpoint at the entrance to the Hebron-area town of Idhna. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) are carrying out massive maneuvers in al-Khalil since last Monday. These maneuvers, as claimed by Israeli sources, are in preparation to foil any Palestinian attack such as vehicular-ramming, throwing Molotov Cocktails, and shooting. Platoon 890, responsible for al-Khalil and

Kiryat Arba, is participating in the military training. Two other platoons and a tracking and intelligence unit are also involved in the maneuvers. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a fuel-fill pump in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, south of the West Bank under the pretext of unlicensing. The Israeli Occupation Army accompanied by officers from the so-called Israeli Civil Administration broke into the shop owned by citizen Sabri Zamel Abu Maria, closed the shop, and seized the fuel-fill pump. The IOA asked the owner not to open the shop and threatened to impose deterrent penalties against him if he doesn't comply with the orders. (PNN 20 February 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ibrahim Muhammad Abu Fara in Surif town in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Murad Ashur Abu Sneineh from Hebron city. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mahmoud Rizq Issa and Ramzi Abd al-Fattah Masalma from the village of Beit Awwa. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a governmental building in the Old City south of al-Khalil. The headquarters of the PA Committee against the Wall and Settlements was violently stormed by Israeli Army. The IOA investigated during the raid the committee staff and ordered them to remove anti-Israel posters placed in their offices. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Dura City in the Hebron Governorate and searched the house of legislative council member Nayif al-Rajoub, detained two Palestinians, and confiscated three vehicles. The IOA raided and thoroughly searched al-Rajoub's house before seizing his vehicle, while Israeli troops also raided and searched his office located elsewhere in Dura. Israeli soldiers also confiscated a vehicle belonging to Rizq al-Rajoub and a vehicle belonging to Imad Jadallah, both identified by locals as former prisoners. During the raid in Dura, The IOA detained two former prisoners after searching their houses. The two were identified as Youssef Abu Ras and Bassel Dudin. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered 30 demolition orders to several structures in the village of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA had placed the demolition orders on lands near the structures, which included a school, tents, water wells, barracks, homes, and stockyards. The IOA took pictures of the structures. The IOA gave the owners of the structures three days to challenge the demolition orders. The structures are

owned by the Abu Arram, Abu Sabha, al-Hamamda, and al-Najajra families. (Maannews 22 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) demolished a rainwater well (400 mcm) in Kherbit Khashem Al Daraj east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The water well is owned by citizen Suleiman Saleem Al Fageir. (orientbethlehem 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rounded four Palestinian youths in Aseida town and transferred to Etzion investigation center. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Palestinians from al-Khalil's northern town of Beit Ummar. The IOA stormed the town and rummaged into civilian homes on claims of searching for weapons. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided At Tabaqa area in Dura town south of Hebron city and arrested two Palestinians identified as Ahmad Tayseer Abu Atwan, 16, and Al Muntaser Bellah Muther Abu Atwan, 18, and took them to unknown destination. (WAFA 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of a Palestinian activist in Hebron city, Badei' Dweik, and threatened to arrested him for his involvement in calling for lifting off the closure and the removal of checkpoints in the old city of Hebron. (WAFA 24 February 2017)
- A Palestinian journalist, Imad Iseid, working for the Associate Press news agency was injured as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked him while on duty in the old city of Hebron city. (Wafa 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a crowded march in the Old City of the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, as local Palestinian residents and international activists demanded the reopening of closed streets and the removal of the illegal Israeli settlers from the city. The march was launched in line with the 23rd anniversary of the Ibrahimi mosque massacre, when Jewish-American settler Baruch Goldstein entered the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron and shot dead 29 Palestinians during worship. Since then, Shuhada street, which was once home to the old city's main marketplace, has remained almost entirely closed to Palestinians. The march set off at noon from the al-Sheikh neighborhood and headed towards al-Shalala Street near al-Shuhada Street. The IOA fired tear-gas canisters at protesters, causing some of them to suffer from suffocation. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- An Israeli military patrol stormed Surif town, to the west of Hebron, and kidnapped the Palestinian young man Nour al-Deen al-Hour after they wreaked havoc on his home and forced his family members out. The IOA smashed the

house furniture and aggressively attacked the arrestee's mother and the other family members. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) broke into the home of the female ex-prisoner Ihsan al-Dababsa in Nuba village and ravaged the building. Ihsan was kidnapped by the IOF and dragged to an unidentified destination moments after the assault. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- A Palestinian citizen was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained from Yatta, in southern Hebron. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- A Palestinian woman was further summoned to questioning in Samou' village in Hebron Governorate. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained ex-prisoner Mo'n Ehmeidat, from Surif town in Hebron Governorate. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Mos'ab al-Sweiti, from Beit Awa village in Hebron Governorate. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer court passed different prison sentences against four Palestinian prisoners from Hebron Governorate. The court sentenced prisoner Bassam Khalil for 35 months imprisonment plus a fine of 3,000 shekels, while the prisoner Essam al-Jamal was sentenced to 18 months in prison plus a fine of 4,000 shekels. The two prisoners Muntasar Abu Ayash and Ibrahim Abu Fara were also sentenced for 12 months with a fine of 2,000 shekels for each one of them. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at the northern entrance of Hebron city, stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles which resulted in movement obstruction. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint near Ar Rayyan Mosque in Jabal Ar Rahma neighborhood in Hebron city and detained a number of Palestinians, assaulted them and checked their ID cards. (Wafa 28 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers from the illegal Havat Yair settlement destroyed a water well used by Palestinian farmers in Deir Istiya town to the west of Salfit, for irrigation purposes. Havat Yair settlement is one of the eight Israeli settlements illegally established on the hills overlooking Wadi Qana. Israeli settlers seek to forcibly displace the farmers from their lands and to take control over the Wadi. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a print shop in As Salam street in Hebron city owned by Abdel Al Khaleq Abdel Salam An Natsheh. (WAFA 28 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a number of houses in the city of Hebron, of which the house of Abdel Hafeez Abdel Salam An Natsheh

was known. The IOA also summoned An Natsha's son, Faisal, for interrogation. (WAFA 28 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched a shoe factory in Hebron city owned by Nidal Abu Mayyala. (WAFA 28 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched the house of Abdel Aleem Da'na, and summoned his son for interrogation. (WAFA 28 February 2017)

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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 24-year-old Jumana Numan al-Rajabi from the street near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron around midday. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 22-year-old Musab Bassam Qattan in the Hebron district during predawn raids. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- A young Palestinian man was shot and killed by an Israeli settler in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron after allegedly carrying out a stabbing attack near the illegal settlement outpost of Havat More in the Masafer Yatta area -- also known as the South Hebron Hills. The Palestinian was identified as the 25-year-old Saadi Mahmoud Ali Qaisiya, from the village of al-Dhahiriya west of Masafer Yatta. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed at an early hour in the morning Beit Awa town in the west and kidnapped three young men from their homes. The detainees were identified as Omar Masalmeh, Farouq Hussein Masalma, Ali as-Suwaiti and Atef Hussein Al Shalash. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed ad-Dhahiriya town south of Hebron, raided homes and clashed with local young men near the house of martyr Sa'ad Qaisiya. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city and arrested Anas Muhammad Mahmoud Az Zugeir and Mansour Sameer Salem Al Qudsi. The IOA also stormed a number of houses in the city, of which, the houses of Abdel Karfeem Abu Shkheidem and Majed Azmi Abu Hammad were known. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a makeshift checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city and kidnapped a university student. Border soldiers set up a roadblock on the Halhoul Bridge in rainy weather and embarked on intercepting cars and checking the IDs of citizens. The IOA stayed on the bridge for about one and a half hour before they rounded up a university student and removed their barriers. They identified the detainee as 22-year-old Mohamed Shalabi, a student at al-Quds Open University. (PALINFO 3 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Al Fakhouri after assaulting him at the so-called “Al Mafia” checkpoint in the old city of Hebron. (WAFA 4 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Azmi Muhhamad Hamed Al Qwasmī, 22, while at his work in Farsh Al Hawa area west of Hebron city. (WAFA 4 March 2017)
- An Israeli military court has sentenced 32-year-old Ihsan Abd al-Fattah Dababsa to six months in administrative detention. Dababsa, from the town of Nuba northwest of Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank, [was detained from her home last week](#) during overnight raids across the West Bank. Dababsa, a former prisoner, was assaulted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) when they detained her. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate in the southern occupied West Bank, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the town of Beit Kahil and detained 20-year-old Muhammad Mahmoud Asafira. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- In the town of Beit Ummar north of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 22-year-old Sabri Ibrahim Awwad after ransacking several homes in the area. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man in his twenties near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. The detainee was identified him as a teenager named Muhammad Ali Salim Ballut, from the town of Bani Naim east of Hebron. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden military checkpoint at the entrance of Al Fawwar Refugee camp and closed the iron gate in the place. Only Palestinian pedestrians were allowed to enter. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) knocked down a Palestinian home located to the east of Hebron Governorate in the southern West Bank, near Kiryat Arba settlement to the ground. The home is owned by the Jaber family, was demolished under the unlicensed construction pretext. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed over a stop-construction notification to the Palestinian citizen Hassan Amr, from Beit Mersim village, southwest of Hebron Governorate. The targeted building covers an area of 200 square meters. (PALINFO, PNN 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished a Palestinian house owned by Badwan Abu Mayyala near “Mazare’ Al Baqar” area in Khallet ‘Eida’ southeast of Hebron city under the pretext of unlicensed building. (WAFA 6 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ravaged the home of the Palestinian citizen Mootaz al-Ja'bah and summoned him to questioning in Etzion camp. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- Two Palestinian protesters choked on teargas after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into Hebron's northern town of Beit Ummar and attacked Palestinian anti-occupation youth with randomly-unleashed waves of teargas grenades. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Munjed Khaled 'Ashour from Hebron city after raiding his family house and messed with the contents. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- In Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Yousif Badr Ikhleil, 37, and summoned him and his brother, Mahmoud 32, for interrogation in the Gush Etzion settlement block. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron and rummaged into the home of prisoner Tareq Id'is before they seized his father's car. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ravaged over 20 ex-prisoners' homes and seized cash. Ex-prisoner Fayez Mesk was detained by the IOA for hours and subjected to intensive questioning before he was released afterwards. Ex-prisoner Mesk said that the occupation soldiers stole 15,000 shekels from his home. The campaign also targeted the homes of ex-prisoners Anas Zagheir, Ahmed al-Aweiwi (journalist), Sheikh Fawzi al-Khatib, and Hesham al-Sharbati, among others. The IOA also rummaged into the home of ex-prisoner Rasmi Doufesh, the father of the two slain Palestinians Tareq and Jihad, and seized laptops and mobile phones. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) the Hajai road south of Hebron city, with no known reason. The Hajai road is an arterial route connecting all the southern towns and villages of Hebron with the north. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Surif village northwest of Hebron city and arrested Diaa Hasan Hmeidat.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Kharas village and arrested Younis Awwad Al Hroub. (WAFA 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Awwa town southwest of Hebron city and arrested Mahmoud Muhammad Sweiti. (WAFA 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city and arrested Muhamamd Ibrahim Abu Sbeih. (WAFA 8 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rummaged into ex-prisoners' homes and summoned a number of civilians to questioning in Hebron city. Palestinian youth Shadi al-Atrash was kidnapped by the IOF from Abu Esneineh neighborhood, in southern Hebron city, and dragged to an unidentified location. The Israeli troops also broke into the homes of the Palestinian ex-prisoners Saad al-Qawasma, Abdul Karim al-Qawasma, and Mohamed Abeid. At the same time, the IOA stormed the house of Palestinian citizen Abdul Ghani Taha and kidnapped his 18-year-old son, Alaa. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses in Hebron city owned by Khaled As Sa'di, Murad Ideis and Iyad Mujahed and commercial stores owned by Citzien Azmi Abu Rmeileh. The IOA also raided the houses of Marwan Al Qawasmi and Amer Abu Eisha. (WAFA 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided at dawn a lathe shop and confiscated some of its equipment in the southern Governorate Hebron city, south of the West Bank. The IOA stormed and ransacked a machine workshop belonging to Abdul-Shakur Ghanem in Wadi al-Hariya neighborhood, south of the city. The IOA confiscated some heavy tools and machines from the shop. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- 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)
- 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Munif Yousif Qazzaz (15 Years) at the entrance of Ash Shuhada street in central Hebron city and took him to unknown destination. (WAFA 11 March 2017)
- A number of Israeli settlers and their children attempted to enter a kindergarten on al-Shuhada street in Hebron's Old City. Israeli settlers in Hebron often gather in al-Shuhada street and the neighborhood of Tel Rumeida [during the Jewish holiday of Purim](#). The Hebron settlers chanted a number of anti-Palestinian slogan, including some hailing Baruch Goldstein, who killed 29 Palestinian Muslims in Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque in 1994. (Maannews 12 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city and arrested father of Martyr Issa Trayra, Eid Soboh Salem 47, after searching his house and messing with its contents. (WAFA 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shu'ab Sir area near Karmei Ztur settlement and stormed the house of Jawad Jamal Awad, and arrested his son, Rabie, 21 Years. (WAFA 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Sultan Nadir Masalma and 15-year-old Yazan Daana from Hebron Governorate, from the town of Beit Awwa. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) brutally attacked a 15-year-old boy before being arrested and taken to an unknown detention center. The boy Yazin Amer was detained at a military checkpoint while on his way to school in Hebron after being severely beaten by Israeli forces, local sources affirmed. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Awwa village southwest of Hebron city in southern West Bank, closed all of its entrances and set up military checkpoints. The IOA later started storming houses in the village and searching them. (WAFA 15 March 2017)
- A 17-year-old Palestinian teenager was detained by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, at the Ibrahimi Mosque checkpoint in the Old City and questioned by the IOA. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- Six Palestinians were detained by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from the Hebron Governorate , identified in the statement as Musab Nidal Zghayyar, Khabab Munther Abu Sneineh, Abdullah Ahmad Zghayyar, Wael Yousif Abu Ayyash, Ibrahim Muhammad Awwad and Ali Muhammad al-Zaaqiq. Three were detained in Beit Ummar, two in Hebron city, and one in Rabud. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian ex-prisoner from Beit Ummar, north of al-Khalil, at a military checkpoint erected near Ramallah. The arrestee was identified as Thaer Awad, 29, while passing through Atara checkpoint, north of Ramallah. Thaer had earlier spent a year and a half behind Israeli bars, the sources added. (PALINFO 15 March 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Hebron Governorate, Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested Ahmad al-Sharif al-Hih from the village of Surif. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- A 16-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed and another Palestinian teen was moderately-to-seriously injured, after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a group of Palestinian youth in al-Arrub refugee camp in the southern

occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The 16-year-old Palestinian was identified as Murad Yusif Abu Ghazi who succumbed to a critical gunshot wound in his chest. (Maannews 17 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at dawn kidnapped an ex-prisoner from Dura town, in Hebron, in the southern West Bank. Israeli army patrols stormed the home of ex-prisoner Youssef Kazaz and wreaked havoc on the building before they dragged the arrestee to an unidentified destination. The Israeli soldiers seized Kazaz's car and cracked down on his family members, sparking panic among women and children. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Ofer Court adjourned the trial of the female Palestinian MP Samira Halayka to the 21st of March 2017. Three hearings were held for MP Halayka but there were neither charges nor tangible evidence that legitimize her detention. The Israeli court claimed the trial was delayed again because an indictment list is being prepared against Halayka. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) following a funeral procession held for the 16-year-old Murad Yusif Abu Ghazi in al-Arrub refugee camp north of Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank, after the boy was **shot dead by the IOA**. Eight young men were hit with rubber-coated steel bullets during clashes with Israeli troops that erupted after the funeral. (Maannews 18 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ma'moun Hussein An Natsheh, 18, while trying to access "Gelbret" checkpoint in Tel Ar Rumeida in Hebron city and took him to "Ja'bara" detention center in Kiryat Arba' settlement. (WAFA 18 March 2017)
- Armed Israeli settlers of Havat Ma'on outpost attacked the family of Awad Abu Qbeitah while working in their land in At Tuwani village in Masafer Yatta south of Hebron city. The settlers hurled stones at the family in an attempt to prevent the family from coming back to their land which is located near the outpost. (WAFA 18 March 2017)
- Armed Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement hurled stones at a Palestinian vehicles owned by Araf Jaber in Jaber neighborhood east of Hebron city. The attack resulted in the destruction of the front glass of Jaber's car. (WAFA 18 March 2017)
- A Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody has begun a hunger strike to denounce being held without trial or charges. Rafaat Shalash, a 34-year-old resident of the village of Beit Awwa town in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, reportedly started his hunger strike on March 16 in the Ktziot center. Shalash, a father of three children who has previously spent seven years in Israeli custody, was detained in January 2016 and was sentenced to

administrative detention, a sentence which has since been renewed twice. His current administrative detention sentence is set to end in April. (Maannews 19 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mamun al-Natsha in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. (Maannews 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli military court of Salem issued a sentence of four life imprisonment terms against the young man Mohammad al-Haroub, from Deir Samet town near al-Khalil. The court also imposed a fine estimated at 750,000 shekels on detainee Haroub. His home was also knocked down by the Israeli occupation Army. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- The 18-year-old Maamoun al-Natsha was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers near Gilbert checkpoint, in Tel al-Rumeida, in al-Khalil. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities notified to halt the construction of the house of Hani Saleem Fadel Jaber from Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city under the pretext of unlicensing. The house is 130 square meters area and is inhabited by 9 people. (WAFA 19 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) with vehicles and one bulldozer stormed Beit Ummar town, north of al-Khalil city, and embarked on searching some homes. The IOA also searched the town's Grand Mosque and its main graveyard. However, no arrests have been reported during the IOA campaign in the town. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Yatta town south of Hebron city and searched a number of houses and messed with their contents. The searched houses belong to Thaer Dqamesh and Abed Rabee' Al Hreini. (Wafa 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city, raided and searched Palestinian homes and summoned two Palestinians for interrogation. The two summoned Palestinians were identified as Naser Abu Sneenh and Muntaser Al Badawi. (Wafa 20 March 2017)
- A number of Israeli military patrols stormed Al Karaj area in the town of Yatta and raided the headquarters of the Zakat and Charity Committee of Yatta and broke its doors. The IOA also raided a lawyer's office and a traditional clothing shop in Hebron Governorate in the southern West Bank and conducted a thorough inspection to the aforementioned properties. (WAFA 21 March 2017)
- Palestinian MP Mohamed Ismail al-Tal, 49, was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the crack of dawn from his home in al-Dhahriya town

in Hebron Governorate. The IOA soldiers seized his cell phones and laptop before they dragged him an unknown destination. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian anti-occupation youth in Dura town in Hebron Governorate with randomly-shot spates of gunfire. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Ebu Esneineh neighborhood, in the Old City of Hebron, in five military jeeps and a troop-carrier, and rummaged into civilian homes, before they summoned a number of Palestinians to questioning. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ravaged the home of ex-prisoner Ahmad Amayreh south of Dura town in Hebron Governorate and gave him an interrogation writ, ten days after he was released from an Israeli lock-up, where he had been held for 18 months. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) delivered demolition and stop-work orders to a Palestinian family in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA delivered two warrants to Muhammad Abd al-Nasser Jumaa, a resident of the Hebron-Governorate town of Beit Ummar and his father -- a demolition order for a 200-square-meter house under construction in the area of Beit Zaata, and a stop-work notice for a 100-square-meter home also under construction in the area. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) member Muhammad al-Tal in the village of al-Dhahiriya. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- In the Hebron Governorate, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Tamara Zein and her 16-year-old son Ahmad al-Najjar in the village of Yatta, while Khader Idriss Nammura was detained in Dura. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- In the Masafer Yatta area, in the South Hebron Hills, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a bulldozer and a truck owned by Wael Ali Shreiti, a resident of the village of Shiaab al-Butum . The tools were used to build a dirt road to connect neighboring villages with one another. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Khaleel Abu Dayyah, 28, from Beit Ummer town in Hebron Governorate after raiding and searching his house. The IOA also searched the house of Muhammad's brother, Hatem. (WAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian students from the Umm Salma primary school for girls in the village of Yatta, in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, from entering Jerusalem for a school visit, despite them having Israeli permits. (Maannews 24 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a 17-year-old Palestinian for unknown reasons, while the boy was on his way to Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank. The boy, identified as Muhammad Imad Jaradat, was detained at the entrance of the town of Sair, northeast of Hebron. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the Beit Einun crossroads -- which the IOA sealed due to what they claimed was “an increase in stone throwing in the area” -- detained his cousin and took him to the Etzion detention center for unknown reasons. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth, near an Israeli checkpoint near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of Hebron. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has been denying the Palestinian captive Mohammad al-Arqan, 54, his right of family visitation for many years under alleged security pretexts. One of Al-Arqan children has not seen his father for 17 years. The rest of family members are allowed to see him via few and brief irregular visits. Prisoner Arqan, from Hebron, has been held captive since 1995. He serves a life sentence and suffers chronic diseases and is currently held in Raymond jail. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- Israeli authorities closed entrances of the Beit Einun crossroads in the northern part of the Hebron Governorate, located in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA closed various entrances of the crossroads with iron gates, preventing vehicles from passing through the crossroads, which connects Hebron with the town of Sair. The closure reportedly came upon an order by the Israeli military commander of the area who cited an increase of rock-throwing in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017).
- Several Palestinians suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation during an Israeli military raid in the town of Beit Ummar in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. Israeli soldiers raided and searched a local bakery and a family's home during the raid that last more than two hours. (Maannews 25 March 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Raafat al-Tarada in the village of Taffuh west of Hebron city. The IOA stormed an apartment building in the village and proceeded to raid and ransack al-Tarada's home, before they detained him and also seized a camera drone from the apartment. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Tarqumyia village west of Hebron city and searched the house of Firas Naji Abu Haltam, confiscated records of surveillance cameras and caused damages to house contents. (WAFA 27 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint in “Al Krantina” neighborhood in the heart of Hebron city and at the entrance of Al Fawwar Refugee camp, stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinian ID cards. (WAFA 27 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized a Palestinian-owned agricultural shed and seedlings in Yatta town, south of Hebron. A number of Israeli military vehicles stormed Rifa'iya area in the town and confiscated an agricultural shed and seedlings belonging to the local farmer Mahmoud Amour.
- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian woman identified Tahani Hashim Jabir. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Two Palestinians, including one in his 19s, were kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) from the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA also wreaked havoc on civilian homes in Hebron’s southern neighbourhood, Abu Esneineh quarter. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed a lathe shop in Hebron city after confiscating its equipment. The IOA also confiscated Equipment, manufacturing tools and parts of homemade weapons from two lathe in Hebron and Yatta. Among owners, a Lathe belonging to Tayseer Abu Sbeih was identified in the southern area of Hebron, where lathe equipment was confiscated. (Maannews 29 March 2017)
- A number of Israeli Army troops (IOA) raided Ar Rafayia area in Yatta town south of Hebron city and confiscated an agricultural barracks and seedlings in the area owned by Mahmoud Muhammad Jaber Al ‘Oumor. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) wreaked havoc on civilian homes in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron after they stormed the city in 11 military vehicles. The IOA kidnapped Mohamed al-Khadour from his home in Bani Na’im town and two other Palestinians from Beit Ummar. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained an unidentified Palestinian from the village of Yatta in the southern occupied West Bank Government of Hebron near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city for allegedly possessing a pocket knife. (Maannews 31 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) arrested 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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- 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)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Al-Muwarraq Palace in Dura town, west of Hebron, 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)

Qalqilyia Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Qalqilyia Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Qalqilyiah. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested 3 civilians namely Haitham Nabil Hasanin (26), Aans Mamdouh Maskawi (25) and Anas Jamal al-Haj Hasan (26). The IOA withdrew and took them to an unknown destination. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified two Palestinian families in Jinsafut village east of Qalqilyia city to halt the construction of their barracks under the pretext of unlicensed building. The barracks are owned by Majed Sukkar and Abdel Fattah Basheer. (Wafa 4 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Samer Said Radwan from Azzun village east of Qalqilya city in the northern West Bank. (RB2000 4 January 2017)
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- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya causing dozens to suffer tear gas inhalation. The weekly protest was held against the Israeli settlement activities in the village and demanding for the opening of the village's main road which has been closed by the IOA for more than 14 years. (Wafa 06 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Hilmi Shteivi in Kafr Qaddum village, tried to set up a trap for Palestinians participating in the weekly march in an attempt to arrest them. No arrests were reported. (Wafa 06 January 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Alaa Ad Duweiri during a protest against the construction of a new Israeli bypass road on lands of Izbat At Tabib, Azzun and An Nabi Elias village in Qalqilya Governorate in the occupied West Bank. The IOA also imposed a closure on Izbat At Tabib village and detained a number of protestors. (Wafa 07 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed and under the cover of the Israeli Army destroyed 800 Olive trees in the villages of Izbat At Tabib, Azzun and An Nabi Elias in Qalqilya Governorate as part of the construction of a new bypass road connecting illegal settlements in the area to Israel. The new bypass road will cause the confiscation of 104 dunums of Palestinian land. (Maannews, Wafa 16 January 2017).
 - Israeli settlers attacked a number of Palestinian cars with stones driving on Nablus-Qalqilya road causing damages to a number of cars. N injuries were reported. (Wafa 08 January 2017)
 - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a an elderly Palestinian woman during an overnight raid in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya. The IOA broke into the home of Shafiqah Ahmad Abd al-Qadir Jumaa late at night and fired tear gas inside her house, causing her to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Jumaa also sustained minor bruises during the raid. (Maannews 10 January 2017)
 - The IOA raided the homes of Hamza Jum'a, Abdel Latif Jum'a, Akef Jum'a, Majed Abdel Mu'men and Abdel Mannan Jum'a in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya. (Wafa 10 January 2017)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected checkpoints at the entrance of Qalqiliya city, and the villages of Azzun and Hijeh. The IOA searched

Palestinian vehicles in the area and checked IDs of any passengers. (Maannews 11 January 2017)

- In the village of Kafr Qaddum in the Qalqiliya Governorate, hundreds of village residents, international, and Israeli peace activists used Kafr Qaddum's weekly march to demand that all countries participate in the upcoming Paris peace conference set to be held on Jan. 15 and adopt serious measures that can end the Israeli occupation and establish a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Demonstrators demanded that the international community make the anti-settlement UNSC resolution passed last month a reality in the occupied Palestinian territory, by forcing the Israeli government to evacuate all settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, that obstruct the potential for peace in the region. Demonstrators also held signs demanding that countries participating in the Paris peace conference take a serious stand against attempts at moving the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. (Maannews 13 January 2017)
- **Some 1,000 olive trees uprooted to build bypass road on 'Azzun village land:** Israeli laborers began uprooting olive trees and leveling land near the Palestinian villages of 'Azzun and a-Nabi Elias in Qalqilyah Governorate, under the supervision of Civil Administration (CA) personnel. This work is being carried out as part of the decision made by the military and the CA to build a bypass road to replace the section of Route 55 that runs through a-Nabi Elias. Route 55 originally served as the main link between Nablus and Qalqilyah and was one of the major traffic arteries in the West Bank. On 21 December 2015, the head of the Civil Administration issued an expropriation order for 10.4 hectares of land earmarked for the bypass road. The order noted that the new road will "serve the public good" and improve mobility between Nablus and Qalqilyah. In March 2016, the Palestinian village councils and landowners petitioned Israel's High Court of Justice (HCJ) against the expropriation, on the grounds that the road will not serve all residents of the area but only settlers. On 16 November 2016, the HCJ denied the petition after accepting the state's claim that the road is intended to serve the entire population of the area. The seizure of the land and uprooting of olive trees have severely harmed the landowners, who have lost a source of income and a major financial asset, as well as an open space that served all local residents for leisure and recreational activities. ([BTSELEM](#) 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested an international activist while protesting against the uprooting of Trees in the eastern part of Qalqilyia Governorate for the construction of a new bypass road. The IOA declared the area as a closed military zone. (WAFA 16 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdel Rahman Abu Haniya (22 Years) from Qalqilyia Governorate. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Azzun village in eastern Qalqiliya. The three from Azzun village were identified as Kathem MufeedRadwan (24 Years), Mu'men Farouq Abu Haniyah (25 Years) and Muhammad Naser Al Jbour (55 Years). (Maannews 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Qalqilyia Governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Yousif Yaser Sweilem (23 Years), Abdel Raheem Bilal Radwan (23 Years), and Shaher Hisham Adwan (42 Years). (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia used their weekly march to condemn the raid on Umm Hiran and also drew attention to the potential moving of the US embassy to Jerusalem. Hundreds of village residents participated in the protest, along with international solidarity activists. Protesters held signs that read "Jerusalem will only be the capital of Palestine," and shouted slogans denouncing the nearly half-century occupation of the West Bank. As a result, clashes erupted with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who had entered the village with an Israeli bulldozer and Israeli military jeeps, and attacked the protesters. no detentions were carried out and no injuries were reported. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ma'moun Shtewi from Kafr Qaddum village in Qalqilyia Governorate during clashes with the Palestinians in the village. Clashes erupted after the IOA tried to suppress the non-violent weekly protest in the village demanding the opening of the road that has been closed for 14 years. Another Palestinian identified as Awad Mansour (12 Years) was injured in the head. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained Ahmad Nour Nour al-Din Rayan, 15, from the Qalqiliya-area village of Azzun. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration delivered halt of construction orders to a house and a barracks owned by Muhamamd Sh'our and Ayman Shu'our in Arab Ar Ramadeen Al Janubi in Qalqilyah Governorate. (ALQUDS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration delivered halt of construction orders to Iyad Al Akhras and Adham Saleem in Azzun village in Qalqilyia Governorate. (ALQUDS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yazan Muhamamd Abu Hamed (22 Years) from Qalqilyia City and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinian youths during a raid on the Azzun village in eastern Qalqiliya in the northern occupied West

Bank. The IOA raided Azzun and searched several homes before detaining Hasan Abu Haniyeh and Zaid Ali Adwan. (Maannews 26 January 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Azzun town in eastern Qalqiliya at dawn. Fifteen houses were searched and four youths were detained. The detainees were identified as Omar Mahmoud Salim, Walid Anan Sweidan, Saher Judat Majd and Ramez Saher Shalu. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian from Qalqiliya city, one from the Ramallah-area Qalandiya refugee camp, and two from the Hebron district. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and settlers detained two Palestinian teens at gunpoint on Sunday near an illegal Israeli settlement east of Qalqiliya in the northern occupied West Bank, which alleged that the two Palestinians approached the settlement intending to carry out an attack. At least two Israeli settlers holding the Palestinian girl and boy at gunpoint while other Israeli settlers and forces looked on behind them. The two Palestinians were detained near the entrance of the illegal Israeli settlement of Karnei Shomron. The two teens were identified 15-year-old Marah Luay Jeidi and 16-year-old Salim Hani Abu Hamada. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at the vehicle of Adnan Fathi Mahmoud Daoud from Qalqiliya city under the pretext of not stopping his vehicle at the checkpoint established between Rafat And Az Zawiya villages west of Salfit city. The IOA later arrested him and confiscated his vehicle. (Wafa 30 January 2017)

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- In Qalqiliya Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Abdullah Khalid Radi, 23, from the village of Azzun in Qalqiliya. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently suppressed a weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya. Tens of Palestinian and international activists suffered from tear gas inhalation after the IOA suppressed their weekly march launched in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who have been the target of Israeli raids in the prisons of Nafha and Ktziot. Tens of Israeli soldiers, escorted by Israeli military vehicles and a bulldozer, raided the village and opened live ammunition, rubber-coated bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters into the crowd of protesters, causing

many to suffer tear gas inhalation. The IOA also raided the front yard of a house belonging to Abed al-Latif, and turned it into a military post where Israeli snipers stationed themselves and opened live fire at protesters. (Maannews 3 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Azzun village entrance in Qalqilyia Governorate and hindered Palestinian movement to and from the village. Palestinian vehicles had to take alternative routes to reach their destinations. (SAFA 4 February 2017)
- Two Palestinian Journalists, an international activist were injured and tens others suffered gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly nonviolent protest, held by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, in Kafr Qaddum village in Qalqilyia Governorate. The two journalists were identified as Nidal Ishtayeh and Ayman An Nubani. (WAFA 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three young Palestinian men while walking in Palestinian olive orchards, south of Kafr Qaddum, in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia. The IOA attacked the three young men, and abducted them before moving them to a nearby military base. The three arrested Palestinians have been identified as Wi'am Waleed, 20, Sanad Raed, 19, and Abdul-Latif Jom'a, 21. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)
- In Qalqilia, in the northern part of the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched homes and abducted two Palestinians, identified as Khaled Ali Sweilem, 25, and Essam Salah Sweilem, 32. Owners of some of the invaded and searched homes have been identified as Adnan Sweilem, Rezeq Ali Sweilem and Ayman Adnan Sweilem. (IMEMC 13 February 2017)
- In the northern Governorate of Qalqiliya, four Palestinians were detained, identified as 39-year-old Issam Salah Swelim, 24-year-old Khalid Swelim, 22-year-old Omar Ahmad Salim, and his 23-year-old brother Usama. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
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- Two Palestinian students (Aya Zayd, 11, and Sawsan Hilal, 12) and the Janitor of Ash Shareqa school east of Qalqilyia city suffered Gas inhalation when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired Tear Gas bombs inside the school. (SAFA 15 February 2017)

- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, four Palestinians were detained during a predawn raid in the village of Azzun, who were identified as Hamed Jamal Abu Haniyeh, Zaid Ali Abed al-Hafez Adwan, Firas Mahmoud Shihadeh Hussein, and Nidal Safwan Mansour Salim. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Qalqilyia's eastern town of Azzun village and were identified as Yahya Hamza Hussein, 21, Anas Badwan, 24, and Wahbi Musa Al Khouli, 27. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the peaceful anti-settlement march staged weekly by local and foreign activists in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqilya. Hundreds of Kafr Qaddum residents as well as some foreign activists participated in the march, which demands the Israeli occupation authority to open a main road annexed 14 years ago. A large number of Israeli troops with an armored bulldozer attacked and dispersed them, provoking young participants to clash with the soldiers, the activist said. No one was reportedly injured or arrested during the events. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) leveled Palestinian land in Mas-ha village, to the west of Salfit Governorate in favor of illegal settlement expansion. Palestinian lands have been increasingly seized and leveled by the Israeli occupation forces and authorities as part of underway endeavors to expand the Elkana and She'ari Tekva settlements. Palestinian lands in the area have been confiscated to establish an Israeli university at the expense of Palestinian lands, referring to the establishment of an Israeli university in Ariel settlement. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- In Qalqilia Governorate, the Israeli Occupation army (IOA) stormed at dawn Azzoun town and arrested two locals after breaking into their houses. Five Israeli patrols stormed the town amid heavy fire of teargas bombs and broke into two local houses before arresting their owners. The two detainees were taken to unknown detention centers. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the city of Qalqiliya, while two others were detained in the Qalqiliya-area village of Isla. Three of the Qalqiliya-Governorate detainees were identified as Issa Yousif Sweidan, 23, Luay Jamil Qashmar, and Maher Samir Abu Haniyeh. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya and rummaged into Palestinian civilian homes. The Israeli troops showered the area with randomly-discharged barrages of teargas canisters and subjected civilians to exhaustive interrogation. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- At predawn time, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped the Palestinian youth Tahseen al-Haj from Jalqamous village in Jenin Governorate while in his workplace in 1948 occupied territories. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) temporarily detained the Palestinian Authority (PA) minister of Waqf and religious affairs, Youssef Ideiss, and those accompanying him at an Israeli checkpoint as the minister was attempting to enter Qalqiliya from Nablus. The IOA stopped the minister's car, demanded him to step out, and began searching it. The IOA also confiscated devices from the car and deliberately" detained him at the checkpoint for more than an hour until the Palestinian liaison intervened and secured his release. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- In the village of Kafr Qaddum in Qalqiliya, two Palestinians, including a child, were injured with rubber-coated bullets as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's weekly march against Israeli settlements and the opening of the village's main entrance which has been closed by Israeli forces for 14 years. The IOA fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets, injuring Muhammad Hilme, 11, in the neck with a rubber bullet and Abdullah Salim, 26, in the leg with a rubber bullet. Salim works as a photographer for the Israeli rights group B'Tselem. nine Palestinians had also suffered from tear gas inhalation. Clashes erupted when the IOA raided the village and "heavily fired" rubber bullets and tear gas canisters at protesters. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- In the northern Governorate of Qalqiliya, the 24-year-old Said Ziyad Abu Haniyeh was detained in the village of Azzun. (Maannews 26 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped three Palestinian citizens during violent raids on homes in Azzun village, east of Qalqilya in the West Bank. The IOA broke into and ransacked several homes in the town before kidnapping three citizens. soldiers scattered nails on the road between the towns of Izbat Attaib and Azzun in order to prevent local residents from using it. The IOA

intensified its presence along the segregation wall in Azzun and stormed homes near the wall. (PALINFO 26 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qalqilya's eastern village of Azzun, in the northern West Bank, and rummaged into Palestinian homes. Several youngsters had been subjected to intensive questioning in the process. The IOA broke into the home of Na'im Yassin in Azzoun and interrogated his children, before they kidnapped his son Hamza. Palestinian citizen Hamed Salim was kidnapped from his home in the assault. The IOF closed off the main access road between Azzun and Izbat al-Tabib area. Meanwhile, the occupation troops pitched a military checkpoint near the main entrance to the village and raked through the area. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Qalqilyia Governorate during the month of March 2017

- A Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody has been deprived of regular family visits for more than three years. Ali Muhammad Hassan, 47, from the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia, has not had regular family visits for more than three years. Hassan, a father of six, has been serving a life sentence plus seven years in Israeli prison since 2004. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- Friday marches were held in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliyah, where two Palestinians, including a Palestinian journalist, were injured by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). Ahmad Shawer, a reporter for Palestine TV, was injured in the head, while another Palestinian was injured in the foot by rubber-coated bullets after the IOA suppressed the village's weekly march against the Israeli occupation and settlements. The IOA chased protesters during the march while shooting live and rubber bullets. Very violent clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and the IOA that had raided the village, searched Palestinian homes, and attempted to ambush Palestinians in order to detain them, but failed. (Maannews 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a group of Palestinians, including women and children, while they were on their lands in the village of Azzun in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia. The IOA had detained Samir Mahmoud Shibita, Omar Muen Hussein, six children, and a number of other Palestinians. Shibita identified the four children as Muhammad Arif Dahbour, Thaer Safa Abed, Anas Zahran Shibita, and Mustafa Yassir Shibita. Later in the day another group of farmers, including women, were detained in the village, noting that Israeli soldiers took the cellphones of the detainees and bystanders and deleted photos of the detention process. (Maannews 3 March 2017)

- Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a Palestinian woman who was working on her agricultural lands in the northern occupied West Bank. More than 20 Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement outpost of Havat Gilad attacked Palestinian farmers working in their lands in the nearby village of Faraata in the Qalqiliya Governorate. Settlers attacked the farmers despite the fact that the Palestinians had coordinated with Israeli officials in order to access their lands in the area. The Israeli settlers destroyed an agricultural tractor owned by Abdullah Shanaa, causing clashes to erupt, during which 55-year-old Mariam al-Salman suffered from bruises on her upper body after settlers threw rocks at her. (Maannews 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdullah Hussam Huwari, Zeid Ali Adwan and 'Alaa Sameer Shello from Azzun village in Qalqilyia Governorate after raiding several houses in the village. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abdel Raheem Hanini, 35, from Qalqilyia city after raiding his family house and took him to unidentified location. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- A Palestinian from Kfar Qaddum village in Qalqilyia Governorate was injured in the foot when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village and clashed with Palestinians. The injured Palestinian was identified as Murad Ishtewei, 21. The IOA also set up a sudden checkpoint at the entrance of the village, stormed one house and questioned its inhabitants. (WAFA 6 March 2017)
- At predawn time, Palestinian youth Talib Jumu'a sustained thigh wounds in clashes with the Israeli occupation army (IOA) in Kafr Qaddum village, in eastern Qalqilya. The IOA further kidnapped a Palestinian youth from the town and summoned four others to questioning. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raked through Qalqilyia's eastern village of Azzun and broke into the home of the Palestinian citizen Sofyan Awdeh before they attacked his family members. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- A Palestinian young man Ashraf Awda, from Azzoun town, east of Qalqilya, turned himself in to the occupation army following threats to arrest his father and brother. One day earlier, the IOF stormed Awda's family home and detained his brother for hours. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- 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)
- In the village of Kafr Qaddum in Qalqiliya, a number of protesters suffered tear gas inhalation as The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's

weekly march. The IOA raided the village and fired tear gas canisters at protesters. Violent clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli soldiers who were stationed on rooftops. They fired rubber-coated bullets and sound bombs at protesters. Maannews 10 March 2017)

- Israeli Machinery have been leveling lands in Qalqilya Governorate with the aim to build a new neighborhood in Oranit settlement. Around 100 dunums of lands of Azzun Atmeh, Sannirya and Beit Amin are threatened of confiscation due to the building process. The Israeli Occupation Authorities have been denying Palestinian farmers access to these lands in the past few years which are located west of the Israeli Segregation Wall. (WAFA 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles and passengers at the eastern entrance to Qalqilyah city, north of the West Bank. The Israeli soldiers set-up a roadblock at the eastern entrance to Qalqilya, intercepted and searched passing vehicles and checked the IDs of passengers. This roadblock led to traffic jams in both directions and long delays for citizens, who needed to reach their destinations. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained former prisoner Nidal Muhammad Nawfal. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- In Qalqilia, dozens of Israeli soldiers stormed Naqar neighborhood and arrested a local resident after violently breaking into his house. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- Two Israeli peace activists were injured and dozens of suffocation cases were reported among Palestinian citizens after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) quelled the anti-settlement peaceful march of Kafr Qaddoum which called for opening the town's street that has been closed for 14 years. The IOA fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at the marchers injuring the two activists, one in the hand and the other in the face, and causing dozens of suffocation cases that were treated in the field. The IOA soldiers stormed the town, raided the houses, and stationed on the roofs to fire tear gas canisters at the marchers. They also took pictures of participants and set up ambushes. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Izbat At Tabib village east of Qalqilya city in the northern West Bank. The IOA stopped a number of Palestinians at the checkpoint and questioned them resulting in obstruction of traffic. (SAFA 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Odai Samir Abu Haniya in the village of Azzun in the northern Qalqiliya Governorate. (Maannews 20 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinian young men for a while at a roadblock near Qalqilya city, north of the West Bank. Israeli soldiers set up a makeshift checkpoint on the road between Qalqiliya city and Izbat Attayeb village and obstructed the movement of passing vehicles. The soldiers detained two young passengers for some hours but released them later before removing barriers from the road and withdrawing from the area.(PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) delivered new notifications endorsing the confiscation of dozens of dunums of Palestinian lands in Jayyous and Falamiya towns, east of Qalqilia. The issued notifications endorsed the confiscation of 169 dunums which were seized by the Israeli occupation authorities four years ago. The 169 confiscated dunums, located behind the Segregation wall, were fenced four years ago by an Israeli military order and all trees on those dunums were uprooted. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinian young men from Qalqilya city and released them hours later on. The IOA soldiers questioned both men at the makeshift barrier that was erected at the road between Qalqilya and Ezbet al-Tabib hamlet. Israeli soldiers stopped a Palestinian car and detained the two men for a while then removed the checkpoint. The IOA troops were deployed in the vicinity of Azzoun town. They erected a military checkpoint on the nearby tunnel road, the sources added. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qalqilya's eastern village of Azzun, where Palestinian vehicles and civilians were subjected to thorough inspection. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kafr Qaddum village and arrested Ayman Rafeeq Shtwei, 40, and Nader Amer, 27, and raided a number of Palestinian houses in the village. (WAFA 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped seven Palestinians from the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya. The IOA rolled into Qalqilya city in over 20 military jeeps and attacked the Palestinian protesters with spates of teargas canisters, resulting in several suffocation cases. The assault triggered violent clashes with Palestinian anti-occupation youth. The list of arrestees included ex-prisoner Tahseen Daoud, 47, who was kidnapped by the IOF from his own family home, Firas Bennan Ulba, Waleed HUteari, 40, Hamza Hutari, 21, and Waseem Hutari, 38. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a weekly march held in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, causing at least ten Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Israeli border police fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets at protesters,

causing ten Palestinians to suffer from tear gas inhalation. The IOA also attempted to ambush a number of Palestinians in order to detain them. However, no detentions were reported. Over the course of five years, an elderly protester was killed after suffering from excessive tear gas inhalation, one youth lost his eyesight, and another his ability to speak, he added. (Maannews 24 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) rolled into the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya and kidnapped 21-year-old Palestinian youth Qassam Abdul Hafidh after they wreaked havoc on his family home and attacked his relatives. The detainee was later dragged to an unidentified destination. The IOA rolled into Qalqilya in a number of military vehicles and set up ambushes and checkpoints. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raked through Qalqilya on claims that an explosive device was spotted near Eliyahu checkpoint. The IOA broke into Palestinian homes in al-Kar'an neighborhood and subjected the inhabitants to intensive questioning. (PALINFO 27 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained journalist Ayoub Mazouz Hassan in the Qalqiliya Governorate. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinian farmers from several Qalqilya area villages in the north of the occupied West Bank. Settlers from the nearby illegal Havat Gilad settlement outpost attacked the farmers who were working on their land. Even though Palestinian farmers had coordinated with the Israeli military to access their lands, the farmers were surprised when they were attacked by the settlers while the Israeli soldiers present at the scene did nothing to stop them. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- A round of clashes rocked Qalqilya, in the northern West Bank, and culminated in a set of ambushes and military checkpoints arbitrarily pitched in the city. (PALINFO 30 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)

Tubas Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Tubas Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Bulldozers raided “Wadi Sneisel” area in Al Khan Al Ahmar community in occupied East Jerusalem and demolished the homes of six families, numbering 48 people, including 34 minors, and a livestock pen. Some of these families had already lost their homes in August 2015, when the authorities demolished seven homes in the community. ([BTSELEM](#) 02 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers set up a new outpost in the northern Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank. Settlers added a residential room and an animal pen to the area known as “Al Mazoukeh”. The new established outpost is located in close proximity of Kherbit Samra and Kherbit Makhoul. (Wafa 4 January 2017)
- Tens of Israeli soldiers raided Al Farisiya village in Tubas Governorate in the northern Jordan Valley and toured in the agricultural lands and citizens’ homes. (Wafa 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Al Far’a refugee camp south of Tubas city in the northern West Bank. The arrestees were identified as Mahmoud Saleh Jabarin, Rabee Jamal Mubarak, Mahmoud Nathmi Abu Al Hasan and Qais Nash’at Abu Al Hasan. (SHASHA 10 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished an 11 kilometers water pipeline that supplying water to four Palestinian communities – 22 families in Ar Ras Al Ahmar and 14 Families in Kherbit Al Hadidiya, in the northern Jordan Valley. The pipeline was funded by international NGO Action Against Hunger four years ago.. (Maannews, SHASHA 10 January 2017)
- A Palestinian man, Muhammad al-Salihi, 32, was shot and killed by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during an overnight raid in the al-Faraa refugee camp in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Tubas. Al-Salihi and his mother were surprised when the IOA entered and ransacked their homes. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Bulldozers razed an 1800 meters long Agricultural road in Kherbit Al Hadidiyah in the northern Jordan Valley. The road was rehabilitated with the help of external donation and under the supervision of the Italian GVC organization. (Wafa 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Kherbit Ar Ras Al Ahmar and Kherbit Al Hadidiya in Tubas Governorate in the northern Valleys and threatened to demolished the following: (1) Two halt of construction orders; (2) a 6-inches wide water pipeline owned by Al Furat Agricultural company; (3) a number of residential tents and barracks owned by citizen Rashed Abdullah Hussein Bisharat; (4) a halt of construction order to a fence that surrounds the land of Ahmad Al I’beisi; (5) another notification to the halt the construction of a 3-km

long agricultural road that links Einun with Kherbit Yarza community. (WAFA 12 January 2017)-

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities hindered Palestinian farmers from Ploughing their lands in Kherbit Al Himma and Khallet Hamd in the northern Jordan Valley. (SAFA 14 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated two agricultural tractors in Kherbit Ibziq village north of Tubas city. The tractor are owned by Fayez Nagnaghiyah and Memer Hroub. (WAFA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested an injured Palestinian from Al Far'a refugee camp in Tubas Governorate. The arrestee was identified as Mahmoud Walweel. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified two Palestinian families from Kherbit Yarza and Al 'Aqaba village in Tubas Governorate with halt of construction orders to two barracks. The two Barracks are owned by Muhamamd Ali Masaied from Kherbit Yarza and Muhammad Yousif Dabak from Al 'Aqaba village. (WAFA 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhamamd Alawneh from Tubas Governorate. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian from the village of Khirbet Yarza, located in the Jordan Valley district of Tubas. (Maannews 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation army forced out dozens of Palestinians from their homes in the village of Khirbet al-Kurzaliya in the northern Jordan Valley to carry out military training exercises. Israeli troops started military drills with live ammunition in the village after evacuating residents. (Maannews 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) targeted local Palestinian farmers in Kherbit Deir Ibziq and Ar Ras Al Ahmar in the northern Jordan valley and imposed heavy fines on them (a sum of NIS 150,000) if they wish to restore their confiscated agricultural tractors. (ALQUDS 28 January 2017)
- In the northeastern West Bank, the brothers Sakhr and Muath Abd al-Rahim Bisharat were detained in the Jordan Valley, without giving further details. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration notified to demolish a house and a 2000 meters long water line in Kardala village in the northern Jordan Valley. The house is owned by Tareq Methqal Fuqaha and is 150 square meters area. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

- The Israeli Civil Administration took photos of structures owned by Muhamamd Salem Abu Zahu and Methqal Abdel Kareem Fuqaha in Kherbit Al Humsa in Tubas Governorate. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Tubas Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish two residential tents in the northern Jordan Valley. The two tents are owned by Alland and Islam Daraghmah. The two families were given a period of 3 days to evacuate the tents. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish a 150 meters area house owned by Tareq Methqal Fuqaha in Kardala village in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA also notified to halt the construction of a 2,000 meters long waterline in the village. (ALQUDS 1 February 2017)
- Israel is planning to seize over 36 dunams of the Palestinian village known as “Bardala”, northeast of Tubas, in the northern Jordan Valley. The so-called Israeli Civil Administration staff, escorted by a military vehicle, stormed Bardala and served locals with an official notice to seize 36.88 dunams of their land for “security purposes”. The land would be seized to complete the construction for parts of Israel’s apartheid wall, located near the village. land belongs to Nimer Sawafta, Sami Tamimi, Rashid Swafta, Mustafa Sawafta, Rateb Sawafta and Saleh Sawafta.(IMEMC 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out military trainings in Al Farisiya area in the northern Jordan Valley. (Wafa 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Samer Samih Sawafta and Saher Anis Abu Muhsen in the Tubas Governorate. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to remove four residential tents owned by Palestinian farmers in Bardala village in the northern Jordan Valley. (Wafa 2 February 2017)
- Several Israeli settlers, living in outposts illegally established on Palestinian lands in the Jordan valley, attacked Palestinian Shepherds, and forced them out of grazing lands. The settlers attacked many shepherds, and chased them out of Palestinian grazing lands. The attack was part of repeated violations that escalated, several months ago, after the settlers installed tents, creating illegal outposts, in Khirbit Mzoqah and Khallet Ahmad areas. (PNN 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered a halt of construction order to a construction project that aims at reclaiming a water spring in Al Himma area in the northern Jordan Valley. (Wafa 06 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated three machineries owned by a private company and a vehicle owned by citizen Hussein Nimir that were working to open an agricultural road between Bardala and Kherbit Ibziq communities in the northern Jordan Valleys. Note that the project is unded by the European community. (Wafa 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished two residential tents, six animal pens in Kherbit Ar Ras Al Ahmar southeast of Tubas city. The Demolished tents and structures are owned by Ali Bani Odeh. (Wafa 7 February 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished Palestinian-owned structures in the village of Kardala, located on the northeastern edge of the occupied West Bank. The IOA demolished tents and shacks used as a sheep barn. The bulldozers under heavy Israeli military protection demolished the structures, which constituted an area of approximately 180 square meters. The sheep barns belonged to local Bassam Ali Radwan Fuqaha, who was delivered a demolition warrant that said his barn was illegally built in an Israeli military zone. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the Palestinian movement between Tubas and the Jordan valley and vice versa. The IOA intensified their restrictions on Al Hamra and Tayaseer Checkpoint and thoroughly checked Palestinian cars. (RB2000 8 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers escorted by two Israeli soldiers attacked three Palestinian farmers near the newly established outpost on lands of Um Zika Nature Reserve in the northern Jordan Valley. The settlers also confiscated the farmers' personal belongings and brutally attacked them. (ORIENTBETHELEM 11 February 2017)
- Israeli authorities issued stop-work orders for 16 Palestinian-owned structures in the northern Jordan Valley village of Khirbet Humsa al-Fuqa in the occupied West Bank. Inspectors from the Israeli Civil Administration's planning and construction department stormed Khirbet Humsa al-Fuqa and delivered stop-work orders to 16 structures that belong to seven Palestinian families. The warrants said the families had until Feb. 26 to heed the order. The orders were delivered to Ali Freij Abu al-Kibash, Hakam Ali Freij Abu al-Kibash, Yasser Mahmoud Abu al-Kibash, Abdullah Muhammad Abu al-Kibash, Taysir Mahmoud Abu al-Kibash, Nasser Mahmoud Abu al-Kibash, and Sanad Yasser Abu al-Kibash. (Maannews 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities seized a Palestinian-owned vehicle and water hoses used for irrigation in al-Baqiaa south of Tubas in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank. The IOA seized a vehicle belonging to a resident of the nearby town of Tammun, in addition to seizing 400-meter-long water hoses used by locals for irrigation. (Maannews 12 February 2017).

- Nearly 150 Israeli settlers stormed Umm Ka'bah area in the Jordan Valley to the north of occupied West Bank. Israeli settlers riding horses broke into the area under the protection of Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The settlers chanted Talmudic hymns during the raid. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers raided a Bedouin community in the Khallat Hamad area of the northern Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank and threatened local Palestinians, a day after a herd of sheep belonging to one of the community's residents was attacked. A group of 12 settlers came to the community's tents and demanded that residents leave the area. The settlers had threatened to "harm them" on Saturday evening if they attempted to take their sheep to pasture in the area. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- Israeli Settlers killed one sheep in the Jordan Valley and injured two others after they attacked a herd belonging to Mahmoud Awwad. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian shepherds near Khirbat al-Hamma in the northern Jordan Valley, and prevented them from herding their sheep in their own lands. Israeli settlers threaten the Palestinians in the region and tell them they must leave, claiming that these lands are "Israeli lands". (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- The Israeli Bulldozers demolished a residential caravan in Khan Al Ahmar Bedouin community east of Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed building. The Caravan is owned by Muhamamd Ali At Tabnah and was shelter for 9 people. The caravan was funded by the European Union. (RB2000 20 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) demolished a water pipeline in the Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank after the same pipeline was destroyed earlier this month. Israeli bulldozers destroyed the eight-and-a-half kilometers pipeline running between the Bedouin communities of al-Hadidiya and al-Ras al-Ahmar in the northern Jordan Valley, east of the Tubas Governorate. 47 Palestinian families depended on the pipeline as their water source. The pipeline was funded by international humanitarian organization UNICEF, at a construction cost of 12,500 euros (approximately \$13,270). It was the second time this month that Israeli forces had destroyed the pipeline. (Maannews 20 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israelis, yeshiva students, and a right-wing former Israeli politician entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem under heavy Israeli police protection. Former deputy speaker of the Knesset Moshe Feiglin toured the compound along with "20 settlers and 53 Jewish students." They

arrived in groups via the Moroccans' Gate, and left via the Chain Gate. (Maannews 21 February 2017)

- Israeli settlers assaulted and attacked Palestinian shepherds in Khallet Hamad community in the northern Jordan Valley and kicked them out of the area. (Wafa 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a donkey belonging to a Palestinian farmer in “Mazuqeh” area in Al Himma area in the northern Jordan Valley and handed it to the Israeli Nature Authority. (Wafa 24 February 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Khallet Hamad area east of Tubas to the north of occupied West Bank in total provocation to local residents. The settlers broke into the area amid heavy protection of Israeli forces and started provoking the locals. Israeli mobile houses were recently erected in the area as a prelude to take control over the area, the sources added. (Palinfo 25 February 2017)
- The Israeli Civil Administration confiscated two trucks and two tractors that belong to Palestinians in al-Ras al-Ahmar area in the Jordan Valley and took them to a military camp. The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) did not give the machines’ owners any papers that prove and justify the confiscation of their equipment. (PalInfo 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish a number of residencies and structures in Kherbit Ad Deir and Kardala village in Tubas Governorate, in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA notified to demolish three houses in Kherbit Ad Dir; While in Kardala village, the IOA notified to demolish 6 residencies. (Wafa 28 February 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Tubas Governorate during the month of March 2017

- In the northern occupied West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Tayasir in the Tubas Governorate and detained 29-year-old Juma Khalid Abu Amr, and 19-year-old Yazid Zahi Abu Ali. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 5 donkeys in the northern Jordan Valley and handed it to Israeli settlers in Kherbit Mazuqeh. (Wafa 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Khalet Hamad east of Tubas and arrested a local shepherd and prevented Palestinians’ movement in the area. The IOA violently stormed the area and arrested a shepherd. The detainee was investigated for more than three hours on charges of sheep grazing in the area. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)

- Israeli bulldozers leveled large areas of Palestinian lands in the Jordan Valley as a prelude to establish new settlement projects in the area. Israeli razing operations are carried out in Palestinian lands earlier confiscated by Israeli authorities and declared as closed military zone. Israeli authorities have earlier declared intention to grant each settler 50 dunums in the Jordan Valley with the aim of implementing settlement projects. Over the past two days, large lands of the Jordan Valley were fenced for unknown reasons. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- Israel's so-called "Nature Authority" afternoon detained Palestinian Akoub (Gundelia) harvesters in the northern Jordan Valley and seized their cattle. The Nature Authority cracked down on the Palestinian pickers of Akoub plant in the Jordan Valley. Wildfires broke out across the mountains while bird eggs and baby animals have been burned down due to incessant Israeli military maneuvers in the area. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)
- 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to halt the construction of an agricultural barracks in Kardala village in the northern Jordan Valley owned by Inad Rushdi Muhammad Sawafta. (Wafa 14 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed over a stop construction order against a pool used for drinking in Al Farisiya village in the Jordan valley under the same pretext. (Wafa, PALINFO 15 March 2017)
- In the Tubas Governorate, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians, and identified them as former prisoner Abdullah Jihad Bani Odeh from Tubas, former prisoner Muath Khalid Daraghma from Tubas, and Luay Rashid Daraghma. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Tamun town, east of Tubas city, and arrested a young man from his house. A number of checkpoints were also erected throughout the town. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at daybreak seized Palestinian vehicles east of Tubas city, in the northern West Bank. Israeli soldiers seized a car of the Mitsubishi brand and another vehicle owned by Palestinian citizen Hayel Turkman, along with an agricultural tractor belonging to citizen Namer Harroub Under the pretext that they are used to cultivate military lands and carry water tanks to Palestinians. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man in the village of Ibziq in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank and confiscated a tractor and a private vehicle in the area. The IOA, escorted by several Israeli Civil Administration jeeps, detained Mahmoud Muhammad al-

Hroub, 23, and confiscated a tractor belonging to his father and a vehicle belonging to Hayil Turkman. The confiscated vehicles were taken to the Nahal military site in the al-Maleh area of the Jordan valley. (Maannews 23 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 23-year-old Mahmoud Muhammad al-Hroub from the village of Ibziq in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank [when a tractor and private vehicle were also confiscated.](#)
- A delegation of the Israeli Civil Administration visited the Jordan Valley Regional Council, compromising 21 illegal settlements, to discuss ways to establish new development projects in the Jordan Valley settlements. The meeting was attended by David El Hayani, mayor of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, and Aravot HaYarden, chairman of the council. The discussion covered means of developing agriculture, tourism, and other economic sectors in the settlements. El Hayani revealed plans to establish new tourism projects in the area including restaurants and parking. The new projects came as part of the Israeli settlement expansion policy which has notably escalated over the past few months. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified several Palestinian families in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank that they would have to evacuate their homes on Wednesday (the 29th of March 2017) to make way for Israeli military training exercises. The IOA ordered more than 10 Palestinian families in the Ras al-Ahmar area northeast of Tubas to leave their homes starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday until 5 a.m. on Thursday. Meanwhile, Israeli media reported that the Israeli army had announced that military drills were set to take place in several areas of the occupied West Bank this week between Sunday and Thursday. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) along with groups of settlers banned Palestinians from continuing the construction of three stockyards in Khamat Hamad area, which is endangered of confiscation, east of Tubas city. The IOF soldiers evicted Palestinians from their own lands and warned them of violating the construction ban order. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to halt the construction of an agricultural road that is intended to link Kardala village with Al Qa'oun valley in the far most part of the Jordan Valley; The IOA also notified to halt the construction of an under-construction water pool in Kardala village in Tubas Governorate. (WAFA 27 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) troops stormed Tubas and broke into the home of Palestinian citizen Mohamed Daraghma, before they kidnapped his 17-year-old son, Seif, and cracked down on his family members. The IOA further

kidnapped 18-year-old Jamal Musalamani from his family home in Tubas. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to evacuate four Palestinian residencies in Humsa Al Fouqa village in the northern Jordan Valley from 5:00 pm on Wednesday to 5:00 am on Thursday for military drillings. (WAFA 28 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) dismantled a Palestinian owned Caravan that was erected some days ago in Al Himma area in the northern Jordan valley. The caravan is owned by citizen Muhammad Awwad. Note that the family received halt of construction orders to three barracks and a caravan in the area. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- A Palestinian youth was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from Tubas. Israeli soldiers deployed at al-Hamra checkpoint, separating Jericho and the Jordan Valley from the northern occupied West Bank, stopped a vehicle and arrested the youngster Mohamed Ayeda, before they dragged him to an unidentified destination. The Israeli soldiers were reportedly carrying a list of wanted Palestinians and inspecting the passengers' identity documents in search for alleged anti-occupation protesters. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)

Ramallah Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Ramallah Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed Atara military checkpoint north of Ramallah city and started inspecting Palestinian vehicles and interrogating citizens. (Safa 1 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) handed the Municipality Council in 'Aboud village, northwest of Ramallah, a military order to renew the confiscation of lands already confiscated. These 34.363-dunum lands are located near the eastern entrance to the village and belong to civilians from 'Aboud village. This order was issued on 28 December 2016 and emphasized on the right to challenge the order after three days of its issuance. The Council was informed on 01 January 2017, so the affected persons were deprived of their right to challenge the order. (PCHRGZA & Raya 1 January 2017)
- The Israel Defense Forces approved an order which allows Israel to move the illegal West Bank outpost of Amona to adjacent lots, despite the fact that Palestinians claim the land as their own and contest the move's validity. The order, signed by OC Central Command Major Gen. Roni Numa, amends

previous directives and relates to a number of lots near the outpost whose status as "abandoned [Palestinian] property is under examination. The plots in question are numbered 28, 29, 30, 38 and 54. Three are adjacent to one another and create territorial contiguity. All are within several hundred meters of Amona's current location, sometimes even closer. The Amona outpost, built illegally in the mid-1990s on private Palestinian land near the Ofra settlement in the central West Bank, was due to be evacuated in December. However, in the wake of a compromise reached between the settlers and the state, Israel's High Court approved a 45-day postponement of the move, until February 8. (Haaretz 2 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities installed 270 Surveillance cameras along the Israeli bypass Road No 443 which connects with Jerusalem. The cameras were installed under the pretext of the increasing "terror attacks" against Israeli settlers accessing the road, mainly on the road section passing through Beit Ur At Tahta village. (Safa 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Silwad village, northeast of Ramallah. They raided and searched houses belonging to Jihad Khaled Ghalyoun (32), Mohammed Abdul Nasser Hamed (20), Ayman Na'im Mar'I (33), Khalil Hasan Mar'I (35) and 'Awni Abdul Ghani Ibrahim Fares (41) and then arrested them. Israeli forces later withdrew taking all arrested persons to an unknown destination. (PCHRGAZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli "Ofer" military court is set to hold today a hearing session on the issue of prisoner Nael Barghouthi, 59, which was one of the prisoners released during Shalit deal. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) authorities rearrested Al Barghouthi in June 2014, and sentenced him to imprisonment for 30 months. Note that prisoner Al Barghouthi was supposed to be released from prison on the 17 of December 2016; however the Israeli occupation authorities kept him under arrest. (Raya 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinian citizens from Ramallah And Al Bireh Governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Awni Abdel Ghani Fares, Khaleel Hasan Hamed, Jihad Khaled Hamed, Muhamamd Abdel Naser Hamed, Ayman Mir'I Hamed and Abdel Haleem Abdullah Al Farakhnah. (Wafa 3 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a sick Palestinian citizen from Ramallah Governorate. The arrestee was identified as Ahmad Mahmoud Issa Khadour (16 Years). (Al Ayyam 4 January 2017)
- Four Israeli Military Jeeps raided Birzeit town north of Ramallah city in the early morning and toured in the streets and alleys. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA)

checked Palestinian ID cards; however, no arrests were reported. (Wafa 06 January 2017)

- In Bilin village in Ramallah Governorate, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters and sound bombs at demonstrators participating in the weekly march against the construction of the wall and the Israeli settlement activities in the area, causing tens of Palestinian, foreign, and Israeli protesters to suffer from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews, Wafa 06 January 2017)
- Tens of Palestinian and foreign protesters suffered from tear gas inhalation after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly march in Nilin village west of Ramallah city in the occupied West Bank against the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall.
- The 15-year-old Tasnim Halabi from the town of Rammun in the central occupied West Bank Ramallah Governorate was sentenced a teenage Palestinian girl to 18 months in the Israeli prison. Halabi, was detained in April, 2016 and is currently being held at HaSharon prison. (Maannews 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli so-called "Civil Administration" (ICA) informed Palestinians who have documents prove their ownership of the land near the Israeli outpost "Amona" of its (ICA) intention to divide the ownership of land plots in the area. This measure aims at dividing the land in a way that would grant non-absentee Palestinians their lands in the area while at the same time allowing settlers to take control of the remaining land plots belonging to Palestinian "Absentees". ([NBPRS](#) 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired at a Palestinian citizen near Sinjil village north of Ramallah city, injured him in the leg and arrested him. The unidentified Palestinian was using the road connecting Ramallah with Nablus city from Sinjil's eastern side. (RB2000 12 January 2017)
- Two Palestinian were injured in Bilin Village west of Ramallah city as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly protest against the Segregation Wall and the occupation in the village. The IOA fired teargas and sound bombs at Palestinians which led to the injury of Abdel Khaleq Burnat and Ashraf Abu Rahmeh. (Wafa 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly protest against the Segregation Wall and the occupation in the village of Ni'lin west of Ramallah city. The IOA teargas and sound bombs at Palestinian protestors to disperse them. As a result, tens of Palestinians suffered gas inhalation. (Wafa 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured three Palestinian youths in al-Jalazoun refugee camp in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah with rubber-coated steel bullets, as clashes broke out between the IOA

and Palestinian youth in the camp. during the clashes at the entrance of the camp, IOA shot rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters at youth in the camp, injuring three. The IOA detained one of the injured youths. (WAFA 13 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Ramallah Governorate, namely Ez Mustafa (21 Years), 'Alaa Mahmoud Zeid (16 Years), Mussallam Yousif Ghawanmah (17 Years) and Mustafa Ashraf Nakhlah (17 Years). (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a former Palestinian prisoner, Muhamamd Al Qeiq (34 Years), at Beit El Checkpoint north of Ramallah city in the central West Bank while on his way back home after participating in a protest held Bethlehem city demanding for the return of Palestinian Martyrs' bodies detained by the Israeli Occupation Authorities. (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Jalazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah city, stormed a number of Palestinian homes and searched them. During the raid, the IOA arrested Alaa Abu Jaber (19Years), Mustafa Ashraf Nakhleh (20 Years) and Mussallam Yousif Ghawanmah and took them to an area near Beit El settlement. (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citizen Waleed Al Hodali from At Tira village in Ramallah Governorate. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three former prisoners from Betuniya city in Ramallah Governorate. The arrestees were identified as: Ibrahim As Sabe', Muhmmad Dahleh, Muhammad Ali Qar'an. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citzien Shu'ja' Darweesh from Birzeit city in Ramallah Governorate. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citzien Jihad Mansour Kraja and his nephew Yazan Jad Nassar from Saffa village west of in Ramallah Governorate after raiding and searching their homes. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested former prisoner Mahmoud Yousif Al Barghouthi (50 Years) and Omar Nahed Al Barghouthi from Deir Ghassanh village in Ramallah Governorate. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested former prisoner Saed Fahmi Abu Saleem from Ranits village northwest of Ramallah city. (SHASHA 16 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mu'tasem Yousif Ash Sheikh (21 Years) and Ahmad Adnan Al Kansh (20 Years) from Ramallah and Al Bireh Governorate. (Maannews 17 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Uthman Fareed Zibari from Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Beit El Checkpoint in both directions under the pretext of providing security and protection to Israeli soldiers manning the checkpoint. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- Thirty Five undergraduate students from New York's Yeshiva University visited the West Bank settlement of Halamish to help the community rebuild after wildfires in November destroyed 18 houses and caused severe damage to the settlement and its surroundings. As part of a week-long mission during winter break called "Responding to Flames of Destruction," students enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves to help clear debris, and build and paint benches and tables to replace those which were burned to a crisp across the entire settlement. ([IPOST](#) 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Abdel Haleem Abdel Haleem Hamed and Ja'far Abed Arbash from Ramallah Governorate. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Abdullah Hammad from Silwad in Ramallah Governorate. The detention was reported allegedly for finding "hunting weapons" during the raid in Silwad. (Maannews 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly march held in the village of Billin west of Ramallah city which occur every Friday to protest the Israeli separation wall and illegal settlements and in solidarity with the Bedouin village of Umm Hiran which was raided by the IOA leaving a local teacher and an Israeli police officer killed, before Israeli forces carried out home demolitions in the village. The demonstration was also centered on protesting President Donald Trump's support of moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Palestinian and international solidarity activists held up Palestinian flags and signs condemning the potential embassy move and threatening an escalation of the resistance if such a decision is made. When the protestors reached the western part of the village near the separation wall, Israeli forces prevented them from marching on, declaring the area a military post and firing rubber bullets, sound bombs, and plastic bullets at protesters. The IOA detained Palestinian activist Ahmad Abu Rahma during the protest, but he was released afterwards. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- Three Palestinian youths were detained near the Deir Qaddis village in western Ramallah after attempting to open a hole in the separation wall in the area. The detainees were transferred to the Israeli intelligence for interrogation. (Maannews 20 January 2017)

- The Mateh Binyamin regional council, which is responsible for 42 illegal Israeli settlements and outposts in the West Bank, has placed 12 mobile homes near Ofra settlement for the Amona settlers. These makeshift homes were sited illegally in order to accommodate the settlers who will be evacuated from the illegal outpost of Amona. Amona outpost was supposed to be evacuated last December 2016 according to a court order, but the Israeli government managed to extract a verdict from the high court of justice delaying the evacuation until early February. The Israeli government is trying nowadays to illegally seize Palestinian-owned lands near the outpost in order to establish homes on them for Amona settlers. ([HAARETZ](#) 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Nilin village northwest of Ramallah city, stormed commercial stores and confiscated records of Surveillance cameras. Clashes erupted between Palestinian citizens and the IOA where the latter fired teargas bombs to disperse Palestinians. A number of Palestinians suffered Gas inhalation. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Ofer military court reportedly ruled to release Jamil al-Barghouthi, Ahmad Odeh, Khalid Qtishat and Lama Nazieh to three days of house arrest, on condition of paying a 30,000-shekel (\$7,900) bail. Maannews (24 January 2017)
- The Ofer military court ruled to extend the detentions of brothers Muhammad and Akram al-Khatib by two days for further interrogation. Maannews (24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mustafa Hussein Sharaka, Mahmoud Wajdi Safi, Ma'rouf Bajes Nakhla from Al Jalazoun refugee camp in Ramallah Governorate. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers from the illegal outpost of Amona have threatened to renew their fight against imminent evacuation if Israeli lawmakers do not push through legislation to retroactively legalize all settlement outposts in the occupied West Bank, as a nearby outpost meanwhile began unauthorized expansion. Amona has been slated for demolition by the Israeli Supreme Court for being built on private Palestinian land in the central occupied West Bank, although the court agreed in December [to postpone the evacuation of the outpost to Feb. 8](#) in order to give additional time for the Israeli government to provide alternative housing for its residents. While the extension had been agreed to on the condition that Amona's residents cease to oppose the eviction, the settlers sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Naftali Bennett stating that they were resuming their fight against the evacuation of Amona. The letter threatened that only the passage of the settlement "Legalization bill" with a clause including the legalization of Amona would prevent a confrontation, as the

settlers complained that not enough had been done yet to prepare for their relocation. ([Maannews](#) 24 January 2017)

- In the Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained six Palestinians. The detainees were identified as Nidal al-Rimawi and Hakim Mahmoud al-Rimawi from the town of Beit Rima, and Bassem Said al-Barghouthi from the village of Deir Ghassana. Marwan Mahmoud Abu Salim, 20, Tariq Hashem Radi, 18, and Samer Riyad Radi, 18, were also detained from the village of al-Lubban al-Gharbi (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Abud village northwest of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank. Clashes erupted between local youths and Israeli soldiers who opened live fire, rubber-coated steel bullets and tear-gas bombs at youths and houses. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot Omar Nathir Ibrahim al-Barghouthi, 26, from the village of Abud in the central occupied West Bank Ramallah Governorate while driving near Abud. The IOA fired shots at his vehicle. Al-Barghouthi which resulted in severe injuries across his body, including his right foot, right arm, chest, stomach, and head. Clashes erupted in Abud Thursday evening between local youth and Israeli forces for the second time in 24 hours, with Israeli soldiers opening live fire, and firing rubber-coated steel bullets and tear-gas bombs at youths and houses, while youths threw rocks and empty bottles. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a weekly march in the village of Bilin in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, as dozens of protesters suffered from tear gas inhalation. Palestinians, international, and Israeli peace activists all took part in the march which set off from the center of Bilin following Friday prayers. Clashes erupted between protesters and Israeli forces, with dozens suffering from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 27 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Abdullah and Rateb Abu Rahma in Bilin village west of Ramallah city and messed with the contents. The IOA confiscated the personal computer belonging to Abdullah Abu Rahma after carrying out a thorough search in the aforementioned houses. (ALQUDS 27 January 2017)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered that plans be drafted for 68 new housing units in the West Bank settlement of Ofra. The move is part of an attempt to reach an agreement with the settlement's residents on the peaceful evacuation of nine houses that were constructed illegally on private Palestinian land, and were therefore slated for demolition as per a High Court of Justice ruling. A meeting took place between the chief of staff at the prime minister's bureau, Yoav Horowitz, and representatives from Ofra regarding the nine

houses that are to be demolished on February 7. Horowitz spoke to the residents regarding a possible deal for the status of the settlement, such as the approval of the city's zoning plan. Horowitz told the residents that the prime minister would approve the advancement of plans for the construction of dozens of new housing units on land whose legal status is not in question, as replacement for the houses that are to be razed. A secretary for the settlement of Ofra, Sami Karsenty, refused to comment on the meeting with Horowitz or what was discussed. Residents of the houses slated for demolition told Haaretz that they have not been informed of any such deal with the prime minister's bureau. They said that they demand "an inclusive agreement process" regarding the status of the settlement and not "100 housing units." A source said earlier that over the last few days there has been "discussion" of new planning in Ofra as a form of compensation for the nine houses. According to him, the planning is in a very preliminary stage. ([Haaretz](#) 27 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Two Palestinians from Deir bu Mash'al village northwest of Ramallah city. The two were identified Arafat Al Barghuthi and Muhammad Hussein Al Barghuthi after raiding their homes. (WAFA 28 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Abdel Rahman Mathloun (22 years) from Al Janiya village west of Ramallah city. (WAFA 29 January 2017)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, the detention of Ahmad Said Odeh, 23 from Betunyia town was reported. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man for allegedly possessing a knife west of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank near the illegal Israeli settlement of Talmon. The detainee was identified as 22-year-old Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Mathloun from the village of al-Janiya northwest of Ramallah. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli military court at Ofer detention center near Ramallah have ordered Palestinian journalist and former long-term hunger striker Muhammad al-Qiq to eight more days in interrogation after being re-detained earlier this month. Al-Qiq was detained by Israeli forces earlier this month after participating in a protest in Bethlehem held to demand the release of bodies of slain Palestinians held in Israeli custody. The IOA also summoned his wife for interrogation. (Maannews 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Intelligence Police arrested Father of Martyr, Muhannad Al Halabi, from Surda village north of Ramallah city after summoning him for interrogation at Ofer Detention center. (Safa 29 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided An Nour printer shop in Ramallah city and confiscated contents including four printers, personal computers and destroyed the rest of the equipment. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- Two Palestinian were detained from the central West Bank Ramallah Governorate, noting one detention from Ramallah city and one from the village of Kharbatha al-Misbah. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians at Al Container checkpoint northeast of Bethlehem city while trying to cross the checkpoint. Among the arrestees, Omar Al Rjoub (18 Years), a student At Birzeit University, was known. (Maannews 31 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Budrus village west of Ramallah city and arrested Ibrahim Yousif Marrar and took him to unknown destination. (SAFA 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Ramallah Governorate during the month of February 2017

- In the West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, Numaan Hamid was detained from the village of Silwad, while Firas Nafi, 20, was detained from the village of Nilin. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) disguised themselves as Palestinians and “kidnapped” two Palestinian students at the entrance of Birzeit University in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. The two students were identified as Tawfiq Abu Arqub, and Basel Falaneh, the secretary of specialties committee of the student council. They were studying computer science and business, respectively. The students were forced into a vehicle “at gunpoint,” while also pointing guns at other students in the area. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed Route 60 in the Ramallah Governorate of the occupied West Bank while continuing the closure of the Beit El (DCO) checkpoint for the second consecutive day. The IOA Closed the part of Route 60 that connects the Mikhmas junction in the north to Wadi al-Haramiya junction in the south. The Beit El checkpoint was also closed for the second consecutive day. The closures were being implemented as part of a “security campaign” as Israeli authorities have cautioned Israeli passengers about the dangers of roads shared with Palestinians. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many Palestinian and international peace activists, holding the weekly nonviolent protest against the Annexation Wall and settlements in Ni’lin village, west of Ramallah, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The soldiers assaulted the nonviolent protesters,

and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at them, just as they approached the wall's construction site, on the villagers' orchards, south of the Ni'lin. The many nonviolent protesters suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The procession started from the center of the village, when locals, Israeli and international activists marched carrying Palestinian flags, and chanting against the ongoing occupation. They also marched in solidarity with the detainees in the Negev detention camp, who are currently subject to attacks, and escalating violations. (IMEMC 3 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shuqba village in Ramallah Governorate, toured in the streets and alleys. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- Many Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists marched in the weekly nonviolent procession against the Israeli Annexation Wall and settlements in Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank. The protest comes in solidarity with the Palestinian detainees, in the Negev and Nafha detention camps, subject to escalating assaults and violations. The procession started from the center of the village, following noon prayers, before locals, Israeli and international peace activists marched towards the villager's orchards, isolated behind the Wall. They marched carrying posters of many detainees, and Palestinian flags, and chanted for their unconditional release. (IMEMC, Maannews 3 February 2017)
- Another Palestinian was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the central occupied West Bank village of Deir Nidham in the Ramallah Governorate.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Jalzoun refugee camp and raided the house of Uthman Nakhla and searched it. The IOA later arrested citizen Nakhla and took him to Unknown destination. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- At least five Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian photojournalist with rocks and batons while he was driving on a road near the illegal Israeli settlement of Ofra in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. Abu Hussein's vehicle was also damaged by the assault. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmad Odah al-Qadi, 50, and his son, Mustafa, from their home in Mazare' Nobani village in Ramallah Governorate after interrogating them and searching the property. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, the weekly nonviolent protest, held by Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists, in Bil'in village, west of

the central West Bank city of Ramallah, leading to clashes that resulted in wounding two Palestinians, including a child. The protesters were marking the twelfth anniversary on ongoing popular, nonviolent resistance against the Annexation Wall and Colonies, in the village. The marchers carried Palestinian flags, and chanted for national unity, steadfastness, and ongoing resistance until liberation, independence and the release of all political prisoners. The IOA stationed near the gate of the Annexation Wall, fired rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs on the protestors. Local activist Ashraf Abu Rahma, and a child, identified as Mohammad Eyad Burnat, were mildly injured. (IMEMC 10 Februray 2017)

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- In the central West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Odeh Ahmad al-Qadi, 50, and his son Mustafa in the village of Mazariaa al-Nubani in the Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- Several Israeli settlers, living in a settlement built on illegally confiscated Palestinian land, in the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, invaded at dawn an olive orchard in Sinjil village, and uprooted more than 400 saplings. The settlers invaded the Palestinian orchards, and uprooted the recently planted saplings, before fleeing the scene. The uprooted saplings were planted as part of a project funded by the International Red Cross, aiming at replanting and rehabilitating Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered land confiscation orders which targeted 274.5 dunums of lands of Betubya, Beit UR Al Fouqa, Beit Ur At Tahta, Ein Arik and At Tira communities in Ramallah Governorate under the pretext of "Urgent security needs". The targeted lands are located near Beit Ur Al Fouqa junction, alongside the Israeli Bypass Road No. 443. (WAFA 10 February 2017)
- In the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 16-year-old Yousif Muhammad al-Ghalith from Jalazun refugee camp. , according to PPS. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bilin village west of Ramallah city and searched homes in the village, and abducted Waqqas Mansour, 17. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)

- Citzien Rami al-Barghouthi was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the Ramallah Governorate village of Kafr Ein. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian in Bilin village west of Ramallah city. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in Nilin village west of Ramallah city. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rami Barghouthi in Kafr Nima village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, and invaded the home of Malek Yassin, 18, but he was not there, and the soldiers handed his family a military warrant summoning him for interrogation in 'Ofer prison and military base. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated three cars in Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, allegedly for being used to "transport protesters." (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- Dozens of Palestinians choked on tear gas after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) violently attacked the weekly march staged in Ni'lin village west of Ramallah, against Israel's segregation wall and settlement activities. The IOA showered the participants in the march with tear gas and stun grenades resulting in suffocation cases among dozens of Palestinians as well as three Israeli solidarity activists. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities declared intention to expand Benjamin settlement illegally built near Ramallah. New settlement homes are scheduled to be added to Benjamin illegal outpost at the expense of Palestinian-private lands near Ramallah. The decision to expand Benjamin settlement was not approved yet; however, its regional council has started working to establish a neighboring outpost to host the settlers recently evacuated from Amona settlement. (Haaretz 17 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Beit Rima village north of Ramallah and summoned two locals for investigation after breaking into their houses. The two youngsters were identified as Hamam Muqdad and Umar Said for investigation. Clashes broke out in the village following the pre-dawn raid. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the gate to the main entrance of the village of Nabi Salih in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah that leads to several Palestinian villages and towns, forcing commuters to use take lengthy detours. Palestinian vehicles and pedestrian were prohibited from passing through the gate, which leads to the villages of Nabi Salih, Beit Rima, Deir Ghassana, and Kafr Ein. Israeli troops deployed heavily near the gate. Most

commuters used a long route near the village of Abud to travel to the city of Ramallah for work or study. The IOA deployed at the gate did not give an explanation to locals regarding the motive for the closure. (Maannews 19 February 2017)

- Two Palestinian minors were kidnapped by the Israeli occupation army, in a joint operation with the Shin Bet intelligence officers, on suspicion of carrying out anti-occupation shootings near Ramallah. The Israeli army and police, in cooperation with Shin Bet, arrested two suspects who were allegedly responsible for two anti-occupation shooting attacks over the past couple of months, on December 14, 2016 and January 27, 2017. The youngsters are reportedly aged 17 and natives of Deir Abu Mishaal village, northwest of Ramallah Governorate. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- Israeli court of Ofer is going to decide, next Wednesday, on the appeal filed against Palestinian prisoner Nael al-Barghouthi, 59, by Israeli Attorney General in protest at the court's previous ruling which sentenced him to 30 months of actual imprisonment. The Israeli prosecution asked the court to enforce the old sentence of life imprisonment and 18 years against captive Barghouthi who is from Kober village near Ramallah. The old sentence against Barghouthi ended on December, 17, 2016. Israeli authorities, however, kept him detained since he was arrested in 2014. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- A young Palestinian man was arrested in al-Amari refugee camp in Ramallah Governorate. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed maximum security procedures at main Israeli military checkpoints in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, causing a major traffic jam. The IOA "caused chaos" and backed up traffic while conducting thorough searches at the Qalandiya checkpoint that leads to northern Jerusalem, as well as at the nearby internal West Bank checkpoint of Jaba. Extensive searches by the IOA were conducted on vehicles leaving Ramallah at the Beit El checkpoint, northeast of the city. (Maannews 20 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Fathi Muhammad Hamad from the al-Amari refugee camp in the Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muataz Salma from the city of al-Bireh in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- Two Palestinian youths, one among whom was identified as Kamel Nakhla, were kidnapped by the IOF from al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate. The occupation troops broke into civilian homes in the camp.

Nakhla is a student at Birzeit University and a member of the students union in the University. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)

- In the village of Bilin west of Ramallah city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the village's weekly march against Israeli settlements and occupation. The march included the participation of both Palestinians and international peace activists. The protesters held Palestinian flags and weaved through the village's streets calling for national unity, the immediate release of Palestinian prisoners, and ending the Israeli occupation. Protesters headed toward Israel's separation wall in the village, where some Palestinian youths climbed to the top of the wall and raised the Palestinian flag, while Israeli forces shot tear gas canisters at the protesters. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- A weekly march was held in the village of Nilin west of Ramallah city where protesters marched against Israeli settlements, land confiscations, and in commemoration of the [23rd anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre](#). The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed behind the separation wall fired tear gas canisters at protesters, causing a number of Palestinian and international peace activists to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Protesters held Palestinian flags and demanded the destruction of the separation wall, ending the Israeli occupation, and halting Israeli settlement expansion. Six international supporters and ten of Palestinians participated in the march, which has been considered a "weekly tradition for years." (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 17-year-old Mahmoud Muhammad Sarsour in Qaddura refugee camp in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. (Maannews 26 February 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the home of martyr Muhannad al-Halabi in Surda town north of Ramallah. The IOF threatened to continue targeting the family if they launch any anti-occupation activities or events. An Israeli intelligence officer informed the family that he will go on targeting them and storming their home in response to anti-occupation attacks. (PalInfo 27 February 2017)
- A group of Jewish settlers attacked homes in Silwad town, east of Ramallah, with stones before fleeing the area. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)

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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinian students from Birzeit University, including three women, when clashes erupted near Israel's Ofer detention center in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. The detainees were identified as Ahmad Khader, Hasan Daraghme, Miran al-

Barghouthi, Bayan Safi, and Zeinab al-Barghouthi. Israeli military jeeps chased the students and assaulted and detained them before transferring them to Ofer. (Maannews 1 March 2017)

- Several Palestinians suffered from severe tear gas inhalation when clashes broke out with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) as students of Birzeit University staged a protest against the detention of at least six fellow students by Israeli forces. Students rallied from the Birzeit University campus northeast of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank to the Israeli military checkpoint of Beit El some five kilometers away. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- In the village of Nabi Saleh in Ramallah Governorate, the IOA and settlers allegedly assaulted Palestinians during a peaceful march launched in the village against Israeli occupation. The IOA fired live ammunition, rubber bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters into the crowd of demonstrators, causing many to suffer from tear gas inhalation. Israeli settlers also attacked Palestinian journalists during the march, reportedly under the protection of Israeli soldiers, forcing them to leave the area. Israeli settlers also threw rocks at Palestinian vehicles and closed the main entrance of the village and prevented anyone from passing. Meanwhile, the IOA closed the gate to the village and banned Palestinians from passing. (Maannews 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young man after breaking into different areas of Ramallah in the central West Bank. Israeli media sources claimed that an activist in Hamas Movement was arrested in Sinjil village town in Ramallah and was taken for investigation. (PALINFO 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinians including a child when clashes broke out near Ofer prison in Ramallah. Heavy firing of teargas bombs was monitored during the clashes, leaving a number of protesters suffering breathing problems. Journalists have been also attacked by IOA while covering the events. Five Palestinian youths and a 13-year-old child were detained and taken to a nearby investigation center. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a Palestinian youth in the head with a live bullet when clashes erupted in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah in the village of Silwad. The IOA had chased the 18-year-old and opened live fire on him, injuring him in the head with a live bullet, detained him and transferred him to an unknown location in a military vehicle. The injured Palestinian was identified as 19-year-old Jihad Muhammad Hammad. (Maannews 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinian minors and a youth during clashes that erupted after a march was organized near the Ofer

detention center in western Ramallah. The march set off from Ramallah city and headed to the detention center in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners. The IOA fired rubber-coated bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters at protesters. (Maannews 10 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beitunia and chased Palestinian youths, detaining four and transporting them to Ofer center. (Maannews 10 March 2017)
- In the village of Bilin west of Ramallah, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians after installing checkpoints at three roads leading to the village, preventing foreign protesters to enter the village and participate in their weekly march. The IOA detained Majdi Abu Rahma, 32, and seized his vehicle, while also detaining Issa Khader Abu Rahma, 14. During the march, the IOA shot tear gas canisters at the protesters, causing many to suffer from tear gas inhalation, as clashes broke out between soldiers and Palestinian youth. (Maannews 10 March 2017)
- A Palestinian minor was shot and injured by a rubber bullet after Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently attacked the weekly march staged in Nilin town, west of Ramallah, against Israel's segregation wall and settlement. A number of Palestinians along with foreign solidarity activists choked on tear gas as well. The march kicked off after Friday prayer and headed to the separation wall. The IOA showered the participants in the march with tear gas and rubber bullets resulting in cases of suffocation among the marchers and the injury of a 14-year-old boy with a rubber bullet in his foot. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the central occupied West Bank village of Birzeit twice and detained a Palestinian university student from his home. The IOA raided the village, troops escorted a handcuffed and blindfolded Palestinian youth from a military vehicle and took him into the local cemetery for unknown reasons. After roughly an hour, the IOA escorted the youth, back into the vehicle as soldiers were carrying "black bags" that seemed to have been "hidden in the cemetery,". The raid sparked clashes between locals and the Israeli soldiers, though no injuries were reported. Hours later, Israeli forces raided the town once again and surrounded a building that serves as a private dormitory for students at Birzeit University, and detained a student whose identity has not been revealed. (Maannews 11 March 2017)
- A 24-year-old girl Batoul al-Rumhi was kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) from her family home in Surda village, north of Ramallah. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

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- A number of injuries were reported as clashes broke out between Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and local youths in Budrus town, west of Ramallah. the clashes broke out when the IOA violently stormed the town amid heavy firing of tear gas bombs. The IOA also prevented Palestinian vehicles' entry into the town in total provocation to local residents while continuing to randomly fire teargas bombs at local homes.
- Israeli settlers have started to assemble a new settlement outpost on Palestinian land in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. Israeli settlers have set up caravans in the area of al-Tabbun in al-Mughayyir, Abu Falah, and Kafr Malek villages. Settlers also had placed barbed wire around the caravans in the new outpost, while opening a road in order to facilitate reaching the outpost from a nearby settler bypass road. The new outpost is the second reported since the start of the year, with [Israeli settlers setting up mobile homes](#) on land belonging to the village of Azmut in the northern West Bank district of Nablus at the start of the year. The new outpost is located just a few hundred meters away from the illegal Elon Moreh settlement. (Maannews 14 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Bilin in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah and detained 17-year-old Abd al-Khaliq Burnat. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- In the Ramallah Governorate, Amr Mahmoud Barghouthi was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the village Deir Ghassana, (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yousif Muhammad Odeh from Deir Ammar village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Uday al-Tamimi and Mahmoud al-Ashweh from Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Salameh Khasib and Laith al-Barghouthi from Arura village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Laith al-Barghouthi from Deir Abu Mashaal village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from the al-Amari refugee camp, identified as Ayman Abu Arab and Ahmad Abu Arab. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- Two Israeli peace activists were injured, and a number of Palestinian citizens choked on tear gas after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) quelled two anti-settlement and anti-occupation marches in Ni'lin and Kafr Qaddum towns in the occupied West Bank. The IOA fired sound bombs and tear gas canisters at the protesters in Ni'lin anti-settlement, anti-wall weekly march as they approached the apartheid wall built on the town's lands. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) stormed at daybreak Ramallah and al-Bireh, in the central West Bank. Israeli soldiers rolled into Ramallah and al-Bireh via al-Tira road and raked through southern residential neighborhoods. No arrests were reported in the assault. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained raided the central occupied West Bank town of Birzeit before dawn, detaining student and former member of Birzeit University's student council Istabraq al-Tamimi after breaking into her dormitory. Several other houses were raided in the area. (Maannews 20 March 2017)
- In al-Jalazun refugee camp in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained brothers Mohammad, 19, and Ibrahim, 21. (Maannews 20 March 2017)
- One Palestinian was detained in the Ramallah-area village of Abud. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Ali Ahmad Khatab and Murad Suleiman Ata from Ramallah Governorate. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ribhi Nafe' after raiding his house in NI'lin village west of Ramallah city and took him to unknown destination. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizen Ali Ahmad Khattab after raiding his house in Beit Sira village west of Ramallah city. (SAFA 22 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Deir Abu Mash'al village, and stormed a number of Palestinian houses after bombing door entrances. The IOA also messed with the content of the houses and deliberately caused destruction to the properties. (SAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah and detained Ali Ahmad Khattab in the village of Beit Sira, Hassan Ribhi Nafe from the village of Nilin, and 17-year-old Murad Suleiman Atta from Deir Abu Mashaal village. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- At least five Palestinian youths, were injured with live fire, while seven others were injured with rubber-coated steel bullets by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) what started out as a peaceful anti-settlement demonstration in the eastern Ramallah Governorate of the central occupied West Bank. The clashes took place near the villages of Kafr Malik and al-Mughayyar, where residents of the villages were protesting the construction of an illegal Israeli settlement on the lands of the two villages. In addition to those injured by live fire and rubber bullets, dozens others suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation. Among those who suffered from severe tear gas inhalation were multiple journalists, including AP photographer Nasser al-Shuyoukhi, who fainted as a result. The march set off towards the lands threatened with confiscation, where Israeli settlers have set up an illegal outpost in anticipation of a new settlement. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Clashes erupted between locals of al-Jalazun refugee camp in Ramallah Governorate and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who were deployed at the entrance of the illegal Israeli Beit El settlement in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, shortly after the IOA killed one Palestinian teenager, the 17-year-old Muhammad Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Hattab, and critically injured three others in the same area identified as 8-year-old Jassem Muhammed Nakhla, who was shot in the head and foot, 18-year-old Muhammad Hattab, who was shot in the abdomen, and 18-year-old Muhammed Musa Nakhla who was shot in the foot and shoulder. The IOA fired live-fire, rubber-coated steel bullets, stun grenades, and tear gas at protesters. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Palestinians from the central occupied West Bank Ramallah-area village of Bilin set out on their weekly march, in protest of Israeli settlement expansion and the construction of the Israeli separation wall on the village's lands. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) took pictures of protesters who claimed threw rocks at the separation wall and Israeli military vehicles in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- In Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, Israeli troops detained 26-year-old Ahmad Saleh Awni. (Maannews 26 March 2017)

- Two Palestinians were shot and lightly injured by rubber-coated steel bullets after violent clashes erupted between Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian youth at Israel's Atara military checkpoint north of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank. (Maannews 27 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) forced their way into the house of the Palestinian cartoonist Osama Nazal in western Ramallah and confiscated all his drawings. Nazal, from Kafer Naama village west of Ramallah, affirmed that IOA soldiers violently stormed his family house at 4 am and destroyed his atelier before confiscating his drawings for unknown reasons. (PALINFO 27 March 2017)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians, identified as Jihad Sari Wahdan, Muataz Samih Wahdan, and Zeid Samhan Wahdan. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the iron gate at the entrance of An Nabi Saleh village northwest of Ramallah city in the central West Bank and banned Palestinian movement to and from the village. Palestinians had to search for alternative roads to reach their destination. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) continues for the second day on row the closure of the main entrance of An Nabi Saleh village northwest of Jerusalem city. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- Citizen Hamza Fouad Abu al-Hajj was detained from the Deir al-Sudan village in the Ramallah Governorate in the central West Bank. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- 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)
- 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 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)

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The Israeli Violations in Jericho Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) delivered two halt-of-construction orders to two Palestinian families in Al 'Auja village – Al Mu'arrajat north of Jericho city. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished Two tents, an animal barn and a residential tent sheltering the family of Zahi Fahmi Bani. The IOA also demolished two tents and two animal barns and two residential tents owned by citizen Zuhair Bani Maniya in Al Jiftlik village in Jericho Governorate. The IOA bulldozers also demolished two other animal barracks and an agricultural barracks owned by Zahi Fahmi Bani Maniya in addition to demolishing an Animal barn and a residential tent. (Wafa 24 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Jericho Governorate during the month of March 2017

- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) bulldozed agricultural lands in Jericho city, north of occupied Jerusalem, and uprooted and stole 400 palm seedlings near al-Karama crossing between Jordan and the West Bank. The agricultural lands were razed by Israeli bulldozers without a prior notice. The 400 palm seedlings were planted two years ago, were uprooted and stolen by workers brought by the IOA under the protection of Israeli soldiers. The IOA claimed that these lands are located in Area C despite the fact that their owners have official documents confirming their ownership and the workers hired to work in palm cultivation in these lands have licenses. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to halt the construction of a "Generation of energy via solar cells to operate a Saline Desalination Plant" project in An Na'ja village north of Jericho city which will serve a group of Palestinian farmers in the area, under the pretext of unlicensing. The project is funded by the Belgium Government. (WAFA 17 March 2017)

- In the Jericho district, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 18-year-old Wadi Issa Jibril Manasra in Ein as-Sultan refugee camp, as well as 23-year-old Saleh Ibrahim Nimr Sawarka in the village of Marj al-Najah. (Maannews 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Bulldozers demolished two agricultural barracks in Az Zubeidat village to the north of Jericho city. The demolished structures belong to Salameh Ahmad Az Zubeidat and Ahmad Odeh Az Zubeidat. (WAFA 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed a blacksmith shop, which belonged to the Palestinian Anwar Abu Joudeh, in al-Jeftlik town north of Jericho in the Jordan Valley under the same pretext. (PALINFO 29 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) razed to the ground three Palestinian homes under construction in al-Matar area east of Jericho for lacking construction permits. (PALINFO 29 March 2017)

Salfit Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Salfit Governorate during the month of January 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Qarawet Bani Hassan village, northwest of Salfit. They raided and searched a house belonging to Ibrahim Amin Mar'i and handed him a summons to refer to the Israeli Intelligence. They later withdrew, but no arrests were reported. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers raided Al Mreij area at the western entrance of Kafr Ad Dik village in Salfit Governorate and raised land owned by citizen Ayoub Ali Ahmad to expand Alei Zahav settlement. (RB2000 4 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered halt of construction orders targeting seven Palestinian under-construction houses in Kafr Ad Dik village in Salfit Governorate under the pretext of unlicensed building. (PALINFO 4 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered halt of construction orders targeting three under construction houses in Haris village in Salfit Governorate. Another halt of construction order also targeted a carwash shop in the village. Additionally, the IOA removed a fuel tank owned by Ma'moun Muhammad Amin from the village. (PALINFO 4 January 2017)
- In Deir Istya village, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered halt of construction orders targeting 6 homes and structures in the village. The threatened houses are owned by Husam Abu Fares, Abu Rami Sahban and Abu

Ali Jaljouli and were targeted under the pretext of unlicensed building. (PALINFO 4 January 2017)

- Citizen Imad Said Souf from Haris village in Salfit Governorate was seriously injured after an Israeli settlers from Ariel settlement ran over him on one of the main roads near Salfit north of the occupied West Bank. Mr. Souf was on his way back from work when the incident took place. (Wafa 06 January 2017)
- Clashes erupted between the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinians in Kifl Hares village north of Salfit City as the IOA were providing security to Israeli settlers who raided the village and tried to carry out Talmudic rituals in the area. The IOA fired light and sound bombs at Palestinian protestors who were trying to prevent the event in the village. (Wafa 08 January 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) threatened to halt the construction of three homes in Bruqin village west of Salfit. The house are located in close proximity of the bypass road that links the settlements of Leshem, Peduel and Eli Zahav together. (NBPRS 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) razed without pre-notification a 100 square meters land in Marda village in Salfit Governorate, demolished a Barracks and took over a caravan in the area. The targeted properties are owned by Citzien Iyad Sobhi Abu Sa'in. (WAFA 09 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Mayyoun area in Az Zawiya village in Salfit Governorate and delivered four halt-construction orders to families in the village under the pretext of unlicensed building due to their location in area "C", which falls under the full Israeli control. The targeted homes are owned by Wael Sameeh Abu Qadous, Mahmoud Baker Shqeir, Muhammad Nathmi Yacoub and Iyad Barqeen Shqeir. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed all entrances of the village of Marda in the northern occupied West Bank Salfit Governorate, preventing Palestinian residents from leaving or entering the village. The IOA closed all the iron gates at the entrances of the village until a further notice for alleged rock-throwing incidents. (Maannews 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested citizens Tareq Harb and Zeid Harb from Iskaka village east of Salfit city in the northern West Bank. (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kafr Ad Dik village, stormed and searched the homes of Yousif Musleh Ad Dik, Musa Qasul, Jaser Abdel Raheem Ad Deik, Akram An Nouri, and Amjad Jum'a in the village. The IOA also detained citizen Mujahed Abdel Raheem Ad Dik for few hours before releasing him. (WAFA 17 January 2017)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinian youth and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Salfit after the IOA raided the city. The IOA fired stun grenades at Palestinian youths. No detentions were reported. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- A Palestinian was detained from the village of Biddya in the Salfit district. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian man from the village of al-Zawiya west of Salfit in the northern occupied West Bank. Six Israeli military vehicles stormed the town looking for a vehicle which had allegedly sped away after Israeli soldiers signaled to the driver to pull over at a nearby Israeli military checkpoint. The IOA searched in the streets until they found the vehicle, at which time they fired a round at its tire, forcing the driver to step out. Israeli forces then took the man into custody. The driver, was a resident of the nearby Qalqiliya Governorate. (Maannews 30 January 2017)
- Wastewater coming from the Israeli settlements of Immanuel and Yakir is causing pollution to the area near Ein Al Jouzeh and Bayyaret Ash Sheikh Yousef Mansour in Wadi Qana (Qana Valley) west of Deir Istya village in Salfit Governorate. Palestinians reported of a leak in the sewage line, which links the two settlements in one network. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Salfit Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan northwest of Salfit in the northern occupied West Bank, causing clashes to erupt between Israeli soldiers and local youth. A number of the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village, claiming that Palestinian youth from the village had thrown stones and Molotov cocktails at the illegal Israeli settlement of Kiryat Netafim, which is located just a few hundred meters east of Qarawat Bani Hassan. Israeli troops fired tear gas canisters and sound bombs as they stormed the small village. During the incursion, forces raided a local gas station, confiscating all security cameras from the business, and installed a flying military checkpoint at the village's main entrance, preventing residents from entering or leaving the area. No reports of detentions were made during the raid. (Maannews 6 February 2016)
- Israeli settlers began expansion activities in Bruchin settlement established on lands of Bruqin village west of Salfit city. Settlers razed Palestinian lands near the settlement and prepared infrastructure as part of the plan to add 550 new units to the settlement. (Al QUDS 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered two military notifications to uproot trees and remove stone-chains in Wadi Qana area to the northwest of Salfit City.

Owners were given a period of one week to execute the order. The first order was given to citizen Muqbel Muhammad Awwad and targets 61 Olive trees in the area and a water reservoir and a 70 meters long stone wall. The second order was given to citizen Abdel Aziz Abdel Qader and orders the demolition of a stone wall and the uprooting of trees. (Wafa 6 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation authorities (IOA) delivered a halt of construction order in the village of Deir Ballut, demanding that a local owner to stop the construction at his livestock barrack after claiming that the structure was built in Area C . The barracks had been open for at least four years. (Maannnews 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) sealed off the Hawara and Zaatara military checkpoints in southern Nablus province. The IOA closed off the checkpoints without prior notifications, blocking Palestinians' access out of and into southern Nablus. Palestinian vehicles and passengers reportedly lined up in streets as they could not reach their homes and workplaces. (PALINFO 12 February 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers from Yakir settlement leveled for the third day in a row large areas of Palestinian lands in Wadi Qana area. Leveling works aimed at expanding Yakir settlement through the construction of 200 new housing units. Yakir settlement, which is inhabited by religious Jews, was expanded last year. Amana settlement movement has been exerting efforts to increase its population, he highlighted. Yakir settlement was established in 1981 as a military training camp. The Israeli occupation authorities, however, turned it later on into a settlement and kept the camp within the outpost. (WAFA, PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- Settlers of Revava settlement demolished "Al Ma'areed water well" in an area close to Deir Istya village in Salfit Governorate. The well is owned by citizen Jaber Aqel. (Wafa 21 February 2017)
- Groups of Israeli settlers stormed a number of Palestinian villages west of Salfit accompanied with a number of bulldozers and carried out razing operations. The bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in Bruqin town with the aim of expanding a road connecting settlements. Similar razing operations were carried out in Deir Ballout town aiming to expand Leshem settlement, while Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in Wadi Qana town to expand Yakir settlement. Razing operations were also reported in Masaha town as a prelude to establish a new settlement. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit. The IOA were stopping and searching vehicles, and checking the ID cards of Palestinian passengers. (Maannnews 23 February 2017)

- Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in western Salfit Governorate in favor of illegal settlement activity. Palestinian farmers in Qarawat Bani Hassan and Deir Istiya, to the west of Salfit, said the Israeli bulldozers have been leveling their land lots in an attempt to expand the adjacent Hafat Yair illegal settlement outpost. The Israeli forces and settlers declared the razed area a nature reserve, preventing Palestinians from growing crops or reclaiming their private lands. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- Jewish settlers under military protection have continued to bulldoze vast tracts of land in Wadi Qana area, west of Deir Istiya town in Salfit Governorate, in order to build more housing units and infrastructures for their settlements. The bulldozing activities were still taking place inside and outside the boundaries of Yakir settlement and Havat Yair outpost. (Palinfo 24 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 24-year-old Abdullah Muhammad Shatat in the village of Biddya in the central Salfit Governorate. (Maannews 26 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) ransacked several homes in Kifl Hares town near Salfit city and in Yatta town south of al-Khalil, brutalized citizens and caused panic among children and women during their raids. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Salfit Governorate during the month of March 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed entrances of the village of Marda in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit preventing Palestinian vehicles and citizens from leaving or entering the area. The IOA closed the iron gates installed at the entrances of Marda by Israeli authorities in 2000 when the Second Intifada broke out across the occupied Palestinian territory. The IOA closed the gates after claiming that residents of the area threw stones at Israeli settler cars passing Abir al-Samra street near the village. (Maannews 2 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers stormed Kafl Haris village north of Salfit Governorate, and defiled holy Islamic shrines. Prior to the break-in, the Israeli occupation army cordoned off Kafl Haris and set up arbitrary military checkpoints on the main access roads to the area. The Israeli military patrols further blocked Palestinians' access out of and into the town while fanatic settlers verbally assaulted the Palestinian locals. The Israeli settlers also pasted racist and anti-Muslim flyers on Palestinian homes and civilian structures in Kafl Haris. A series of flying checkpoints was randomly set up by the Israeli army across the area, restricting Palestinians' movement inside and out. (PALINFO 6 March 2017)

- Israeli settlement construction has notably escalated at the expense of the land of the Palestinian ancient village of Shajara to the north of Salfit. Israeli settlement construction has continued unabated at the historical site, damaging a lot of its archaeological landmarks and artifacts. Israeli bulldozers have damaged the ancient wells and olive and grape press in the site to replace them by a settlement road. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Palestinian village of Kifl Haris in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit to provide protection for Israeli settlers visiting a site believed to be a Jewish shrine. Chief of the illegal Nablus-area settlement bloc Yossi Dagan and Eli Shapiro, the chief of the illegal Israeli settlement of Ariel, were among the visitors to the tomb of Joshua. The Israel army's commander in the Nablus area was also reportedly among the visitors. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- In Qarawat Bani Hassan west of Salfit, the 22-year-old Yahya Abd al-Aziz Assi was detained, who the Israeli army also said was a Hamas operative. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed Kifl Hares village, north of Salfit, and performed Talmudic rituals near its historical monuments in clear provocation to local residents. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up military checkpoints at the main entrances of Salfit city in the northern occupied West Bank. The IOA imposed strict restrictions on checkpoints, stopping vehicles and searching ID cards of passengers and pedestrians, causing major traffic jams traffic. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- Israeli bulldozers continued to raze Palestinian land tracts across Salfit governorate in favor of illegal settlement expansion. The Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands near illegal settlement outposts. Palestinian lands in and outside Leshem outpost, near Deir Balout, Kafr al-Deek, Rafat, and al-Zawiya, have also been bulldozed in the process. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) launched a new surveillance balloon over the eastern parts of Salfit. Israeli soldiers stationed at Zaatara checkpoint launched since the early morning hours a spy balloon over a number of Palestinian villages between Nablus and Salfit. The balloon is carrying aerial cameras, the sources pointed out. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Zawiya village in Salfit Governorate, at 2 a.m. and wreaked havoc on the home of ex-prisoner Rafat Moukadeh before they subjected the latter to intensive questioning. The IOA also stormed the house of the Palestinian ex-prisoner Alyan Moukadeh and subjected him to exhaustive interrogation. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)

- Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) delivered stop-work orders to seven Palestinian families in the village of Kafr al-Dik west of Salfit in the central occupied West Bank. Israeli troops stormed a neighborhood in the west side of the village known locally as "al-Khilal" and delivered stop-work warrants to seven families. The houses belong to Ahmad Bakr, Yazid Darwish, Jamal Mustafa, Mahmoud Mustafa, Ashraf Naji, Hussam Mustafa Naji, and Ibrahim Naji. (Maannews 21 March 2017)
- Two Palestinians others were detained in Qarawat Bani Hassan in the Salfit Governorate. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinians from accessing areas around the Wadi Qana valley west of Deir Istiya village in northern Salfit in the central occupied West Bank, in order to create a "comfortable atmosphere" for illegal Israeli settlers in the area. The Israeli authorities closed the entrance of Wadi Qana, preventing Palestinians from entering the area from 8 a.m to 3 p.m Friday to provide a "comfortable atmosphere" for Israeli settlers from the nearby Karnei Shomron settlement who organize an annual "spring march" in the area. The IOA had put up signs in Hebrew reading "no entry" late Thursday and informed farmers that the area was closed by the IOA the next day. Israeli settlers arrived in the area with power generators and "entertainment tools. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers stormed Deir Ballut village, west of Salfit Governorate, in the northern West Bank, raked through Palestinian lands in Deir Balout and verbally assaulted the local Palestinian farmers. Israeli soldiers deployed at a military watchtower east of Deir Balout kept watching over the settlers all the way through the assault. The Israeli settlers reportedly headed to Palestinian olive groves located east of the town, sparking tension in the area. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Palestinian youngster Amir Sweilam near Zaatara checkpoint. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities prevented workers of the Salfit municipality in the central occupied West Bank from paving a new dirt road intended to help Palestinian farmers access their agricultural lands in the al-Thahar agricultural area in the northern outskirts of Salfit. Israeli troops stormed the area twice while municipality crews were working on the road. The soldiers coerced workers and crews to stop work, claiming the road is too close to Israel's separation wall," which separates Salfit and the illegal Israeli Ariel settlement. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) banned Palestinian Agriculture Ministry teams from building an agricultural road north of Salfit city in the West Bank for being

close to Ariel settlement. The ministry has been working for two years on a project aimed at building agricultural roads in the Israeli-controlled areas classified as Area C as well as areas close to the Separation Wall and settlements. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) conducted foot patrols in Salfit mountains and launched two spy balloons in the sky. The first balloon was launched from Zatara checkpoint, while the second was launched to the east of Salfit, noting that both balloons were equipped with cameras. Foot patrols by Israeli soldiers and officers were seen in the mountains of Salfit in the evening. (PALINFO 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested three customs policemen from the Palestinian Authority (PA) as they were working on thwarting a smuggling attempt in Salfit Governorate. Three of the Palestinian patrol officers were arrested and taken to the illegal settlement of Ariel despite the presence of prior coordination with the Israeli side on allowing customs policing in the area. The officers were on a routine patrolling mission when they stopped an Israeli truck laden with a cargo of contraband on a road near Salfit city before the driver suddenly tried to make a run for it, ramming his vehicle into the patrol car and injuring one of them. Soon after that, Israeli policemen aboard a patrol car came to the area, arrested the customs officers and took them to Ariel settlement. (PALINFO 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Salfit city, as well as the nearby villages of Kifl Haris, Haris, and Yasuf, in order to carry out training activities. No detentions were reported. (Maannews 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed different areas of Salfit Governorate, including the villages of Kifl Hares, Hares and Yasuf. No arrests have been reported. (PALINFO 30 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)

Tulkarem Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Tulkarem Governorate during the month of January 2017

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Tulkarem city near Ghashuri factories (west of Tulkarem city). The three Palestinians were identified as Suheib Sami Al Jallad (16 Years), Huthaifa Jihad Al Jallad (17 Years) and Dia' Iyad Kamel Ahmad (16 Years) and took them to unknown destination. (Shasha 1 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Tulkarm. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested 4 civilians namely Fahed Osama Yaseen (24), Husain Helmi Abu Shanab (24), Mohammed Abdul Karim (26) and Osayd Kamal Mahmud 'Awad (21). At approximately 05:30, Israeli forces withdrew taking them to an unknown destination. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Tulkarem-area Nur Shams refugee camp around dawn and detained four young Palestinian men. The Israeli troops ransacked several homes before they detained the four, who were identified as Ibrahim Fayyad, Islam al-Fudah, Nayif Abu al-Rub, and Musab al-Sabbagh. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Tulkarem Governorate. The two arrestees were identified as Majdi Ahmad Ubeid (42 Years) and Mu'ath Yaser Awad (27 Years). (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Tulkarem Governorate. The three were identified as Ismae'il Adwan Mkahel (23 years), Mahmoud Muhamamd Shihada (31 Years) and Jad Abdel Rahman Yahya (38 Years). (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bara' Jamal Abdel Fattah Khaleel (22 Years) from Tulkarem city and took him to unknown destination. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- In the Nur Shams refugee camp in the northern district of Tulkarem, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians, identified as Ali Khayri Abu Salah, Raji Jamal Ghreifi, Ramez Abd al-Hakim Elayyan, Muhammad Adib Ghreifi, Muhammad Ahmad al-Azza, and Ali Amin Abu al-Rub. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- A Palestinian teenager was shot and injured in the knee by Israeli soldiers near a checkpoint in the northern occupied West Bank Government of Tulkarem. Yahya Omar Ali Sarhan, was walking towards the Jabara checkpoint, where he sells lighters, when he saw two Israeli soldiers deployed in a nearby field of olive trees. One of the soldiers fired once at him without warning, injuring him in the knee. The soldiers ran towards the checkpoint after firing at him. (WAFA 30 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Tulkarem Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Abd al-Fattah Zeidan, 20, from Tulkarem Governorate. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Salem military checkpoint arrested citizen Abdullah Mustafa Al Badawi (47 Years) from Ash Shweikah village north of Tulkarem city. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 32-year-old Muhannad Sufian Zaki Matar after raiding his house in Thinnaba village in Tulkarem Governorate. (Maannews 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested invaded and searched homes in Shweika area, in the northern West Bank Governorate of Tulkarem, and abducted Abdul-Salaam Mustafa Badawi, 40. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian in the northern West Bank Governorate of Tulkarem, identifying them as Abd al-Salam Badawi. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authority (IOA) extended the administrative detention orders against four Palestinian detainees for the fifth time. The Israeli authorities extended the illegal detention orders against each of Anas Qaqour, 31, from Jenin and Jamal Barham, 56, from Ramin town in Tulkarem, to three months each. As for the two other prisoners, the IOA extended the administrative detention orders against both Shaher al-Raei, 47, from the West Bank city of Qalqilya and Maher al-Qadi, 27, from Ramallah city to four months each. (PALINFO 12 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Two Palestinians from Ash Shweika village north of Tulakrem city and were identified as Murad Muneer Mahdawi, 26,
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhannad Salem Abdel Razeq, 36 from Izbat Shofa village, south of Tulkarem city after raiding and searching his family house. (Wafa 16 February 2017)
- The Israeli military forces broke into Tulkarem's northern village of Zeita, in the northern West Bank, and cracked down on Palestinian civilians. The Israeli forces stormed the village in several military jeeps and sealed off the main access road to Zeita. Several Palestinians choked on teargas, which was randomly unleashed by the Israeli Forces across residential alleys. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified Palestinian farmers in Shufa village in Tulkarem Governorate to stop the work in their lands due to their proximity to Avnei Hefetz settlement. The Palestinian farmers along with Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee are working together to do some reclamation work in their lands and open new roads in the village. (ARN 22 February 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Tulkarem Governorate during the month of March 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and ransacked a print shop in the northern occupied West Bank city of Tulkarem early morning and confiscated equipment for unknown reasons. Owner of the Ibn Khaldoun Company for Printing, Publishing, and Trade, Abd al-Rahim Badawi, stated that Israeli soldiers destroyed the exterior doors of the shop when they broke in, before destroying the interior and confiscating equipment, causing him huge financial losses. No detentions were reported as a result of the raids. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Tulkarem's northern village of Bal'aa, in the northern West Bank, and cracked down on Palestinian civilians. A series of makeshift checkpoints was randomly pitched across the area. The IOA broke into the home of the wanted Palestinian Mahdi Mer'i and kidnapped his father and brothers as a means to force Mer'i to turn himself in. (PALINFO 8 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Hamza Mahmoud Jarrar, a resident of the northern Tulkarem Governorate. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities issued military orders to confiscate Palestinian lands in al-Sharawiya area, north of Tulkarem, and in the towns of Baqa al-Gharbiyye and Jit located in the northern Triangle area of occupied Palestine. Palestinian citizens found the confiscation notices near the gate of the Segregation Wall near Nazlat 'Isa village. The notices provided for seizing 142.2 dunums of Palestinian lands, pointing out that the owners of these lands were given a seven-day time limit to object to these orders at the so-called

Coordination and Liaison Office (Ephraim) or the Office of the Israeli Attorney General. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) cracked down on Palestinian drivers passing through Enav checkpoint, east of Tulkarem Governorate, in the northern West Bank. Israeli soldiers deployed at Enav checkpoint stopped Palestinian drivers and threatened to subject them to harsh penalties in case they give a lift to anti-occupation activists. The Israeli soldiers further kept note of the drivers' names and car registration plates. At the same time, Israeli army troops stormed Tulkarem Governorate at the crack of dawn and cordoned off the main access roads to Tulkarem refugee camp. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- Palestinian citizen Muthana al-Sadala was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers from his home in Anabta village, east of Tulkarem. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli soldiers stormed Attil village, in Tulkarem, in a number of army vehicles and kidnapped the youngster Youssef al-Shalabi before they wreaked havoc on his family home and attacked his relatives. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided An Nahda print shop in Tulkarem city owned by Muhannad Abu Saleh, destroyed equipment while conducting an intensive search inside the shop. The IOA also confiscated PC hard drives, machines, Cheques, Abu Saleh's cellphone and ID. (WAFA 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the Attara military checkpoint north of Ramallah city in the central occupied West Bank, firing stun grenades and tear-gas bombs at Palestinian vehicles to deter people from the checkpoint. The sudden closure of the checkpoint, which connects the central and northern occupied West Bank, caused a major traffic jam in the area. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Tulkarem, identifying them as Raafat Jamil Nassif, 50, Alaa Khalid Ismail, 23, Ahmad Yousif Abu Harb, 34, and Hamza Yahya, 24. (Maannews 28 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli patrols was spotted on the access road between Tulkarem Governorate and Enav checkpoint, where ambushes and checkpoints were arbitrarily set up. The campaign culminated in the abduction of 29-year-old Munadel Mujadba from northern Tulkarem. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)

Nablus Governorate (January-March)/2017

The Israeli Violations in Nablus Governorate during the month of January 2017

- A number of Israeli settlers are trying to establish a new settlement outpost on lands of Deir Al Hatab village east of Nablus city north of the occupied West Bank. Settlers added new mobile caravans in the area known as “Ras Al Ein” east of the village, near Alon Moreh settlement. The caravans were added in close proximity of a new bypass road that was constructed few months ago on lands of the village. (Safa 1 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested Ahmed Riyadh al-Saheli (21). (PCHRGZA 02 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers of Itamar settlement attacked a Palestinian house with gas and sound bombs in Aqraba village. The house is located on the road leading to Kherbit Yanoun in Nbalus Governorate. (NBPRS 2 January 2017).
- Israeli Bulldozers affiliated to settlers caused the destruction of an electricity line east of Deir Ballut village west of Salfit city. The undergoing razing process in Bab Al Marj area in Deir Ballut caused the destruction of an Electricity pole in the area which endangered Palestinian citizens living nearby. Note that Israeli settlers are working to expand Leshem settlement. (NBPRS 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Nablus Balatah camp, east of the city. They raided and searched several houses from which they arrested 6 civilians namely Safwat Jamal Safwat al-‘Asi (19), Eyad Naser Hashash (24), Isma’il Mohammed Zuhdi Marshoud (40), Mohammed ‘Ata ‘Essa Masimi (19), Mohammed Khamis Farhan Mustafa (24) and Mohammed Isma’il Sharai’ah (26) from Balata refugee camp. they arrested Mohammed Sharai’ah from a shop located at the northern entrance to Balata camp. They also confiscated the device of the DVR from the shop. Moreover, Israeli forces raided and searched a house belonging to Nasser Sbaitan in the abovementioned camp and handed summonses to his sons Ehab and Diyaa’ to refer to the Israeli Intelligence in Hawarah military camp, south of the city. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Tal village, southwest of Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses after which they arrested Nemer Khalid Nemer Hendi (27) and Asid Khalid Mohammed Rehan (23) and took them to an unknown destination. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into ‘Einabus village, south of Nablus. They raided and searched a number of houses and then arrested Suhieb Kayed Abdul Rahim Rashdan (21), a student at Najah National University. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several areas in Nablus Governorate and arrested seven Palestinians from Balata refugee camp, five of which were identified as: Iyad Naser Hashash, Muhammad Atta Museimi, Safwat Jamal Al

Asi, Odai Uweis and Isma'il Muhammad Marshood. The IOA arrested two other citizens Muhammad Sharay'a at the entrance of the camp and Ahmad Al Sahili while accessing a temporary checkpoint between Ramallah and Nablus. Note that the IOA raided more than 15 Palestinian homes in the camp and messed with the contents. Among owners, the following were known: Khaleel Marshood, Abu Ali Al 'Asi, Abu Sayyah Al 'Asi, Huseein Shilo, Nasser Hashash, Saleh At Titi, Odai Uweis, Abed and Ali As Sur and Ihab Sbeitani. (Wafa 3 January 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Tel village west of Nablus city and arrested Nemer Khaled Hindi (26 Years), a student at An Najjah University and Aseed Kahled Rehan (24 Years) after raiding their homes and searching contents. (Wafa 3 January 2017).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) accompanied with military vehicles and staffs from the Civil Administration and backed by 3 bulldozers moved into Kherbet Tana, east of Beit Furik, east of Nablus. The Israeli bulldozers immediately demolished 14 dwellings, 22 other facilities and sheep barns belonging to 15 families of 86 members, including 33 children, in addition to confiscating two cars. The demolished dwellings belong to the following persons: Farsan Fares Hussein Hanani and his son Fayez (The entrance, tent, barn and mobile bathroom), Qosay Mustafa 'Abdel Rahman Hanani (The entrance), Helmi Soliman Helmi Mansour and his son Soliman (2 barns, tent and mobile bathroom), Muneer Mohammed Mahmoud Hanani (Tin-plate barrack, barn and mobile bathroom), Ibrahim 'Abdel Qder Hanani (A tent, barn, and a bathroom in addition to confiscating his Ford car), As'ad Mohammed As'ad Hanani (A tent), Mohammed Tawifq 'Adel Nasasrah (2 sheep barns and 2 tents), Mohie al-Deen Mohammed Tawfiq 'Adel (A residential tent, sheep tent and bathroom), Majed 'Afif, Majed Hanani (A residential tent and oven), Mohammed As'ad 'Abdel Razeq Hanani (A tent, mobile bathroom and sheep barn), Yousif Fayez Yousif Hanani (Two residential and sheep barn tents), As'ad Mohammed As'ad Hanani (Two residential and sheep barn tents), Wasef Abu al-So'ud Hanani (A residential tent), Ra'ed 'Afif Ra'ed Hanani (A 2 sheep barns, mobile bathroom and confiscation of a car). (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Burin village, south of Nablus. They patrolled the streets amidst Israel firing sound bombs. They raided and searched several houses and then beat Osayed Ahmed Mohammed 'Omran (17) while questioning him in his house. They also attacked Hasan 'Ali Taher Najjar (18) during investigation. Israeli forces questioned the abovementioned civilians about throwing stones at the Israeli soldiers and threatened to arrest them. The

Israeli forces later withdrew from the village, but no arrests were reported. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)

- The Israeli Civil Administration notified to demolish Tana's Hamlet only school in Beit Furik village in the northern West Bank. The school is shelter for 16 students and is composed of four caravans funded by the Italian NGO, GVC. (WAFA 05 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles driving on Huwwara-Nablus road and at the entrance of Burin village causing damages to a number of vehicles. Settlers also assaulted a number of Palestinians after forcing them to leave their vehicles. Several injuries were reported. (Wafa 08 January 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Fatah Revolutionary Council member, Talal Dweikat, from his house in Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank. Dweikat is the former governor of the northern occupied West Bank district of Tulkarem. (Maannews 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Askar refugee Camp in Nablus Governorate namely Atallah Hussein Hashash (24 Years) and Murad Abu Hadeib after raiding their homes and destroying the contents. (Safa 12 January 2017).
- The Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) issued an extension and border amendment to a previously issued military order which targets 3.989 dunums of land in Asira Al Qiblyia village in Nablus Governorate. The order comes to prevent "hostile attacks" against Israeli settlers in the area as stated in the military order. (Maannews 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Nawras Naseef Ghawadra (24 Years) from Jenin city and detained two others for five hours before again releasing them at a sudden checkpoint that was set up by the IOA near Deir Sharaf village. The detainees were identified as Muhammad Bassam Nassar (30 Years) and Muhammad Abdel Kareem 'Ayasa (28 Years). (WAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a flying checkpoint at the main Huwwara road leading to Nablus City, as well as a flying checkpoint south of the permanent Zaatara checkpoint, stopping and searching cars headed towards Ramallah in the central West Bank, and checking ID cards of Palestinians. (Maannews 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Nablus Governorate. The arrestees were identified as Abdullah Jameel Hamayel and Ammar Zuhair As'ad (32 Years). (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Village south of Nablus city and arrested Ammar Zuheir As'ad (36Years) after raiding his home in the village. The

IOA also arrested Abdullah Jameel Hamayel from Beita village. (SAFA 15 January 2017)

- Around 30 Israeli Settlers from the evacuated site of Homesh settlement attacked a Palestinian farmer while he was working in his land in Burqa Village north of Nablus city. Settlers hurled stones at the farmer causing injuries to him. (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished a residential home, an agricultural barracks and two animal barns in Kherbit At Taweel in Aqraba village south of Nablus city and destroyed part of an agricultural road. The demolished structures are owned by Ahmad Muhamamd Hamdan Bani Fadel. (Maannews 17 January 2017).
- One Palestinian was injured (Muhamamd Riad Said Hashash, 19 Years) and two others were arrested (Isma'il Amjad Abdel Kareem At Takrouri, 20 Years , and Mu'ath Tal'at Ali Saleh, 24 Years) during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army in Nablus city. The clashes erupted as more than 15 busses transferring Israeli settlers stormed Joseph tomb site to perform Talmudic Rituals. (WAFA 18 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mu'ath Tal'at Saleh (24 Years) and Isma'il Majdi Takrori (20 Years) from Nablus Governorate. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Two Palestinian "youths" from Askar refugee camp in Nablus. The two Palestinians from Askar camp were identified as former prisoner Ahmad Saqer and Rami Abu Hweileh. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Saqer and Rami Abu Hweila in Nablus Governorate. (WAFA 19 January 2017)
- Dozens of Palestinians confronted four armed Israeli settlers in a village in the southern part of Nablus city in the northern occupied West Bank e, allegedly preventing them from assaulting local Palestinian residents. Four armed Israeli settlers had "raided" the village, prompting dozens of Palestinians to surround them and prevent them from hurting residents or damaging property. The settlers allegedly threatened to use their weapons on the Palestinians if they came closer or were attacked. settlers were from the nearby Yesh Kodesh illegal settlement outpost. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- An Israeli court sentenced citizen Abdullah Ishaq from Nablus Governorate to life in prison plus an additional 30 years allegedly for his involvement in a 2015 shooting attack. Ishaq was also ordered to pay 250,000 shekels (\$65,793) to the injured Israelis. (Maannews, [Haaretz](http://www.haaretz.com) 22 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Taher Jameel Kameil while crossing a sudden checkpoint that was set up by the IOA near Deir Sharaf village in Nablus Governorate. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained three Palestinians in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. The three were identified as Raed Bahinjawi, Khalid Nimr Fayad, Naim Fathi Qandil, and Ahmad Othman Dweikat. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army detained two Palestinians from the Balata refugee camp, three Palestinians from Askar refugee camp, and one from the village of Askar al-Balad. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Omar Sharay'a from Askar camp in Nablus at Deir Sharaf military checkpoint. (Wafa 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers demolished two makeshift homes and four agricultural structures in the small community of Lifjim, also known as al-Fajam. The Israeli Bulldozers closed the main road to the village. (Maannews 24 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) sealed the main entrance to the town of Beita south of Nablus city in the northern occupied West Bank amidst reported accusations of stone-throwing. The IOA imposed "strict security procedures" and searched hundreds of Palestinian vehicles passing in both directions near the Beita-Huwarra crossroads, in addition to vehicles using the main road of the nearby Huwwara village for more than two hours. Israeli forces closed the crossroads until a further notice, reportedly claiming that rocks were being thrown at Israeli settlers' vehicles. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- In Nablus, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained former prisoners Maher Salah and Nael al-Bishtawi. The IOA also detained Huthaifa Abu Nima, a student of an-Najah National University, from Askar refugee camp. (Maannews 26 January 2017)
- Several dozen mobile homes were installed near the West Bank settlement of Shiloh on Thursday to accommodate residents slated for eviction from the illegal outpost of Amona. The Binyamin regional council, whose jurisdiction includes Amona, set up the site. It is the fourth the council has established in recent weeks to accommodate residents of Amona, which is slated for evacuation by February 8. The other three sites lie between Amona and the nearby settlement of Ofra. Two of the three were established without obtaining permits from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank. Amona's residents were ordered to leave the outpost after the High Court of Justice ruled that land on which it was built is privately owned by individual Palestinians. A plan to move them to a site adjacent to the current one has been suspended after a number of Palestinians

asserted ownership claims or other personal links to that land as well. The court is expected to make a final ruling next week on the feasibility of using the nearby site. With the deadline for the evacuation of the Amona residents approaching, a senior Israel Defense Forces officer speaking yesterday said the evacuation should not necessarily be viewed as a trigger for renewed violence in the West Bank. The residents of Amona made a commitment to the court to leave the site peacefully without preconditions. At that time, it was assumed they would be relocated a short distance away. The army is now again gearing up for the evacuation and has moved troops into the West Bank in anticipation. If the IDF receives orders to evacuate the outpost, it will do so, along with other security forces, notably the border police, the senior IDF officer said. "We are preparing to do it without casualties based on the lessons from the prior evacuation of Amona," he said, referring to a 2006 operation that involved the demolition of several of the outpost's residential buildings, which sparked major violence. Amona residents were recently offered the chance to move to the Shiloh industrial area — about 40 kilometers north — but rejected it out of hand, along with an offer to move to the nearby settlement of Shvut Rachel. Due to their opposition, the government suspended its plans to move them to Shiloh there, but said the plan "was still on the table." At the end of last year, law enforcement sources told Haaretz that there were no legal impediments to construction in the area, adding that facilities for the Amona residents could be completed there in very short order. The Israeli Civil Administration has so far refrained from taking action against the two mobile home sites created without its permission. This week Civil Administration officials toured the area, including the unauthorized trailer home sites. A source told Haaretz that there are plans to move the mobile homes placed without authorization to land owned by Palestinians who have left the area, which is deemed abandoned. Amona's residents announced earlier this week that they are renewing their opposition to the evacuation. They are also demanding that a bill meant to legalize the use of Palestinian-owned land under some circumstances include a clause that would retroactively legalize the settlers' presence at Amona. Such a law does not appear feasible, however, either from a legal or political standpoint. The residents have urged the public to come to the outpost to prevent its evacuation, despite their earlier explicit commitment to leave without resisting. It is therefore expected that they will be unwilling to move to the mobile home sites. On Wednesday, the residents of nine homes at the nearby settlement of Ofra that are also slated for evacuation in February filed a request with the High Court of Justice seeking an extension until May, so that alternative housing can be built for several of them. They have also threatened a hunger strike next week. ([Haaretz](#) 27 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Salem Hani Abu Hamada (17 Years) from Tel village in Nablus Governorate after detaining her at Kafr Laqef junction. (Wafa 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Sebastia village north of Nablus city for the second time in a week and bombed the Palestinian flag Pole in the village. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmad Khalil Al Qaisi from Jama'in village in Nablus Governorate while trying to cross the Israeli checkpoint established at the northern entrance of Salfit city. (Wafa 30 January 2017)
- Israeli settlers injured a Palestinian man while throwing stones at Palestinian vehicles traveling on the main road between the occupied West Bank cities of Ramallah and Nablus. Nahed Qabaha was wounded when Israeli settlers threw stones at his minibus near the village of al-Sawiya. Ten vehicles were damaged by the stone throwing. (Maannews, Wafa 30 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered a military order to confiscate 17 dunums of lands in Qabalan, Yatma, Usarin and Aqraba south of Nablus city under security pretexts. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

The Israeli Violations in Nablus Governorate during the month of February 2017

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Furik village east of Nablus city and detained 13 people for few hours and subjected them to interrogation before releasing them. The IOS searched several houses in the village and messed with their contents. The houses of Muhamamd Odeh Abu Ghalmi, Hussein Nasasra, Faze' Husni Abu Heit, Wasseim Abdel Jababr, Abdel Jaleel Khatatbah and Faisal Nasasrah were identified. (Wafa 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained raided the Governorate of Nablus and detained Nadim Nazeh Ismail from the village of Beit Dajan, and Omar Ruslan Qindil from Balata refugee camp. (Maannews 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) issued a military order to confiscate 17 dunums of lands in the southern Nablus Governorate and targeted the following Palestinians villages: Qabalan, Yatma, Usarin, and Aqraba in southern Nablus city. (ALQUDS 1 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured three Palestinian teenagers with live ammunition after clashes broke out near Azmout, Deir Al Hatab and Salem junction in eastern Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank. The injured teenagers, ages 15, 16, and 17, sustained injuries in their thigh and leg from the IOA opening live fire on them. (Maannews 2 February 2017)

- In Nablus Governorate, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Muayyad Ghazi and Karam Salah. (Maannews 2 February 2017)
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided two historical sites in Awarta village south of Nablus city (Maqam Al Aziz and As Sab'ien) and organized a religious event at the Site. (Wafa 2 February 2017)
- A Palestinian man sustained bruises after dozens of Israeli settlers raided the village of Huwwara south of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank and hurled stones at his vehicle. The settlers came from the illegal Yitzhar settlement and stormed the western neighborhood of Huwwara and threw stones at Salim Saleme's car. The settlers also started to attack Palestinian homes in the neighborhood, but residents fought them back and forced them to leave the area. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestine TV crew in Madama village in the southern Nablus city while on duty. The IOA confiscated the camera and detained head of Madama village council under the pretext of entering a "Closed Military Zone. (Wafa 6 February 2016)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Askar Refugee camp in Nablus Governorate, searched the houses of some Palestinians before arresting Basem Al Afghani and Muhammad Bushkar. (Safa 6 February 2017)
- A number of Israeli settlers planted tens of dunums of Palestinian lands in Al Qa'dat area in Madama village south of Nablus city with grapes seedlings. The Settlers also took over a water well in the area. (Wafa 06 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers from a nearby illegal settlement uprooted some 700 olive and almond trees in the village of Burqa in Nablus Governorate. The trees, which belonged to Khalid Salah, Mahmoud Daghlis, and Khalid Nasser, were planted nine years ago in the al-Qubeibat and al-Qusour areas east of Burqa. The trees were planted two years after the eviction of the nearby Homesh settlement which was located in northwest Nablus. After the eviction, the Palestinian land-owners obtained decisions from Israeli courts including the high court that neither settlers, nor Israeli forces would harass the land owners. However, in 2016 settlers started to "camp" in the area under protection of Israeli troops making it very difficult for farmers to tend their fields and water their trees. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Sebastia village north of Nablus city and bombed the Palestinian flag Pole in the village. Clashes erupted between the IOA and the Palestinians in the aftermath of bombing the flag pole. (Wafa 8 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Liwa' Arafat Kayed and Mouyad Raqi Mkhalfa from Sebastia village north of Nablus city. (WAFA 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 15 dunums of land in Jalud village south of Nablus city. The land is surrounded by Ahiya, Esh Kodesh and Adi Ad outposts. (Raya 8 February 2017)
- **The new settlement of Amona evacuees is expected to rise from Gush Shilo:** A new settlement will be built in Shilo in favor of evacuees from Amona and in favor of others who want to join the new community. Settlers of Amona outpost were given in the last few days several options for the establishment of a new settlement in the so called "Binyamin region". Shilo settlers received three different sites that they can establish the settlement, and it seems that one of them will be chosen. One of the places offered to residents located within the IDF's firing area. Settlers are expected to decide on the location of the new settlement very soon, and immediately after that, the Israeli government will begin work on the settlement. (0404 8 February 2017)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Awarta village southeast of Nablus city and carried out Talmudic rituals at religious sites in the village. This is the third time in a week that settlers raid the religious sites in Awarta village. (SAFA 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beita and Osarin villages in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus in the predawn hours and detained three Palestinians. Israeli troops raided the village of Beita at 2 a.m and deployed in the western part of the village before ransacking the home of Sadiq Nasser, 19. Israeli soldiers questioned Nasser's family members for hours, adding that forces had detained Nasser's father. The IOA confiscated the Israeli-entry permits of Nasser's family members. The IOA also raided the northern part of Beita and detained Hamza Abd al-Raouf al-Jaghoub, 19, and Adham Lutfi Ghazi, 19, both friends of Nasser's. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Nablus-area village of Osarin and detained 24-year-old Samir Adili. The IOA confiscated Adili's private car. (Maannews 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Madama village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and clashed with many youngsters, wounding three of them, including two were also detained. (IMEMC 10 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) kidnapped a Palestinian young man and detained his brothers for a while at a makeshift checkpoint near Deir Sharaf town, northwest of Nablus in the West Bank. Ismail al-Qittawi, a young man from Balata refugee camp, was taken prisoner by Israeli soldiers at a roadblock

near the town in the evening. The soldiers also detained his two brothers after intercepting the car they were aboard. (PALINFO 11 February 2017)

- Israel detained Fatah Youth Movement deputy secretary general, Iyad Dweikat, while he was travelling to Jordan across King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Dweikat's family building in Nablus four times in the last two months and detained his brother and cousin. (WAFA 11 February 2017)
- A group of Jewish settlers assaulted several citizens in al-Afjam area, east of Aqraba town in Nablus province. A group of Palestinian farmers and young visitors were brutalized and verbally attacked by the settlers. (PALINFO 11 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) has approved a plan to establish a new Israeli settlement on annexed Palestinian land in Jalud village, southeast of Nablus in the West Bank. The new settlement would be established near the illegal settlement of Shvut Rachel, which was built on an agricultural area that belongs to local residents. The so-called sub-committee for settlement affairs, which is a division at the planning council of the Israeli army's civil administration, sanctioned the construction of this new settlement. The plan also includes the establishment of a sewage plant on lands belonging to Jalud village and farmers from the nearby village of Turmus'ayya. According to this plan, about 600 dunums of land from Jalud village and 150 dunums of land from Turmus'ayya village will be appropriated. (PALINFO 11 February 2017)
- The Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence apparatus, detained chief of Beit Dajan town Naser Abu Jaish after summoning him for interrogation in Huwara military base, south of Nablus city in the West Bank. Abu Jaish, went yesterday to the army base in response to a summons from the Shin Bet before the latter decided to detain him for a while. Abu Jaish was detained for about two hours because of his involvement in anti-Israel political activities. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified a number of Palestinian facilities and houses with demolition in Qusra village south of Nablus. under the pretext of being built in Area C. The notified facilities include 2 houses (two storey each), three agricultural rooms and two water wells funded by Canadian institutions with the aim of protecting Palestinian agricultural crops from Israeli settlers' attacks. The targeted facilities and homes are owned by Mahmoud Za'al Ahmad Odeh and Hasan Ali Zein Ad Din. (PALINFO 14 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beit Furik in the Nablus Governorate, stormed a number of houses in An Naqqara and An Nasasra neighborhoods. Owners of the raided houses were identified as Mayzr Abu As

Soud, Nidal Lutfi Nasasra, Muhammad Jamal Nasasra, Zahi Naji Malitat and Mujhed Badran Malitat. One Palestinian was detained Mohammad Nasasra. The IOA also transferred the house of Abu As Soud to a field interrogation center, detained his family in one room and questioned several Palestinians in the village. Citizens Wisam Malitat and Muhammad Jamal Nasasra were arrested during the raid. (Maannews 15 February 2017)

- A Palestinian was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) near Nablus's southern town of Beita and was identified as Luai Mustafa Daoud, 22. (PALINFO 16 February 2017)
- A group of Jewish settlers stormed a historic site in Sabastia town near Nablus and provoked the Palestinian inhabitants. Settlers' incursion into the town was made under protection of Israeli soldiers who showered inhabitants with tear gas and stun grenades. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- An Israeli plan to seize Palestinian cultivated lands in the area of Jalud village in favor of illegal settlement expansion. An announcement issued by Israel's Civil Administration to confiscate 141.12 dunums of Palestinian land in the area in order to develop infrastructure for Israeli settlers. According to the announcement, the Israeli occupation authorities endorsed a bid to alter the status of the cultivated lands so as to construct commercial buildings, open areas, and a network of access roads leading to Israeli settlement outposts. 326 other dunums were confiscated to build sewage and desalination plants for settlers. (ALQUDS, PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Huwwara village south of Nablus city, raided a residential building owned by Citizen Naser Al Huwari and messed with contents after breaking door entrances. (WAFA 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Awarta village, southeast of Nablus in the West Bank, raided homes and harassed citizens in a campaign that lasted for about three hours. The IOA entered the town after midnight and stayed there until dawn, patrolling streets, breaking into homes and checking IDs of citizens. Recently, the town has been exposed to repeated IOF raids, with no known reason. No arrests were reportedly made during those campaigns. (PALINFO 18 February 2017)
- A Palestinian boy was injured after being shot by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during the confrontations that broke out in Bizzariya village, northwest of Nablus city. Several Israeli patrols stormed the village in a provocative manner while students were leaving their schools, which led Palestinian boys to throw stones at the Israeli soldiers who responded by firing bullets and tear gas canisters. The IOF shooting resulted in injuring Osama Oudeh, 15, with a bullet in the abdomen. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)

- In Nablus Governorate, the Israeli Occupation army (IOA) arrested two youngsters after breaking into their houses in Tel village west of Nablus city, including an ex-detainee. (PALINFO 20 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) handed notices to three Palestinian Families in Khirbat Lafjam in Aqraba village, south of Nablus city, ordering them to evacuate their homes and lands. A number of vehicles belonging to the Israeli Civil Administration, escorted by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) came to the area and handed the villagers notices to evacuate the hamlet within 48 hours at the latest. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth—Adham al-Sha’er from his family home in Burqa village, to the north of Nablus. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mahmoud Saqr Assida, 29, and Musab Tawfiq al-Hindi, 27 in the Nablus Governorate. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- Israeli military patrols rolled into Nablus’s western village of Tel, in the northern West Bank, and blew up a suspicious object. The military patrols further wreaked havoc on civilian homes and attacked the Palestinian protesters with live ammunition and teargas canisters, sparking clashes in the area. Palestinian citizen Kayed al-Hindi was kidnapped by the occupation soldiers in the assault. (PALINFO 21 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) evacuated Palestinian families in the Khirbet Tana hamlet in the occupied West Bank district of Nablus to carry out military drills in the area. 30 Palestinian families were forced by Israeli soldiers to leave their homes since the early morning hours under the pretext of carrying out military exercises. The families were brutally attacked during the evacuation process. ([Maannews](#), PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beita in Nablus Governorate and detained the mother of a “shooting attack suspect”, in addition to four other Palestinians. More than 15 Israeli military vehicles raided the western part of the village at around 1 a.m. and detained 38-year-old Judeh Abu Mazen from her house. Abu Mazen is the mother of 19-year-old Sadeq Abu Mazen, who was detained on Feb. 9 for allegedly carrying out a shooting attack. The IOA also detained three others after raiding their homes, identifying them as 17-year-old Nimr Samir Bani Shamseh, 17-year-old Nassim Daoud Abed Bani Shamseh, and Samer Zaki al-Yitmawi, also 17. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed with earth-mounds the bypass road leading to Zuwwata and Ijinsiya villages north of Nablus city without pre-notification. (WAFA 22 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tightened its measures against Palestinians of northeast of Nablus villages. The IOA set up two checkpoints, one near Al Bathan village where the IOA obstructed the movement of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint which caused traffic congestion. Another checkpoint was erected near Tallouza village, where the IOA also obstructed the movement of Palestinians in the area. (WAFA 22 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation army (IOA) broke into Askar al-Jadid Camp and kidnapped two Palestinian youngsters. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed at daybreak Joseph's Tomb, in eastern Nablus province, at the same time as Israeli soldiers rummaged into Palestinian homes in the area. Buses carrying Israeli settlers flocked to Hawara checkpoint, south of Nablus, before they headed to Joseph's Tomb via Beit Furik checkpoint. The Israeli settlers performed sacrilegious rituals and yelled anti-Arab slogans, sparking tension in the area. At the same time, Israeli occupation army (IOA) cordoned off Nablus's eastern corners and have been deployed at the main entrance to Balata Camp. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) wreaked havoc on civilian homes in Balata on claims that a military patrol was targeted with gunfire. Palestinian vehicles driving in the area have also been stopped and inspected by the IOA in search for alleged weapons. Violent clashes burst out between the Israeli troops and the Palestinian anti-occupation protesters. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian girl, Mays Mahmoud Malitat, at a makeshift barrier near Beit Furik town, east of Nablus city, and took her to an unknown destination. A severe traffic jam resulted from erecting the Israeli makeshift checkpoint especially at such a rush hour when university students, workers, and civil servants return back to their homes in Beit Furik and Beit Dajan towns. (Palinfo 23 February 2017)
- The Israel Occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrance to Osarin village southeast of Nablus, restricting its residents' movement. The Israeli bulldozers closed the entrance to Osarin village with sand barriers. The Israeli measure came as part of the IOF's collective punishment policy imposed against the village following the popular anti-occupation events organized by its locals on weekly basis. (Palinfo 25 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the new Askar refugee camp, east of Nablus city, with no reported arrests. The troops aboard military vehicles patrolled neighborhoods in the refugee camp and then withdrew, without raiding homes or making arrests. (Palinfo 25 February 2017)
- Several Israeli jeeps boarded by armed Jewish settlers stormed and provocatively toured a Palestinian area located between the towns of Beit Dajan and Beit Furik

east of Nablus. Hours later, they withdrew from the area and drove towards the illegal settlements of Elon Moreh and Itamar. (Palinfo 25 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) extended the administrative detention of Adnan Asfour, from Nablus, for the third time in a row. Asfour was supposed to be released on March 3. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rearrested Asfour last April as a part of a large-scale arrest campaign that included a number of academics and Palestinian leaders. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- Several Israeli army jeeps rolled into Jenin's western town of al-Yamon and ravaged into the home of the Palestinian citizen Taher Ahmad Nawahda, before they subjected him to exhaustive interrogation and summoned him to further questioning at the Salem military camp. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the Old City and Askar al-Jadid, to the east, and wreaked havoc on civilian homes. A number of Palestinian youths, including Kamel Salama and Shadi Beshkar, were kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers in the process. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers closed the western entrance to Nablus city to the north of occupied West Bank. settlers from Shavei Shomron illegal settlement gathered at the entrance of the city and started provoking local residents. The settlers closed the entrance and prevented Palestinian vehicles' movement in both directions. Israeli occupation forces were, meanwhile, deployed in large numbers near the area, providing protection for the settlers. Residents were forced to take alternative roads. (PALINFO 28 February 2017)
- Israeli soldiers shot and wounded an elderly Palestinian man at a checkpoint in the northern occupied West Bank. Citizen Hussein Hassan Qawariq, 72, was shot by Israeli forces at the Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus. Qawariq was hit in the foot and pelvis, and evacuated by the Red Crescent to the Rafidiya hospital in Nablus. (Maannews 28 February 2017)

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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian young man after clashes erupted in Nablus's northern town of Sebastiya, in the northern West Bank. The clashes broke out when the IOA violently stormed the town amid heavy firing of teargas bombs and live ammunition and removed a Palestinian flagpole. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 23-year-old Anas Jamil Ishtayya in the northern Nablus Governorate. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian citizens at the entrance of Huwara town in Nablus Governorate and hurled stones at their vehicles. Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinian citizens and stoned their vehicles near the crossroad of the

so-called Yitzhar settlement, which was built by force on Palestinian lands south of Nablus. Israeli settlers were reported throwing stones at two vehicles and smashing their windshields under the very eyes of Israeli soldiers. Vehicles had to stop inside Huwara after Israeli settlers gathered at the northern entrance of the town. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank until further notice. The IOA closed the checkpoint, which is located on the main road leading to Nablus, for “security reasons.” Palestinians were forced to take an alternative route to and from Nablus through the nearby Awarta checkpoint. (Maannews 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rounded up young men at dawn raids on homes in Beita and Awarta town, southeast of Nablus Governorate. In Awarta village, five citizens were kidnapped from their homes and taken to Huwara military base before being released later. In Beita village where a school teacher called Mohamed Mu’alla was taken prisoner following a raid on his home. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Far’a refugee camp, northeast of Nablus, clashed with local residents and kidnapped a young man. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- Violent clashes broke out in Nablus city after Israeli soldiers and employees from the antiquities authority stormed archaeological areas. Israeli soldiers were deployed in Tal Balata area, the eastern area of the city and al-Shuhada junction. Soldiers clashed with local young men and violently attacked them with volleys of tear gas and stun grenades in the areas of Ras al-Ein and al-Basha in the Old City of Nablus. A young man from al-Zarba family was arrested near the Western Cemetery. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qaryut town, south of Nablus, and threatened residents in the western neighborhood of taking punitive measures against them if they did not remove Palestinian flags from street light poles. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- More than 50 Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked Huwwara village via its southern entrance. As a result , clashes erupted between settlers and Palestinian villages. (WAFA 4 March 2017)
- Violent clashes flared up in Sebastiya village, in northern Nablus, shortly after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rolled into the area and lowered the Palestinian flag. The IOA stormed Nablus and lowered a Palestinian flag raised on a flagpole set up in Sebastiya’s archaeological zone before they attacked the Palestinian protesters with heavy spates of teargas canisters and rubber bullets. (PALINFO 5 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in the northern occupied West Bank for allegedly being in possession of a knife. Israeli border police stopped the two Palestinians on a road near the Nablus-area village of Zaatara, searched them and detained them after allegedly finding a knife in their possession. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli military patrols, escorted by a police jeep, stormed Nablus's eastern towns of Rujeib and Awarta and rummaged into civilian homes. A Palestinian vehicle was seized from Rujaib in the process. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized "weapons manufacturing machines" at a metals workshop during a raid into the village of Jamain south of Nablus in the northern West Bank. The workshop's owner Mansour Majid Gheith stated that the IOA stormed Jamain and broke into his workshop after breaking open the main door. The IOA destroyed the contents of his workshop, before they notified him that it had been shut down by military order. The Israeli raid was carried out without any prior notice, and the workshop was worth hundreds of thousands of Israeli shekels. (Maannews 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army jeeps and troop-carriers rolled into the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus at 2 a.m. and wreaked havoc on civilian homes in Balata al-Balad, to the east, before they kidnapped Thaer Issawi, 24, and Youssef Dweikat, 20. A Palestinian youth was rushed to a hospital so as to be urgently treated for rubber bullet injuries sustained in his leg during clashes that burst out in Nablus between the occupation army and the anti-occupation youth. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- A large number of Israeli troops stormed at dawn Awarta town south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank and embarked on collecting personal information from citizens. The soldiers aboard military vehicles entered several neighborhoods in the town and interviewed citizens in their houses and on streets about personal information. (PALINFO 11 March 2017)
- Several Israeli soldiers were deployed at dawn in the eastern neighborhood of Huwara town, south of Nablus, to monitor and ambush young men accused of throwing stones at settlers' cars traveling nearby. (PALINFO 11 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 27-year-old Ali Muhammad Saada in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus. (Maannews 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a Palestinian youth from Nablus's southeastern town of Huwwara. The IOA stormed the village at the crack of dawn and kidnapped Ali Mohamed Saada from his home. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into the nearby Awarta village, southeast of Nablus, and wreaked havoc on civilian homes. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers uprooted and stole 150 olive trees from Palestinian land in Nablus's southern village of al-Sawiya. The farmers were shocked as they caught sight of the uprooted olive trees, planted over a decade ago in their land. The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) have been preventing the owners of the targeted land lots, located near the border fence of Rechalim illegal settlement, from reaching their lands. Only those who obtain a permit from the IOA are allowed access into their tracts. The uprooted trees were planted on land lots owned by Palestinian citizens, namely Haythem Kafana and Suheil Suleiman, among others. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young man, from Beit Furik village east of Nablus, while picking some wild fruits in the Jordan Valley. The young man was detained for few hours before being released. (PALINFO 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently stormed Awarta village southeast of Nablus, and broke into a number of local houses. (PALINFO 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Asim Mustafa al-Shunnar in the Nablus Governorate. (Maannews 17 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a caravan in Furush Beit Dajan village to the east of Nablus city. An Israeli army force suddenly raided the village and confiscated the caravan which is inhabited by a Palestinian family of ten members leaving them out in the open. The IO soldiers evicted the residents from the caravan, which is owned by Tawfiq Haj Mohammed, before seizing it and loading it on a truck. The IOA soldiers also confiscated a vegetable stall that belongs to Fuad Hamed after throwing its contents in a waste container. (PALINFO 14 March 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained in the village of Tell southwest of Nablus, identified as Yasser Bilal Yamin, a student at the al-Najah University, and Musab al-Hindi. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- Dozens of armed Jewish settlers attacked the high school in Burin village, south of Nablus city in the occupied West Bank. The settlers opened fire at the Burin high school, causing extreme panic among its students. The Israeli soldiers entered the village and backed up the settlers as local residents rushed to the school to protect its students and employees. Palestinian young men clashed with the settlers and soldiers. (PALINFO 16 March 2017)
- A number of Palestinian youths were injured when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into Sabsatia village, north of Nablus to take off the Palestinian flag

pole in the village. The clashes erupted when a number of Israeli military jeeps stormed the town amid heavy firing of teargas bombs. A young man suffered rubber bullet injuries during the clashes while more than ten others suffered breathing problems after inhaling teargas including a whole family. (Wafa, PALINFO 17 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Saeb Alawna as he passed through a makeshift checkpoint set up on the access road to Nablus. (Maannews 19 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli military jeeps rolled into Nablus's eastern towns of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan at the crack of dawn and raked through residential neighborhoods for over one hour before they retreated to the Beit Furik checkpoint. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers have been spotted in makeshift tents pitched in Beit Dajan's eastern corners. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beita and Awarta villages, south of Nablus, and showered the area with acoustic grenades, sparking clashes with Palestinian protesters. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- A Palestinian elderly woman suffered serious injuries when an Israeli military jeep ran over her on a road near al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of Nablus city in the occupied West Bank. The 70-year-old Hilweh Abu Ras was seriously injured when a speeding military jeep rammed into her as she was walking back from her agricultural land near the village. (PALINFO 21 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian young man at a military checkpoint erected west of Nablus to the north of West Bank. The IOA erected a make-shift checkpoint near Beit Wazan village, west of Nablus city, where several Palestinian vehicles were stopped and searched. A Palestinian young man was arrested at the checkpoint after IOA stopped and searched his car. The detainee was then taken to an unknown detention center. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- Israeli settlers attacked three Palestinian shepherds in Nablus's northwestern town of Burqa, in the northern West Bank. The Palestinian young man Ahmad Ragheb Salah was attacked, along with his brother and cousin, by Israeli settlers while they were grazing their sheep in Burqa's western ranches. The settler horde targeted Salah, his brother, and cousin with gunfire, forcing them to flee the scene for fear of being killed in the attack. The settlers stole the sheep and a bag containing the identity documents of Salah's brother. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers brutally attacked a number of Palestinian farmers in Burin town, south of Nablus, injuring one of them. Israeli settlers from Yitzhar

settlement, illegally built south of Nablus, attacked the farmers and prevented them from entering their fields. Israeli occupation forces were stationed near the area and refused to intervene or to prevent the settlers' attack, the local activist Bilal Aid said. One of the farmers suffered a foot injury, while the others were forced to leave the area. A Palestinian farmer identified as Musheer Qadus was injured in his leg. (WAFA 22 March 2017)

- Israeli Settlers renewed their incursion to Al Aqsa Mosque via Bab Al Magharba gate (Al Mughrabi gate) and carried out provocative tours. (WAFA 22 March 2017)
- Palestinian citizen Bashar Mleitat, from Nablus's eastern village of Beit Furik, sustained wounds after he had been heavily beaten by the Israeli soldiers. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- A Palestinian youth—Baraa Abu Nawas—was kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) IOF from Qatr al-Nada residential apartment in Nablus's western neighborhood of al-Ma'ajin. Abu Nawas was later dragged to an anonymous location in an armored military truck. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) rolled into al-Haouz mountainous area, in Beit Furik village, and forced the Palestinian farmers out of their lands, sparking violent clashes with dozens of Palestinian anti-occupation youths. The occupation soldiers attacked Palestinian homes and protesters with randomly-shot spates of teargas canisters and acoustic bombs, resulting in several suffocation cases. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- Violent clashes burst out in Beit Furik, east of Nablus province, shortly after the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) stormed the town. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) deployed troops and dozens of heavy military vehicles and equipment in the vicinity of Aqraba village, southeast of Nablus, and the nearby southern area of Attaira. Dozens of military tracked vehicles and artillery equipment in Attaira area, and many mobile homes were also brought to the area. The military deployments in areas near Aqraba village could be a prelude to conducting military drills. (PALINFO 23 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers razed Palestinian-owned lands in Qaryut village, south of Nablus. Israeli settlers stormed the village along with a number of bulldozers and carried out excavations near the main road linking between Nablus and Ramallah. (PALINFO 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed at dawn Iraq Burin village, south of Nablus, and were deployed in its eastern neighborhoods. The IOA broke into the village amid reports of gunshots firing and set up a number of make-shift checkpoints. The sources pointed out that the IOF stormed the area twice in less than 24 hours. (PALINFO 27 March 2017)

- Eight Israeli Occupation army (IOA) patrols stormed Tel village, to the west of Nablus city, and cordoned off the home of the Palestinian citizen Assaad Rayhan, before they kidnapped his 25-year-old daughter, Soujoud. The IOA showered the village with over 20 teargas canisters, resulting in suffocation cases. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- The 22-year-old ex-prisoner Dirar Qubala was kidnapped by the Israeli Occupation Army from his own family home in Iba town, west of Nablus, at the crack of dawn. (PALINFO 28 March 2017)
- An Israeli army unit broke into Burin secondary school, south of Nablus in the north of the West Bank, to arrest a student and ended up terrorizing the students. Heavily armed soldiers broke into the school during the fourth period, when the students were in their classrooms, claiming they were after a student who had thrown rocks at them. (WAFA 29 March 2017)
- 45 Palestinians were injured during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Madama village south of Nablus city, while 17 others suffered gas inhalation commemorating the 41th anniversary of “Land Day”. (WAFA 30 March 2017)
- In al-Far’a Refugee Camp, to the northeast of Nablus, a Palestinian youth sustained wounds following clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). Youngster Mohamed Nassar was kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers in the process. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Sebastiya town, to the northwest of Nablus, along with Beit Furik and Beit Dajan, to the east. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers, escorted by army troops, broke into Sebastiya’s archaeological zone and destroyed a Palestinian flagpole. Violent clashes burst out shortly afterwards. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- In Nablus, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped three Palestinian young men in different areas, including one identified as Hudaifa Khater from Aqraba town. (PALINFO 30 March 2017)
- Two other young men were reportedly kidnapped from their homes during an Israeli Army campaign in the village of Osrin in Nablus Governorate. (PALINFO 30 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)

- 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)

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- Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded. Neither casualties nor damages were reported. (PCHRGZA 01 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khuza'a village, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, randomly opened fire for an hour and half towards agricultural fields, west of the abovementioned border fence, but no casualties were reported. (PCHRGZA 01 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel, east of Khuza'a village, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, opened fire for an hour and half at agricultural fields, west of the abovementioned border fence, but no casualties were reported. (PCHRGZA 02 January 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at military watch towers near Sofa crossing southeast of Khan Younis Governorate fired at Palestinian farmers working in their agricultural lands in Khuza'a, Al Fukhari and Absan Al Jadedda areas. No injuries were reported. (Al Ayyam 3 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded, but neither casualties nor damages were reported. (PCHRGZA 03 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats stationed offshore, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles and chased them. As a result, the fishermen were forced to flee for fear of being arrested or wounded, but no casualties were reported. However, the fishermen lost some fishing nets. This attack recurred in different periods until 11:00. (PCHRGZA 04 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats stationed off al-Sudaniyah shore, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 5 nautical miles

and chased them. An Israeli gunboat hit a fishing boat belonging to Rashad al-Hessi. The boat was manned by Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Jamil al-Hessi (33) from al-Shati' refugee camp. As a result, the fishing boat capsized in the water, and Mohammed was missed in the water. (PCHRGAZA 04 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear Gas Bombs at Palestinian students in Ar Ram town north of Jerusalem city. The IOA claimed that students were throwing stones at the military jeep. (RB2000 4 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats attacked a number of Palestinian boats near Gaza Sea, chased them and fired live bullets at Palestinian fishermen and their boats causing damages to the properties. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 05 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians and their homes in Khuza'a town east of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. Wafa (07 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Abu Mteibeq military site east of Al Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza Strip fired live bullets at Palestinian homes and agricultural lands. No injuries were reported but damages were reported in two homes. (WAFA 11 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Beit Hanoun crossing (Erez) north of the Gaza strip fired live bullets at Palestinian homes. No injuries were reported. (WAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers stationed at Kisufim Military site invaded Al Qarara town northeast of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip and started razing lands in the area at a distance of 50 meters. (SAFA 12 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Machinery stationed at Kisufim Military site staged 150 meters into the Palestinian lands east of Al Qarara town northeast of Khan Younis city in the southern Gaza Strip and razed Palestinian lands in the area. The Israeli machinery also added earthmound in the area to prevent Palestinian farmers from reaching their lands. (SHASHA 12 January 2017).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) targeted Palestinian homes east of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip. The IOF fired at Palestinians and their homes to prevent them from accessing their agricultural lands. No injuries were reported. (WAFA 13 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities have continued to uphold a recent decision to cancel weekly visitation by hundreds of Palestinians from the besieged Gaza Strip to attend Friday prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem. The Israeli occupation authorities revoked permits for Gazans to visit the holy site until further notice after repeated accusations that Palestinians were not returning to the Gaza Strip immediately following the visits. (DAILY48 13 January 2017)

- The Israeli naval forces opened live fire at Gazan fishermen off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The forces opened live fire at the fishermen working off the coast of the northern part of the besieged enclave, forcing them to head back to Gaza's shores. (Maannews 14 January 2017)
- A Palestinian, (36 years) was injured as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed north of Beit Lahya town north of the Gaza Strip opened fire at him while he was collecting firewood. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen and their boats near Beit Lahya in the northern Gaza Strip, injuring one fisherman. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- Israeli gunboats chased two Palestinian fishermen and their boats in Al Wajha area near Beit Lahya shores, opened fire at them causing damages to one boat. The IOA arresting the two fishermen namely Orans As Sultan and Muhmamd As Sultan after confiscating their fishing boats. (WAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Tanks staged 50 meters into the eastern areas of Rafah town south of the Gaza Strip and started razing Palestinian lands near Sofa crossing. The IOA also added earth-mounds to the site, (SAFA 15 January 2017)
- The Israeli naval forces detained opened fire at fishermen off the coast of al-Waha in northern Gaza and detained three, identified as Muhammad Abu Dayya, Imad Siyam, and his son Anas Imad Siyam. The three fishermen's boats were also confiscated. (Maannews 16 January 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman was arrested after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at him near the seashores north of the Gaza Strip. The injured Palestinian was identified as Khaled Abu Ryalah. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- Israeli intelligence authorities detained two Palestinian merchants at the Erez Crossing between the besieged Gaza Strip and Israel. The detainees were identified as Midhat Karam and Hazem Touman after interrogating them for several hours at Erez Crossing. (Maannews 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli naval forces shot and injured a Palestinian fisherman off the coast in the northern Gaza Strip. The Fisherman, identified as Khalid Abu Riyala, was shot several times with rubber-coated steel bullets, without specifying the extent of his injuries. The Israeli naval forces also confiscated several Palestinian fishing boats. (Maannews 18 January 2017)
- The Israeli authorities detained a Palestinian merchant at the Erez crossing between the northern Gaza Strip and Israel. The Israeli intelligence stopped Omar Abu Asad, 25, who was with his ill mother on their way to the occupied West Bank for treatment. After detained Abu Asad, Israeli authorities transferred him to an unidentified location, and forced his mother to return to the besieged Gaza Strip, sources added. (Maannews 18 January 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian fisherman off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. Citizen Abed Hisham al-Sultan was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet as the IOA continuously opened fire at fishing boats. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- A Palestinian child was injured after being struck by an Israeli bullet in Beit Lahiya in the north of the Gaza Strip after Israeli forces opened live fire at homes in the area. The six-year-old girl was injured in her stomach, and described her injury as medium. (Maannews 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed across the border fence east of the Gaza Strip, fired dozens of rounds targeting homes and lands, in Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The IOA fired dozens of rounds for no apparent reason, hitting many homes, causing damage. There have been no reports of physical injuries among the Palestinians. The attacks were carried out by soldiers on various towers, in military bases across the border fence, in the eastern and southern parts of the besieged coastal region. (IMEMC 20 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live fire on Palestinian land in eastern Khan Younis of the southern Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. (MAANNEWS 21 January 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern besieged Gaza Strip in the early hours with one fisherman being shot in the head with a rubber-coated steel bullet, a week after he was detained by Israeli forces while fishing. The 22-year-old Auranus al-Sultan was in a stable condition after sustaining a head injury from the rubber bullet. The young fisherman was among five Palestinian fishermen [who were detained last week](#), after Israeli naval forces opened fire on them and seized their boats. (MAANNEWS 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation aircrafts sprayed herbicides onto farmland along the eastern part of Absan Al Kabeera, Absan Al Saghera and Khuza'a communities east of Khan Younis. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the border fence between Gaza and Israel opened fire towards farmlands in the area of al-Umour on the outskirts of the town of al-Fukhari, in the southern Gaza Strip district of Khan Yunis. No casualties were reported.
- East of Gaza City, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired towards Palestinian farmers and bird hunters, without causing injuries. At sea. The Israeli naval forces opened fire in the direction of fishing boats off the coasts of Khan Yunis and Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 24 January 2017)

- For the second day on row, the Israeli aircrafts continued spraying herbicides onto farmland along the eastern part of Khan Younis and Rafah Governorates south of the Gaza Strip. (WAFA 23 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the military towers near Nahal Oz military site targeted Palestinian homes and agricultural lands in Ash Shuga'iya neighborhood east of Gaza City which resulted in some property damage. (WAFA 29 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Agricultural lands in Al Fukhari town east of Khan Younis city. (Wafa 31 January 2017)

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- Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The gunshots were heard in northern Gaza as Israeli boats opened fire at fishermen off the coast of al-Sudaniya. No injuries were reported and fishermen were forced to flee back to shore. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live ammunition during clashes with Palestinians near al-Bureij refugee on the eastern borders of the besieged Gaza Strip, injuring a 16-year-old Palestinian. The 16-year-old was shot and injured in the stomach when clashes erupted between the IOA forces and Palestinian youth near the security border between the small Palestinian territory and Israel. Israeli snipers were deployed on dirt mounds on the eastern borders of the besieged enclave during the clashes, and opened live fire at a group of more than 50 Palestinian youths. The clashes were continuing as of 7 p.m. on Friday as Israeli forces have continued to shoot tear gas canisters into the Palestinian territory. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian lands and fishermen in the besieged Gaza Strip. The IOA deployed behind the barrier fence between Israel and the besieged enclave opened fire at Palestinian farmers working on their lands near Israel's unilaterally declared "buffer zone." Meanwhile, Israeli naval forces also opened live fire at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported in either incidents. (Maannews 4 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Opened fire towards Palestinian fishermen and farmers with no injuries reported in either incident. Israeli military vehicles stationed near the Sufa military post east of the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah fired with heavy machine guns towards Palestinian farmers who were tending their crops in the area, eyewitnesses said. (Maannews 5 February 2017)

- In the northwestern Gaza Strip, Israeli navy ships fired at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Beit Lahiya, forcing them to sail back to shore. (Maannews 5 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) launched airstrikes in the northern Gaza Strip, hours after an Israeli army tank fired two shells into eastern Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza, after a rocket landed in an open area in the Ashkelon region of southern Israel. The cross-border fire came after locals in Gaza reported two separate incidents of Israeli forces opening fire at them. At around 2 p.m., the Israeli army launched airstrikes at an open area and "a resistance post" west of Beit Lahiya, injuring one person identified as Muhammad Muhammad Mousa Saad Allah, who is a fisherman. The extent of his injuries remained unclear. (Maannews 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired at Palestinian locals and fishermen in two separate incidents, while Israeli bulldozers also made an incursion into central Gaza to level lands. The Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip and started pursuing them. No injuries or detentions were reported. (Maannews 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at watchtowers opened fire at the southern Gaza towns of al-Qarara and Khuzaa east of Khan Yunis, without causing injuries. (Maannews 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli military vehicles launched a limited incursion into lands east of the city of Deir al-Balah city in the central Gaza Strip. Four Israeli bulldozers escorted by Israeli military vehicles set off from the Kissufim military base and staged an incursion, approximately 150 meters into eastern Deir al-Balah. No shooting occurred during the incursion. (Maannews 6 February 2017).
- Israeli naval forces opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats sailing off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. Israeli military ships fired heavily from machine guns towards them, forcing them to head back to shore. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers on agricultural lands east of Beit Hanoun in the northeastern Gaza Strip. No injuries had been reported. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired at least eight Israeli missiles at several locations across the besieged coastal enclave. One airstrike hit agricultural land in the center of Khan Yunis city in the southern Gaza Strip. Two people were injured in Khan Yunis. The airstrikes hit a military post as well as an agricultural area east of Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip, in addition to the al-Shujaiyya neighborhood in Gaza City, causing damages to several residential buildings.

The air strikes also hit agricultural lands east of al-Maghazi and al-Bureij refugee camps in the central Gaza Strip. (Maannews 7 February 2017)

- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, the second such incident to be reported in two days. The fishermen were forced to flee and return to shore after Israeli forces opened fire on them, adding that they feared for their safety. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 8 February 2017)
- The Israeli air force fired several missiles targeting a siege-busting commercial tunnel close to the Egyptian border, in Rafah, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, killing two Palestinian workers, and wounding at least five others. The two killed Palestinians have been identified as Husam Hameed Soufi, 24, from Rafah, and Mohammad Anwar al-Aqra', 38, from Gaza city. Five Palestinians were injured in the strike, some of them suffered moderate-severe wounds. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- Israeli navy ships opened fire targeting several Palestinian fishing boats, in Gaza territorial waters, in the northern part of the besieged coastal region. Israeli soldiers also fired live rounds at homes and lands. The soldiers stationed across the border fence, in northern Gaza, fired dozens of live rounds at homes, and agricultural lands, causing property damage. The soldiers also fired many flares over the area, but did not conduct a military invasion. (IMEMC 9 February 2017)
- Israeli navy gunboats opened heavy machinegun fire at Palestinian fishing boats while sailing off Beit Lahiya's coast in the northern Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. (PALINFO 12 February 2017)
- Israeli forces detained an employee of a Turkish development agency at a border crossing between the besieged Gaza Strip. The IOA detained Muhammad Murtaja, a coordinator for the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), and added that the Turkish embassy in Tel Aviv was making calls to release him. The Turkish embassy did not immediately respond to a request for comment. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli military ships fired at them off the coast of Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 14 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities detained a Palestinian man for unknown reasons while the man was attempting to pass through the Erez border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Israel. The arrestee was identified as Majdi Muhammad Abu Taha from the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah. He was heading to a meeting at the US consulate in Jerusalem when he was detained. (Maannews 17 February 2017)

- Israeli naval ships opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of al-Sudaniyyeh. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 18 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at agricultural land in the Sanati area of eastern Khan Yunis in the southeastern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- Israeli navy gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 19 February 2017)
- Israeli naval forces detained five Palestinian fishermen from the same family while they were sailing off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli forces had detained Umran Saber Bakr, Mahmoud Saber Bakr, Abdullah Saber Bakr, Thabet Abd al-Raziq Bakr, and Omar Muhammad Bakr, and took them to the port of Ashdod in southern Israel. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the coast of Beit Lahiya. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 21 February 2017)
- A Palestinian fisherman who was detained earlier on Tuesday off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip was reported to be in critical condition after being shot in the back by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during his detention. Muhammad Imran Sabri Bakr was injured with a bullet wound in his back. The IOA had detained Bakr [earlier in the day](#) off the coast of al-Sudaniya, along with four other Palestinian fishermen, identified as Abdullah Sabri Bakr, Mahmoud Sabri Bakr, Thabet Muhammad Bakr, and Omar Muhammad Bakr. All of the detained are in their twenties. (Maannews 22 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested 3 Palestinians who were trying to cross the border fence of the Gaza Strip. An Israeli military force arrested 3 unarmed Palestinians while they were trying to cross the border fence east of Khan Younis city, south of the Gaza Strip. The IOA arrested another Palestinian who sneaked from the Gaza Strip to the 1948 occupied Palestinian territories after claiming that he was carrying a knife. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- A European parliament delegation that attempted to enter the besieged Gaza Strip to assess the residual damage of Israel's 2014 military offensive was denied entry by Israeli authorities on Wednesday. According to a statement released by the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with Palestine, Israeli authorities told the group that their entry was denied owing to the fact that only humanitarian workers and diplomats accredited by the Israeli government or the Palestinian Authority (PA) are allowed access to Gaza, which has been held under an Israeli military blockade for a decade. The statement noted that the delegation has been denied entry since 2011. ([Maannews](#) 23 February 2017)
- Israeli military bulldozers at daybreak launched a limited incursion into the eastern corners of Deir al-Balah Governorate, in central Gaza Strip. Four Israeli

army bulldozers deployed at the Kissufim military base moved a few meters into eastern Deir al-Balah Governorate, in the blockaded Gaza Strip. Heavy damage is often wrought by such arbitrary incursions on Palestinian cultivated land tracts near the border fence. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen in the northern Gaza Strip while army bulldozers crossed the borderline of the besieged coastal enclave. Israeli army ships deployed off the coasts of Beit Lahiya and Gaza City fired in the direction of fishermen. (Maannews 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured a 16-year-old Palestinian with live fire in the central Gaza Strip near the border between the besieged enclave and Israel. The Palestinian was shot by the IOA and injured in his right leg. His wounds were described as medium. The IOA stationed at the border fence east of Maghazi refugee camp opened live ammunition on a group of Palestinian youth in the area, causing the injury to the minor. (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- Israeli fighter jets launched two missiles at a site known as the Shuhada ("martyrs" in Arabic) post just after 1 p.m. in the central Gaza Strip, near the coast and west of Nuseirat refugee camp. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- An Israeli reconnaissance plane fired a missile at a monitoring post east of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip, as Israeli fighter jets fired three missiles at the Hitteen post in Beit Lahiya in the northern region of the small Palestinian territory. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Jets hit a strike in the Nahda neighborhood of Rafah left three Palestinians moderately injured. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- Two Israeli artillery shells fired by the Israeli army hit an agricultural area east of Gaza City. (Maannews 27 February 2017)

Israeli Violations in the Gaza Strip during the month of March 2017

- Israeli military vehicles at daybreak infiltrated northern and southern Gaza Strip. A flock of Israeli army vehicles moved 50 meters into northern Beit Hanun town, north of Gaza Strip, and leveled Palestinian lands, sparking panic in the area. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- Israeli military vehicles moved 100 meters into eastern Rafah city, south of Gaza Strip, and razed Palestinian cultivated lands. the incursion was carried out via four army jeeps deployed at the Sofa military base, east of Rafah. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian lands and homes in the northern Gaza Strip while Israeli military vehicles entered the besieged territory in central Gaza. The IOA stationed at the borders of Beit Lahiya in the

northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian land and homes. No injuries were reported during the incident. (Maannews 2 March 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened machinegun fire at Palestinian homes north of Beit Lahia town, north of the embattled Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers stationed along the northern border of Beit Lahia opened machinegun fire from their heavy military vehicles and watchtowers at Palestinian homes and lands. Luckily, no one was injured in the gunfire attack. Several homes only sustained material damage. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- Israeli military bulldozers carried out a limited incursion into an eastern border area in Khan Younis, south of the Gaza Strip. Four armored bulldozers and three Israeli Merkava tanks came from the Kissufim military base and combed the border area before infiltrating dozens of meters into the eastern areas of the city. The military vehicles were advancing into the Palestinian territory amid heavy presence of Israeli snipers to provide protection for the military bulldozers. (PALINFO 2 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured two Palestinian youths After clashes erupted in the northern Gaza Strip. The Palestinian was injured by Israeli bullets near the border fence in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip during clashes between Palestinian youths and the IOA. The Palestinian was injured in the foot, and was transferred to the Indonesian hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, another Palestinian was injured in his stomach by an Israeli bullet. His wounds were described as serious by medical crews at the Indonesian hospital. Both Palestinians were shot by an Israeli sniper stationed at the border between Gaza and Israel for an unknown reason. (Maannews 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian shepherds east of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, in the town of Khazaa. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 3 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinian youths while allegedly trying to cross the Gaza Strip border fence. The three unarmed young men tried to cross the border fence to the north of Gaza Strip but were detained by IOA soldiers. The three detainees were taken for investigation. (PALINFO 3 March 2017)
- Israeli military vehicles and bulldozers crossed the border fence into the besieged Gaza Strip east of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis and leveled lands. The Israeli vehicles and bulldozers came from Israel's Sofa military post. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian man in northern Gaza Strip. The young man was slightly injured after being targeted by

Israeli gunfire along with a group of people east of Jabalia refugee camp to the north of the Strip. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)

- Four Israeli bulldozers have carried out earlier today a limited incursion east of Beit Hanoun town in the northern borders of the enclave. IOF soldiers routinely shoot at Palestinian farmers in their agricultural lands near the border fence. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) withdrew its armored vehicles and bulldozers following a small-scale incursion into eastern border areas of the embattled Gaza Strip. Four bulldozers escorted by two Merkava tanks and two troop carriers had moved from Abu Safia military post east of al-Maghazi refugee camp and advanced several meters into Gaza. The bulldozers, then, embarked on leveling lands east of al-Masdar village and al-Maghazi camp before withdrawing later to one of the border military post near al-Bureij refugee camp. The army had started its bulldozing activities in the morning on the western side of Abu Safia military base. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian farmers along Gaza borders and fishermen sailing within the Palestinian territorial waters with gunfire. The IOA stationed along the borders with eastern Rafah city, in southern Gaza Strip, opened heavy machine gunfire toward farmers and prevented them access to their borderline agricultural land. However, no injuries or material damage were reported. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- Israeli naval forces targeted Palestinian fishermen with gunfire, despite sailing within the 6-nautical-mile allowed fishing zone, off northern Gaza City. No injuries were reported among the farmers who reportedly returned ashore for fear of being injured. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) shelled at least three at sites in the southern besieged coastal enclave, including eastern al-Qarara, eastern Khan Yunis and Deir al-Balah. No injuries were reported. The IOA also fired flares in the area around the same time as the shelling. (Maannews 10 March 2017)
- A Palestinian was shot and injured in the east of Gaza city after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live fire on Palestinian youth near the security barrier between the besieged Gaza Strip and Israel. The IOA stationed at the Nahel Oz military post east of the neighborhood of Shujaiyya opened live ammunition on a group of Palestinian youths who had approached the border area, causing the injury of a Palestinian youth in his foot. (Maannews 10 March 2017)
- Israeli navy gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off Gaza's northern shores. Israeli gunboats opened their machinegun fire at a number of Palestinian

fishing boats off the shores of Gaza. The fishermen were forced to return ashore. (PALINFO 10 March 2017)

- Israeli military troops deployed at and around the Kissufim military base, east of Khan Younis, hit Palestinian farmlands in al-Qarara and Deir al-Balah with artillery shells. (PALINFO 10 March 2017)
- An Israeli court extended the detention period of an employee of Turkish aid agency TIKA until Thursday. An Israeli court in Beersheba city extended the remand of TIKA staff member Mohamed Murtaja following the demand of an Israeli prosecutor to keep Murtaja under custody. The Israeli court also imposed a gag order against publishing news on the case until March 14. Murtaja who had worked for TIKA in the Gaza Strip, had reportedly been on his way to Turkey when he was detained on February 12 at the Beit Hanun (Erez) border-crossing, north of Gaza Strip. (PALINFO 12 March 2017)
- Several Israeli military vehicles and bulldozers crossed the border fence into the besieged Gaza Strip and leveled lands, witnesses told Ma'an, with no gunfire being reported. The bulldozers leveled lands in the central Gaza Strip town of Juhr al-Dik under military protection as Israeli military drones hovered overhead. (Maannews 15 March 2017)
- Four Israeli bulldozers, three tanks, an armored vehicle, and four jeeps moved 100 meters into eastern al-Bureij refugee camp and bulldozed Palestinian lands before they moved northwards towards Juhr al-Dick town. Several Israeli military jeeps have raked through Palestinian lands near the border fence since the early morning hours, paving the way for the incursion. (PALINFO 15 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted two airstrikes in the besieged Gaza Strip damaging the coastal enclave's [already tenuous electricity infrastructure](#). The two Israeli missiles hit a site west of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, sparking a fire. Two more missiles landed east of the Shujaaiya neighborhood of Gaza City, cutting off the electricity supply in the area. No injuries were reported in either airstrike. Three power lines were damaged by the airstrikes across the blockaded Palestinian territory. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off the coast of Gaza City who were sailing within the Israel-designated fishing zone, forcing them to head back to shore. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 16 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth after he crossed the border fence from the besieged Gaza Strip into Israel. The Palestinian youth was able to cross the border fence and make his way into the southern Israeli town of Eshkol. (Maannews 17 March 2017)

- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli boats fired live fire at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northwestern Gaza Strip. No injuries or damages were reported. (Maannews 18 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired three artillery shells near the town of Beit Lahya in the northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli artillery targeted the al-Ghoul area in western Beit Lahiya. (Maannews 18 March 2017)
- Israeli warplanes carried out strikes on a resistance site in al-Meqousi area northwest of Gaza city. Israeli warplanes fired at least two missiles on al-Yarmouk site. No injuries were reported. (PALINFO 18 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army launched an artillery attack on cultivated fields located north of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli artillery fired several shells at an agricultural border area north of Gaza. No injuries were reported. (PALINFO 18 March 2017)
- Four Israeli bulldozers, D9 type, advanced a limited distance into the northern area of Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza Strip and started leveling land. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened gunfire at Palestinians' agricultural lands east of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip resulting in no casualties or damages. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation navy attacked Palestinian fishermen sailing off Gaza seashore with machineguns. The Israeli navy warships targeted Palestinian fishermen sailing off al-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city, with machineguns and water cannons. The fishermen were reportedly sailing within the authorized four-nautical-mile zone. Palestinian fishing boats, sustained material damage in the attack. (PALINFO 20 March 2017)
- An 18-year-old Palestinian was killed and two other Palestinians were injured by Israeli shelling in eastern Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip before dawn. Israeli drones were also flying overhead as the sound of gunshots and explosions were heard. Youssef Shaaban Abu Athra, 18, was killed while two others sustained multiple injuries from shrapnel as a result of the artillery fire. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- A flock of Israeli military vehicles launched a limited incursion into eastern Khan Younis city, south of the blockaded Gaza Strip. Four Israeli military bulldozers deployed at the Kissufim base moved into the eastern edges of Khan Younis city and leveled Palestinian lands in the area. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)
- A barrages of gunshots were fired from Israeli military watchtowers toward al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis. No injuries were reported in the attack. (PALINFO 22 March 2017)

- Six Palestinians were detained for working at a construction site in the central town of Hod HaSharon. Two of the detained were a father and his 17-year-old son from the besieged Gaza Strip. (Maannews 22 March 2017)
- Israeli naval forces detained two Palestinian fishermen off the coast of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Naval forces detained Khader al-Saadi and Rajab Abu Mayala, both residents of the al-Shati refugee camp, while they were sailing three nautical miles from the shore of Gaza City. The forces also confiscated the fishermen's boats and equipment. (Maannews 23 March 2017)
- Two Palestinian fishermen who were detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) were injured and were subsequently being treated in Israeli hospitals. The detained fishermen, identified as Rajab Abu Mayala and Khader al-Saadi, were injured during their detentions. The IOA detained al-Saadi and Abu Mayala, both residents of the al-Shati refugee camp, while they were sailing three nautical miles from the shore of Gaza City. The IOA confiscated the fishermen's boats and equipment at the time. (Maannews 24 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and navy's gunboats opened fire at unarmed Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Yunis. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- Israeli occupation troops opened fire at Palestinian agricultural lands east of al-Qarara in Khan Yunis. (Maannews 26 March 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Joret al-Shama and Marah Mealla villages, south of Bethlehem. The IOA soldiers fired stun grenades at civilians in both towns with no arrests or injuries reported. (PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from the Nablus district in the northern West Bank, and identified the three as Huthaifa Khater, Khalid Rasmi Edeili, 18, and 17-year-old Amid Ibrahim Edeili. (Maannews 30 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)
- 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)

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- The Israeli Security Cabinet decided not to return the bodies of Hamas affiliated Palestinians who were killed during the latest uprising (since October 2015) and that the bodies would instead be buried in a cemetery for "enemy dead" as reported. ([INN](#) 1 January 2017)
- As part of the 2017-2018 budget, the Israeli government is set to spend 12 billion NIS to give northern Israel a facelift. Interior Minister Aryeh Deri (Shas) and Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon (Kulanu) have proposed a plan outlining changes for the north, including upgrading schools, and building a light rail train between Haifa and Nazareth. The Jewish National Fund will also help to fund the projects, investing 3 billion NIS. 600 million NIS will be invested in tourism, productivity grants for local small and medium businesses, and bringing financial services companies to the region. 12 billion NIS will be invested in infrastructure, including expanding Haifa's Metronit bus system to include nearby areas, building a light rail train line from Nazareth to Haifa. The money will also be invested in improving the local health care system building hospital wards, expanding academic institutions, funding informal education programs,

constructing new schools, lengthening school hours, and paving and widening interchanges and roads. ([INN](#) 1 January 2017)

- Habayit Hayehudi chairman Naftali Bennett called on the government to pass a law annexing Ma'aleh Adumim, a large settlement east of Jerusalem, to Israel by the end of the month. Bennett serves in the government as minister of education. It is due to be discussed by the Knesset Law Committee in a special session on Monday morning (January 2). Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kasriel and the heads of the Knesset Land of Israel lobby, MKs Yoav Kish (Likud) and Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi), are scheduled to attend the meeting. Bennett's initiative has given a new lease on life to a proposed law originally drafted by the Land of Israel lobby and signed by the whips of all the parties in the coalition, excepting United Torah Judaism. ([JPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- The United States Department of the Treasury is reporting an increase in allegations that merchandise produced in West Bank Jewish settlements is being imported into the U.S. without the proper country of origin markings, in contradiction to U.S. customs regulations. Each year the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency receives between 800 and 1,000 complaints regarding the import of items from around the world into the country. Recently, the CBP confirmed, there has been a growing number of complaints about products ostensibly manufactured in the settlements but exported under a different label. ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- The Israel Defense Forces has sent letters to young Israeli Bedouin in recent months inviting them to volunteer for the army – adding on to its two-year-old efforts to get Christian Arabs to join. "Volunteering for military service is a way you can give and contribute to both yourself and your country and even get something in return. I would be happy to see you volunteering for the IDF and contributing to the state, along with your own advancement and the development of your abilities." In 2014 the IDF sent its first "volunteer orders" to Christian Arabs, who, like the Bedouin, may serve in the army. Until then, Christians who wanted to volunteer had to do it by approaching the military themselves. Some 800 invitations were sent to Christian youths that year, inviting them to attend initial selection for army service. But the initiative was halted after the military decided that the letters weren't having much of an effect. To increase the number of Bedouin serving in the army, the IDF is offering them reduced service of only two years. They will first attend a three-month preparatory course, after which the IDF will decide who goes on to do full army service. ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)
- Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Saturday that if U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's administration moves its embassy in Israel to

Jerusalem, Australia should do the same. In an article published in The Spectator, a British weekly, Abbott also called on Canberra to cut its aid to the Palestinian Authority. Abbott published the comments after travelling to Israel with a delegation of Australian and British lawmakers and officials. Abbott said Australia should demonstrate "its unswerving support for Israel" by cutting "our \$40 million a year in aid to the Palestinian Authority while it keeps paying pensions to terrorists and their families" and considering joining "any move by the Trump administration to move its embassy to Jerusalem." ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2017)

- According to [statistics obtained by The Times of Israel \(PDF\)](#), between 2003 and 2013, Israeli citizenship was denied or delayed to about half of East Jerusalemites who applied for it. However, over the past three years, the processing of citizenship applications for East Jerusalemites has come to an almost complete halt. Between 2014 and September 2016, of 4,152 East Jerusalemites who applied for citizenship, only 84 were approved and 161 were rejected. The rest of the applications are pending — formally, still being processed. ([TIMES OF ISRAEL](#) 3 January 2017)
- As a proposal to extend Israeli sovereignty to the city of Maaleh Adumim, just east of Jerusalem, gains traction, some Yesha activists are pushing for a broader annexation plan, one which would include the gradual annexation of all of Judea and Samaria (occupied West Bank). The Movement for Israel's Tomorrow, better known as the Women in Green, praised the efforts towards annexing Maaleh Adumim, the third largest Israeli city in Judea and Samaria, but warned legislators against the idea of partial sovereignty in the heartland of the historic Jewish homeland. ([INN](#) 4 January 2017)
- Standing in front of a bright red banner reading "Build Israel Great Again," former Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee promised during an appearance in the West Bank that President-elect Donald Trump's policies toward Israel would be very different than President Barack Obama's. Huckabee was in Maale Adumim to lay the cornerstone for a new neighborhood in one of the largest Israeli settlements in the West Bank, just east of Jerusalem. ([CNN](#) 05 January 2017)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's promise to settlers from the unauthorized outpost of Amona to enforce the law "equally" by demolishing the homes of Arabs is being strictly fulfilled. The number of Palestinian buildings demolished in the first week of January 2017 is almost four times as high as the weekly average for 2016: 20 structures. In Area C, which is under full Israeli civil and

security control, between Monday and Thursday the Israel Defense Forces' Civil Administration demolished 65 structures in Palestinian communities, and seven rainwater cisterns. The Jerusalem Municipality demolished another two homes in East Jerusalem. Some 151 people, including 90 children, lived in the buildings that were demolished. On January 2, 2017, the day on which the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee discussed a proposal to annex the city of Ma'aleh Adumim (east of Jerusalem) to Israel, the Civil Administration and IDF forces demolished 12 tin and wood shacks – including eight used for living purposes – in two Bedouin communities from the Jahalin tribe south of the settlement; three shacks in Bir al-Maskub; and nine in Wadi Sneysel. In total, 84 people, 68 of whom are children, lost the roofs over their heads within just a few hours. On January 3, 2017, the Civil Administration demolished 49 structures in Khirbet Tana in the northwestern part of the Jordan Valley: 13 residential structures, 9 portable toilets and the rest various agricultural buildings. Twenty-eight adults and 22 children lost their homes because of the demolitions. Another 71 people were affected by the destruction of the agricultural structures. Sheep grazing in the Palestinian village of Khirbet Tana, where the IDF demolished 49 structures on January 3, 2017. Some 40 families (250 men and women) live in this ancient village of caves, east of the village of Beit Furik. In four previous raids last year, the Civil Administration demolished 150 shacks, sheep pens, tents and various sanitary structures – as well as a school that had been built thanks to European contributions. During the raid on the same day, a work stoppage order was also presented for the new school, which is again being constructed with European donations. The High Court of Justice had dismissed a petition of the residents of Khirbet Tana against the order to permanently evacuate their homes, but the residents have built simple new dwellings and a school because they refuse to leave the village where their families lived long before 1948, and before the IDF declared the area a firing zone. On January 4, 2017, a large army force raided the lands of the village of Tekoa, southeast of Bethlehem. Here, the Civil Administration bulldozers demolished seven rainwater cisterns and another three sheds used for agricultural purposes. On January 5, 2017, the Civil Administration demolished an agricultural structure in the village of Jinsafut, east of Qalqilyah in the West Bank. ([Haaretz](#) 07 January 2017)

- Another 5,000 French Jews emigrated to Israel during, figures showed, continuing a trend that has seen tens of thousands quit the country after a series of attacks targeting the community. The Jewish Agency of Israel issued the update as France marked two years since attacks on the Charlie Hebdo magazine offices and on a Jewish supermarket in Paris, where four shoppers were shot dead. The 5,000 departures in 2016 add to the record 7,900 who left in 2015 and

7,231 in 2014. In total, 40,000 French Jews have emigrated since 2006. (AFP 9 January 2017)

- Israeli Minister of Defense Avigdor Lieberman has approved a budget allocating NIS 3.34 billion for the construction of a barrier on the border of the Gaza Strip and Israel. According to a document on the matter, the funds for the project will come from "an external budget within the Ministry of Defense." The document issued by Lieberman's office is meant to provide assurance to the residents living in communities on the Gaza border, who feared that the project would not materialize due to budgetary constraints. The project is one of the biggest and most expensive undertaken and is meant to be combined with several other measures along the 64 kilometer border. A "smart" fence—similar to the fence on the border with Egypt—with concrete walls stretching underground, will also be able to detect tunnels and will be equipped with offensive and defensive capabilities. The project is being led by the IDF's Southern Command in cooperation with private firms. Currently, the project is in initial stages, but is expected to move into advanced stages in the coming months. The Gaza Division has already begun preparing for construction, which is expected to be completed within two years and bring large amounts of equipment and workers to the area. ([YNETNEWS](#) 09 January 2017)
- The state announced that the Kiryat Arba local council has no authority to demand municipal tax (arnona) from two Palestinian brothers, even though land and a home belonging to one of them lies in the council's jurisdiction. The arnona bill was sent to the landowners after they had petitioned the High Court of Justice asking that the authorities remove from their land a structure built illegally by Kiryat Arba settlers. The local council says it learned that the Palestinian brothers owned the land from the state's response to the petition. But in the state's response to a second petition by the brothers, against the arnona charge, the state's lawyers cited Kiryat Arba's "lack of integrity in issuing a bill under the circumstances." In January 2015, the council sent brothers Abdul Karim and Zaidan Jabari an arnona bill for 176,000 shekels (\$45,770). In two separate notices, the brothers were warned that if they did not pay they would be fined and a lien would be put on their land – and a lien in the Land Registry would constitute a sale of the land to the settlement. The High Court froze the bill until it ruled on the petition, which was submitted by attorney Sliman Shahin. The state's response to the petition at the end of last month, submitted by attorney Liora Weiss-Benski, is based on the military's orders for managing local and regional councils. Both relate solely to Israeli citizens who are residents of the area, Weiss-Benski said. (Haaretz [11 January 2017](#))

- The Knesset Internal Affairs and Environment Committee approved a bill that allows the Interior Ministry to ban people who call to boycott Israel from entering the country. The legislation, pushed forward by MK Bezalel Smotrich (Bayit Yehudi) will be voted upon in second and third readings. The bill was originally proposed by former Bayit Yehudi MK Yinon Magal, but Smotrich took it over when the former resigned from the Knesset in 2015 over sexual harassment allegations. (IPOST 12 January 2017)
- Settlers from the Ofra settlement arrived at the Knesset to protest the High Court ruling to demolish nine homes built illegally on privately-owned Palestinian land. Residents met with Knesset members Yair Lapid (Yesh Atid), Yoav Kish (Likud), Rachel Azaria (Kulanu), Amir Ohana (Likud) and Moti Yogeve (ayit Yehudi) to demand that they prevent the planned demolitions. (Ynetnews 12 January 2017)
- The [Harel tunnels](#) beneath the Harel interchange at Mevasseret Zion on the Tel Aviv - Jerusalem highway (Road 1) will open next week on January 20. Two 800 meter tunnels with three lanes in each direction will replace the current interchange and much of the steep climb to the Castel hilltop. At the same time, the Motza Bridge running west to east from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will also open. The east to west bridge opened last April. As from next week only two lanes will be open in each direction in the tunnels and on the bridge, with the third lane opening in another four months when the entire Road 1 project is completed. The Harel tunnels and the Motza bridge are the centerpiece of the NIS 2.5 billion upgrade of Road 1 between Shaar Hagai and Jerusalem, which will reduce the driving time between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to 35 minutes, if there is no heavy traffic. The new fast rail link between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv scheduled to open in 2018 will transport passengers in just 28 minutes. The widening of the road between Shaar Hagai and the new Hemed Interchange has already been completed with a new interchange at Neve Ilan added. There will be major disruptions next week on the highway between Latrun and Jerusalem when the tunnels open between 10pm on Thursday night and 10am Friday morning with Road 1 closed for much of the time. (GLOBES 12 January 2017)
- In a sign of the different attitude of US President-elect Donald Trump, the West Bank settlers' council said it has been invited to send a delegation to the presidential inauguration next week. It said that Oded Revivi, chairman of the Yesha settlers' council, will lead the delegation. He will be joined by Benny Kasriel, mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim. (Times of Israel 13 January 2017)
- 17 years after the case was submitted to the Supreme Court, the justices ordered the state to submit a new offer military training program in the 918 zone in the Southern Mount Hebron - so the harm to residents will be minimal. The Court

gave the state 45 days for the provision of its proposal. The order was issued following petitions filed by residents of eight villages against the State's intention to remove them permanently from their homes, to allow the IDF to train in the area. ([Haaretz](#) 13 January 2017)

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem intends to accelerate the construction of 400 hotel rooms in the area adjacent to Jabal Al Mukkabit town in occupied East Jerusalem. Meir Turgman head of the so-called Israeli "planning and building" committee in the municipality of Jerusalem invited construction companies who won the bids to build hotels in the area (namely Hasid brothers, Rekebet Bmochvah and Claire Clemakal) to hold a special meeting this week. The intention is to accelerate the issuance of building permits in order to start construction. The project will be an extension for Arnona neighborhood along Naobiska road. The project includes the building of three popular hotels (3-4) Stars, the largest of which will include the construction of 400 hotels rooms and 180 small hotel rooms to accommodate 150 guests in addition to commercial buildings in the ground floor, including restaurants, cafes, picnic areas open to the public, rising (7-8) floors and overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem. According to the plans, six hotels including 1,300 rooms will be constructed on 12.9 thousand square meters. ([NBPRS](#) 14 January 2017)
- David Friedman, the U.S. ambassador-designate to Israel, heads an American fundraising organization that pumps a few million dollars a year into the settlement of Beit El. The parents of Jared Kushner, Donald Trump's son-in-law, have donated many thousands to its institutions. The president-elect himself has made out a \$10,000 check for Beit El's residents. ([HAARETZ](#) 17 January 2017)
- The Israeli Knesset passed a law that recognizes verdicts by military courts in the West Bank as admissible evidence in legal procedures in Israeli civilian courts. The plenum voted in favor of the bill in its second and third readings. To date verdicts by military courts have not been recognized in Israel and Israeli law does not extend to the territories. Sovereignty in the area belongs to the head of the Israel Defense Forces Central Command, who issues laws using general's commands. During the debate on the bill a confrontation developed in the plenum, as opposition lawmakers called the new law the first step in an attempt to apply Israeli legislation in the territories. read more: ([Haaretz](#) 18 January 2017)
- The incoming Trump administration plans to reveal whether it will proceed with relocating America's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in the coming days, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer said. In a press conference one day before Donald Trump's inauguration, Spicer told journalists

to "stay tuned" for details on the president-elect's plans. "There will be a further announcement on that," Spicer said. "The president has made clear that Israel has not gotten the respect it deserves." Spicer said that Trump had been consulting with his choice for ambassador to Israel, David Friedman; his Jewish son-in-law, Jared Kushner; and his nominee for secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, on whether to make the move, which outgoing US President Barack Obama warned against in his final White House press conference on Wednesday. ([IPOST](#) 19 January 2017)

- The State has not settled on a relocation site for the Amona outpost, which the High Court of Justice has mandated must be moved by February 8, Deputy Legal Adviser to the defense establishment Eran Ben Ari told politicians. "We're making every effort to find a solution," Ben-Ari told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee's sub group on Judea and Samaria, which met Tuesday to debate land status in the West Bank, as well as the future of the Amona outpost. "We are not indifferent to the situation," he added. The state is looking to relocate the Amona outpost to another area of the same hilltop outside of the Ofra settlement. To do this the IDF issued a military order changing the law regarding abandoned property to make it easier for the state to seize portions of the land. Many of the lots in question in the West Bank are owned in partnership. In the past, it was enough for just one or several partners to show proof of ownership to prevent seizure of the land. Under the new declaration, the state can use the law of abandoned property to seize portions of the lot for which there are no declared partners. The state believes this change will allow the state to relocate the 40 families of the Amona outpost to what is known as lots 28, 29 and 30. In the Knesset on Tuesday, Ben Ari made a brief reference to the idea of relocating the outpost to the same hilltop, but only gave further details about the plan in a closed door session. The Civil Administration for Judea and Samaria, however, has already declared its intention to use lots 28, 29 and 30. On Thursday, the Civil Administration dismissed a petition that the head of the Silwad Village Council and the Palestinian landowners of plots 28, 29, 30 and 54 submitted through the nongovernmental group Yesh Din, whose attorneys have represented the village of Silwad in matters relating to Amona. The Civil Administration told Yesh Din it would continue to dissolve the land partnerships but that it would no longer be working on lot 54. Attorneys Shlomy Zachary, Muhammad Shuqier and Michal Ziv said in the objection they filed that the state's decision to force the dissolution of land partnerships in Area C of the West Bank contravened international law and local Jordanian law. They charged that it was a form of land confiscation that also violated past agreements to which Israel was party. They warned that, if Israel persisted with this course of

action, they might turn to the International Court of Arbitration. Infringing upon the property rights of the residents of Silwad, protected persons living in occupied territory, as a precondition for executing the High Court of Justice ruling to evacuate the trespassers and lawbreakers of Amona from private land is no way to uphold the rule of law but rather to keep the current government in power," Yesh Din said in its objection to the Civil Administration. "So many senior officials in the various government ministries, as well as the Israel Defense Forces, are participating in the effort to achieve this objective which would mark a moral transgression the likes of which we have not seen in recent decades – and all for the benefit of a handful of lawbreakers," the objection states. ([IPOST NRG](#) 19 January 2017)

- After US President-elect Donald Trump is sworn in, Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett plans to start pushing for the annexation of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. The opening shot will come in the form of a bill proposing to annex the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. The legislation proposal will put the different partners in the coalition in a difficult situation. On the one hand, many senior ministers have called to unilaterally apply Israeli sovereignty to settlements under dispute to make the most of the window of opportunity provided by the administration change in the US. However, making such decisions without the government having formulated its policy on the matter could lead to international anger and cause problems further down the line. Despite this, the heads of the Knesset's Land of Israel Lobby, MKs Bezalel Smotrich (Bayit Yehudi) and Yoav Kish (Likud) have already announced they will bring the Ma'ale Adumim annexation bill to a vote at the Ministerial Committee for Legislation on Sunday. It is yet unclear whether the bill has sufficient support to the first hurdle, and whether it will be eventually made into law. There is also a possibility the vote will be postponed and not take place on Sunday. Political officials said the Likud and Bayit Yehudi support of the bill makes it likely it will pass. But not all in the coalition support it. Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman has already spoken out against proposals of this nature, saying such bills were harmful to the settlement enterprise and will not resolve the complex issues in the West Bank. "Ma'ale Adumim is located in an area that has always been an inseparable part of historical Israel, the birth place of the people of Israel," the bill proposal states. "The city is located at a crossroads that has a strategic importance both to securing the road to Jerusalem and as a central junction connecting the Jordan Valley, the Judean desert, and Jerusalem." The bill proposal further states that "the right of the people of Israel to these areas has been recognized by world nations in the Balfour Declaration and in the San Remo Resolution, both of which provided international legitimization to the

historical connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, and their right to rebuild their national home there. This recognition of the United Nations in the Jewish people's right to establish their state in their land cannot be taken away. These statements, which appear in Israel's Declaration of Independence and define the people of Israel's historical and legal right to their land, are true for the city of Ma'ale Adumim as well." The proposal also notes that applying Israeli sovereignty on the city will not significantly change the demographic situation in Israel or harm the state's democratic nature. ([YNETNEWS](#) 19 January 2017)

- The Jerusalem Municipality has begun erecting cement pillars along the promenade to prevent cars from veering off the road and onto the boardwalk in Jabal Al Mukkafir town in East Jerusalem. This was done to protect passersby from further vehicular attacks and accidents. Protective measures were already taken the day after the attack, when a temporary fence was set up all along the boardwalk. ([YNETNEWS](#) 19 January 2017)
- The head of the Finance Ministry department that enforces planning and construction laws lives in an illegal West Bank settlement outpost. Avi Cohen, a lawyer, lives in Palgei Mayim, an outpost of the Eli settlement. Palgei Mayim was established in 2001 and has about 40 homes, some of them mobile homes. No master plan has ever been approved for Eli, because parts of the settlement are built on privately owned Palestinian land. Cohen's job includes issuing demolition orders for illegal construction inside Israel, though he has no authority over demolitions in the West Bank. He instituted the proceedings that resulted in the state's bulldozing of 11 homes in Kalansua last week. Eli was founded on the basis of a 1984 cabinet resolution. During the late 1990s, a series of outposts to Eli were created, including Palgei Mayim. All the homes in Palgei Mayim were served with demolition orders between 2001 and 2007. According to Israel's Civil Administration in the West Bank, about half these houses sit on privately owned Palestinian land, and the rest are on what it known as "survey land," meaning it hasn't yet been surveyed to find out whether it's state land or privately owned. In 2014, the state finally drafted a master plan for Eli, but it was put on ice after a petition to the High Court of Justice resulted in the court issuing an injunction against approving it. In any case, the plan doesn't include Palgei Mayim, which can't be legalized unless the Knesset passes legislation authorizing the confiscation of private Palestinian land. With legal building permits unavailable, Eli and other nearby settlements have issued "in principle" permits for buildings that comply with the still-unapproved master plan. These "in principle" permits have no legal validity whatsoever. Cohen was appointed head of the department two years ago. He had previous experience in the

Planning Administration back when it was still part of the Interior Ministry, before it was transferred to the treasury in summer 2015. In 2016, according to treasury statistics, the department issued 152 demolition orders and demolished 51 buildings larger than 50 square meters. The comparable figures for 2015 were 24 and 16, respectively. These figures cover the entire country aside from the south, where demolitions are the responsibility of the Public Security Ministry. ([Haaretz](#) 19 January 2017)

- A revised version of a controversial draft law that would define Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people is to be discussed on Sunday by the Ministerial Committee for Legislation. The body will decide whether the government will support the bill. New to the latest iteration of the bill — and to Israel's law books — is a clause guaranteeing equal rights to all its citizens. The softened version of the bill was drafted by MK Benny Begin (Likud), the son of the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin. In addition to the guarantee of equal rights, the updated proposal also states that Israel operates under a democratic form of government — a fact that is not mentioned in the Israeli Declaration of Independence. The previous government failed in attempts to advance two separate versions of the nation-state bill. Habayit Hayehudi and the right wing of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's own Likud party demanded that the bill subordinate Israel's democratic character to its Jewish identity in such areas as Supreme Court rulings. Another version, promoted by Netanyahu, simply stipulated that Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people, as part of his demand making Palestinian recognition of Israel's Jewish identity a precondition for resuming the peace negotiations. Begin's draft, which he says is based on the Declaration of Independence, is seen as the most moderate version and could solve the disagreement in the coalition. The bill consists of two clauses. The first defines Israel as "the Jewish people's nation-state, based on the foundations of liberty, justice and peace in the light of Israel's prophets' vision, and upholds equal rights for all its citizens." The second clause says "Israel is a democracy." Yesh Atid, currently an opposition party, said it would support this bill. MK Roy Folkman (Kulanu) said his party would object to any legislation that discriminates against Arab citizens or undermines the Supreme Court. ([Haaretz](#) 19 January 2017)
- The Jewish National Fund has acted as it pleases for years with little if any government oversight. In the comptroller's first-ever report into the JNF, Joseph Shapira referred to the attorney general two instances of funding that raise suspicions of criminal behavior at the organization, known in Hebrew as Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael. In one case the JNF used offices at Ariel Sharon Park near Tel Aviv, allegedly in return for transferring funds to the park. The other case

involved funding allegedly provided to the Shenkar School of Engineering and Design. The comptroller was particularly critical of Efi Stenzler, who was JNF world chairman from 2006 to 2015, and his cochairman, Eli Aflalo, who served between 2012 and 2015. The JNF was founded in 1901 to buy land in prestate Israel with money donated by Jews around the world. It later also assumed responsibility for preparing land for Jewish settlement. In 1961 an accord was signed to create the Israel Land Authority, which coordinated management of the land. Also created was the Land Development Administration, which became the executive arm of the JNF's core operations. The accord called for the government to appoint a minister overseeing the agreement, but according to the comptroller, the government never appointed such an official. A joint state-JNF commission was established to oversee the Land Development Administration, but that body has not convened since the 1970s. "Since the commission has not been meeting in recent decades, the JNF has been setting its own policy," Shapira said in the report. "Israeli governments neglected their rights and public duties as stated in the accord to influence, via the commission, the JNF's priorities for developing Israeli lands, most of which are owned by the state." The JNF's gross income from its land came to 10.5 billion shekels (\$2.8 billion) between 2008 and 2014. Eight percent of that came from donations, but the bulk, around 8 billion shekels, came from managing the land it owns. "But during those years, the JNF used only around a third of its income, 3.5 billion shekels, to carry out its public duties in the realm of land development and forestation," Shapira said. "In contrast, some 43 percent of its income during those years (4.5 billion shekels) was used by the JNF to boost its financial assets," the comptroller said, adding that the JNF did this "without doing any staff work to determine the necessity of this accrual or to determine whether at least some of the money could be used to advance its main public purpose, redeeming barren land." Lacking government oversight, the JNF administration felt free to refuse to cooperate with the agriculture, tourism and defense ministries on projects, Shapira said, adding that this was felt most painfully at the Negev and Galilee Development Ministry. The JNF board had determined that two-thirds of the development administration's operating budget should be spent in the Negev and the Galilee, but there is no way to know if that's what happened because no one was auditing or overseeing spending, Shapira said. Decision-making at the JNF was also problematic, he said. To read full report, ([Haaretz](#) 19 January 2017)

- Israeli engineers have put the final touches on two new interchanges expected to drastically slash travel time to the capital. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opened a new tunnel, calling it "a historic moment for the road to the capital," noting that this was the best version yet of a road that has served generations of

pilgrims for centuries. According to estimates by the Transportation Ministry, the tunnels and bridge are expected to cut travel time from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to about 30 minutes (from about 50) if there is no traffic congestion. ([TIMES OF ISRAEL](#) 19 January 2017)

- Ma'ale Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel will be seeking congressional support for the Israeli annexation of the West Bank city during his visit to Washington DC for the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. Kashriel is one of three settler leaders, including Efrat Council head Oded Revivi and Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Daganwho, who traveled to the US to witness the entry of a new administration in Washington. ... In Israel right wing lawmakers are losing no time in moving forward to secure West Bank settlements, beginning with Ma'aleh Adumim, which is located just outside of Jerusalem. On Sunday the Ministerial Legislative Committee is scheduled to debate a private members bill to annex Ma'aleh Adumim, including the contentious area of E1, which has been a red-line for the international community. ([IPOST](#), [Haaretz](#) 20 January 2017)
- **New bill seeks to deny Palestinian security prisoners academic studies:** The Ministerial Committee for Legislation is expected to discuss a proposed bill next week that would deny security prisoners academic studies while they are in prison. The bill, introduced by Yisrael Beytenu MK Robert Ilatov, will change Israel Prison Service directives to ensure "a security prisoner will not be eligible to study in an institute of higher learning." The bill won the support of Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman. "Providing the opportunity of academic studies -- as opposed to family visits, radio, television and the like -- is not a right, but rather an excessive privilege that we should not provide to prisoners who were involved in terrorist activity," the bill's abstract said. "This does not contribute to their rehabilitation and will not distance them from terror after they are released from prison, and it is blatantly and unreasonably given as a 'prize.' The High Court of Justice also ruled that security prisoners constitute a group in themselves, and that there is no place to claim [unfair] discrimination based on a comparison between this group and other groups of prisoners, with respect to withholding academic studies." The bill noted that in 2015 the High Court approved an IPS decision to limit prisoners' options for academic studies, but determined that every case must be examined individually. Higher education is not a right granted to prisoners in international law, but rather a privilege granted by the IPS in the absence of a clear policy or legislation. Meanwhile, police and the prison service foiled an attempt on Wednesday to smuggle cellphones and money to Haymoni Muataz, a Fatah-affiliated prisoner from Hebron serving a life sentence in Nafha Prison. Muataz was sentenced to six life sentences for his involvement in a suicide bombing in April 2002 at the entrance

to Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem that claimed the lives of six people and injured 104. At the end of an extensive undercover investigation, police came to suspect that operatives outside the prison were running errands for Muataz. Israeli forces captured one of the suspects red-handed on Wednesday with three cellphones and cash, foiling the attempt to smuggle them into the prison. The suspect and the security prisoner were arrested on suspicion of a series of serious crimes, including conspiracy to commit a crime, use of contraband to abet terrorism and violation of IPS directives. ([ISRAELHAYOM](#) 20 January 2017)

- The Trump administration has begun deliberations over whether to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said on Sunday. "We are the very beginning stages of even discussing this subject," Spicer said in a statement. One adviser to US President Donald Trump, Kellyanne Conway, has said it is a top priority for the new administration, which took office just three days ago. Conway said that Middle East peace would be a topic of conversation in Trump's first phone call with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, taking place this hour. ([IPOST](#) 23 January 2017)
- Israel's Security Cabinet voted on Sunday [to delay discussion on a proposal to annex one of the largest Israeli cities in Judea and Samaria](#) until after the Prime Minister meets with newly sworn-in President Donald Trump. The bill, which would extend Israeli law over the city of Maale Adumim, just east of Jerusalem, was pushed off in a unanimous vote as ministers ruled Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu should meet with the new American administration before altering the status quo in Judea and Samaria. If passed, the law would represent the first step Israel has taken since 1967 to extend its sovereignty over parts of Judea and Samaria, when the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem were enlarged. Netanyahu is slated to visit Washington in late March, though sources close to the Prime Minister have indicated he is looking to meet with President Trump early in February, *Yediot Aharonot* reported. On Sunday the White House announced that President Trump would speak with Netanyahu by phone later that day, in their first conversation since the inauguration. MK Yoav Kish (Likud), one of the drafters of the annexation bill, said he disagreed with the decision by the cabinet to push off the vote, though he understood the reasoning behind the move. "I didn't agree to remove the bill from the agenda, though I understand the delicacy [required] in dealing with a new government [in the White House]," said Kish. "In my opinion, it would have been better to pass the bill in the Ministerial Committee for Legislation, and then hold off on a vote by the full Knesset until after updating President Trump. That being said, I've accepted the Security Cabinet's decision for the time being." (INN, [Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

- Intelligence and Atomic Energy Minister Yisrael Katz is expected to present diplomatic-security cabinet meeting a proposal to annex dozens of settlements in the Jerusalem area, including Ma'aleh Adumim, as part of an Israeli diplomatic initiative. Katz's proposal comes on top of Habayit Hayehudi chairman and Education Minister Naftali Bennett's move to enact a law that would apply Israeli sovereignty to Ma'aleh Adumim, also set to be discussed at the cabinet meeting. On Sunday morning, Katz announced that he agreed with Netanyahu to bring up his initiative, dubbed the "Israeli initiative plan," at the meeting. Against the backdrop of global and regional realities, Katz stressed, Israel must undertake a widespread initiative coordinated with the new American administration so that it provide it with backing or even lead some of the moves. The issue of annexing Ma'aleh Adumim came up at the Likud ministers' meeting that took place earlier on Sunday. Science, Technology and Space Minister Ofir Akunis slammed Bennett at the meeting, against the backdrop of the pressure the latter is exerting on the prime minister regarding the Ma'aleh Adumim law. However, Akunis also told Netanyahu that unlike him, he himself opposes the two-state solution, as is the Likud's position. Yisrael Katz's five-part plan is comprised of several parts: 1. The annexation of settlements around Jerusalem – Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Gush Etzion and Betar Ilit – and their inclusion in what Katz calls the "Greater Jerusalem metropolitan area" while maintaining their municipal independence, similar to Paris or London. 2. The establishment of a similar municipal authority for the Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem that are situated beyond the separation barrier and are today cut off from all municipal services. 3. Reaching an understanding with the Trump administration over Israeli policy on building in the settlements in a way that would allow free construction for all populations in East Jerusalem, as well as an understanding on construction within the municipal area of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. 4. Promotion of the plan to build an island off the Gaza Strip, home to a port, water desalination facilities and energy facilities, which would give Gazans a gateway to the world in accordance with security arrangements. 5. Promotion of the "tracks to the East" plan, connecting railways from the Mediterranean Sea and the Haifa port to Jordan and Arab Sunni countries. The Palestinian Authority would be connected to the rail network as well. Katz's proposal, which significantly includes settlement annexation and accelerated construction in the West Bank, comes as Bennett pressures the government to reject the two-state solution and promote Israel's gradual annexation of all settlements. The first step in this framework would be the promotion of the Bennett-backed bill aimed at annexing the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, slated to come up for a vote Sunday in a

ministerial panel, though it remains unclear whether it will come to a vote. ([Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

- It is doubtful whether U.S. President Donald Trump knows exactly where Ma'aleh Adumim is, or whether the term E-1 – the area that was annexed to the Ma'aleh Adumim municipality – brings back childhood memories. But this won't last for long. It seems the Israeli government has decided to give Trump a crash course in understanding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and, mainly, to give him a loyalty test without any preparation. Only two days after Trump's swearing-in, the Ministerial Committee for Legislation is scheduled to discuss Sunday the annexation of the West Bank settlement to the State of Israel, in order to quickly prepare a draft of the bill to be presented to the Knesset for approval. The conventional wisdom is that from the moment Trump was elected president, Israel received a stamp of approval to carry out any scheme it could think of in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Based on this logic, there is actually no need to put Trump to the test, and no need to rush as if this were a window of opportunity that might close at any second. But as everyone knows, gangs of thieves are never confident that the policeman they bribed will not turn against them at the last minute. Hence the urgency to grab Ma'aleh Adumim and annex it to Israel. The "Trump Test" is not the only reason for this grab. A bitter competition is raging in Israel for the "nationalism" trophy, territorial patriotism and shaping the nature of the far right. But the future and interests of Israel serve only as a side issue in this competition. The main aim is to rake in the greatest political profit from the act of annexation itself. The rules of the game compel those who also oppose the annexation – or, at the very least, have doubts about the wisdom of such a move – to express support for it so that they won't find themselves outside the consensus or be branded a traitor. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sends his "associates" to tell the bill's sponsors of his displeasure with it, instead of forcefully banging on the table himself. His loyal follower, Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, told Army Radio that he opposes the bill because "we are not losing control and not losing restraint" like another right-wing party, Habayit Hayehudi. There are also those quietly praying – such as Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, Health Minister Yaakov Litzman and Interior Minister Arye Dery – and seemingly hoping that the hand of God will stop this idiocy at the last moment, instead of standing firm and building a wall against being dragged into the abyss. It is pointless mentioning the opposition at this stage, since the dead cannot speak. If there is a sane right wing in the government, here is its opportunity to remove this crazy proposal from the agenda. The annexation of Ma'aleh Adumim is the first step on the road to the annexation of other settlements like Gush Etzion, Kiryat Arba and Ariel –

and, ultimately, the entire West Bank. In such a case, Israel will cease to exist as a Jewish and democratic state, and officially become an apartheid one. ([Haaretz](#) 22 January 2017)

- Four days after the inauguration of US President Donald Trump, Israel announced plans to build an additional 2,500 units inside West Bank settlements. Liberman and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed to approve plans for the units in order to answer local housing needs. Most of the new units will be inside the major settlement blocs, with Liberman saying that only 106 are outside the blocs. Twenty of the units are to be built in Beit El. Of the 2,500 units, just under half are existing projects that will now be advanced, and the others are in the early stages of authorization. The largest number of units, 902, will be built in Ariel. Ma'aleh Adumim is to get 112 units; Givat Ze'ev will get 652; Oranit, 154; Alfei Menashe, 78; Efrat, 21; Elkana, 18, Betar Illit, 87; and four in Gush Etzion. In addition, 86 units are earmarked for settlements in the Binyamin regional council, and 385 for settlements in the Shomron regional council. Liberman said that, in parallel to these moves, he will bring for the security cabinet's approval plans to establish a Palestinian industrial zone near Tarkumiya, south of Hebron. ([IPOST](#) 24 January 2017)
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent 'green light' to settlement construction in Occupied East Jerusalem could see plans for more than [10,000 new housing units](#) advance. (1) Givat Hamatos A – 2,600 housing units (2) E1 – at least 3,700 housing units and 2,100 hotel rooms (3) Givat Hamatos D – 1,100 hotel rooms, (4) Har Homa West – between 400 – 1,500 housing units (5) Kidmat Zion – 230 housing units, (6) Herod's Gate – 21 housing units, synagogue and public buildings (7) Ramat Shlomo – 500 housing units (8) Gilo Southwest – 2,100 housing units (9) Ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood in Atarot – thousands of housing units. ([MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#) 24 January 2017)
- Imagine an Israel without checkpoints from Jenin to Jerusalem: Speaking at a strategic affairs conference on Tuesday, Education Minister Naftali Bennett presented his vision for the future of Judea and Samaria, advocating partial annexation of the area, along with expanded autonomy for the Palestinian Authority and massive investment over the Green Line. Bennett addressed a gathering organized by the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), an independent think tank at Tel Aviv University, slamming the two-state solution while presenting details for an alternative arrangement. "First point," said Bennett, "a Palestine exists," referring to the Hamas regime in Gaza. "Granted, it's a terror state. It terrorizes its own population and attacks Israeli schools and hospitals using rockets and

attack tunnels." "This leads to the second point: Apply Israeli law in Area C, the Israeli controlled areas." "We will not annex the land, because one can only annex something foreign. This is the Land of Israel, to which Jews have been connected for thousands of years. It is where 450,000 Israelis live." Area C, which is under full Israeli control, constitutes roughly 60% of Judea and Samaria. All Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria are located in Area C, while only 4-5% of Palestinian Arabs live there. The remaining 95% live in Area A, under autonomous Palestinian Authority control and in Area B, also under PA control except for security because of its geographic proximity to Israeli communities. The three areas were designated in the Oslo Accords. "There are also some 80,000 Arabs living in Area C. They'll be offered Israeli citizenship or residency; it'll be up to them." In addition to annexing most of Judea and Samaria, Bennett reiterated his support for expanded autonomy for the Palestinian Authority in those areas not annexed by Israel. "My third point: Autonomy on steroids in Areas A and B, the Palestinian controlled areas. The rest of Judea and Samaria, will be a Palestinian Autonomy. The PA will change: from Palestinian Authority, to Palestinian Autonomy. It will be less than a state." "A state manages its taxes, postal service and hospitals. It holds elections, has a flag and provides education. The Palestinian Autonomy will do this, and more, but it will not be a state. "There are two things it won't do: Firstly, it will not allow millions of descendants of Palestinian immigrants to enter. They would end up marching towards Haifa and Tel Aviv. Second, the PA will never have an army. "So the Palestinians will not have a state, but they will have a strong autonomy." Beyond strengthening the Palestinian Authority, Bennett advocated what he dubbed a "Marshall Plan for Judea and Samaria" referring to the successful United States post WWII plan, named for then US Secretary of State George Marshall, for rebuilding Western Europe's economy. "Developing Judea and Samaria will improve the lives of everyone living there. It will reduce violence and build co-existence," Bennett said, calling to "drastically increase the amount of entry points from the P.A. to Israel, and the number of work permits for Palestinians." Bennett also called for major infrastructure upgrades in the area, including the revamping of Route 60, the primary north-south road in Judea and Samaria. He also advocated creating a "free tourism zone" which would permit travel from Judea and Samaria into pre-1967 Israel without security checkpoints. "Turn Route 60 into an actual highway. Build a Palestinian land port in Jenin. Establish a free tourism zone. Imagine Christian pilgrims traveling from Nazareth to Nablus. From there they would go to Jerusalem and Bethlehem – without stopping at checkpoints. Imagine the jobs a revamped tourism industry would

create. These actions and others would give everyone a better life." (INN 24 January 2017)

- The rabbi of Maaleh Adumim, Rabbi Mordechai Nagari, said to *Arutz Sheva* that Israel should apply its sovereignty to all of the communities in Judea and Samaria and not just to Maaleh Adumim. "It's not the Torah's approach to say 'I have rescued myself.' What about all the other communities in Judea and Samaria? Don't they deserve construction laws and labor laws? Today it is possible to fire a pregnant woman in Judea and Samaria because we are second-class citizens." Israeli law does not allow firing a pregnant woman and mandates allowing her return after the paid months of post-birth vacation for 45 days before she can be fired. The IDF Civil Administration does not impose Israeli law in Judea and Samaria, leading to these inequities as well as those regarding land ownership. Taxes and IDF service are the same for Israelis in Judea and Samaria. Rav Nagari added that demolition orders for Amona and for the nine houses in Ofra would have been prevented if these houses had been under Israeli sovereignty. "If Amona and Ofra had been under Israeli sovereignty a while back we could have reached a compensation agreement without any demolition as is accepted in the State of Israel and there would be no need for regulation." "The Torah says that one should not distinguish between one Jew and another Jew and we should apply sovereignty to all of Judea and Samaria," concluded Nagari. (INN 24 January 2017)
- The Supreme Court issued an injunction Monday evening temporarily freezing the outline to construct new homes for the residents of Amona and forbidding the State from carrying out any work on the plots set aside for the construction after Arabs from the town of Silwad **submitted a petition** in which they claimed ownership of the plots. The petition was filed by the leftist organization Yesh Din on behalf of the residents of Silwad who claim ownership of the land near the town of Amona. The mayor of Silwad also participated in the petition. The petitioners asked the court to halt all proceeding by the State on the plots which were to be carried out in accordance with the agreement reached between the government and the residents of Amona last month. Under the agreement, the State would provide alternative housing for the residents on the same hill, and they would peacefully evacuate by February 8. Yesterday, the residents of Amona submitted a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Naftali Bennett **accusing the government of violating the agreement** by not beginning construction of the new housing even though only a few weeks remain until their current homes are scheduled to be destroyed. The residents called on the government to save their current homes by passing the Regulation

Bill to retroactively legalize their community in its entirety. ([INN](#) 24 January 2017)

- The State Department is reviewing a last-minute decision by former Secretary of State John Kerry to send \$221 million dollars to the Palestinians late last week over the objections of congressional Republicans. The department said Tuesday it would look at the payment and might make adjustments to ensure it comports with the Trump administration's priorities. Kerry formally notified Congress that State would release the money Friday morning, just hours before President Donald Trump took the oath of office. Congress had initially approved the Palestinian funding in budget years 2015 and 2016, but at least two GOP lawmakers - Ed Royce of California, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Kay Granger of Texas, who sits on the House Appropriations Committee - had placed holds on it over moves the Palestinian Authority had taken to seek membership in international organizations. Congressional holds are generally respected by the executive branch but are not legally binding after funds have been allocated. Granger released a statement Tuesday saying, "I am deeply disappointed that President Obama defied congressional oversight and released \$221 million to the Palestinian territories." She added, "I worked to make sure that no American taxpayer dollars would fund the Palestinian Authority unless very strict conditions were met. While none of these funds will go to the Palestinian Authority because of those conditions, they will go to programs in the Palestinian territories that were still under review by Congress. The Obama Administration's decision to release these funds was inappropriate." The Obama administration had for some time been pressing for the release of the money, which comes from the U.S. Agency for International Development and is to be used to fund humanitarian aid in the West Bank and Gaza, to support political and security reforms and to help prepare for good governance and the rule of law in a future Palestinian state, according to the notification sent to Congress. ([Haaretz](#) 25 January 2017)
- The Hebrew newspaper Israel Hayom reported that the mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, had presented a scheme to the American administration to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem in phases. Barkat said in his speech at a conference organized by the Professors Forum for Political and Economic Immunity at Bar-Ilan university that moving the US Embassy will start by transferring the embassy's functions one after another until it completely works from occupied Jerusalem. "If we act wisely, we will succeed," he added. Ze'ev Elkin, Israeli Minister of Jerusalem Affairs and Environmental Protection, said in the same conference that the situation in Jerusalem must be changed in favor of Israel in

stages especially with the presence of a wide consensus on this among the political parties. ([PALINFO](#) 25 January 2017)

- Israeli Interior Minister Aryeh Deri revoked the residency status of 11 family members of Martyr Fadi al-Qunbar, in Jerusalem's Jabal Al Mukkabir town earlier this month. Deri announced that he would take measures to immediately cancel the residency status of the family members, many of whom were living and working in Israel under a family reunification program. (Al Quds 26 January 2017)
- Israel moved swiftly to take action on 73% of the list of 2,500 settler homes that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman promised to advance and authorize, the nongovernmental group Peace Now reported. The Housing Ministry approved tenders for 723 of the homes, including 552 in the Givat Ze'ev settlement, 90 in Ma'aleh Adumim, 78 in Alfei Menashe and 3 in Ariel. It noted that the tenders would mostly likely be published in February and March. Separately, it said the Civil Administration's Higher Planning Committee advanced plans for 1,123 units, including 839 units in the Ariel settlement, 20 in Beit El, 260 in Tzufin and four in Oranit. The committee also took action on a project that had not been on Netanyahu and Liberman's list: the advancement of plans to legalize the Horesh Yaron outpost, which houses an educational facility for teenagers. Located near the Talmon settlement, it was first built in 1996 with NIS 50,000 from the Construction Ministry. ([IPOST](#) 26 January 2017)
- Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon suggested that he welcomes US President Trump's plan to sign an executive order that would halt all US funding to UN agencies that recognize the Palestinian Authority or Palestine Liberation Organization as a full member. "The Palestinians continue threaten us with additional unilateral actions and we will continue to battle these attempts," Danon said after news of the potential initiative broke out "We welcome any initiative aimed at thwarting these attacks." "The international community must make clear to the Palestinians once and for all that the only way to move forward is by them ending terrorism and incitement and returning to direct negotiations," the ambassador added. The move, first reported in the *New York Times*, would create a committee tasked with reviewing US aid to the international bodies and programs. The order specifically calls for a review of aid to UN peacekeeping efforts. The Palestinians enjoy "non-member state" status at the UN, which grants them limited operational freedoms. Washington funds roughly 22 percent of the UN's overall annual budget. Trump's consideration of this executive order, titled "Auditing and Reducing US Funding of International Organizations," pairs with a Senate

effort to legislate similar threats against the UN over its actions targeting Israel. That effort, led by senators Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida, gained steam after the Obama administration last month abstained from a Security Council resolution condemning Israel over its settlement enterprise. The executive order would also target organizations that circumvent sanctions against Iran, or that support reproductive rights. (IPOST 26 January 2017)

- The Yesha Council is concerned over the government's approval of the construction of 2,500 housing units in Judea and Samaria. With the shift in power from the Obama Administration to the Trump Administration, the council expected the government to quickly shift away from the policy of freezing construction in Judea and Samaria and parts of Jerusalem, and considers 2,500 units to be insufficient to meet the needs of their communities. The Yesha Council therefore initiated a campaign titled 'Stop the Bloc Plan of the Netanyahu Government,' and called for construction to resume before the Prime Minister's meeting with President Trump. The Yesha Council called the initial announcement of the plans to build 2,500 units as "a sham," stating that its members were disappointed with the small number of units and that most of the structures would never be built. They said that the government's focus on the major blocs called into question its commitment to the residents of Judea and Samaria, and called on the government to approve their plans for new construction in Judea and Samaria. (INN 26 January 2017)
- The Jerusalem municipality gave final approval to 153 housing units in the Gilo neighborhood in southern Jerusalem. The Jerusalem City Councilman and Deputy Mayor Meir Turgeman said number of building permits issued by the municipality had spiked since President Donald Trump's inauguration last Friday. The permits issued included projects frozen in recent years because of pressure applied by the Obama administration on Israel, Turgeman said. In the days since the Trump inauguration, Turgeman has promised to massively expand the number of housing units approved by the city. "I'm going to deliver permits for thousands of homes in Jerusalem in the coming months," Turgeman said. Specifically, Turgeman has said as many as 11,000 housing units could be approved in neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem, following eight years of limited construction. On Sunday, city approved 566 building permits for homes in eastern Jerusalem. Two days later, the Defense Ministry approved 2,500 homes in Judea and Samaria, marking the end of the de facto building freeze on Israeli projects over the Green Line. (INN 26 January 2017)
- The Israeli Supreme Court President Justice Miriam Naor will hold an urgent hearing on Monday about the request of nine families in the town of Ofra to postpone their eviction from their homes by three months. The Court recently

ruled that the nine homes must be demolished by February 8. On Wednesday, the families living in the homes in question submitted a request to postpone the eviction because the homes to which they are planning to move are not yet ready. Earlier this week, the residents of Ofra announced [they would launch a new campaign](#) starting on Sunday to prevent the eviction. As part of the campaign, the leaders of the community plan to begin a hunger strike in front of the Prime Minister's Office. Among the hunger strikers will be former Yesha Council chairman Pinchas Wallerstein, the Secretary General of Amana Ze'ev Hever (Zambish), and the Secretary of Ofra, Sami Karsenty. They will demand that the government settle the status of Ofra once and for all. ([INN](#) 26 January 2017)

- The High Court of Justice has decided to allow the Civil Administration to demolish structures adjacent to an illegally built structure in villages inside Israel Defense Forces Firing Zone 918 in the West Bank. The High Court will also allow Civil Administration inspectors to determine what comes under the category of "adjacent" in this regard. Residents of these villages and their attorney, Shlomo Lecker, worry that some inspectors – whom they believe are also settlers – will take advantage of the situation to authorize the immediate and extensive demolition of residential and public structures. On January 11, the High Court instructed the state to prepare a military training plan that would cause minimal disturbance to residents of eight villages in the southern Hebron Hills area that in 1980 was declared a military firing zone. On the same day, as two petitions were being heard against the forced evacuation of the residents, another petition was also heard to freeze 31 demolition orders for an array of structures, including residential structures, several tents, openings for water wells, lavatory structures made of tin, a cement floor with a tent above it that is used as a medical center, classrooms in two villages and 12 solar panels. The justices agreed to the residents' request to issue an interim order to freeze the demolition orders until a general decision is made on the petitions against the evacuation. At the same time, the justices made this order contingent on there being no additional construction in the structures "subject to demolition orders, or adjacent to them." If this condition is not met, said the justices, "the freeze will not be upheld and the interim order will be invalidated." It is not entirely clear whether the decision applies to anyone who builds without a permit or just to the petitioners. Nor was the distance that counts as "adjacent" specified. Thus, theoretically, if a young couple erects a residential tent 100 meters from a classroom that is subject to a demolition order, or if a fence is put up there, the High Court would permit the Civil Administration to take down both the tent and the fence, or both the classroom and the tent, even if it is being used as a

medical center. Following the hearing and the publication of the minutes, Lecker submitted an urgent request to the court to either clarify or update the decision, enumerating the problematic issues he sees with it. In his letter to justices Elyakim Rubinstein, Hanan Meltzer and Yoram Danziger, Lecker wrote, “The petitioners fear – and with good cause, unfortunately – that the Civil Administration inspection unit, which includes at least some residents of the nearby Susya settlement, will take an ‘expansive interpretation’ of the decision and view all construction by anyone ‘even at a significant distance from the structures subject to demolition orders’ as a violation of the interim order.” Lecker also argued that “environmental” punishment and infringement of one person’s human rights due to the actions and failings of another is not accepted under Israeli or military law (with the exception of security exigencies). Lecker asked the justices to amend the decision so that it will only be considered a violation if the petitioners themselves build additions to the structures subject to the demolition orders. But at the end of last week, the justices responded that they stand behind their original decision and see no need to change it. They also wrote that “the presumption is upon the respondents, the government authorities, to behave fairly as required.” ([Haaretz](#) 26 January 2017)

- The Israeli military has ordered several Israel Defense Forces battalions to gear up to evacuate the illegal West Bank outpost of Amona after the High Court of Justice decided to suspend a proposed relocation plan, Haaretz has learned. After extending the deadline, the court ordered Amona’s residents to leave the site by February 8 after ruling previously the outpost had been built on land privately owned by Palestinians. A plan to relocate the residents has been stymied, however by claims recently asserted by Palestinians to ownership or other ties to a proposed site not far from Amona. The IDF intends to deploy additional battalions in preparation for the evacuation. The battalions had been due to take part in the evacuation before the court extended its deadline. Therefore the forces are to be pulled away from an operational assignment so that they may see to the unauthorized outpost’s evacuation. About a month and a half ago, 12 soldiers from the Givati brigade left the Tzabar battalion, after refusing to participate in Amona’s evacuation. It was only after the battalion commander advised them that they would not take part in the eviction of residents that they returned to their base. They were told that they would mainly be involved in closing roads in the area of the outpost.
- IDF forces will be responsible for handling any confrontations that may arise with Palestinians and helping to manage access routes. As part of IDF preparations, military units have undergone battle training including mental preparation, through meetings with actors from the IDF’s theater. IDF sources

have made it clear in the past, however, that the police are responsible for the evacuation and handling civilians at the site. In the event that the residents don't leave voluntarily, they will be removed by the border police. In December, border police were trained at the IDF's Tze'elim base about how to evict the settlers. The training took place at a site usually used to simulate a refugee camp in Gaza or a Lebanese village. For the Amona training, some of the base's mock buildings were named for individual Amona families. The IDF Spokesman's Office said: "The IDF will continue to fulfill its role in maintaining security in the region and will act to maintain law and order in Judea and Samaria [the West Bank] in accordance with instructions from the political level. Changes in the locations of forces are carried out in accordance with situation assessments." ([Haaretz](#) 26 January 2017)

- Former member of Israeli Knesset Yair Gabai has called for the evacuation of UN headquarters in Jebel Mukaber neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem, *Iroshalim* Hebrew newspaper revealed. UN headquarters, which was used as the headquarters of the British authorities in Palestine during the British Mandate, has been built on an area of 80 dunums overlooking Jabal Mukaber neighborhood. The paper claimed that the land is owned by Israel and UN staff are secondary tenant and have no right on it. The headquarters was used by the UN Observers following the 1967 war to monitor the truce agreement between Israel and Jordan. Gabai strongly opposes the UN presence on the land, launching a petition calling for its evacuation. ([PALINFO](#) 28 January 2017)
- An Israeli project to prop up ties between West Bank illegal settlements outposts has been underway. According to the Hebrew-speaking *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspaper, the Israeli occupation authorities made a plan to enhance transportation, excavate tunnels, establish new access roads, and expand the light railway network in an attempt to slash travel time and cost between West Bank settlements and Tel Aviv, Gush Dan, and Occupied Jerusalem. \$5 billion will be invested to enhance infrastructure and the transportation network and also to construct more settlement units in Beit Shemesh, Tsur, and Hadassah, in Occupied Jerusalem. The plan will enable Israeli buses to pass through the Gush Etzion settlement to Tel Aviv through Occupied Jerusalem and also to establish settlement projects in Maaleh Adumim worth 1 billion shekels and an access road for Israeli buses worth 30 million shekels. Earlier, the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, approved a bid to construct 2,500 illegal settlement units in the occupied West Bank, a couple of days after he had signaled the go-ahead for the construction of 600 settlement units in Occupied Jerusalem. ([PALINFO](#) 31 January 2017)

- **Netanyahu offers Amona evacuees new settlement anywhere on state land:** As authorities and the High Court of Justice (HCJ) attempt to hammer out the details of a permanent solution to the relocation of Amona evacuees, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu allegedly already told the Amona residents that the government was willing to establish a new settlement on any plot of land of the residents' choosing, on the proviso that it is on state land. According to officials in the political establishment, Netanyahu recently committed himself before the Amona residents to overseeing the construction of a new settlement in order to calm the prevailing tension and anger. Following said rumors, Netanyahu set up a team Wednesday evening to promote founding a new settlement, as was promised to the settlers a month and a half prior (it is not yet confirmed that Netanyahu had promised to set it up anywhere the settlers choose). The team is to include representatives of the settlers, and the prime minister's chief of staff. It will begin work immediately in an effort to find an appropriate site for the new settlement. In the above video, Amona settlers can be heard screaming at IDF soldiers that are working to evacuate them, pleading for them to refuse their orders and demanding that they remove their hats, which have the Star of David stitched into them. The site on which any new settlement is to be established is expected to be in the Binyamin region. Amona leaders are also expected to respond to Netanyahu's rather elastic offer following the conclusion of the evacuation, which was characterized by heated clashes with the police and resulted in a number of injuries and arrests. The Amona compromise, which had been reached between the government and the settlers, was rejected by the [High Court of Justice on Wednesday](#). The HCJ found the compromise to be illegal, since it stated that the evacuees would be moved on to land belonging to Palestinians from the village of Silwad. The court's decision put the kibosh on the Amona compromise the Finance Ministry had reached with the settlers. This despite the fact that the Finance Ministry had recently approved funding the evacuation with NIS 150 million, which was set to go toward setting up new caravans in the outpost of Ofra, setting up a new Talmudic study center, severance pay and allocating resources for receiving the settlers in Ofra. The HCJ's ruling does not, however, affect the evacuation, as the settlers are to be transferred to temporary lodgings in the nearby outpost of Ofra, and were not expected to be directly moved to housing on the Palestinian land mentioned in the compromise. The evacuation had created tensions and outright conflict between political factions within the government. Most notably, right-wing Likud and Bayit Yehudi members have found themselves on opposing sides of the issue, with Bayit Yehudi accusing the Likud of selling out the settlers, and Likud members accusing Bayit Yehudi members of catastrophizing the

situation by leading the settlers to believe that the evacuation was avoidable. Bayit Yehudi Leader and Education Minister Naftali Bennett called on Netanyahu "to immediately exercises his authority over Defense Minister (Avigdor Lieberman) and prevent the destruction of agricultural land in Amona. It isn't necessary to destroy them, it will be sacrificing land unnecessarily." The Defense Ministry issued its own statement in response, saying that "As opposed to Minister Bennett, Minister Lieberman did not order the destruction of agricultural land and is not interfering with a military order. Since Amona residents have submitted their objection to evacuating agricultural land to legal adviser to Judea and Samaria, and the matter is now being discussed legally, it will obviously be resolved by the High Court." Lieberman also issued a personal statement, referring to the Israeli communal settlement in the West Bank where he lives, "As a resident of Nokdim, my heart is with Amona residents during this trying time, and I expect all elected officials, and particularly governmental ministers, to show the evacuees empathy and consideration, and not to take advantage of the residents' plight to make false accusations and stir up controversy with the people of Israel in an attempt to rake up narrow political gains." Bennett gave a speech Wednesday morning, saying that "Unfortunately, the fight for Amona did not succeed. We lost the battle, but we're winning the war over Israel." He added that "From this hard day, hope will spring, and a new settlement will be built from the ruins of Amona. Out of its demolished yards, we will found kindergartens throughout Judea and Samaria." Earlier Wednesday, Bayit Yehudi faction leader Shuli Mualem informed the Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein (Likud) that her faction's MKs will not be voting in the Knesset, as they plan on staying in Amona during the evacuation. ([YNETNEWS](#) 1 February 2017)

- MK Motti Yogev (Jewish Home), spoke to *Arutz Sheva* about the upcoming demolition of Amona and the expulsion of the town's residents. "I came to show solidarity, to feel the pain and to protest. We needed to have implemented the agreement and applied the Regulation Law," Yogev said. "The Attorney General said he will defend the draft plan for Amona's relocation. Legally, there should have been mediation. "The Supreme Court's Chief Justice is the one who decides everything. I think other judges should be allowed to vote express an opinion as well. I want the Supreme Court to represent all of Israel's citizens - because only then will we be able to reach agreements instead of constantly arguing. "For every home which is destroyed in Amona, we will build hundreds and thousands of homes in Judea and Samaria," Yogev promised. "Today is a difficult day, but we will come out of it stronger." In addition, Yogev said the government's **approval of 3,000 new homes in Judea and Samaria** is proof that

Israel will return to normal life and continue building in Judea and Samaria. He also said he believes the Israeli government will soon apply sovereignty to all of Judea and Samaria. Amona's residents on Tuesday **received orders to evacuate their homes**, and on Wednesday morning, **security officers arrived** to prepare for Amona's expulsion and destruction. ([INN](#) 1 February 2017)

- With the evacuation of the Amona outpost looming, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman approved the construction of around 3,000 new homes in the West Bank, some of them outside settlement blocs Israel hopes to keep in a future peace deal with the Palestinians. The decision came a week after Israel approved the construction of 566 housing units in East Jerusalem and 2,500 homes in the West Bank. The new homes will include 700 homes in Alfei Menashe, 650 in Beitar Illit, 650 in Beit Arye, 200 in Nofim, 150 in Nokdim (Liberman's home settlement), 100 in Shilo, 100 in Karnei Shomron and 100 in Metsudot Yehuda. The announcement appeared to be an attempt by the government to calm settler anger over the court-ordered removal of Amona. ([TIMES OF ISRAEL](#) 1 February 2017)
- Washington has warned Palestinian leaders that suing Israel in international courts would trigger severe steps by the U.S. administration, including the closure of PLO offices in the American capital and an end to economic aid to the Palestinian Authority, according to Western and Arab diplomatic sources. Haaretz has learned that the message from the Trump administration was transmitted through the American consulate -- and not through the White House or State Department -- and consisted of a telephone conversation with a leading Palestinian official directly linked to PA President Mahmoud Abbas. In his first week as president, Donald Trump signed an order to execute a congressional resolution, drawn up during Barack Obama's term, to move against the PA and Fatah (the largest faction of the PLO) if the Palestinians sue Israel, a high-ranking Palestinian source told Haaretz. "Despite that resolution by Congress, the Palestinian leaders were counting on petitioning the court as a means of halting the settlements. But the messages arriving from Washington in recent days made clear that any such step by the Palestinians would lead to a severe American reaction, so much so that some talked about returning the PLO to the list of terrorist organizations," said the Palestinian source. The entrance of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is seen in The Hague, Netherlands, March 3, 2011. The Palestinian leaders have been fuming over the messages from Washington, Haaretz has learned, dubbing them an attempt to sabotage the entire Palestinian strategy of recent years, which involves abandoning armed struggle and violence in favor of international diplomacy, and working with the UN institutions and the international community, to reach a two-state solution.

“Every decision made since the acknowledgement of Palestine by the UN General Assembly in 2011, until the last Security Council resolution in December 2016, was designed to rescue the two-state solution,” the Palestinian source told Haaretz. “Netanyahu’s policy, including in the last few days, of accelerating construction by thousands of housing units while Washington stays silent, means destroying any chance of a future diplomatic solution,” said the source, referring to the Israeli prime minister. The Palestinian foreign ministry has meanwhile sharply condemned the resolution to build thousands of housing units in the West Bank, saying it renders the two-state solution an illusion. Top Palestinian officials, including Fatah general secretary Saeb Erekat, have called on the international community to step in without delay. Meanwhile, Palestinian sources in Ramallah, headquarters of the PA, admit that no final decision to sue Israel in the international courts has been reached, because of the American threat. The Palestinian leaders will be discussing the matter over the next few days, Haaretz has learned. “The American threat is significant, but the Americans and Trump administration have been talking about implementing a two-state solution and in parallel have been letting Netanyahu persist with his destructive policy, and have been backing him, which is unthinkable. “We, as Palestinians, will continue to act on every international front to save the two-state solution and expect the international community to do the same,” said a Palestinian bureaucrat who is familiar with the details and messages transmitted from Washington to Ramallah.” For several years the Palestinian Authority has been moving toward bringing Israel to the International Criminal Court at the Hague for alleged war crimes and as a means of challenging the legality of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. ([Haaretz](#) 1 February 2017)

- The Israeli Knesset is set to pass a bill that will legitimized Israeli settlements and seizure of West Bank lands and private property. The revised measure could apply to 16 West Bank settlements and outposts. Netanyahu will submit the bill to the Knesset for the final second and third readings on the 6th of February , and, while the opposition plans to filibuster it, the bill is expected to pass into law. The bill would allow the state to declare private Palestinian land on which settlements or outposts were built “innocently or at the state’s instruction” as government property, and deny its owners the right to use or hold those lands until there is a diplomatic resolution of the status of the territories. The term “innocently” refers to instances in which settlers ostensibly did not know they were building on privately-owned Palestinian land. The revised measure specifies 16 settlements and outposts where the bill might be applied. Demolition orders against homes built on land claimed by Palestinian owners would be frozen for a year pending proceedings to determine whether the state may seize

the land. Even though a survey carried out by Haaretz shows that the bill is expected to pass, the opposition has reportedly filed 227 objections to the bill, demanding to change the wording of some of the bill's sections. The measure, however, will not apply to the Amona outpost, which the High Court has ordered to be dismantled by February 8; nor to nine homes in Ofra and 16 homes in Netiv Ha'avot that the court has already ruled must be demolished. ([PNN](#) 1 February 2017)

- The White House warned Israel to cease settlement announcements that are “unilateral” and “undermining” of President Donald Trump’s effort to forge Middle East peace. For the first time, the administration confirmed that Trump is committed to a comprehensive two-state solution to the Israeli- Palestinian conflict negotiated between the parties. The White House was not consulted on Israel’s unprecedented announcement of 5,500 new settlement housing units over the course of his first two weeks in office. Trump plans to bring up the peace process in his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House scheduled for February 15. Trump looks forward to those discussions, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said in response to this report. Trump has, however, repeatedly called peace between Israel and the Palestinians the “ultimate deal” – one that he has tasked Jared Kushner, a top adviser and his son-in-law, with moderating. ([IPOST](#) 2 February 2017)
- Housing Minister Yoav Galant (Kulanu) confirmed 2,086 housing units for immediate marketing in Judea and Samaria. 698 units will be marketed in the town of Alfei Menashe, 630 units will be marketed in Beit Aryeh, 660 units will be marketed in Beitar Illit, and 98 units will be marketed in Karnei Shomron. Minister Galant said: "There is no day more symbolic for building in Judea and Samaria than the day of the evacuation of Amona. We are a law-abiding nation, and the State has carried out the ruling ordered by the Supreme Court. Nevertheless I announced previously that we shall build a greater Amona. The beginning comes in the form of hundreds of housing units which will be put on the market immediately." ([INN](#) 2 February 2017)
- Amona residents may not have to move far: Location considered for new town for Amona residents just a few kilometers away from their old homes. It is possible that the new town for the residents evicted from Amona may be located just a few kilometers away from their old homes, the *nrg* Hebrew news site reported. One of the locations being considered for the new town is an area between the towns of Rimonim and Kochav Hashachar. Rimonim is located near Amona. The families were left without alternative housing after the Supreme Court tore up

the agreement which the government and the residents of Amona reached last December, ruling that the lands on which the State had planned to build new housing for the residents was private Arab land. A suit had been filed by a leftist NGO claiming Arab ownership and the court ruled in the NGO's favor. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu announced yesterday that he had set up a committee to examine the establishment of a new town in Samaria for the residents of Amona. The Prime Minister elaborated on his proposed new town in a speech in the city of Ariel today. "We are going through difficult days. We made every effort not to reach this point but in the end we fulfilled the requirements of the law because we are a law-abiding state. I and you share in the great pain of the families forced to leave their houses and their life's work and we all understand the extent of their pain." "We have to establish a new community for them on state land. Yesterday I set up a team to locate a place for the community and to begin preparing it. We will act to enable this to occur as soon as possible. "I call on all the residents to leave without violence or altercations, to respect the soldiers and police. It hurts them no less than it hurts us and I want to remind everyone that they protect us. And at the same time we will strengthen the other communities here [in Samaria], including, of course, Ariel." ([INN](#) 2 February 2017)

- The Israeli Magistrate Court issued a decision to seize the "saving accounts" of a number of Dweik families in Silwan city south of Jerusalem as a rent allowance for the use of the land where Dweik's houses are located in Batn Al Hawa neighborhood under the pretext of being owned by "Ateret Cohanim" settlement organization. The Israeli court approved the request of the Ateret Cohanim organization which asked Dweik's family to pay for the lease of use of land allegedly owned by Ateret Cohanim organization for eight previous years, a sum of "652 thousand shekels," knowing that the land ownership issue is still in court. Dweik families lives in the area which "Ateret Cohanim" organization plans to control (5.2 dunums of land) in the center of Batn Al Hawa neighborhood allegedly for being owned by the Yemenites Jews since 1881. The court's decision includes a number of Dweik families identified as: Khamis Dweik and Elias Dweik and Mazen Dweik and his wife, and Nabil Dweik. ([SILWANIC](#) 2 February 2017)
- The Israeli PM announced his intention to discuss the settlements issue with Trump after the US administration released two recent statements that were critical of Israel's ongoing settlements construction. West Bank settlements will be among the wide ranging set of issues Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump will discuss when they hold their first meeting since Trump entered the Oval Office. ([IPOST](#) 3 February 2017)

- **The price tag for Amona: Likud to introduce bill to restrict High Court:** The coalition is forming a bill to amend and weaken the power of the High Court to discuss public issues, such as the [Amona evacuation](#). Likud MK Mickey Zohar stands behind the bill, which promises to bring about a harsh political and legal storm. However, the bill has the support of all coalition MKs and Minister of Tourism Yariv Levin, who will promote the bill in a ministerial committee in the coming weeks. However, it is still unclear what the position of Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked is on the matter. The legislation is actually an amendment to the Basic Laws of Israel as related to the judiciary. Locus standi (standing) is a basic condition demanded of a person or organization when they appeal to court and requires them to have direct interest in the issue or injustice against which they are petitioning. In recent years, standing has been expanded to give almost every person the right to petition the High Court on any subject. For example, left-wing organizations petitioned against West Bank outposts built on private Palestinian land, even in cases where the specific landowners were not identified. The new legislation seeks to prevent the court from holding a hearing on an issue if the petitioner does not have personal connection defined as “direct damage or concern for direct damage to one’s private interests.” If the legislation is successfully passed, controversial court rulings—such as the evacuation of Amona—may be avoided. “There is no damage to the High Court here, but we want to rectify this absurd situation and strengthen the existing separation of powers,” said Likud youth chairman David Shayan. According to MK Zohar, “Our bill will make it difficult for left-wing organizations to petition the High Court regarding the evacuation of settlements and make it difficult for the court to rule against settlers.” ([YNETNEWS](#) 3 February 2017)
- Former Interior Minister Eli Yishai, who heads the Yachad party, said that Amona would not have been demolished. Yishai opined that the rightist parties in the coalition should have applied greater pressure to pass the Regulation Law with the clause that applied it retroactively, thus saving Amona. “I was in Amona, it’s a difficult and sad day. The expulsion was unnecessary and [the images](#) remind us all of the harsh pictures from Gush Katif. It’s too bad it happened under a right-wing government. There is a dangerous precedent for other communities and I hope the Regulation Law will pass and that the Supreme Court will not reject it,” said Yishai. Had he been in the coalition, he continued, “I would have threatened to resign from the coalition and then they would have passed the law because they would have understood that unless they do it, there will not be a coalition.” “This is a failure of a right-wing government,” declared Yishai. “Even senior ministers admitted that they lost this war. We’ll see if the Knesset enacts the Regulation Law. I hope that the Court

will not intervene because just as there is a judicial authority, there is also a legislature.” Yishai proposed enacting a law that would prevent NGOs to petition the Supreme Court on behalf of Palestinian Arabs with regard to land claims. “It’s unheard of that an organization comes and sues over ownership of the land on behalf of the landowner. The landowner himself should come and submit a petition and we will offer him a lot of money [in exchange for the property]. Believe me, he will agree.” ([INN](#) 3 February 2017)

- Israeli Housing Minister Yoav Galant approved the immediate marketing of 2,086 residential units in Judea and Samaria. The number of units were approved for the following settlements: Beit Arie 698 units, Alfei Menashe 630 units, Beitar Elite 660 units and Karnei Shomron 98 units. The motion received the approval of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman. ([IPOST](#) 3 February 2017)
- A court session in the Israeli magistrate court in Beer Sheba prosecuted three Palestinian prisoners accused of assaulting two Israeli prison officials during Israeli raids in Nafha and Ktziot prisons. The Israeli court prosecuted Palestinian prisoners Khalid al-Silawi and brothers Ahmad Nasser and Mahmoud Nasser. Al-Silawi, from the besieged Gaza Strip was sentenced to 18 years in Israeli prison, allegedly stabbed an Israeli prison officer with a sharp tool in Nafha prison in response to Messada officers, the “takeover” unit of the Israel Prison Service (IPS) “violently raiding” section 1 of the prison and reportedly destroying their personal belongings. Al-Silawi reported that 15 Israeli prison officials of the Messada unit assaulted him, leaving bruises on his body and fractures in his chest. Al-Silawi also noted that IPS officials did not provide medical care, despite his condition. Meanwhile, Palestinian prisoner Ahmad Nasser, from the village of Madama in Nablus and held in Israel’s Ktziot prison for a two year prison sentence, reported that at least 30 Israeli prison officials raided section 30 of the prison, and assaulted him without any clear reason. The soldiers beat him on his head, causing him to faint. The IPS officials initially refused him medical care until he was taken to Soroka hospital in Beer Sheba. Ahmad’s brother, Mahmoud Nasser, sentenced to five years in prison and also currently held in Ktziot prison said that Israeli soldiers forces had raided section 16 and fired sound bombs and used pepper spray on the prisoners. He was also assaulted by some 30 Israeli prison officers. Another Palestinian prisoner Saleh Attah from Ramallah was also assaulted and suffered from fractures in his hand and an injury on his face. Attah was also left without any medical treatment. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- Yizrael Katz, the Israeli minister of transportation, approved a plan to improve the infrastructure in the Gush Etzion region. The plan involves the construction

of new roads that will bypass Palestinian Arab villages and the drilling of a new tunnel that will improve the connection between Gush Etzion and Jerusalem. "We are in a new period in which life in Judea and Samaria is returning to a normal and healthy standard, one that's an appropriate response to the needs of those living in the area," Israel's minister of defense [said](#) last week about the revolutionary changes in the region that started Jan. 20 in Washington. ([Western Journalism](#) 4 February 2017)

- 'Securing Jerusalem - by annexing Maaleh Adumim': With preparations underway for the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of all of Jerusalem, lawmakers and supporters of a united Jerusalem toured the greater Jerusalem metropolitan area to see firsthand the threats to Israeli sovereignty over the capital, the challenges to maintaining unity in the city, and some possible solutions. Haim Silverstein, founder and president of the Keep Jerusalem organization which organized the tour, described the efforts to undermine Israeli control of the holy city. "Jerusalem faces major challenges today - demographic challenges, when 40% of its population is Arab - non-Jews. There's massive illegal building taking place," said Silverstein. "There's an Arab effort going on to try and take over Jerusalem demographically, and we need to find urgent solutions to these problems." One possible solution for the demographic threat, suggested Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely (Likud), is annexation of the greater Jerusalem area, bringing nearby Jewish towns in Judea and Samaria under Israeli sovereignty – and under Jerusalem municipal control. "It's very important this year to develop people's awareness of the danger of dividing the city into two cities," said Hotovely. "This is important to provide a broader picture of the metropolitan Jerusalem [area] that puts together Gush Etzion, Maaleh Adumim, Givat Zeev, and Beitar Illit as part of the Jerusalem municipality." ([INN](#) 5 February 2017)
- The High Court of Justice has delayed the demolition of nine homes in the Ofra settlement by one month, until March 5. The court had previously ruled that the homes must be taken down by February 8, because they were built without permits on private Palestinian property. The residents of the nine homes had asked for a delay so that they could move into new homes, which would be ready only within three months. News of the delay came as a homeowner named Shira was in the middle of an interview with Israel Radio. The ruling, she said, did little to help them because the whole idea had been to prevent the need to relocate twice. On Sunday afternoon the Ofra residents plan to hold a rally against the demolitions and to call on the government to authorize the Settlements Bill, which would retroactively legalize 4,000 settler homes on

private Palestinian property. The legislation is particularly important for Ofra, which has hundreds of such homes. On Monday night the Knesset is scheduled to authorize the bill even though Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit has warned that it is unconstitutional and will not withstand any legal challenge to Israel's High Court of Justice. Retired Supreme Court president Dorit Beinisch told Israel Radio on Sunday that the law was problematic because the Knesset did not have the authority to legislate issues relating to property of Area C of the West Bank, which was outside its purview. "We (the Knesset) do not have the constitutional ability to legislate for this area," she said. Lawmakers are moving forward with the legislation based on the legal opinion of the Knesset's attorney and with the help of a private attorney. Left-wing lawmakers have argued that passage of the law would push the International Criminal Court to rule on the issue of West Bank settlements, a matter that it is already studying. Right-wing legal experts have argue that the law actually places Israel within compliance of international law, because it compensates the Palestinians for the land loss, as opposed to the current situation in which settlers are using the property without any remuneration to the Palestinians. ([IPOST](#) 6 February 2017)

- Settler leaders and the heads of the Ofra settlement on Sunday threatened to hold a hunger strike outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office if the Knesset fails to pass the settlement regulation bill. Thousands of protesters rallied in Ofra demanding that the government approve the bill, which would retroactively legalize settler homes on private Palestinian property. ([IPOST](#) 6 February 2017)
- Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked (Jewish Home) reaffirmed that the Regulation Law bill to protect thousands of Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria would be voted on and passed later today. Speaking at a cyber security forum at Tel Aviv University, the Justice Minister said the second and third votes for the bill would be held in the Knesset plenum later on Monday, adding that the bill had a guaranteed majority. "The law will be voted upon and it has a majority – there is a coalition," said Shaked. In its current form, the Regulation Law has the backing of the Ministerial Committee for Legislation, a body of representatives of all coalition partners which determines whether the government and all coalition MKs will be obliged to back particular pieces of legislation. Members of the Kulanu party, which has expressed concerns over the law, say the faction will back the bill in its present form, but added they would opposed efforts to make the law apply retroactively. On Sunday, thousands of demonstrators demanded the Regulation Law be used to normalize nine homes in the town of

Ofra, north of Jerusalem. The Supreme Court has issued demolition orders against the nine homes. ([INN](#) 6 February 2017)

- Assuming that the Knesset vote takes place today as scheduled, the state legislature is going to stain itself dreadfully when it approves what's been dubbed the "regularization law," meant to retroactively legalize illegally built homes in the West Bank. The name of the bill is misleading, and not by coincidence. The bill doesn't aim to "regularize" but to steal. If the vote takes place, the majority of our lawmakers will raise their hands to approve a bill that will steal land from Palestinians. The theft will come after the fact; to accommodate settlements and outposts that were built on private land, the land will be expropriated from its owners, while the thieves living on it will be granted "the presumption of innocence." To grant this theft a veil of equitableness, Palestinians who can prove ownership will receive increased financial compensation. The proud leader of this thievery is the Habayit Hayehudi party. As far as the members of this nationalist religious party are concerned, there is no area in the Land of Israel that belongs to non-Jews. That's also why there's no point in talking in terms of theft, stealing or expropriation; all we have here is a "misunderstanding" that needs to be "regularized." Heading this band of thieves is Habayit Hayehudi chairman Naftali Bennett. The education minister tried to bow and scrape last week before the Amona evacuees, who complained about his inability to prevent their eviction, by promising that the expropriation law would be voted on today, thus "putting an end to the method of legal displacement." Bennett is not alone in his struggle against the "method of legal displacement." He is backed by party colleague Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, who won't let trivialities stop the robbery convoy from barreling forward. The fact that Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit refuses to defend such theft if it gets challenged in court doesn't deter her. Shaked has found a solution: a private attorney will represent the government. So that's how it is. To authorize land theft in the occupied territories the justice minister is prepared to smash the country's legal norms with her own hands. And as if to threaten the High Court of Justice, which will probably be asked to rule on this unconstitutional law, the woman meant to defend it delivered the following warning: "If the regularization law is invalidated, there is a series of administrative decisions that the attorney general has already made and stands behind that regularizes most of the settlements." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu knows that this bill is immoral, unconstitutional and will certainly do Israel great damage internationally. Netanyahu also knows that the law will be struck down by the High Court of Justice, which will then be smeared mercilessly by the settler right and its

Knesset representatives. Netanyahu is trapped; he knows that the good of the country requires that the bill be buried for good, but on the other hand, he hears MK Betzalel Smotrich declare that “if the regularization bill doesn’t come up [for a vote] on Monday, there will be no government.” And if there’s one thing that Netanyahu’s long years at the helm have proven, it’s that when asked to choose between the good of the country and his political survival, the country will always come second. ([Haaretz](#) 6 February 2017)

- One of the biggest and most persistent mysteries of Israel is its high housing prices. The solution is fairly easy, after all: As everyone knows, to lower prices, it’s necessary to increase the amount of land in the center of the country available for residential construction and to greatly decrease the duration of the approval process. So why isn’t this happening? Is it deliberate? This week’s evacuation of Amona provided the answer. Just as it was beginning, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman announced the approval of 3,000 new housing units in the territories, in addition to the 2,500 that were previously announced. Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz also had big news this week. He described a plan to spend 5 billion shekels (\$1.25 billion) to improve the road infrastructure in the West Bank, even though the roads there are in much better shape than those in Israel proper. It would include widening existing roads; building new roads, interchanges and tunnels as well as rail links between Ariel and Petah Tikva and between Ma’aleh Adumim and Jerusalem. “The five-year plan will give a big push to the development of Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria,” Katz said. And that’s when it hit me: Israel’s high home prices aren’t due to the failure of well-intentioned efforts. The endless traffic jams are not the result of random events. They are part of a political master plan to attract more and more Israelis to move eastward, to increase their number to the point where it will no longer be possible to evacuate them and the two-state solution will die a natural death. This plan was conceived of decades ago by people from the Greater Israel camp, who realized that the biggest problem faced by young couples in Israel was buying their first home. So they concocted a sophisticated numbers game, taking steps to reduce home prices in Jewish settlements in the territories while jacking them up within Israel proper. They accomplished the former goal through the national budget. They offered land in the territories at no cost, regardless of demand and the tremendous expense of building on the rocky, hilly ground. They also saw to it that building permits in the territories would be issued lightning-fast, in stark contrast to the norm within the Green Line. They also gave settlers tax breaks and other economic benefits, turning Judea into a welfare state. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Green Line, it was the

complete opposite. The Israel Lands Administration consistently failed to meet the demand for land zoned for residential construction, causing an ongoing increase in home prices. The agency was always headed by right-wing cabinet ministers, who took care to maintain this discriminatory policy. At the same time, they made no serious efforts to reduce the bureaucracy, because the bureaucracy serves their objectives: It causes construction delays and increases expenses, adding to housing costs. The same thing is happening in regard to transportation. The Tel Aviv light rail project is stuck, not by chance but on purpose. The poor state of public transportation is part of the same master plan, as are the growing traffic jams in the big cities, which also contribute to rising home prices. True, there is no written documentation of this plan, nor are their recordings to prove it, but circumstances show that all of the right-wing governments of the past decades have followed it.

- So no one should be surprised that Netanyahu, Lieberman and Katz are moving to accelerate construction and improve transportation — in the territories. Nor is it a surprise to hear Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon say: “I never said we’d lower housing prices.” Of course he won’t. That would go against the master plan. ([Haaretz](#) 6 February 2017)
- The Israeli government has launched a new five-year plan to upgrade the transportation infrastructure in the West Bank to the tune of NIS 5 billion (\$1.3 billion). The massive project, led by Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz, will include excavating new tunnels, expanding main highways, road resurfacing, paving interchanges, new access roads and bypasses, and creating easier access to the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem metropolitan areas via light rail and special public transit lanes. The new public transit lanes are meant to help reduce the traffic congestion on the roads leading into the metropolitan areas. The roads in the West Bank see constant traffic of both Israeli and Palestinian vehicles 24 hours a day. However, the infrastructure in many places is lacking, with narrow roads often leading to fatal car accidents. The roads leading to the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv metropolitan areas are also plagued by heavy traffic. The five-year plan seeks to both make the roads safer and ease the congestion. In the Jerusalem metropolitan area, an emphasis will be put on reducing the heavy traffic at the eastern, southern and northern entrances to the city, so the capital and its surrounding area become one metropolis with a quick and direct connection to Ma'ale Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Gush Etzion-Binyamin and Beitar Illit. To that end, the Tunnels Road (the Jerusalem portion of Highway 60) will undergo a NIS 850 million expansion in the area between Begin Boulevard (Highway 50) and Elazar (on Highway 60), adding a lane in each direction as well as a public transit lane. The project will open up the possibility of adding new housing units

in Beit Shemesh, Beitar Illit, Tzur Hadassah and the surrounding area. It will give drivers a direct route from Gush Etzion to Tel Aviv through Jerusalem without stopping at a single traffic light. The Transportation Ministry has already allocated NIS 30 million to the project's planning and work is scheduled to will begin at the end of 2018. A grade separation is going to be built at the French Hill Junction at the cost of NIS 1 billion. It will include two two-laned tunnels going east to west, 1.5 kilometers in length and two one-lane tunnels going north to west, which will be 650 meters in length. The Transportation Ministry has already allocated NIS 80 million to the project's planning and work is scheduled to will begin at the end of 2018. When the project is completed, drivers will be able drive directly from Ma'ale Adumim to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv without stopping at a single traffic light. The Transportation Ministry is also looking into either a light rail or a train connecting Ma'ale Adumim to Jerusalem. Furthermore, the ministry is working on solutions for the traffic congestion in the Qalandiya area that would affect all entrances to Jerusalem from the north. In the first stage, a public transit lane will be paved from Qalandiya to Jerusalem, budgeted at NIS 30 million. Then, a grade separation will be built as well as a new road connecting the Binyamin area to Route 443 through the town of Atarot. The total cost of the project will be NIS 80 million. The Transportation Ministry has already allocated NIS 5 million to planning the project. Some NIS 50 million were invested in the eastern ring road, which will connect the northern part of Jerusalem to the Naomi Shemer Mount Scopus Tunnel and Ammunition Hill. Route 437 will be expanded with a public transit lane from the Adam Junction to the light rail station in Pisgat Ze'ev. The plan also includes a light rail that would connect the settlement of Ariel and the Samaria region to the Greater Tel Aviv metropolitan area. The light rail will go from Ariel towards Rosh HaAyin and Petah Tikvah. In addition, Route 55 will be doubled from Karnei Shomron to where it links up with Route 444. Several roads will be paved to bypass roads that pass through Arab villages. A road to bypass Nabi Ilyas is being paved as part of Route 55 to the tune of NIS 54 million, while a road to bypass Al-Arroub, which will connect the Judea region to Kiryat Arba-Hebron and Jerusalem, is in the planning stages. In addition, a road to bypass Huwara is being planned to better connect the northern Samaria region to Ariel and to central Israel. The existing road from Modi'in Illit to the Lapid Junction will also be doubled and later, an interchange will be paved near Shilat as well as another direct road from Modi'in Illit to the Maccabim Junction on Route 443. The plan also has projects that are in the primary stages and will be carried out as part of the next five-year plan, which will include the completion of the planning stages for the expansion of Route 60 from the

Tapuach Junction to Meitar as a four-lane road with two lanes in each direction, as well as expanding and completing routes 465 and 446, among others. As part of the plan, dangerous roads where fatal car accidents have occurred will be added with new safety measures. In the first stage, junctions along Route 60—including the Givat Asaf junction, the Kokhav Ya'akov junction and the British Police junction—will be added with traffic lights, squares etc., based on need. Significant safety measures might be added to Route 444 connecting Anatot and Ma'ale Adumim. At a later stage, highway lights will be added to junctions across the West Bank. Finally, Givat Ze'ev and Sha'ar Binyamin will be connected via train to the local train network being built in Jerusalem. "The plan's objective is to improve accessibility and safety for both the Israeli and Palestinian populations," Transportation Minister Katz said. The plan, he added, will bolster the Jewish settlement in the West Bank and allow it to develop further, much like the infrastructure upgrade being done in the Galilee and the Negev regions. ([YNETNEWS](#) 7 February 2017)

- Over the course of the month of January alone, at least 64 Palestinian minors were detained and incarcerated in Israel's Ofer detention center, while the minors were imposed with a collective 52,000 shekels (approximately \$14,000) in fines, the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs said in a statement. Eight of the minors were detained after Israeli forces shot them. Of the minors detained in January and held in Ofer, 28 were detained from their homes, 27 from the street, six at Israeli military checkpoints, and two after they were summoned for interrogation. One 16-year-old detainee was transferred to administrative detention. 28 of the underage Palestinians were handed actual prison sentences ranging between one month and 12 months, while the remaining were still being held and interrogated. (Maannews 7 February 2017)
- The Israeli Knesset passed [legislation](#) hailed by the Right for [legalizing some 4,000 settler homes](#) and attacked by the Left as the first step toward [de facto annexation](#). Its passage by a vote of 60-52 marks the first time that the Knesset has sought to impose Israeli law in Area C of the West Bank, which is under Israeli military and civilian rule. That territory is considered to be outside the Knesset's purview and such an action could be viewed as an initial application of sovereignty...
The vote took place without Netanyahu, who was still on his way back from London after meeting with Prime Minister Theresa May. Likud MK Bennie Begin voted against the legislation, the only coalition MK to do so. The bill's passage ends months of bitter debate over the legislation, both within the right-wing parties and between the coalition and the opposition. (JPOST 7 February 2017)

- Non-governmental groups plan to petition the High Court of Justice against a new Israeli law that retroactively legalizes close to [4,000 settler homes on private Palestinian property](#). The groups — Peace Now, Yesh Din and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel — announced their plans to turn to the court almost immediately after the Knesset authorized the legislation in a historic 60-52 vote. ([IPOST](#) 7 February 2017)
- A week after the evacuation of Amona, the Supreme Court issued new demolition orders for a neighborhood in the Jewish community of Kfar Tapuah in Samaria. The court ruled that 17 buildings in Tapuah West, a neighborhood of [Kfar Tapuah](#), must be demolished by April 2018. Tapuah, a town of roughly 1,000 east of Ariel, was targeted by the court in early 2004 when it ordered the demolition of a synagogue in the Tapuah West neighborhood. The demolition orders issued Tuesday were made in response to an appeal by the “Yesh Din” organization, a far-left NGO, who filed with the court on behalf of residents of the nearby village of Yasuf who claim they have a basis for ownership of the land. The orders were issued despite arguments by the government that it intends to normalize the status of the neighborhood. David Ha’Ivri, a former mayor of Kfar Tapuah and former spokesperson for the Samaria Regional Council accused the government of dragging its feet on the issue, despite promises to settle questions of the neighborhood’s status. “The Netanyahu-Bennett government is a disgrace,” said Ha’Ivri. “They have sat on their hands on the issue of Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria for too long. Yesterday Amona, today Tapuah West.” “Jewish families in the heartland of Israel should not have their homes demolished by the State of Israel. It is time for the Israeli public to rethink our blind support for these two parties who have proven to be a huge disappointment. We must make Israel great again.” MK Bezalel Smotrich (Jewish Home) slammed the court’s decision, which came on the heels of the passage of the regulation law Monday night. “The timing of the release of this ruling for the demolition of 17 buildings in Tapuah, just before the Regulation Law goes into effect, is purely coincidental,” Smotrich said sarcastically. “Just like the composition of the [three-judge] panel that heard the case really thinks that we are complete fools. But we aren’t. We’ll put a stop to this judicial tyranny. ([INN](#) 7 February 2017)
- Former Justice Minister Prof. Daniel Friedman said that the chances that the Supreme Court will not strike down the passed Regulation Law are low. The Court will likely reject the Law on grounds that it presents a blow to private property rights. ([INN](#) 7 February 2017)
- The Israel Prison Service (IPS) continued to hold 15 Palestinian prisoners in solitary confinement as a punitive measure following two stabbings that were

allegedly carried out on IPS officials in the Nafha and Ktziot prisons last week. The IPS has taken punitive measures against hundreds of Palestinians in the two Israeli prisons following the alleged attacks. (Maannews 8 February 2017)

- The European Union (EU) on Tuesday blasted the Regulation Law, which **the Knesset approved** on Monday, urging Israel not to implement it. The Regulation Law legalizes and protects thousands of Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria which were built with government backing and lacked absentee land claims, but against which there are now property claims. Under the law, homes built on such properties will be allowed to remain, and owners with proven claims to the land will be given a choice of receiving an alternate plot of land or monetary compensation for 125% of their land's value. "The European Union condemns the recent adoption of the 'Regularization Law' (sic)", the EU's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said on Tuesday. The law, she argued, "crosses a new and dangerous threshold by legalizing under Israeli law the seizure of Palestinian property rights". The 28-nation EU "urges the Israeli leadership to refrain from implementing the law and to avoid measures that further raise tensions and endanger the prospects for a peaceful solution to the conflict", Mogherini added. Her condemnation of the law came hours after the EU **delayed a meeting** between EU and Israeli officials long seen as a step towards mending strained relations, in response to Israel's approval of the Regulation Law. The summit, slated for the end of February, has now been postponed indefinitely. French President Francois Hollande **blasted the law** as well, claiming that it would pave the way for annexation of Judea and Samaria, and even went so far as to demand that the Israeli government repeal the legislation. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres **slammed the passage of the law**, calling the move illegal under international law. "This bill is in contravention of international law and will have far reaching legal consequences for Israel," Guterres said in a statement. ([INN](#) 8 February 2016)
- Despite a 2006 High Court ruling, military commanders in the West Bank are not facilitating access for two Palestinian farming families north of Ramallah to work their land. The plots, both north of Ramallah, belong to Fawzi Ibrahim from the village of Jalud and the other, to the Mu'ein Musa family from Qaryut. In both cases, the proximity of two outposts known for their history of harassing Palestinian villagers prevents the farmers from accessing their fields. Ibrahim is permitted to enter his 250-dunam (62 acres) plot only twice a year, and only in coordination with and accompanied by the army. If he isn't able to reach his field this week in order to plough it and sow wheat, he could miss the entire season. The Musa family doesn't officially need to coordinate with the army but their fears of settler violence and the army's preference to avoid confrontations

between settlers and Palestinians necessitates that they coordinate their activity with the army in practice. Since the beginning of January, attorney Quamar Mishirqi Asad has appealed to the Coordination and Liaison Administration several times with requests to coordinate Ibrahim's access to his land before sowing season ends. All of her appeals, in writing, verbally and via WhatsApp, went unanswered. The outpost of Esh Kodesh was built close to Ibrahim's land. The outpost of Yishuv Hada'at, also known as the Bayit Adom (Red House), was built the Musas' land. The plots of land belonging to Fawzi Ibrahim from the village of Jalud north of Ramallah. Haqel - Jews and Arabs In Defense of Human Rights. In August 2016, when Mishirqi Asad appealed to the Coordination and Liaison Administration so that the Musas could access their land, she was told that a new commander had arrived in the area and that he needed time in order to study the situation. She has appealed at least 11 more times so that the Musa family could get to its almond grove, but to no avail. The army spokesman told Haaretz that security considerations prevented the Musa family from entering the western part of their field and that they were requested to coordinate entry at a later date. Despite written documentation of all these appeals, the army claims that the Musas haven't yet made their request and that "Ibrahim's attorney was asked to coordinate his entry in writing but has not done so yet. When such a request arrives, the entry of these landowners to their land will be organized." The people that Mishirqi Asad turned to in writing, by phone and through WhatsApp in order to enable these families to access their land were Maj. Yizhar Yitzhak, the head of operations and human rights; David Elmaliach from the coordination office in Nablus; Maj. Rafi Biton from the Ramallah coordination office; and Lt. Yulia Weinshker from the lands division at the Civil Administration. The CLA is the agency that needs to coordinate with the army. The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, the body in charge of the CLA, would not comment on the matter. From the end of the 1990s and particularly since the 2000s, agricultural outposts have been built in the area surrounding the settlement of Shilo. With them came increased harassment and violence directed at the residents of Jalud, Qaryut and three other villages in the area. In response to these attacks, the army closed an area covering 9000 dunams to Palestinian farmers, preventing them from working their land or tending their flocks there. This phenomenon of settler violence leading to the closure of an area for Palestinians is common across the West Bank, and has led to a joint petition filed with the High Court of Justice by human rights groups. In 2006 the High Court instructed Israeli authorities to allow Palestinians to work their land in coordination with and accompanied by the army. This is done only a few

times during the year, for only a few days. Most other days, farmers cannot access land which is close to such outposts. ([Haaretz](#) 8 February 2017)

- The Israeli committee, in charge of settlements' affairs at the Higher Planning Council of the military-run "Civil Administration Office" in the occupied West Bank, has approved the construction of 1162 new units for illegal colonists. Among the approved buildings is what was dubbed as "a new neighborhood," near Shvut Rachel illegal colony, built on private Palestinian lands, in the northern part of the West Bank. Some of the constructions are meant to house colonists who lived in the recently evacuated "[Amona](#)" outpost, while the settlers are still rejecting the plan and are demanding to rebuild their illegal outpost. Yet, the Israeli government decided to go ahead with its plan to build the "neighborhood," to house them, and many new colonists. ([PALINFO](#) 9 February 2017)
- The Israeli settlement subcommittee – the Supreme Planning Council is promoting the approval of 14 building Plans that will include the construction of 1,380 new settlement units in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. Most plans, in their various stages, have been approved, including the establishment of the new neighborhood that is intended shelter evacuees of Amona outpost. Out of 1,380 units, the subcommittee has approved 1,162 housing units. In view of the fact that the planned neighborhood doesn't come under the jurisdiction of the Shilo settlement, an amendment is to be made to include the area on which the new neighborhood is planned to be constructed the final approval of the plan, which includes 98 units. Other building plans were also approved such as Mezadot Yehuda (101 housing units), 48 units were approved in Nofim settlement, 212 units in Oranit settlement, 10 units in Beit Arye settlement, 42 units in Alfei Menashe settlement, 323 units in Kfar Adumim settlement, 84 Units in Nekodim settlement and 82 Units in Givat Ze'ev settlement. By contrast, plans were approved in Efrat with 32 housing units to be built, and 70 units in Beitar Illit settlement, and 60 new units in Shavei Shomron and the new neighborhood in Shvut Rachel - 98 units for validation. ([WALLA](#) 9 February 2017)
- New data procured by the Yesha Council demonstrates 421,400 Israeli residents living in Judea, Samaria, and the Jordan Valley at the end of 2016. Analysis of recent year's data shows that in the local population's annual growth in 2016 was 3.9% per year, while in the last decade the average annual growth was recorded at 4.7% per year, more than twice the average increase in Israel, which stands at 1.9% per annum. The increase in 2016 (3.9%) linked to the increase in

2015 (4.0%), but a check of the data in percentages from the last decade reveals that despite the moderate increase in growth of the number of persons per year (15,700 a year), there is a downward trend in the percentage of annual growth (from 4.7% in 2012). According to the above data, despite the growth in numbers, the population of Judea, Samaria, and the Jordan Valley cannot maintain a matching annual growth trend, such that although each year sees an increase in the number of persons per given area (due to natural growth and migration), there is a decrease in overall annual growth, which is probably in consequence of the construction and planning moratorium of recent years. (INN 9 February 2017)

- A recently approved apartment building in a West Bank settlement was reportedly funded by an organization headed by David Friedman, US President Donald Trump's nominee for ambassador to Israel. The planned five-story apartment building, which will hold 20 apartments, is financed by American Friends of Beit El Institutions, which Friedman chairs, according to a television report Wednesday by Israel's Channel 2 News. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government OK'd the building in Beit El as part of the first wave of approvals of settler homes since Trump took office. In the past two weeks, Israel has approved about 6,000 homes in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. Most of the homes are slated to go up in the major settlement blocs, which Israel expects to keep as part of any peace deal with the Palestinians. The apartment in Beit El was an exception, which Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said was approved as part of a High Court of Justice decision. American Friends of Beit El Institutions, which is an American nonprofit organization, raised almost \$667,000 for its Israeli counterpart, the Organization for the Sukkat Ovadia Yeshiva of Beit El, Channel 2 reported. Friedman's name appears on several buildings in Beit El funded by the American organization. The Israeli organization funded several illegal construction projects on private Palestinian land, including the expansion of Beit El's Ulpana neighborhood, part of which was evacuated by order of the High Court of Justice in 2012. The planned apartment building is also to be built partly on private Palestinian land, but could be legalized after the fact by the controversial new "settlements law" (regulation law). A founder of Beit El has said Trump donated \$10,000 to Beit El in 2003 in honor of his friend Friedman. The family of Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor, has also donated tens of thousands of dollars over the years to West Bank settlements. Trump named Friedman to be the Israel ambassador in December, but a date has yet to be set for his approval hearing by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dovish Jewish groups oppose his appointment over his far-right politics and his comment in an op-ed

last year that supporters of the left-wing Jewish lobby J Street are worse than Jews who collaborated with the Nazis. ([IPOST](#) 10 February 2017)

- MK Yehuda Glick (Likud) announced that he will propose a bill to apply Israeli sovereignty over all towns and villages in Greater Jerusalem, including the Gush Etzion communities. Judea and Samaria's Jewish communities, all in what is delineated as Area C, are ruled by an IDF Civil Administration, not Israeli law. MK Glick met with the Shlomo Neeman, one of the mayoral candidates in elections for the Gush Etzion Regional Council, and concluded with him that the law should include all the Gush Etzion communities, east and west. According to Glick, "The fiftieth year of Judea and Samaria's liberation should become the year of sovereignty; it is not enough just to have sovereignty over Maale Adumim. Jerusalem, Israel's capital needs to be strengthened demographically to manifest a Zionist majority both in terms of sovereignty and the economic aspects. The Greater Jerusalem Sovereignty Law mandates that the State of Israel apply Israeli law and justice to Gush Etzion, Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Zeev, Betar Illit, Adam, Ma'ale Michmash, and Psagot. "A belt of towns under Israeli sovereignty would strengthen Jerusalem and remove from the agenda the idea of a Palestinian state and the shrinking of Jewish settlement into blocs," said MK Glick. ([INN](#) 10 February 2017)
- Amona residents who were evicted from their homes last week set up a protest tent near the Knesset Thursday demanding that the government [fulfill its obligations](#) and establish a new town for them. Over the past few days Amona residents have staked out various locations in the Binyamin region in order to find an appropriate place to establish an alternative community. The options available are places which would be suitable for establishing a community on state land. Two months ago Prime Minister Netanyahu committed in writing that if Amona would be evacuated, the government would act immediately to establish an alternative town for the evacuees by the end of March. He also [committed originally that they would stay on the mountain](#) where Amona is, but the court struck down the draft arrangement coordinated by the state near Amona. After a number of discussions the residents of Amona chose a hill called "Redemption of Zion" situated northwest of the Shilo valley and some 10 km north of the original community, since it is an appropriate site for immediate construction. The residents who are at present residing in the Ofra boarding house in very difficult conditions came to Jerusalem and established the protest tent in which they will stay until the government fulfills its commitments and approves a new town. "We have had our share of promises and disappointments. We have no interest in words but rather demand actions. After the difficult blow that we suffered and after the injustice of the destruction of

our community, the proper corrective measure would be to establish a new town and reconstruct our community. We're not looking for better conditions or for easy solutions. We have come to live here in tents near the Knesset until the government fulfills its commitments. We have the strength to build and plant, and that will enable us to rise up from our sorrow and this is what the Jewish nation deserves after the tremendous damage which was done," said the residents. On Sunday the government is set to approve the establishment of a new town, an act which has not taken place for decades. ([INN](#) 10 February 2017)

- Culture Minister Miri Regev called for implementing Israeli law "across Judea and Samaria in its entirety," saying it was time to start "discussing minority rights" between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Speaking with Israel Radio, Regev stressed that any change in Israeli policies would have to be decided on after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with U.S. President Donald Trump next Wednesday. "The White House has changed its tune, and it no longer sees the settlements as an obstacle to peace," she said. Regev said the Judea and Samaria Settlement Regulation Law passed this week "would not have passed without the Likud party. Had he [Netanyahu] not pushed the law, the law wouldn't have passed. So what if he said he's against it? The attorney general also said so. The High Court of Justice challenged us when it said we must regularize the Bedouin [communities] in the Negev, because we need to regulate the communities in Judea and Samaria as well. We must implement the law across Judea and Samaria in its entirety." Commenting on police investigations involving Netanyahu, Regev said the probes were a ploy by political rivals seeking to topple his government. "For 25 years, they [the Left] have been trying to unseat Netanyahu, but they won't succeed, and he will be the next prime minister as well," she said. "[Justice Minister] Ayelet Shaked and [Habayit Hayehudi leader] Naftali Bennett can keep on dreaming. I won't be party to spins of incomplete facts and leaks. I don't believe he will be indicted, despite the media's pressure. We have to wait and see. And even if an indictment is filed, it doesn't mean he is guilty. Everyone is innocent until proven otherwise." ([ISRAEL HAYOM](#) 10 February 2017)
- If his latest statements are any indication, U.S. President Donald Trump may be having second thoughts about how unarmful Israel's West Bank settlement project is to the peace process. In an interview published on Friday with the Israeli daily Israel Hayom, Trump described himself as "not someone who believes that advancing settlements is good for peace," and urged the government to "act reasonably." "There is limited remaining territory," Trump said. "Every time you take land for a settlement, less territory remains." In a statement issued through the White House a week earlier, he said that although

settlements per se were not an impediment to peace, “the construction of new settlements or the expansion of existing settlements beyond their current borders may not be helpful in achieving that goal.” America’s unpredictable new president may be a bit more forthcoming about where he draws the line when he meets with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday. Meanwhile, his statements have been interpreted as a green light for Israel to continue building within the settlement blocs, though not beyond them. Settlement blocs refer to the larger Jewish population centers located in the West Bank, many of which are close to the Green Line, or the borders of the 1949 armistice agreement. Many of them fall on the Israeli side of the incomplete separation barrier Israel began building nearly 15 years ago during the second Palestinian uprising. An estimated 450,000-500,000 Israelis live across the Green Line including the Jewish neighborhoods of East Jerusalem. A widespread consensus has emerged that any future agreement on a two-state solution should include some of the settlement blocs (anywhere from 2 to 5 percent of the area beyond the Green Line) within Israel’s permanent border. Some past and present Israeli officials cite security rationale, while others say that uprooting so many people from their homes is not a viable option. Israel, in exchange, would agree to swap a more-or-less equivalent amount of its own land with a future Palestinian state. In 2004, President George W. Bush sent a letter to Israel saying it would be “unrealistic to expect that the outcome of final status negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949.” Many interpreted that as a green light for Israel to build in the settlement blocs, as they do Trump’s recent statement. The Obama administration, by contrast, did not distinguish between the big blocs and the isolated settlements, and as far as it was concerned, all settlement construction was equally bad. 80% of settlers live in the settlement blocs. So what are we talking about when we talk about the settlement blocs? Here’s where it gets tricky. When people talk about the settlement blocs, they usually mean those areas that are expected to become part of Israel under a two-state agreement. Unfortunately, though, there is little consensus about what those areas are or should be. As Netanyahu once famously said: “My blocs aren’t the blocs of the left.” About 80 percent of the settlers live in the following eight major settlement blocs seen as candidates for Israeli annexation: Gush Etzion, Givat Ze’ev, Modi’in Ilit, Western Samaria, Ma’aleh Adumim, Ariel, Shaked and Kedumim. Altogether, they comprise about four percent of the West Bank. Some hold that only settlement blocs situated right near the Green Line, whose incorporation into Israel would not affect the viability and contiguity of a Palestinian state, should be annexed. Others believe the main consideration should be minimizing the number of

settlers who would have to vacate their homes. That is why they support annexing settlement blocs that stretch deep into the West Bank, even if parts of the new Palestinian state would be cut off from one another as result. Which settlement blocs is there consensus about? The Geneva Initiative of 2003, a civil society effort of prominent Israelis and Palestinians, provides a good indication. According to the basic principles of that agreement, which included land swaps of 2.2 percent, the settlement blocs of Gush Etzion (excluding Efrat), Ma'aleh Adumim (excluding the controversial adjacent area known as "E1"), Modi'in Ilit and Givat Ze'ev would become part of Israel. Another indication of where consensus lies is in the proposals exchanged by former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas five years later, as part of the Annapolis plan. Olmert proposed annexing all the major settlement blocs (about 5.9 percent of the West Bank territory), in exchange for 5.2 percent of Israeli territory. In his counteroffer, Abbas proposed giving Israel 1.6 percent of the West Bank in exchange for 2 percent of Israeli territory. Abbas was not willing to include Ma'aleh Adumim or Givat Ze'ev in that 1.6 percent, but he did agree to Modi'in Ilit and Gush Etzion (though not Efrat). It is noteworthy that Abbas was willing to give Israel the two largest settlements in the West Bank, both of which are ultra-Orthodox: Betar Illit (part of Gush Etzion) and Modi'in Ilit. Roughly one-third of all the settlers live in these two settlements today. So does that mean the city of Ariel isn't part of the consensus? Correct. Even though Israel recently built a big university there, there is not widespread agreement that Ariel should be included in Israel in a future two-state agreement. Olmert proposed including Ariel for the same reason many Israelis believe it belongs inside: It's one of the biggest settlements, with close to 20,000 residents. But Ariel stretches 13 miles deep into the West Bank, and its annexation would cut right into the heart of the Palestinian state. The fact that there is not widespread consensus about Ariel has not prevented the government, however, from approving many new housing units there in recent years. But certainly Ma'aleh Adumim and Efrat are part of the consensus. It's true that both Ma'aleh Adumim and Efrat are big settlements and located pretty close the Green Line. But there is not widespread consensus about them – at least on the Palestinian side – because it is feared their annexation could threaten the contiguity of a future Palestinian state. Ma'aleh Adumim includes the area known as E1, which connects the settlement to Jerusalem. Palestinians fear its annexation would partly cut off the northern West Bank from the southern part. Unlike most of the other settlements in Gush Etzion, Efrat is situated on the eastern side of Route 60 – the only major north-south highway in the West Bank. There are concerns it would encroach on the development of the Palestinian city of Bethlehem. For that reason, it was not

included in the Geneva Initiative. Would it be fair to assume that most of the settlement construction activity of recent years has taken place in the big settlement blocs? Not at all. According to Haaretz contributor Shaul Arieli, one of Israel's leading experts on the demarcation of the future border, 50 percent of the new homes built in the West Bank in recent years were outside the settlement blocs, even though 75 percent of the population growth was inside the settlement blocs. This is no coincidence, he says. Rather, it is part of a deliberate government policy to spread out the Jewish population in the West Bank so that the two-state solution becomes less viable. The government recently approved 2,500 new housing starts in the West Bank. Were they in the settlement blocs? Most of them were, so Trump would probably be pleased. But the approvals also included a group of 100 housing units in the settlement of Beit El, which is not part of any of the big blocs. The American president is not likely to complain about that anytime soon: After all, his ambassador-designate, David Friedman, heads the organization that raises money for Beit El in the United States, and Trump himself has written a \$10,000 check for the benefit of this particular settlement. ([Haaretz](#) 12 February 2017)

- New plan calls for construction of 2.6 million homes by 2040: Finance Minister Kahlon to present "unprecedented strategic blueprint" for government's efforts to meet market demands, fight soaring housing prices to the Housing Cabinet later this week • Number of households in Israel expected to increase 247% by 2040. Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon plans to unveil a new plan for tackling rising housing costs at a meeting of the Housing Cabinet scheduled to be held later this week. The plan, a joint project of the National Economic Council, the National Zoning and Planning Committee, and the Housing Forum, the executive arm of the Housing Cabinet, has been described as an "unprecedented strategic blueprint" in the Government's efforts to meet market demands and fight soaring housing prices. It calls for the planning and marketing of 2.6 million apartments in the next 24 years, to offset demand. According to projections, the number of households in Israel is expected to increase by 247%, from 2.3 million to 3.8 million, by 2040. According to the plan, 19,500 apartments will be built for the ultra-Orthodox sector, 10,000 of which Interior Minister Aryeh Deri has agreed to construct in a new haredi neighborhood to be established near the southern town of Kiryat Gat. The plan also includes the construction of tens of thousands of apartments for the Arab sector. To meet the plan's objectives, 104,000 apartments will need to be built in the next two years, and 208,000 apartments will need to be built by 2020. The goal is to build 52,000 apartments every year for the next four years, and to later increase construction, so that

67,000 apartments are built each year between 2036 and 2040, which would result in a nationwide construction boom. ([IsraelHayom](#) 12 February 2017)

- The Israeli e Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved on Sunday a revised version of a bill prohibiting the use of loudspeakers in houses of prayer in the overnight hours, clearing the proposed legislation for an initial vote before the Knesset plenum. The new version of the so-called muezzin bill prohibits the use of loudspeakers for religious purposes from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Violators of the proposed legislation will be fined NIS 10,000 (\$2,600), according to a copy of the legislation. If the bill passes its initial reading in the Knesset, expected to take place on Wednesday, it will be sent back to committee, after which it will again come before the plenum for its second and third readings prior to becoming law. The backing by the ministerial committee gives the bill coalition support. Critics of the bill argue that the measure unfairly targets mosques, whose muezzins use loudspeakers to announce the call to prayer five times a day, including during the very early morning hours before dawn. Other critics of the bill argue that it is superfluous, as the problem can be tackled using existing noise pollution laws. Jewish residents of East Jerusalem and other areas of Israel have long complained about what they say is the excessive noise coming from mosque loudspeakers, as they say it wakes them up in the middle of the night. Sponsors of the bill were forced to withdraw it for further revisions after it was first proposed in November, as ultra-Orthodox lawmakers feared the original bill's complete prohibition on the use of loudspeakers for religious purposes would outlaw the Shabbat siren, which is heard in cities with large Jewish populations Friday evenings to mark the start of Judaism's day of rest. Despite the revision prohibiting the use of loudspeakers only between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., the bill was shelved in December, even though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had voiced support for the proposed measure. ([TimesofIsrael](#) 12 February 2017)
- A settlement-building organization obtained millions of shekels in government loans to carry out construction in illegal outposts by allegedly falsely declaring that it had rights to privately owned Palestinian lands, Haaretz has learned. Amana, which was founded in 1979 by the Gush Emunim settlement movement, used the funds to build in Amona and Migron, illegal outposts that have since been evacuated on the order of the High Court of Justice. Amana officials refused to comment for this report. Amana has an ideological objective — to settle the West Bank with Jews. In November and December 2002, the organization, which is headed by Ze'ev Hever, signed two loans totaling 5 million shekels (\$1.05 million at 2002 exchange rates), with Bank Tefahot. In fact,

Haaretz has learned, the government was the source of the loans; the bank was merely the conduit. To obtain the loan, Amana allegedly mortgaged private Palestinian lands in the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council to which it never had ownership rights and on which the illegal outposts of Migron and Amona were built. Both loan contracts bear Amana's corporate stamp and two signatures. Comparing these signatures to other documents signed by figures in Amana reveal them to be those of Hever and the company's CEO, Dov Markovich. In both agreements there appears the following statement: "The borrower declares that he is the exclusive owner of the rights to the property in question." In both cases the declaration is false. The High Court of Justice, in two different rulings years later, established that the land on which the homes in both Migron and Amona were built was in fact private Palestinian land, making it clear that Amana never had any rights there. It's not the first time the state has been shown to have aided in illegal outpost development, but it's apparently the first evidence that the state loaned funds to facilitate the building of homes there. For more information, check full report. ([Haaretz](#) 13 February 2017)

- Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit has agreed to offer the pro-settler Elad organization a foothold at the archaeological park (the Davidson Center) next to the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, according to sources familiar with a meeting he held last week with government officials. The site, south of the Western Wall, contains the area where non-Orthodox Jewish streams are supposed to receive a prayer space under an agreement made a year ago that has yet to be implemented. The sources said Mendelblit signaled he would offer Elad a foothold, but that it would not manage the park exclusively and would not make decisions related to the new prayer space. The Jewish Quarter Development Company received control over the park two years ago. The government company then signed a deal with Elad, which manages the City of David Park and promotes Jewish settlement in the Silwan neighborhood, to manage the archaeological park. The previous attorney general, Yehuda Weinstein, tried to strike down the deal, arguing that a private organization should not manage a place located in an area that has political and security-based sensitivities. However, Elad appealed in court and won. The state appealed to the Supreme Court, which heard the case in a closed-door session. Consequently, Justice Elyakim Rubenstein put the ball in Mendelblit's court to avoid making the Supreme Court issue a verdict. Mendelblit made the decision after meeting with officials from the Jewish Quarter Development Company and the Israel Antiquities Authority. If Elad agrees, the state will continue its appeal. ([Haaretz](#) 13 February 2017)

- MK Yehudah Glick (Likud) plans to submit to the Knesset this week a private member's bill to annex the settlements around Jerusalem. It follows on the heels of a similar bill to annex the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, which already has been submitted but not approved for government support by the Ministerial Committee for Legislation. Glick's bill would include Ma'aleh Adumim, as well as the settlement of Givat Ze'ev, Geva Binyamin (Adam), Psagot, Ma'aleh Michmash and the Gush Etzion bloc. It would cover at least onethird of the 386,000 settlers in Judea and Samaria, based on 2015 data from the Central Bureau of Statistics. Glick's spokesman said the bill has the support of Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely and Transportation Minister Israel Katz, both of the Likud. The legislation is part of a flurry of annexation initiatives settlers and right-wing politicians have promoted since US President Donald Trump was sworn into office on January 20. Glick said placing these communities within sovereign Israel would strengthen Jerusalem and remove the idea of a Palestinian state from the agenda. He noted that Israel would soon mark the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, in which Judea and Samaria were liberated, saying it also should be "the year of sovereignty." It is not enough to settle for applying sovereignty to Ma'aleh Adumim, he added. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has discouraged annexation attempts, preferring a more moderate path forward in which the US would support construction within the settlement blocs. ([IPOST](#) 13 February 2017)
- A dozen Likud ministers and MKs and dozens of activists called upon Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday to use his meeting with US President Donald Trump to achieve support for construction and annexation in Judea and Samaria. Held under the banner "Netanyahu, the Likud is backing you on the Right," the ministers and MKs signed a petition calling upon him to maintain the values of Likud. Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein attended, as did ministers Gilad Erdan, Yariv Levin, Ze'ev Elkin, Ophir Akunis, Ayoub Kara, and Gila Gamliel, Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely, and MKs Yoav Kisch, Yehudah Glick, Nurit Koren, and Amir Ohana. While each speaker stressed that the event was intended to strengthen Netanyahu, they each issued demands and expectations as to the outcome of the meeting. "This is a historic time, and if our Likud government does not handle it correctly, we will be crying for generations," Shomron Regional Council head Yossi Dagan said. "We expect new settlements to be built for the first time in 26 years. We proved we are loyal to the prime minister but we demand that he be loyal to what he has been saying for years. We don't need American permission to build anywhere, especially in Jerusalem. We expect you to return with good results for Israel and all the settlements." Dagan accused Netanyahu of displaying weakness by being silent

as Trump backtracked on his support for moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. His fellow settler leader Avi Roeh displayed statistics indicating that construction in Judea and Samaria has fallen significantly over the past eight years. Culture and Sports Minister Miri Regev told the crowd that in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, this was the year to apply sovereignty to the settlements that make up what she called Greater Jerusalem and to enable a massive amount of people to move to Judea and Samaria. "Trump understands his mission is to make America great again, and we understand that our mission is to restore our security and that comes from strengthening Judea and Samaria," she said. "There should be news in the next year of reaching 1 million Jews in Judea and Samaria." Edelstein warned that what he called "the Gaza disengagement disaster" happened when the US had a pro-Israel president in George W. Bush. Minister-without-Portfolio Ayoub Kara advised Netanyahu not to bring up the Palestinian issue when he meets with Trump, "because it is irrelevant." "The two-state solution has failed due to Palestinian rejection," Hotovely said. "We can't be the Palestinians' hostage. We have to do what is right for us." Sources close to Netanyahu expressed frustration with the event and its timing. "It undermines the prime minister and strengthens Bayit Yehudi," complained coalition chairman David Bitan, who boycotted the event. Pressuring the prime minister doesn't help anything." (IPOST 14 February 2017)

- 2016 saw a marked increase in the number of homes Israeli authorities demolished throughout the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, citing lack of building permits as a pretext. The scale of demolitions documented by B'Tselem this year is the most extensive since we began systematically documenting demolitions in 2004. In East Jerusalem, authorities demolished 88 residential buildings and 48 other structures. Elsewhere in the West Bank, authorities demolished 274 residential buildings and 372 non-residential ones. These demolitions are indicative of Israel's efforts to limit Palestinian presence in the areas it seeks to take over, taking advantage of planning and administrative tools to that end. As part of this policy, in 2016, Israel demolished 274 homes in the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem), thereby rendering homeless 1,134 individuals, including 591 minors. The extent of devastation Israel wreaked in 2016 outstripped the number of homes it demolished in 2014 and 2015 combined. Demolition operations by the Israeli authorities focused primarily on three major regions: The South Hebron Hills, the Maale Adumim area and the Jordan Valley. Efforts to drive dozens of small shepherding and farming communities out of Area C are particularly palpable in these areas. In the Maale Aumim area, which includes land that Israel refers to as Area E1, authorities

demolished 49 dwellings; 224 people, including 115 minors, were rendered homeless. In the South Hebron Hills, in communities facing the threat of expulsion, authorities demolished 34 residences; 166 people, including 87 minors, were rendered homeless. Demolitions were particularly extensive in Jordan Valley communities: 551 people, including 291 minors were left homeless after authorities demolished 123 residences there. Israeli authorities continued their discriminatory policies against East Jerusalem's Palestinian residents as part of an overall policy designed to cause Palestinians to leave the city. Their actions are also part of efforts to achieve a demographic and geographic reality that would frustrate any future attempt to question Israeli sovereignty in East Jerusalem. In 2016, Israeli authorities demolished 73 homes in East Jerusalem. Fifteen others were demolished by their owners after receiving demolition orders from the municipality. They demolished their own homes in order to avoid being charged by the municipality for the cost of the demolition and hefty municipal fines. All told, authorities rendered homeless 295 people, including 160 minors. This is the largest number of home demolitions recorded in a single year since B'Tselem began documenting home demolitions in East Jerusalem in 2004. Authorities also demolished 48 non-residential structures. These figures reflect a sharp increase in the number of demolitions in East Jerusalem. In contrast, authorities demolished 47 homes in East Jerusalem in 2015. ([BTSELEM 15 February 2017](#))

- Three Palestinian detainees continue their hunger strikes in protest at being held administratively, with neither charge nor trial, in Israeli jails. Palestinian journalist Mohamed al-Qeiq has been on an open-ended hunger strike for 12 consecutive days in Gilboa prison in protest at his administrative detention. Prisoners Jamal Abu al-Leil and Raed Fayez Mteir have gone on an open-ended hunger strike starting on the 16th of February 2017 in the Israeli Negev lock-up to protest their administrative prison-term. Mteir was arrested on February 14, 2016 while prisoner Abu al-Leil was arrested the following day. Both have been sentenced administratively three times, with neither charge nor trial, to six months each. (PALINFO 17 February 2017)
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected an appeal presented by Regavim, a pro-settler NGO, demanding the demolition of a mosque in southern Hebron after claiming it was illegally built, Hebrew-language sites reported. (Maannews 17 February 2017)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Palestinian refusal to accept Israel, not settlements, is the main roadblock to peace. Speaking with MSNBC's Greta Van Susteren, he was asked why both US President Donald Trump and former US President Barack Obama have pegged Israeli settlements as a

roadblock to Israeli-Palestinian peace. Netanyahu responded that he thinks settlements are "an issue, but I don't think it's *the* issue." The interview comes the day after his first meeting with Trump at the White House, where Trump asking Netanyahu to "hold back on settlements for a bit." "The real core of the conflict is not this or that settlement or this or that community," Netanyahu told Van Susteren, "but rather the persistent and enduring Palestinian refusal to recognize a Jewish state in any boundary." He also said it was vital for Israel to "retain security control of the area west of the Jordan River," referring to the West Bank. Turning to the topic of peace in the region, Netanyahu said there was great potential for a broader peace between Israel and Arab countries in the Middle East, saying that Arab countries are beginning to view Israel as an ally for confronting Iran and Islamic State. "That has been bringing us closer together and may also pave avenues for peace." When asked to specifically name a country that has been softening its stance toward Israel he said "who's not?" to which Van Susteren responded that "Iran's not." Netanyahu responded back that Iran is not an Arab country. (JPOST 17 February 2017)

- Chairman of the Bayit Yehudi party and Minister of Education, Naftali Bennett, and Minister of Justice, Ayelet Shaked, referred to the issue of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promising to establish a new community for families evacuated from Amona, saying, "Commitments need to be fulfilled. The prime minister signed an agreement to create a new community for Amona residents. I am sure he will abide by it." Last week, members of the former outpost chose the area of Geulat Zion, which is located in the Shilo Valley in the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council. However, after a meeting between Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump, evacuees fear the promise will be put to the test. Ynet reported Thursday that Amona evacuees fear Netanyahu will delay the construction of the new community and sent an urgent letter to the prime minister and Bennett saying that they will not move anywhere else other than the new community, as promised. In addition to Bennett, Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked posted on her Twitter account, saying, "The government is committed to the agreement that was signed with Amona residents and we have no intention of violating it. There will be a new community for Amona residents as promised." Following Bennett and Shaked's statements, Amona residents responded, saying, "We welcome the unequivocal statements of the Bayit Yehudi ministers that the Israeli government will fulfill its obligation to establish a new community for Amona residents in Mateh Binyamin." ([YNETNEWS](http://www.ynetnews.com) 18 February 2017)
- Tunnel excavations for the light rail in the Greater Tel Aviv area began with a special ceremony during which the tunnel boring machine (TBM) was officially

named "Golda" after Israel's fourth prime minister. Minister of Transportation Yisrael Katz, attended the ceremony alongside Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai. Excavations begin four months ahead of schedule. Tight TBMs will excavate 12 kilometers at a depth of 30 meters under Bnei Brak, Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. The boring will begin under Ayalon Highway and in its first phase, will provide the infrastructure for underground rail stations in Tel Aviv at Arlozorov, King Saul, Yehudit and Carlebach. Every one of the eight TBMs is roughly 115 meters long and 7.5 meters wide, weighing 900 tons. 20 workers and engineers from China Railway Tunnel Group (CRTG) are with the machine at any given time. The TBM is expected to bore at least 10 meters per day. ([Ynetnews](#) 19 February 2017)

- A house in the West Bank illegal settlement of Beit El donated by the US ambassador-designate to Israel, David Friedman, was constructed illegally on privately owned Palestinian land. The Friedman faculty house at the Raaya girl high school is situated in the Ulpana neighborhood of Beit El. Part of this neighborhood was demolished following an order by the Israeli high court of justice five years ago because the land had been taken illegally. The Friedman Faculty House is one of nine buildings left in the neighborhood that were spared demolition at the time. The construction of the Friedman Faculty House started in 1999. In 2002, a demolition order was issued against it by the Israeli army's civil administration, which supervises construction in the settlements. Although the demolition of this house has been ignored, demolition order no. 224/02, according to the civil administration's records, is still on the books. (PALINFO 19 February 2017)
- Responding to reports that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had reneged on his promise to build a new town to replace Amona, Amona residents held a protest on Sunday morning outside the Israeli government's offices in Jerusalem. Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel (Jewish Home) spoke with the residents before the government meeting and promised to speak on their behalf to Netanyahu. "We are obligated to keep our promise provide Amona's residents with a new town in Judea and Samaria," Ariel said. "I don't see how this coalition can properly continue if we do not keep our promises to Amona's residents and to the rest of Israel." Education Minister Naftali Bennett (Jewish Home) told the residents, "The Prime Minister signed a contract with you, and we will keep our word." Culture Minister Miri Regev (Likud) said, "I am going to tell the Prime Minister that he is obligated to keep his promises." A report by [Channel 2](#) Thursday night claimed the Prime Minister was reassessing the viability of his obligations under the agreement - despite the fact that the evacuation of Amona residents has already taken place. (INN 19 February 2017)

- Last week at a conference in moshav Masu'ot Yitzhak near Ashkelon, Kibbutz Movement Secretary General Nir Meir promised Gush Etzion will "grow and prosper." "Gush Etzion will remain in our hands, grow, and prosper no matter what agreement the government makes," Meir said, promising to work with relevant parties in the Milk Council to advance the opening of a dairy in Kfar Etzion. The Masu'ot Yitzhak meeting was held at the initiative of Gush Etzion founders Benny Bashan, Yehuda Neuman, and Amitai Porat. Porat, who is Secretary General of the Religious Kibbutz Movement, said, "We, the members of the Religious Kibbutz Movement, Gush Etzion, and Kfar Etzion, appreciate the Harel Brigade and the Palmach fighters. We thank the members of Kibbutz Revadim, who have made with us a treaty of brotherhood. Since the War of Independence, we have promised to support each other's' fights. ([INN](#) 19 February 2017)
- Education Minister Naftali Bennett (Jewish Home) spoke on Monday morning at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Jerusalem. Speaking about the two-state solution, Bennett said, "It's no secret that I believe we already have two Palestinian states, one in Jordan and one in Gaza. I want to see Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump think of new solutions. We need to try something new. I don't intend to annex two million Palestinians. "If we create a Palestinian state, everything we have built in Judea and Samaria will be destroyed. Can you imagine millions of refugees arriving in Judea and Samaria, sharing the space with their brothers? They'll tell them to go to Haifa. Soon Yitzhak Herzog (Zionist Union) will speak, ask him about his solution. My solution is to apply sovereignty in Area C and give the Arabs a choice of permanent residency or Israeli citizenship." Regarding Amona, Bennett said, "I am sure Netanyahu will keep his word." ([INN](#) 20 February 2017)
- Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman (Yisrael Beytenu) spoke out Monday morning, reiterating his party's Arab-Jewish land swap plan regarding the potential separation of large portions of Judea and Samaria from Israel, arguing that if Israel is to separate itself from the Arab populations over the Green Line, it must also disengage from Arab communities within the Green Line that identify as Palestinian Arabs. In an interview with *Israel Radio*, the Defense Minister cited the Arab city of Umm Al-Fahm as an example of Israeli-Arab communities that he believes should be included in a future Palestinian state.
- "There is no reason whatsoever that the residents of Umm Al-Fahm, who identify as Palestinians, should continue to be citizens of Israel," said Liberman. Liberman emphasized that he was not endorsing the traditional formula of land-for-peace promoted by advocates of a two-state solution. Rather, the Defense

Minister says he favors an exchange of territory and population – bringing the Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria under Israel sovereignty while transferring large Arab population centers inside pre-1967 Israel to the Palestinian Authority. The Defense Minister also argued that an arrangement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority would only be a small part of a larger regional agreement with moderate Arab states. Regarding the government's assurances to former residents of Amona that a new community would be built in Samaria to house them, Liberman suggested that Israel did not need the approval of the United States, but nevertheless it was important for the two allies to reach a comprehensive understanding regarding Israeli policy in Judea and Samaria. ([INN](#) 20 February 2017)

- Palestinian Bedouin plan to petition the High Court of Justice to halt the pending demolition of the herding village of al-Khan al-Ahmar. In a surprise move, the IDF issued stop work orders against any further construction or expansion of the 44 sheds and shacks that make up the village . According the village's attorney, Shlomo Lecker, the notices will become demolition orders in five days. The community, which is made up of 35 families, is located right off Route 1 in between Ma'aleh Adumim and Kfar Adumim in Area C of the West Bank. According to Lecker, such demolition orders can only be issued if there is a relocation plan for the families. To the best of his knowledge, no such option exists at this time. Bedouins in the area have long complained that very few building permits are issued to them, and none in al-Khan al-Ahmar. Settlers living nearby argue that the placement of the village, adjacent to Route 1, poses a security hazard. ([IPOST](#) 20 February 2017)
- The Shiloh industrial zone, adjacent to the settlement of that name in the middle of the West Bank, is spread over 500 dunams (125 acres). But a visit to the site shows that it isn't exactly a humming industrial enclave with masses of workers coming and going from its factories and businesses. The few small factories at the zone take up only 28 dunams (seven acres, or 5.6 percent of the area) and a total of 36 workers. Most of the land is empty. Several dozen prefab homes were placed there recently for the evacuees of the illegal Amona outpost, but they refused to move there and the structures stand vacant. This industrial zone is one of 14 that Israel has set up beyond the Green Line. While some are successful and flourishing, with high occupancy rates, others are mostly empty, producing nothing, certainly not jobs. But these industrial zones, of which more are planned, and their area, which could reach several thousand dunams, will enable Israel to boost its presence in the territories, including in areas where no home construction has been approved. When it was proposed to house the Amona evacuees on such lands, Civil Administration sources said that only a

short procedure was necessary to permit the building of homes on open land originally zoned for industry. “We’re talking about areas in which Israel, with its ravenous hunger for land, is prepared to invest millions to develop,” says Dror Etkes of the left-wing organization Kerem Navot, who researches Israeli land policy in the West Bank. “We can see this clearly in the Gush Etzion industrial zone, where there are lands where nothing has been built, but the state is rushing to build extensions there that are standing empty and will stay empty for years.” Indeed, of the 200 dunams that have been allocated to the Etzion industrial zone, only 60 are in use. This didn’t stop the planning bodies from expanding it by another 17 dunams last year. “The amount of industry that you’ll find in these areas is in inverse proportion to the piggishness of them,” adds Etkes. While the left criticizes, the settlements welcome and justify these land allocations. The Gush Etzion Regional Council stressed that there is a demand for space in the area and they are negotiating with a number of interested parties. But there’s more to the story than any specific industrial zone. While the establishment of industrial zones in the West Bank are reported separately and are not part of any official plan to move commerce and industry eastward, the facts and plans seem to indicate a trend. According to the Economy Ministry, there are 91 industrial zones that it helps fund, so the 14 in the West Bank constitute more than 15 percent of the total. Slowly the West Bank is becoming a more significant region in terms of its production capacity. The Mishor Adumim industrial zone, which covers more than 1,600 dunams and is only a 10-minute drive from Jerusalem, employs more than 1,300 people, and there will be more, since there are still 500 vacant dunams there. The Barkan industrial zone, near Ariel, is pretty full, with only 14 of its 728 dunams vacant, while the 203 dunams of the Shahak-Shaked industrial zone in northern Samaria are all occupied. A few dozen meters from Route 443, east of the separation barrier and near Modi’in, the 15th West Bank industrial zone is due to be built. The Civil Administration refers to it as the Kharbata industrial zone due to its proximity to the Palestinian village of that name and it will occupy 310 dunams. Kharbata is to be joined by three other West Bank industrial zones that have been advanced in recent months. One will be located in western Samaria after a bitter dispute between the Samaria Regional Council and the towns of Elkana and Oranit was finally resolved. Only the intervention of Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan brought about a compromise that allowed the project to go forward. Meanwhile, the Mount Hebron Regional Council has been promised by the Civil Administration that two industrial zones will be built there, one in Tenne-Omarim and the other at Tarqumiya. Regional council officials say that the Tarqumiya plan is not related to a government promise to advance an

industrial area for Palestinians in that area. Two industrial zones already exist in the Mount Hebron area, neither particularly successful. One is in Kiryat Arba, slightly east of Tarqumiya, which is spread over 200 dunams, 75 percent of which are empty. And not far from the planned zone at Tenne-Omarim is the Shima-Meitarim industrial zone, where 60 percent of the 220 dunams are unused. Regional council officials say, however, that several companies have committed themselves to building in the Shima-Meitarim industrial zone and that the area is actually “full to the brim.” Ben-Dahan cites the importance of industrial zones as employment centers. “The goal is to create jobs, to attract more residents,” he said. “That’s the real goal. The real goal is for Judea and Samaria to develop, so that people won’t have to travel to the center of the country [to work]. It’s also important to the Palestinian residents, since in the end they, too, will benefit from industrial areas near their homes.” Indeed, the settlers like to present these industrial zones as a tool for promoting “economic peace” by providing jobs to both Jews and Palestinians. “I see in this something very important and significant, because my worldview is that peace will spring up from below, between people and neighbors,” says Yochai Damari, chairman of the Mount Hebron Regional Council. “The moment that the economic system can create partnerships there will be a real ability to create a way of life based on [common] interests and trust.” He admits that industrial zones have significant economic benefits for those local councils that benefit from the real estate taxes paid by the tenants, which in some cases help keep the beneficiary towns afloat. But to Damari, the biggest benefit is the diplomatic one. “I see these things from a diplomatic perspective, more with the eyes of someone who has lived here almost 40 years and has four generations in the Mount Hebron area,” he said. “In the end, neither we nor they [the Palestinians] are moving from here.” ([Haaretz](#) 20 February 2017)

- The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council transferred over 11 million shekels (\$3 million) to illegal outposts within its jurisdiction between 2008 and 2014. Using budgetary instruments available to regional councils for investment in infrastructure, public funds were used for developing such infrastructure and construction in several illegal outposts. Thus, for example, in 2014 the council transferred almost 200,000 shekels for erecting structures in several outposts, including Mitzpeh Danny, Haresha, Givat Harel, Kida and Kerem Re'im. In 2010 over 1,700,000 shekels went to Givat Harel. The budget shows money going for the construction of other illegal structures including a yeshiva in Kochav Hashahar. Over 5 million shekels went to a sewage treatment plant in Ofra, which was built illegally on private Palestinian land. The regional council gave financial support for expanding the settlement of Shvut Rachel while it was still

an illegal outpost, years before the expansion was retroactively approved. In 2008 it received 310,701 shekels while in 2009, while still an outpost, it was awarded two budgets – one worth 1,630,010 shekels and the other 600,000 shekels. In 2010 it again received two budgets, worth 188,000 shekels each. Overall, the details of the council's budgetary expenses show that between 2008 and 2014 it invested over 11 million shekels in illegal outposts and structures. These funds were part of the official budgets the outposts received, with their names specified. Law enforcement agencies confirmed that the outposts and structures receiving this money were illegal, or illegal when receiving the money. The Peace Now movement is about to publish a report showing the involvement of regional councils in financing such illegal outposts. According to Hagit Ofra, who is part of a Peace Now team monitoring settlements in the West Bank, Mateh Binyamin was but one case. "This is part of an entire system by which these councils use public funds to create facts on the ground. This is only the part that was uncovered. There is clearly a whole system whereby illegal outposts are funded by these councils, while the government turns a blind eye, letting it proceed," she says. ([Haaretz](#) 20 February 2017)

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office told the Amona evacuees on Monday that the government would approve a new settlement for them, the community of 40 families said. Chief of staff Yoav Horowitz "contacted us today and told us that the prime minister had not retracted his commitment to build a new settlement for the Amona evacuees, as he was obligated to do under the agreement we signed," the Amona families said. "We welcomed the clarification." The families said that the Amona community had experienced a series of disappointments, and therefore, wouldn't feel certain that the government had kept its promise until tractors had cleared the land, homes were built and mezuzot hung on the door posts. They urged the prime minister and MKs to speed up the process. According to an agreement between the government and the Amona community, the new settlement is due to be legalized by the end of March, the families said. Earlier this month, the IDF, the Border Police and the Israel Police forcibly evacuated the small outpost that was located on a hilltop just outside the Ofra settlement. The High Court of Justice ruled that it must be taken down because it was built without permits on private Palestinian property. Netanyahu promised the families that a new settlement would be built for them, but during his meeting last week with US President Donald Trump, he indicated that approval and construction of that settlement would have to wait, saying that Israel and the US planned to create a mechanism to reach an agreement on settlement activity. Senior diplomatic official said Monday that no such agreement had yet been reached. The official said the

Trump administration had yet to set up a team that would engage with Israel on this issue, and that no decision had been made on whether a new settlement would be built for the Amona evacuees. Later in the day, however, officials in the PMO, made clear that there was no intention to renege on commitments made to the Amona residents. The officials said that Horowitz spoke by phone from Singapore on Monday with Amona leaders and said that all efforts were being made to reach an agreed-upon solution. ([IPOST](#) 20 February 2017)

- Sharp Rise in Number of East Jerusalem Home Demolitions Since Trump's Election: Home demolitions in East Jerusalem have risen dramatically since the election of U.S. President Donald Trump. A source at city hall confirmed that since the changing of U.S. administrations, government restrictions have been lifted and the Jerusalem municipality has been allowed to demolish many more structures than during the term of former President Barack Obama. Since the beginning of the year, the municipality has reportedly demolished over 40 housing units in East Jerusalem. In all of 2016, 203 structures were demolished in the predominantly Arab part of the city. According to data collated by the Ir Amim nonprofit, which studies the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Jerusalem, in January and February alone the city demolished 42 housing units in East Jerusalem. Last year's demolitions included 123 housing units, plus storerooms, shops and stables. Twenty-two other structures were demolished by their owners in order to avoid the fine incurred by the municipality for the demolition. Sa'ad Abasi from Silwan single-handedly demolished the house in which he and his brother had lived, yet the city maintained that the house was not sufficiently demolished and came to destroy the remnants – and he was charged for the expense. Most of the residents whose homes were destroyed had tried to acquire a building permit or receive retroactive approval. The planning situation in East Jerusalem barely allows this, due to the lack of master plans and approved construction plans. Even though Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat has announced on several occasions that he intends to advance the preparation of an overall master plan for East Jerusalem neighborhoods in order to allow legal construction, such plans have hardly been advanced in recent years. In a report published this week by Ir Amim and another nonprofit, Bimkom – Planners for Planning Rights, three examples were presented of plans that were ultimately rejected or postponed until an unknown date, due to difficulties raised by the municipality. Two of the plans were prepared by the residents themselves. In 2008, residents of the A-Tur neighborhood presented a plan that they themselves prepared for expanding the neighborhood into an area called Halat al-Ayin. The plan suited the overall master plan for Jerusalem and even received the mayor's blessing. After that, though, the municipality – together with the Israel Nature

and Parks Authority – began to promote the declaration of the “Mount Scopus Hillside” national park, which effectively annulled the residents’ plan. In the Tzur Baher neighborhood, meanwhile, residents tried to advance a plan that would allow them to build legally. For years, the planner hired by the residents – architect Ayala Ronel – was required to match it to the municipal plans. But ultimately, in 2013, the chairperson of the regional planning committee decided to shelve the plan since so much time had elapsed since it was presented. The municipality is also working on a plan for the Beit Safafa neighborhood, but it is advancing at a sluggish pace. “The Israeli government does not permit significant legal building plans in Palestinian neighborhoods and presents the Palestinian residents with a cruel choice: To be expelled from their city or to build without a permit and take the risk of demolition and a monetary fine,” said Aviv Tatarsky, a researcher for Ir Amim. The Jerusalem municipality said it carries out court orders “as it is obligated by law, and without bias. The demolitions are carried out on buildings that are illegal and were built without a permit. Everyone who chooses to build illegally should know that the Jerusalem municipality will demolish his home. It saddens us that extreme left-wing organizations encourage the callous violation of the law just in order to promote their positions. “The municipality continues to advance plans for residents of all parts of the city,” it continued. “In the neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city, plans are being advanced to add housing units with the aim of preventing illegal, uncoordinated construction that harms residents. Also, there is an increase in requests presented by residents for new building permits in the neighborhoods.” Last week, the municipality demolished the home of the Turk family on the outskirts of Isawiyah. The father, Salah Turk, knew that his home was destined to be demolished, but said he was surprised by the timing of the demolition. “I made coffee and something for the children to eat, then suddenly I see that the house is full of soldiers who told me we have 10 minutes to leave the house and take only what I can in my hands,” he said. “I said I wanted to look for my child’s shoes – the child was grabbing onto me, crying and shouting,” Turk added. “They didn’t even let me find the shoes and I took the children out of the house. When I returned, I couldn’t believe that they’d destroyed everything.” Turk said most of the family’s possessions remain under the rubble. He retrieved a bag of hummus from what was once the family kitchen, and in another area he showed the broken remains of his bed. He now lives together with his wife and nine children in a tin shack not far away. “I intend to build a tent on my land and live there,” he said. The municipality refuted his claims, saying, “This is a building that was being constructed, at the

foundation stage, and nobody lived in the structure and there were no personal belongings there.” ([Haaretz](#) 21 February 2017)

- The police are demanding that Palestinians caught entering Israel illegally pay thousands of shekels for private security firms to escort them to subsequent court hearings in Israel. In 2015, Israel Police arrested some 4,300 people who entered Israel illegally via the occupied territories in order to seek work. In recent times, police representatives have been arriving at courtrooms immediately after an arrest with a prepared indictment – especially when this is not the first time the person has been apprehended. At present, the detainees are immediately released back into the territories, on condition that they leave a monetary guarantee of several thousand shekels in order to obligate them to turn up for court hearings. Many detainees have raised the problem that as soon as they are transferred to the Palestinian Authority, they automatically lose their right to return to Israel. This is due to a Shin Bet security service decision, according to the accepted procedure in such cases, whereby the accused present themselves at an Israel Defense Forces coordination command center, from where they are taken to court by the police. Recently, though, the police decided to cancel such escorts and are demanding that the accused turn to private security companies to provide a security escort, at their own expense. The courts have begun canceling indictments in cases where the accused does not reach the courtroom due to the lack of a security escort. Last month, Petah Tikva Magistrate’s Court Judge Hagai Tarsi canceled an indictment against a Palestinian man who, immediately upon being released at a checkpoint, requested an exit permit to attend his court hearing. The man understood that he is refused entry because of the Shin Bet decision, and could not attend court due to the prohibitive cost. The judge refused to wait and canceled the indictment, even though the man had been caught more than once. Ramle Magistrate’s Court Judge Dr. Ami Kobo was more critical of the police when dealing with a Palestinian who failed to appear for a court appearance. When asked why the accused had not appeared, the police representative said: “I sent an email to the IDF coordination command and the reply I received yesterday was that the accused filed a request to enter and his request is still being processed by the Shin Bet. The accused’s entry was permitted subordinate to a security escort by a private security company or the police. The police do not usually send escorts. Our position is that he should use a security company in order to turn up.” Following the police representative’s reply, the judge heard that the costs involved in using a private security escort were about 5,000 shekels (\$1,350) per hearing. The judge decided to immediately cancel the indictment. “I am of the opinion that demanding of an accused person who

enters Israel illegally, seemingly in order to find work, to pay a security company – which will accompany him while in Israel to attend a court hearing – is an unreasonable demand under these circumstances,” Kobo wrote in his decision. “If such people had a reasonable amount of money that would allow for hiring a security company, it can be assumed the violation would not have taken place and they would not have entered Israel for work purposes.” Security sources were surprised to learn that the police are suggesting this solution for such cases. “If we’re talking about people the Shin Bet decided are prohibited from entering, how can it be that a private security company hired by the accused will secure him during the time he is in Tel Aviv or Petah Tikva?” asked one security source. “What is the security guard’s training? Where exactly will he drop [the accused] off – at the entrance to the courthouse and he’ll wait outside? How can we allow a security guard, who we don’t even know is trained, to escort an accused man that the Shin Bet says is problematic?” A spokesperson for Israel Police defended their move, saying that “limiting the entry and demand for a security company is not of the police’s making, but rather of the other security bodies regularly involved in the procedure. Alongside this, we are in constant contact with all the bodies involved in the procedure, in order to examine appropriate alternatives in situations such as these.” ([Haaretz](#) 21 February 2017)

- The Israeli prison service (IPS) has kept the Palestinian prisoner Ayman al-Sharbaty in an isolated cell for the second week running in Gilboa lock-up. Prisoner al-Sharbaty, aged 48, has been held in solitary confinement for the second consecutive week for burning the Israeli flag in Gilboa jail in protest at the mistreatment perpetrated by IPS against the Palestinian prisoners over recent weeks. Prisoner Sharbaty had been subjected to exhaustive questioning for burning the Israeli flag. The IPS further slapped a two-month visit-ban against the detainee and ruled for his isolation for 21 days. (PALINFO 22 February 2017)
- **Opinion Isaac Herzog Details His 10-point Plan for Israeli-Palestinian Peace:**
 - (1) Renewed ratification by both sides and the international community’s commitment to the final goal of two states, living side by side in peace and security.
 - (2) The sides must set a time frame of up to 10 years, during which the whole area west of Jordan will be declared a place of nonviolence of any kind. They will agree on joint enforcement and uncompromising penalty for any kind of terror or incitement. The UN Security Council will adopt a resolution about it and directly supervise its implementation.
 - (3) The two sides will move during this period toward realizing the two-state vision. Israel will continue to separate from the Palestinians by completing the wall that will protect Jerusalem and the settlement blocs, build a buffer between Jerusalem and the Palestinian villages

around the city, and give the Palestinians broader authorities. These authorities will include civil powers in part of Area C, to enable urban development among the Palestinian communities adjacent to the separation fence and the large Palestinian cities. Exactly the opposite of what Bennett is demanding. (4) Israel will suspend construction outside the settlement blocs and avoid all steps to change the reality on the ground in those areas, with the exception of acts required for security, to enable implementing the two-state vision. (5) During this period, Palestinian economic development will be dramatically accelerated, with regional and international help. This will consist of urban development, rehabilitating refugee camps and developing a viable economy and industry. (6) The Palestinians will act to prevent any terror and incitement. They will also formulate a broad national agreement among the Palestinian factions, which would include the West Bank and Gaza Strip under one sovereignty. If they do so, they will be permitted to declare a Palestinian state within temporary borders and it will be clear that this state's permanent borders will be determined only by agreement. Israel will consider recognizing the Palestinian state favorably and announce that it sees this state as a partner to a permanent status arrangement. (7) The IDF will continue acting throughout the West Bank up to the Jordan River, and around the Gaza Strip. Security coordination with the Palestinian Authority will continue and become even closer. (8) The parties will act to rehabilitate the Gaza Strip and build a port, subject to strict security arrangements, complete demilitarization and destruction of the tunnels. (9) After this period, assuming it passed without violence, the two sides will open direct negotiations, with the backing of the region's states and the international community. The talks will be held without prior conditions, between two equal partners, seriously and resolutely and lead to a comprehensive, final peace agreement, settling all the controversial issues, setting the permanent borders and resulting in a declared end of the conflict. (10) The region's states will publicly and forcefully support the moves, as part of a dramatic, broad regional initiative. Israel will advance the setting up of joint Middle Eastern institutions, which will act to develop the region and initiate cooperation in security, economics, water and the passage of goods and workers. Israel will propose to make Jerusalem the center of this regional community. ([Haaretz](#) 23 February 2017)

- Four extremist Israeli lawmakers secured seats at [Israel's Supreme Court](#) sparking rage in what is seen as a right-wing dominated bench. The Judicial Appointments Committee for the court announced that it had appointed David Mintz, Yael Willner, Yosef Elron and George Kara to the 15-member Supreme Court, out of a shortlist of 27 candidates. Three of the four were on Justice

Minister Ayelet Shaked's list of preferred candidates, while the three judges on the nine-member judicial appointments panel, who voted as a bloc, failed to advance any of their nominees. Mintz, who currently serves as a Jerusalem district judge, is said to be Shaked's top pick, hailing from the West Bank Gush Etzion illegal settlement bloc and considered a strong advocate for extremist positions. Yosef Elron, the president of the Haifa District Court since 2013 and a known non-activist judge, was backed by Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, who also sat on the appointments committee. Shaked was also reportedly in favor of the fanatic Zionist Haifa District Court Judge Yael Willner. The new appointees will replace outgoing Supreme Court justices Miriam Naor, Elyakim Rubinstein, Salim Joubran and Zvi Zilbertal. PALINFO 23 February 2017)

- [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#)'s office director general, Eli Groner, decided to grant 700 million shekels to the Jerusalem Municipality for 2017 . (Wafa 24 February 2017) The agreement was made possible by the mobilization of government ministries to increase financial support for the city. Groner instructed that a professional team be established, to be headed by the director general of the Interior Ministry and with the participation of representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministers of Finance and Jerusalem Affairs, which will complete the staff work on the outline of a permanent multi-year grant to the capital. The team will present its recommendations to ministers by Jerusalem Day, which falls at the end of this May. Minister for Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, Ze'ev Elkin added, "I sincerely hope that this is only the first step in the list of steps...to strengthen (Jerusalem's) economic power and thus the national power of Jerusalem. ([YNETNEWS](#) 24 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities denied a work permit application for the Israel and Palestine director of international NGO Human Rights Watch on the basis that it was "not a real human rights group," the organization said in a statement on Friday. In its February 20, 2017 letter denying a work permit for Omar Shakir, Israel's Interior Ministry cited an opinion received from the Foreign Ministry that Human Rights Watch's "public activities and reports have engaged in politics in the service of Palestinian propaganda, while falsely raising the banner of 'human rights.'" (Maannews 24 February 2017)
- The Upper Galilee Regional Council has announced a plan to build a promenade from where the Snir (Hasbani River) and Hermon (Banias) streams meet until the Pekak Bridge. The promenade will include parking garages, picnic tables, bike paths, small bridges, and entertainment infrastructure, and will cost 30 million NIS. Work will begin in 2017 and will be done in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund (JNF), Israel's Tourism Ministry, Israel Land Authority's Open Area Fund, and Israel's Drainage Authority. "The Hula Valley attracts

over two million tourists and vacationers every year," Upper Galilee Regional Council Head Giora Zaltz told Tourism Minister Yariv Levin (Likud). "Tourism is a central business and financial anchor in the Upper Galilee. "The new plan is environmentally friendly and integrates agriculture as well. It will benefit both residents and vacationers." Levin approved the plan and appointed a special staff made up of representatives of involved parties to supervise its execution. ([INN](#) 25 February 2017)

- The Popular Committee against the Siege of Gaza stated that the Israeli occupation authority (IOA) increased the number of goods denied access to the Gaza Strip to 500 to tighten the blockade imposed on the Strip since 2006. The IOA clearly targets any product contributing to employing manpower and achieving development in an attempt to paralyze the industry sector. The new items are banned on an almost daily basis, noting that the number of items banned since the beginning of 2017 reached 100 raising the total number to 500. More than 5,000 economic facilities have trimmed their businesses in Gaza due to the blockade and the Israeli policy pursued at crossings and against merchants. (PALINFO 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu met with the Australian Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, where they reportedly discussed the political situation, Iran and fear of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. When the two parties discussed the Palestinian state, Netanyahu suggested that the Israeli Army must take control of the West Bank, and, to examine security alternatives in Gaza, having international forces monitor the territory "and deal with the terrorism issues." Netanyahu also has stated the need to prevent the ICC from pressuring Israel, saying that Australia can influence other countries to work together in order to pressure the court to minimize the number of probes against Israel. (PNN 26 February 2017)
- [The Israeli High Court of Justice ruled that residents of nine houses in Ofra should evacuate](#) their houses by March 8, and the police have been preparing for it: members of the West Bank District Police Nationalist Crime Department started preventively detaining youths in preparation for the approaching evacuation. Police say more detentions are expected. In February 2015, the High Court ruled that the buildings were built without construction permits, on privately-owned Palestinian land. The court originally ordered the homes to be demolished by February 8, 2017, but granted a [one-month delay](#) on January 25 to give security forces extra time to plan the eviction. TPS sources in Ofra say IDF troops have seized control of the southern-most of the nine homes in preparation for evicting residents. The building is the only one that was not occupied and was expected to serve as a focal point for teenage protesters

during the eviction process. Security forces have started confiscating equipment at the site and preventively detaining youths who might cause problems. Most families have already packed their belongings and all of them have an [alternative place of residence](#). Concomitantly, Ofra residents distributed a code of conduct ahead of the evacuation, spreading messages of calm. "We will not use metal bars and we will not barricade ourselves. Our protest will find expression in each home in accordance with the respective family's instructions and their legitimate choice to welcome into their home anyone they wish," stated the code of conduct. At the same time, the [Amona](#) residents continue to reside in hostel-like structures in Ofra, after being evacuated from their settlement, but the establishment of an alternative place of residence has been delayed. Amona evacuees have sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Naftali Bennett in which they raise the concern that the land set aside for them in Ofra, which is meant to be temporary, will become permanent and a new community will not be founded as was promised. ([Ynetnews](#) 26 February 2017)

- In yet another attempt to make life harder for left-wing nongovernmental organizations, a proposed new law would require them to pay to obtain information from government agencies under the Freedom of Information Act. Currently, all NGOs are exempt from paying a fee for information obtained under this act. However, the new bill seeks not only to revoke this exemption for organizations that get more than 50 percent of their funding from foreign governments, but would require them to pay double the normal fee. Almost all the NGOs that meet this criterion are left-wing, since they are the ones that foreign governments generally choose to finance. For more information, click to read full report. ([Haaretz](#) 27 February 2017)
- The Israeli Supreme Court has agreed to a demand by the Israeli government to postpone a ruling regarding the return of the bodies of six Palestinians who died while committing or allegedly committing attacks on Israelis. The Israeli state has demanded that the court back down from a decision made in June agreeing to release the body Abd al-Hamid Abu Srouf. Israel's security cabinet said last month that the body of Abu Srouf, along with those of two other slain Palestinians -- Muhammad Tarayra and Muhammad al-Faqih -- would not be returned to their families due to their alleged affiliation with the Hamas movement, and that they would instead be buried inside Israel in a "graveyard for enemy dead." For more information, click to read the full report. (Maannews 27 February 2017)
- Supreme Court President Miriam Naor scathingly criticized the state Monday for its conduct with regard to illegal outposts, in particular the Adei Ad outpost,

part of which is built on state land and the other part on Palestinian land. In a High Court of Justice hearing on a petition filed by Palestinians demanding the evacuation of the outpost, Naor asked the state for its timetable for regularizing the structures at Adei Ad that are on state land. For more information, click to read full article ([Haaretz](#) 28 December 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Authority (IOA) approved an order confirming administrative detention for three months, which can be renewed indefinitely, against Mohammed al-Qiq, who has been on hunger strike for 23 consecutive days in protest at his detention. The wife of captive Qiq, Fayha Shalash, said the order which was approved by the judge of Ofer military court followed a secret session held by the court's judge and the Israeli military prosecutor who discussed the so called "The Secret File" which is usually submitted to court by Israeli intelligence. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) prevented the Adhan (call for prayer) for 44 times in the Ibrahimi Mosque during February. The Palestinian Endowment Ministry affirmed that the Adhan was prevented for 44 times over the past month under the pretext of annoying Israeli settlers. Israeli occupation forces, meanwhile, continue to erect military checkpoints throughout the city with the aim of harassing Palestinian worshippers trying to reach the Mosque where more than 95 Israeli attacks were carried out during February against Palestinian worshippers. (PALINFO 1 March 2017)
- Israeli lawmakers on Wednesday will discuss two different versions of the controversial mosque loudspeaker bill, also known as the muezzin bill, which aims to reduce the noise levels of the mosque loudspeakers used to call worshippers to prayer. One version of the bill is sponsored by MK Moti Yogev (Habayit Hayehudi) and MK David Bitan (Likud). The other version is sponsored by MK Robert Ilatov (Yisrael Beytenu). The coalition has elected to back Yogev and Bitan's more moderate version of the bill, which has the support of the ultra-Orthodox parties. The bill would prohibit the use of mosque loudspeakers between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., and would impose a 10,000 shekel (\$2,700) fine on violators. The second bill, backed by the Yisrael Beytenu party, would prohibit any use of mosque loudspeakers. Yogev and Bitan softened their bill following anger from the Shas and United Torah Judaism parties and an appeal from Health Minister Yaakov Litzman (United Torah Judaism), all raising concerns that the bill could also affect the sirens used in some cities to indicate the onset of Shabbat. (IsraelHayom 1 March 2017)
- The house in which MK Bezalel Smotrich (Habayit Hayehudi) lives in the West Bank settlement of Kedumim was built illegally and might be on private Palestinian land, Haaretz has learned. Smotrich spearheaded legislation to

legalize settlement homes built illegally on private Palestinian land. Smotrich, who is also deputy speaker of Israel's Knesset, lives on Ish Yeminkha Street, in the Rashi Hill section of the veteran northern West Bank settlement, which is lined with pretty one-story stone houses. Haaretz has learned that a number of houses on this street, including Smotrich's, were built illegally, outside the declared state lands and in breach of the settlement's master plan. In 2012, Civil Administration personnel mapped the area. The purpose of the mapping project was to precisely pinpoint state lands as opposed to privately owned land, so the state could realize its rights on the lands it owns, while the private lands would remain in private hands. Was MK Bezael Smotrich's house in the West Bank settlement of Kedumim built on private Palestinian land? Olivier Fitouss. In their work at Kedumim, the team mapped a prominent enclave in the heart of the settlement on land that had not been declared state land. This is where Smotrich's house is. Historically, in the West Bank, people purchased rights to land by cultivating it. Aerial photographs in the 1970s, the 1990s and the early 2000s show that as opposed to non-arable, rocky land that was declared state land, the land on which the buildings in question were built was cultivated. Aerial photos show trees in the area until 2002. In 2004, construction seems to have started there. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 2 March 2017)

- The explosive proposal to annex Ma'aleh Adumim, a West Bank settlement east of Jerusalem, is expected to be submitted to the Ministerial Legislation Committee on Sunday, after numerous delays. The controversial bill's sponsor, MK Yoav Kish (Likud), asked to submit it to the vote several weeks ago, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused, reluctant to surprise the new U.S. President Donald Trump just before their first meeting. Now Kish intends to force the ministers to discuss the proposal, in a bid to bring it to the Knesset vote in the next few weeks. The bill calls for applying Israeli law to Ma'aleh Adumim, and, as a result, to annex it to the disputed E1 area, which has been added to the town's municipal area in the past. "It's possible that as part of a compromise we'll agree to pass the bill without [the] E1 [clause]," Kish told Haaretz. "I don't want someone to say he won't join the process because [it means Israeli] sovereignty will apply to E1." The area in question is 12 square kilometers northwest of Ma'aleh Adumim. The international community, especially the American administrations, have objected to its annexation as it will cut the north of the West Bank from its south and make it impossible to establish a Palestinian state on the area. Consequently, all the construction plans for this area have been delayed for diplomatic and political reasons since 2005. Ma'aleh Adumim mayor Benny Kashriel launched a campaign intended Wednesday to pressure the ministers to support the legislation to annex the town. Kashriel and youths have

given out the telephone numbers of members of the key legislative committee to passersby, urging them to text the ministers and ask them to "vote for sovereignty in Ma'aleh Adumim." "There's no such thing as the right timing and I expect the prime minister and ministers to approve the proposal on Sunday," Kashriel said. ([Haaretz](#) 2 March 2017)

- After delaying a bill at the Knesset calling for annexing the West Bank illegal settlement of Ma'ale Adumim to Occupied Jerusalem until the new US administration assumes office, right-wing Israeli lawmakers intend on Sunday to table it again. According to Haaretz newspaper, the Ma'ale Adumim annexation bill will be introduced at the Knesset's ministerial committee for legislation on Sunday by members of the Knesset Yoav Kish (Likud) and Bezalel Smotrich (Jewish Home). Israel's education minister Naftali Bennett (Jewish home) is a keen advocate of the bill. Recently, Bennett asserted that the arrival of Trump's administration would see a shift in Israel's West Bank settlement activities, including the annexation of Ma'ale Adumim, a massive settlement with some 40,000 Jewish residents. Introducers and sponsors of the bill intend for the legislation to not only annex Ma'ale Adumim under Israel's sovereignty, but also the surrounding E1 area (occupied in the 1967 war), where Israel has launched a vicious demolition campaign against Bedouin Palestinian communities over the past year. (Haaretz, PALINFO 3 March 2017)
- A new Israeli poll revealed that an overwhelming majority of the Israelis support launching a new war on Gaza. The survey said that 43% of the participants believe that "a military intervention would succeed to prevent future attacks on Israel." At the same time, however, only 29% of the public supports a political solution to the conflict. 42% of Israeli respondents say they think the Israeli recent military response to Gaza rockets fire is "not enough," while 39% support it. About 9% say it is "powerful." Meanwhile, 53% expressed dissatisfaction with the Israeli Army Minister Avigdor Lieberman's performance. Over the past decade, Gaza Strip has witnessed three bloody aggressions which left thousands of victims including women and children. (PALINFO 4 March 2017)
- Israeli courts fined Palestinian minors imprisoned in the Ofer detention center a total of 57,000 shekels (\$15,420) in February alone, adding that at least 49 had been detained in February. At least 49 Palestinian minors who were imprisoned in February and taken to Ofer, 27 of them were detained during home raids, nine in the streets, five after being summoned for interrogation, four at checkpoints, and four in Israel for not having permits. The sentences issued against 25 minors during the month ranged between one and 24 months in prison, with at least one teen -- 15 year-old Ahmad Hanatsha -- being sentenced to administrative detention without trial or charges. (Maannews 5 March 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 420 Palestinians during the month of February, including 70 minors and 22 women and girls, according to a statement released by the Palestinian Prisoners' Center for Studies. 12 of the detentions were carried out in the besieged Gaza Strip, including five fishermen whose boats were destroyed by Israeli forces before their detention, two who were detained at the Beit Hanoun crossing, and five who were detained after Israel alleged they attempted to cross the border fence between the besieged enclave and Israel. A journalist was also among the detainees, identified by the center as Humam Muhammad Hantash from the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. He was sentenced to Israel's widely condemned policy of administrative detention -- imprisonment without charge or trial based on undisclosed evidence. The center added that 88 administrative detention orders were issued by Israeli courts in the same period, 23 of which were issued for the first time, while 65 were renewed orders. Meanwhile, 32 administrative detention orders were issued against Palestinians from Hebron. (Maannews 5 March 2017)
- As the world marks on March 8 International Women's Day, 56 Palestinian women, 12 of them minors under 18 years of age, are currently held in Israeli jails, Palestinian Prisoners Society (PPS) said on Monday. The PPS pointed out that two female prisoners are serving time in administrative detention according to which they are held without charge or trial. Lena Jarbouni, who is the longest serving Palestinian female prisoner in Israeli jails, was arrested in 2002 and is serving a 17-year sentence. The 56 female prisoners are currently held in HaSharon and Damon prisons suffering harsh treatment and bad incarceration conditions by which they are treated inhumanely and denied access to the most basic rights including heating, winter clothing, medical treatment, and family visits, the PPS noted. (PALINFO 7 March 2017)
- Israeli Haaretz newspaper disclosed that Israeli transportation and intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz announced that he is working to advance plans to build an artificial island off the coast of Gaza. Katz has been trying for a year and a half to table the plan called "the separation island". He previously expressed his support for the prospect of a seaport in Gaza as part of efforts to completely cut off the Gaza Strip from Israel. In his call for a port in the coastal Palestinian territory, Katz proposed that the international community should oversee access to such a terminal under Israeli security control. Katz's plan stipulates the establishment of an artificial island over 8-kilometer area connected to the Gaza Strip through a bridge with a security checkpoint. "The off-shore project could provide Gaza with an economic and humanitarian gateway to the world without endangering Israeli security," he said. According to Haaretz newspaper, senior

Israeli officials support the plan, while it is rejected, however, by Israeli war minister Avigdor Lieberman. (PALINFO March 2017)

- The Knesset gave its final approval to a bill that forbids granting entry visas or residency rights to foreign nationals who call for economic, cultural or academic boycotts of either Israel or the settlements. The interior minister would be able to make exceptions to this rule if he deems it warranted in a particular case. The bill, which was enacted into law after it passed its second and third readings, was backed by 46 lawmakers and opposed by 28. Zionist Union this time imposed coalition discipline against the bill, after it gave its MKs freedom to vote as they choose during its first reading. The Knesset Interior and Environment Committee approved the final wording of the boycott bill, whose goal is to fight the international boycott, divestment and sanctions movement. It says the entry ban will apply to any person “who knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel that, given the content of the call and the circumstances in which it was issued, has a reasonable possibility of leading to the imposition of a boycott – if the issuer was aware of this possibility.” This definition was copied from a 2011 law that permitted civil lawsuits against BDS activists. The ban would apply not just to people who call for boycotts against Israel, but also to those who call for boycotts of any Israeli institution or any “area under its control” – i.e., the settlements. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 7 March 2017)
- David Friedman’s leadership role in an organization that raises funds for the West Bank settlement of Beit El is frequently cited as grounds for disqualifying him from becoming U.S. ambassador to Israel. It now emerges that Friedman’s financial ties to the settlement movement run deeper than Beit El. Friedman has also made contributions over the years to Ateret Cohanim, a right-wing organization that buys land in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem’s Old City and Arab East Jerusalem for creating a “Jewish presence” there. Bernie Hoenig, the founder of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim, the group’s U.S. fundraising arm, said Friedman was one of the organization’s donors. “I definitely know that he has contributed – there’s no question about that,” Hoenig told Haaretz. “But he is not one of our major donors.” Hoenig said he did not know how much money Friedman had contributed to Ateret Cohanim over the years. But he said he did remember seeing him at “at least one, maybe two” of the organization’s annual fundraising galas in New York. Hoenig today is the legal adviser of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim, which is headed by Shoshana Hikind, the wife of Dov Hikind, a New York State assemblyman and well-known supporter of the Israeli right. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to vote on Friedman’s appointment Thursday. If Friedman is confirmed as expected, the vote will go to the full Senate. In his Senate confirmation hearings several weeks

ago, Friedman tried to play down his connections to the settler movement. American Friends of Ateret Cohanim is also known as Jerusalem Chai and the Jerusalem Reclamation Project. Following the announcement of Friedman's nomination, it published a statement extending him a "heartfelt Mazal Tov." "Mr. Friedman has been a long and generous supporter of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim and we thank him for his past support and friendship," it said. According to Peace Now, an Israeli organization that monitors settlement activity, Ateret Cohanim owns 59 properties in the Muslim Quarter and Arab East Jerusalem. Since its establishment in 1987, it has settled 1,100 Jews in these areas, including hundreds of yeshiva students. One of Ateret Cohanim's best-known donors was the late Irving Moskowitz, a Florida physician who contributed considerably to the settler movement. Ateret Cohanim's latest project, approved in December, is a new three-story building in the middle of the crowded Silwan neighborhood. Opposition members in the Jerusalem City Council have been fighting the plan. "Ateret Cohanim is known as an organization that tries to make the most provocative purchases possible right in the heart of East Jerusalem," said Laura Wharton, a city council member for the left-wing Meretz party. "They are seeking to incite as much conflict as they can." According to its tax forms, American Friends of Ateret Cohanim has raised close to \$25 million over the past 20 years. Donations to the organization are tax-exempt because it enjoys 501c status. The tax forms filed do not identify the organization's donors. On its tax forms, the American Friends organization says it strives to "encourage and promote the study and observance of Jewish religious traditions and culture through seminars, newsletters, tours, Internet and website, support various children's activities, provide aid for security equipment in support of the safety and protection of community residents, and provide funds for needy families for housing renovations and repairs." Friedman is president of American Friends of Bet El Institutions, an organization that raises several million dollars a year for projects in that settlement, where he has several close friends. Plaques bearing Friedman's name and those of other family members appear on buildings in the settlement, including a school built illegally on private Palestinian land. For more information, ([Haaretz](#) 7 March 2017)

- The Israeli Knesset passed first reading of the edited motion of [Adhan ban bill](#). Israel's Ministerial Committee for Legislation had earlier approved an amendment to the contested Adhan ban bill, which seeks to impose limits on the Muslim call to prayer within the Green Line and in occupied Jerusalem, paving the way for the bill to be voted on in the Knesset. The bill was modified to prevent the use of loudspeakers by mosques only between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., after ultra-Orthodox Israeli Minister of Health Yaakov Litzman filed

an appeal against the draft law in November out of fear that it could also affect use of sirens for the weekly Jewish call for Shabbat. Violations of the ban on loudspeakers during those hours will be fined 10,000 shekels (\$2,665). The bill will be submitted to the Knesset and will have to go through three rounds of votes before it can pass into law. (PALINFO 8 March 2017)

- As the world marks International Women's Day, 65 Palestinian women, including 12 minors, are being imprisoned by Israel "under dire conditions," according to a statement released by the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) on Tuesday. The 65 women are being held in Israel's HaSharon and Damon prisons, where prison cells are unbearably cold in winter and hot in summer. In addition, the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) imposes restrictions on provision of clothes, bed sheets, and shoes, PPS said. According to the statement, the longest serving female prisoner is Lina al-Jarbouni, who has been jailed since 2002. (Maannews 8 March 2017)
- 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)
- The Israeli Knesset intends to ratify the amendment 109 of the Planning and Construction Law next week which aims to accelerate and intensify demolition operations in the 1948 occupied Palestinian territories. According to the website Arabs 48, a group of extreme right-wing associations sponsors this bill including Rgafim association which was found by the extremist settler MK Bezalel Smotrich. The Knesset Interior Committee will start voting on the bill next Tuesday in a prelude for a final approval by the Knesset before 22nd March. Kaminitz Law- amendment 109 of the Planning and Construction Law stipulates expanding the powers of planning committees in issuing and implementing demolition orders against unlicensed buildings, reducing the powers of courts in postponing demolition orders, raising fines, and tightening criminal proceedings against homeowners and whoever contributes to unlicensed buildings including contractors and engineers. The amendment aims to turn demolition orders to administrative orders that can be issued by inspectors, and force local authorities

to implement these orders. Mossawa Center and the Arab Center for Alternative Planning as well as the Committee of Heads of Local Authorities, MPs, political parties and popular committees are exerting efforts to create a popular presence inside and outside the Knesset Interior Committee during the vote. Both Mossawa and the Arab Center affirmed that what had happened in Umm al-Hiran and Qalansuwa was based on the current Planning and Construction Law, which means that passing the new bill while tighten the noose on the Arab masses in 1948 occupied Palestine and entail greater tragedies. (PLAINFO 10 March 2017)

- Ten female prisoners were placed under administrative detention since the beginning of Jerusalem Intifada in October 2015, eight of them were earlier released. However, two female prisoners identified as Sabah Faroun and Ihsan Dababssa are still held in administrative detention without charge or trial, he pointed out. Sabah, a mother of four children, was arrested in June 2016 after Israeli police violently broke into her family home in occupied Jerusalem for Facebook incitement. She was first placed under administrative detention for four months. Her detention was then renewed twice for four months each time. Ihsan, from al-Khalil, was arrested in February 2017 from her family home and taken to Etzion investigation center. She was then placed under administrative detention for six months. Ihsan had earlier spent four years behind Israeli bars in two separate arrests in 2007 and 2014 for being allegedly affiliated to Jihad Movement. 56 Palestinian female prisoners are currently held in HaSharon and Damon prisons suffering harsh treatment and bad incarceration conditions including denying them access to the most basic rights including heating, winter clothing, medical treatment, and family visits. (PALINFO 10 March 2017)
- A tight closure is expected to be enforced by the Israeli occupation army around the West Bank and Jerusalem, along with Gaza crossings. The closure coincides with the celebration of the Jewish Purim holiday. The closure is reportedly slated to be lifted on Sunday. (PALINFO 10 March 2017)
- The Israeli authorities decided to extend a lock down on travel in and out of the occupied West Bank and besieged Gaza Strip for the Jewish holiday of Purim for another day. The closure, which was initially announced to begin midnight on Friday and end midnight on Sunday, would last until midnight on March 13 between Monday night and Tuesday morning. During the closure, only humanitarian, medical, and exceptional cases will be allowed to pass between the West Bank and Gaza, pending approval from COGAT, the Israeli agency responsible for implementing Israeli policies in Palestinian territory. (Maannews 11 March 2017)

- Israel should annex all of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip and take full responsibility for the Arabs living there, said Yitzhak Chai Zaga, who is challenging Education Minister Naftali Bennett for the leadership of Bayit Yehudi in a race set to be held on April 27. Bennett has spoken about annexing Area C of the West Bank, not about full annexation of the land and its entire Arab population. Zaga said he would provide equal education, housing and employment opportunities for the Arab population but would not grant them citizenship or the right to vote until they respect Israeli nationalism... Zaga has a plan for taking responsibility for the Arab population that starts with removing their ammunition and ending incitement. (JPOST 12 March 2017)
- The Israeli Minister of Culture, Miri Regev, and Minister of Jerusalem Affairs and Environment Protection, Ze'ev Elkin pushed for the establishment of a so-called "Temple Mount Legacy Fund" to prop up Jews' alleged ties to holy al-Aqsa Mosque. The bid advanced by Regev and Elkin calls for allocating a budget of two million shekels per annum so as to promote a media campaign on Jews' alleged ties to al-Aqsa Mosque—the third holiest site in Islam. The bid will be brought into a government debate sometime soon, in response to a UNESCO resolution issued last October denying Jewish ties to al-Aqsa place of worship. The Israeli ministers claimed the projected fund aims to spread awareness about the history of the Temple Mount via printed and online multi-lingual circulars and social media network activities. ([Ynetnews](#), PALINFO 13 March 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) banned the chairman of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) from entering Israel, days after the Knesset passed a law to bar supporters of the boycott campaign. PSC chair, Hugh Lanning, has been denied entry into Israel, raising the likelihood he is the first high profile figure to fall foul of the Knesset law. (PALINFO 13 March 2017)
- The Knesset passed legislation disqualifying a candidate from running in parliamentary election if he or she denies Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state or endorses any armed struggle against it. According to a press release issued by the Knesset media office, the new basic law disqualifying any candidate denying Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state, inciting to racism and supporting the armed struggle of terror organization or an enemy state. The law clarifies that the conditions for disqualifying a candidate include his words and not just his deeds. The bill on the matter was voted into a basic law after it was supported in its second and third readings by 29 members of the Knesset and opposed by 20 others. (PLAINFO 15 March 2017)
- Israel expelled Palestinians from the Gaza Strip as collective punishment in retaliation for an attempted attack on Israeli troops, a secret Foreign Ministry document dated June 15, 1967 reveals. The document describes a visit by Foreign

Ministry officials to the office of the military governor in Gaza, and discusses a decision to expel dozens of Palestinians from Gaza to Sinai after a land mine meant to harm Israeli security forces was planted. The Foreign Ministry's Avner Arazi, who served in the ministry's Asian department at the time, wrote the classified document. For more information, click to read full report. ([Haaretz](#) 15 March 2017)

- Israel will give its highest civilian honor to the director of the Ir David Foundation, commonly known as Elad, which works to settle Jews in East Jerusalem and operates controversial archaeological projects outside the Old City, Education Minister Naftali Bennett announced on Thursday. David Be'eri, Elad's director, will be awarded the Israel Prize for lifetime achievement along with Zvi Levy, who has mobilized support for soldiers who enlist in the Israel Defense Forces from abroad and have no family in Israel - lone soldiers, as they are called in Israel. Be'eri founded Elad in the late 1980s. At first the organization tried unsuccessfully to build 200 housing units for Jews in the City of David area. It then worked to move Jews into the adjacent predominantly Palestinian Silwan neighborhood, in part using controversial means to evict Palestinians living there. In recent years, the organization has used Palestinian middlemen and straw companies registered abroad to acquire homes in the neighborhood. The organization also seeks to settle Jews in other East Jerusalem neighborhoods, such as Ras al-Amud, Abu Tur, and A-Tur. The group also runs the City of David National Park, an archaeological dig in the Arab neighborhood of Silwan, where Jerusalem had its earliest origins. It is thought to be one of the wealthiest non-profits in the country and has strong ties with Jerusalem city hall. In making the announcement, Bennett accepted the recommendations of the prize nominating committees. He congratulated Levy for his efforts on behalf of lone soldiers and Be'eri for turning the City of David into a heritage, education and tourist site of major importance. In selecting Be'eri for the Israel Prize, the country's most prestigious, the committee said he was chosen for his contribution to the country and particularly for founding the City of David project. "The prize is being given to him fifty years after the reunification of the city [Jerusalem]. He initiated, established, led and leads this praiseworthy effort," the prize jury said. "The City of David is the historic seed from which Jerusalem, the heart of the Jewish people and the focus of the Book of Books, grew." Bennett added: "Fifty years since the reunification of Jerusalem is an excellent opportunity to thank David Be'eri, one of the great builders of Jerusalem in modern times. For many years, we dreamed, prayed and yearned to return to the city in which David settled and to rebuild it." Be'eri, Bennett said, has realized that dream and by virtue of his efforts "millions of soldiers and student are being exposed to

Jerusalem's history in a way that they never could before." Be'eri was an officer in the elite IDF Sayeret Matkal commando unit and in the elite Duvdevan special operations unit, Bennett said, calling him "both a man of the book and a soldier." Bennett called the other prize recipient, Zvi Levy, "an exemplary figure of Zionist and above all Dad to thousands of male and female soldiers who found him as an address. He is Dad and Mom to them, an attentive ear, a friend and a brother." The prize jury noted that Levy, who is from Kibbutz Yifat in the Jezreel Valley, made a decisive contribution to the country through his efforts on behalf of lone soldiers over a period of decades. Commenting on the decision to award Be'eri the Israel Prize, left-wing Meretz Knesset member Tamar Zandberg said: "If there is one party that is responsible most clearly and in the most organized manner for driving a wedge in East Jerusalem, for destroying our joint future and destroying any prospect for a diplomatic solution [of the conflict with the Palestinians], it's Elad, which single-handedly is leading the eviction of Palestinians from their homes and the settlement and Judaization of Silwan, and which nevertheless is receiving hundreds of millions in contributions from companies registers in tax havens. But it's symbolic that in the 50th year of the occupation, this is the message that the government is conveying." Referring to Be'eri by his nickname, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said: "Davideleh is a loyal and leading partner in the building of Jerusalem, a man of vision just as he is a man of deeds, uncovering layers of Jewish history and building a solid future for in the eternal city on these foundations. On the 50th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem, there is no one more worthy!" ([Haaretz](#) 16 March 2017)

- In a precedent-setting ruling, High Court justices have ordered the Interior Ministry to restore the residency rights of a Palestinian man born in East Jerusalem who was denied permission to live in the city after being away for many years. The ruling challenges a ministry policy of denying residency to many Palestinians born in the city once they're away for more than seven years. A three-justice panel ruled that residents of East Jerusalem "have a strong affinity" to the city which must be taken into consideration with respect to residency rights. With the annexation of East Jerusalem by Israel in 1967, Palestinians did not receive Israeli citizenship but the status of permanent residents, entitling them to freedom of movement. In effect, the state has treated them as immigrants rather than native-born residents. Since 1967 the Interior Ministry has denied the status of more than 14,000 Palestinians from East Jerusalem citing various reasons. It has been ministry practice, backed by a previous court ruling, to regard Palestinian residency in the city as having "expired" once the person is gone for more than seven years. This rationale has been the most commonly cited by Israeli authorities for denying residency to

Palestinians from the city. It has been used against families who moved to the West Bank or to students who studied abroad and did not return within seven years. Jerusalem-born Akhram Abdalhak, 58, was nine when the annexation took place and moved three years later to the United States with his parents. He went to school there and received U.S. citizenship. In 1989 he tried to return to Israel and discovered his legal status had expired and the ministry rejected his request to renew his residency. He married women from the occupied territories twice and moved to Jerusalem, illegally. Three years ago a district court judge, David Mintz, rejected an appeal by Abdelhak of the ministry's having denied him legal status in Israel. In 2014 he appealed to the high court and on Tuesday, justices Uzi Fogelman, Meni Mazuz and the court president, Miriam Naor, found in his favor and instructed the ministry to restore his status. The ruling's significance is in the fact that the justices accepted the principle argued by Abdalhak's attorneys that East Jerusalem residents are not immigrants but have rights due to the fact they were born in the city. Experts say the ruling may bear significance for similar cases involving Palestinians seeking to return to the city. Fogelman wrote that "when the interior minister must examine a request to restore a permanent residency to a resident of East Jerusalem, they must consider the special circumstances of these residents – that as opposed to immigrants seeking status – they have a strong affinity to the place where they live, as people born in this area – and sometimes even their parents and grandparents were born there – and where they have enjoyed family and communal life for years." Mazuz added: "Under these circumstances, the appellant ought to be viewed as someone who has renewed their affinity to Israel and considering the special status of East Jerusalem residents as native born – as opposed to those who won the right to permanent residency by license after immigration – has enough to justify his request to renew recognition in his status as a permanent resident." Naor consented to these rulings, but added that each case must be judged on its own merit. ([Haaretz](#) 16 March 2017)

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday vowed to keep his promise to build the first new official West Bank settlement in two decades amid discussions with a US envoy on reviving the peace process with the Palestinians. Netanyahu said he would meet with [US envoy Jason Greenblatt](#) for a second time this week on Thursday to try to reach an "agreed-upon policy" on settlements, one of the most contentious issues in decades-old peace efforts. The Palestinians view the building of settlements on land they want for their future state as one of the main obstacles to peace, a position largely supported by the international community. US President Donald Trump voiced [support](#) for Israel's position on the campaign trail but has since asked it to "[hold off](#)" on settlement construction as he seeks to

restart the peace process, which last collapsed in 2014. Netanyahu said reaching an understanding with Washington on the settlements would be "good for Israel," but said he would honor a promise made last month to build a new settlement to replace [Amona](#), an illegal settlement outpost built on private Palestinian land that was forcibly dismantled following a ruling by Israel's [Supreme Court](#). Greenblatt meanwhile met with the chief foreign envoy of the Yesha council, which represents the settlements. The council said it was a "fruitful and positive" meeting, without providing further details. Trump campaigned on promises that he would depart from decades of US foreign policy on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. His platform made no mention of [Palestinian statehood](#), a key goal of the US and international diplomacy for more than two decades, and he vowed to move the [US Embassy](#) from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. However, he seems to have backed off on both since assuming office. At a White House meeting with Netanyahu last month, Trump said he was open to a two-state solution and urged restraint on settlement construction. Plans to move the embassy appear to have been put on hold. The international community views settlements built in the West Bank and east Jerusalem—territories seized by Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War and claimed by the Palestinians as part of their future state—as illegal. Israel says the issue of settlements should be resolved along with other core disputes in direct peace [negotiations](#) with the Palestinians. ([YNETNEW](#) 16 March 2017)

- Israeli "Defense" minister Avigdor Lieberman declared the Palestinian National Fund (PNF), which is an affiliate of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a terror organization. The decision is considered the first of its kind since the signing of the Oslo accords in 1993. According to Israel's Channel 7, Lieberman justified the decision by saying that the PNF provides millions of shekels in salaries for Palestinian prisoners and families of "terrorists" (martyrs). He described the prisoners and families of martyrs as entities responsible for serious terrorist activity against Israel and Israeli citizens. He accused the PNF of playing a role in the Palestinian Authority's economic support for "terrorists" who committed attacks against Israelis, and serving as a delegate in the transfer of a significant amount of funds to them. According to a statement released by his office, steps will be taken to seize the fund's property and assets, both in Israel and abroad. PLO chairman Mahmoud Abbas appointed Ramzi Khouri in 2005 as director of the PNF. The PNF was founded in 1964 by members of the PLO in order to serve as the body which will manage the funds of the Palestinian people and their institutions. The person who heads the fund was unofficially considered the Palestinian finance minister. The PNF's sources of funding were defined as taxes collected from salaries of Palestinian citizens working in the

Gulf, donations from businessmen, donations from Arab and other states, from organizations, profits from investments in economic projects and more. (PALINFO 17 March 2017)

- Israel has significantly reduced the number of exit permits for Gaza Strip residents over the past few months. According to Gisha, a nonprofit organization in contact with Palestinian authorities, the number of Gaza residents entering Israel dropped by 40 percent last month compared to the 2016 monthly average, and the number of businesspeople who entered Israel from the enclave fell by 60 percent compared to February 2016. In February, only 7,301 people passed through the Erez crossing, which connects the Strip to Israel and the West Bank – the lowest number since the end of the Gaza war in the summer of 2014. This figure is 40 percent below the monthly average for 2016 (12,150 people) and is just over half of the number of permits issued in February 2015. Gisha says its figures are based on information from the Palestinian civil commission, the official body that works with the Israel Defense Forces' Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories to issue Israeli entry permits for Gaza residents. The more stringent limits on permits started at the beginning of the year: In January, the number of exit permits for Palestinians from Gaza dropped by 44 percent compared to the same period last year, and by 30 percent compared to the 2016 monthly average. After the fighting ended in 2014, Israel said it would join the efforts to economically rehabilitate Gaza, and announced specific moves to ease the passage of people and goods to and from the Strip. This gave hope for growth in trade between Gaza and the West Bank and Israel, the natural markets for Gaza, as well as trade with foreign countries. Senior Israeli politicians and defense officials said time after time that promoting the economy of the Gaza Strip and improving living conditions for its residents were in Israel's interests. This was reiterated more recently, in the wake of the State Comptroller's report on Operation Protective Edge. The unemployment rate in Gaza reached 42 percent last year, but the greatest drop in permits was among traders, including those with many years' experience in the business. Gisha recorded only 3,287 exits for traders in February, a drop of over 50 percent compared to the monthly average in 2016 (6,637) and a 60 percent reduction compared to February 2016, when the figure was 8,226. Workers in the furniture industry, which flourished before the blockade, tell of difficulties in manufacturing furniture because of the ban on importing sufficiently wide wooden planks and boards, as well as other raw materials such as paint. These limitations are imposed by Israel for security reasons. Today, only 1,363 traders have valid entry permits, a bit more than a third of the some 3,600 permits Israel had approved in late 2015, and about a quarter of the quota set by Israel, which

was never filled. Senior Hamas leader Fathi Hamad said this week that the situation in Gaza is on the verge of boiling over: “Either lifting the blockade, or an explosion,” he declared at a demonstration. Even though Hamas is not interested in an escalation with Israel for now, the situation could create pressure that Palestinian factions, including the ruling Hamas, will no longer be able to withstand, said Palestinian sources. COGAT responded that over the past two years, in number of cases Gaza residents were discovered to have “exploited their entry permits to smuggle money and weapons to Hamas members in Judea and Samaria, forged medical documents, smuggled dual-use materials, exploited international aid and more.” “The figures do not reflect reality when every day, the [IDF’s] Coordination and Liaison Administration to the Gaza Strip coordinates over 1,000 [entries and exits to and from Israel] for purposes of trade and business, medical treatment, academic studies overseas, participation in conferences and training, and more,” said COGAT. “In urgent medical cases we immediately coordinate entry for life-saving medical treatment.” ([Haaretz](#) 17 March 2017)

- The Israeli Supreme Court scheduled a hearing session to discuss the appeal submitted against detaining the bodies of Palestinian Martyrs in the occupation’s freezers. The Supreme Court scheduled a session on Wednesday 22/3/2017 to discuss the appeals submitted against detaining the bodies of Palestinian Martyrs. Currently, the bodies of Martyrs Abdel Hamid Sroor who passed away last April and Musbah Abu Sbeih who passed away last October are being detained in the occupation’s freezers. (SILWANIC 19 March 2017)
- Palestinian Prisoner Society revealed that the Israeli occupation authority (IOA) is detaining 19 mothers out of 60 female captives in Israeli Sharon and Damon jails. The Society pointed out that the IOA deprives some of the female detainees of the right of family visitation. Others also complain of harassment, the ban of open visits which allow them to hold their children and the deprivation of communication either through phone calls or even via written messages. (PALINFO 19 March 2017)
- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Tuesday during a briefing to reporters during his visit to China that the Russians had not changed their policy regarding Israeli military actions in Syrian territory and that the coordination between the two countries was continuing. Netanyahu made the remarks in response to reports that Russia summoned the Israeli ambassador to express its displeasure over an Israeli air-strike in Syria last weekend. Netanyahu also stated that the issue was raised during his recent meeting with [Russian President Vladimir Putin](#), and that he had made it clear to the Russian leader that Israel

would not halt its attacks on Hezbollah arms convoys. "Our policy on the subject will not change," declared Netanyahu. "If there is a feasibility from an intelligence and military standpoint - we attack and so it will continue." The Prime Minister said that Syria was not informed in advance of Israeli strikes against Hezbollah, so as not to potentially harm Israeli Air Force pilots. He also clarified that restrictions on construction in Judea and Samaria do apply to Jerusalem, and that there is no pressure from the Trump Administration to freeze construction in any part of Israel's capital. "There are no restrictions on construction in Jerusalem, I do not discuss the issue of Jerusalem, and the discourse with the Americans concerns only construction in Judea and Samaria." ([Haaretz](#), [INN](#) 22 March 2017)

- Construction on new homes for Jewish residents in Judea and Samaria rose by 40 percent in 2016 compared with the previous year, official figures showed Wednesday. Ground was broken on 2,630 housing units last year compared with 1,884 in 2015, figures from Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics showed. Peace Now called it "the second highest number of construction starts in the past 15 years". The highest number during that time was [2,874 in 2013](#). "On average, since 2001, 1,790 housing units begin to be constructed in West Bank settlements each year," Peace Now said. The figures exclude eastern Jerusalem, liberated by Israel in the Six Day War 50 years ago. Some 200,000 Jews live in eastern Jerusalem, in addition to about 400,000 in Judea and Samaria. Around three million Arabs live in Judea, Samaria and eastern Jerusalem. Netanyahu has been in discussions with US President Donald Trump's administration on how to move forward with construction in Jewish communities. When meeting Netanyahu at the White House in February, Trump called for Israel to "hold back on settlements for a little bit". At that meeting, Trump also broke with decades of US policy by saying he was not bound to a two-state solution to the conflict and would be open to one state if it meant peace. But one of his top advisers, Jason Greenblatt, visited Israel and the PA last week, holding a range of meetings on both sides, including with PA chairman Mahmud Abbas and Netanyahu. ([INN](#) 23 March 2017)
- The number of Israeli settlers living in the West Bank has soared by nearly one-quarter over the past five years to over [420,000](#) people, a prominent settler leader said Sunday, presenting new population figures that he said put to rest the internationally backed idea of a [two-state solution](#) between Israel and the Palestinians. Yaakov Katz issued his report as the Israeli government is locked in negotiations with the Trump administration over understandings that are expected to include some curbs on settlement construction. "We are talking about a situation that is unchangeable," he said Sunday. "It's very important to know

the numbers, and the numbers are growing." According to Katz, the settler population hit 420,899 on January 1, up 3.6 percent from 406,332 people a year earlier and a 23-percent increase from 342,414 at the beginning of 2012. Katz said the numbers were based on data from the Interior Ministry that have not yet been made public. The ministry, which oversees the country's population registry, had no comment. But Peace Now, an anti-settlement watchdog group, said the numbers appeared reasonable. The figures are being published on a new website sponsored by Bet El Institutions, a settler organization that counts members of President Donald Trump's inner circle among its supporters. Katz's figures did not include settlement construction in east Jerusalem, where more than 200,000 Israelis now live. Altogether, he said the population growth—which is nearly double the 2-percent nationwide rate of annual population growth—means the settlements are "irreversible," he said. For more information: ([YNETNEWS](#) 26 March 2017)

- A US-Israel agreement gave a green light for the construction of an alternative settlement outpost to the evacuated Amona outpost. According to the Channel 2, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be able to build a new settlement outpost for Amona evacuees, but then restrain settlement construction elsewhere and focus on construction in the large settlement blocs according to the terms of an agreement being hammered out with Washington. The Channel 2 also indicated that the Trump Administration will also give Israel a green light to find a solution for other outposts where there are questions regarding illegal land ownership. ([YNETNEWS](#), PALINFO 26 March 2017)
- Amona evacuees are threatening to build a settlement on their own if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not make good on his pledge to authorize one for them by Friday. "If nothing happens, we will have to unilaterally move onto the [designated] land and create the settlement," Avihai Boaron, a spokesman for the former Amona residents, said on Sunday. Prior to their eviction in February, Netanyahu promised that the government would create a settlement for the 40 families in an area of the Shiloh community in the Binyamin region of the West Bank. Boaron told Army Radio that work is scheduled to begin on the community by the end of March, based on a signed agreement with the Prime Minister's Office, but the government has yet to authorize the settlement. A government vote, along with an Interior Ministry designation of a symbol for the community, are the first steps necessary before legal construction can begin. Boaron said the property in question is state land, and that there is no reason for the issue to be dragged out. Netanyahu, however, pledged the community precisely as Israel and the US are in the midst of coming to an understanding with regard to settlement activity. A settlement for the Amona

families near Shiloh, which is located beyond the planned route of the security barrier, is considered part of those talks. But Boaron said the two issues have nothing to do with each other. "What we want is for the government to stand by its promise," he said. "This is not about the Left or the Right. This is about the government's obligation to make good on a signed agreement it made to its citizens." Avi Ro'eh, who heads the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria, said he supported the Amona evacuees' decision. This isn't an "ultimatum," he told Army Radio, but rather a situational assessment. There are 40 families who have been living for almost two months in a field school, added Ro'eh, who also heads the Binyamin Regional Council. Shiloh is under his auspices, Ro'eh said, and if Netanyahu has still not made good on his word by the beginning of April, "we will go onto that hilltop." ([Ynetnews](#) 27 March 2017)

- The Knesset's Finance Committee approved the transfer of 27 million NIS to local authorities in Judea and Samaria, as part of the "Judea and Samaria grant." In addition, the Committee agreed to provide 30 million NIS for the purpose of bulletproofing public buses and vans used to provide school and public transportation in Judea and Samaria. ([INN](#) 27 March 2017)
- 200 new immigrants from Ukraine came to Israel on a special flight organized by the Keren Yedidut friendship foundation. Many of the immigrants are refugees from eastern Ukraine who fled the battle zones with separatists and Russia. They decided to immigrate to Israel because of the difficult economic situation in Ukraine. Immigrant Absorption Minister Sofa Landwer greeted the new arrivals during a ceremony at Ben-Gurion Airport. ([INN](#) 28 March 2017)
- Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, Tzipi Hotovely said that Israel will never withdraw to the borders occupied in 1967, as envisioned by the two-state solution. Added that the number of Israeli settlers should be increased in the West Bank to reach 2 million people noting that the number currently stands at around 600,000. Hotovelt made her remarks at a conference in Washington DC in support of Israeli settlement. ([MEM](#) 29 March 2017)
- The Israeli lawmaker Yehuda Glick has petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to reverse a ban preventing members of Israel's parliament, the Knesset, from visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem, making good on his pledge to do so after he was sworn into the Knesset last May. ([Maannews](#) 30 March 2017)
- The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) has confirmed in a report that five French financial institutions have funded Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories through their cooperation with Israeli banks and companies operating in the settlements. The FIDH released today a report

entitled: “Dangerous Links between French Banks and Insurance Companies and Israeli Colonization”, in which it said that the following banks and companies: BNP Paribas, Societe Generale, Credit Agricole, BPCE, and “AXA” Insurance, have, through their continuous support of Israeli banks and companies operating in the settlements,” directly contributed to the sustainability and development of these settlements. The report, on which “Association France Palestine Solidarite”, CCFD – Terre Solidaire, Fair Finance France, FIDH, LDH, Solidaires, CGT et Al-Haq, have all worked together to publish, said that these French large financial groups manage “financial partnerships” or “own shares” in Israeli banks, and constitute “an essential tool in the settlement policy” by “financing construction” in these settlements. The report added that these French institutions have relations with Israeli companies that “provide vital services for the sustainability and development of the settlements,” such as the “construction of houses, factories, phone networks, Internet substructure, or even the development of surveillance equipment.” Furthermore, FIDH Vice President Maryse Artiguelong, stated in the report that these five French institutions are regretfully “seeking profit, whatever the outcome,” adding “it’s sad that these institutions have placed themselves in such an oppressive position only to earn a little money.” (PALINFO 30 March 2017)

- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu related at the opening of his meeting with the President of Slovakia to the establishment of a [substitute town](#) for the former residents of Amona. “I promised that we would establish a new town, I believe I gave the first commitment in December, and we will establish it today. There are several more hours, and you will know all the details later.” Amona Staff activists related earlier to reports that the cabinet will convene today for a vote tonight on the establishment of a new town for Amona. “We demand in advance from the PM and cabinet ministers to unanimously support the establishment of a new town, including the granting of a town symbol, and in the location specified by the residents,” they said. “We are clearly aware that the establishment of a neighborhood next to an already-existing town does not constitute a new town as laid out in the agreement with us, and that such a decision opposes the agreement. As such, we will not cooperate with it,” they added. They continued, “If the decision to establish of a new community is not made today, it will constitute a breach of the government’s obligations beyond low public standard and will establish that agreements are not worth the paper that they’re written on. In that case, we will be compelled to use all legal means at our disposal. You destroyed - now build. You committed to begin the establishment of the new community by March 31 - fulfill the agreement, a day before it expires.” The Staff also related to reports that the establishment of a new

town is contingent upon limitations on building in Judea and Samaria, and that it damages settlement. "One must not link, in any way, the building of a new community with the debate about building in Judea and Samaria and Israel as a whole. There is an agreement, and it must be kept. In parallel, there is a political discussion about how much to build in Judea and Samaria and where to build. Creating a paradoxical equation whereby the establishment of a new community comes at the expense of building is a manipulation - no less. The members of the cabinet must deny this and the placement of this assumption at the core of the discussion. Just as Amona must be rebuilt as soon as possible, so life and building must be added in Judea and Samaria, and all of the land of Israel." (INN 30 March 2017)

- 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)

In Total,

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Demolished structures	Houses threatened of Demolition	Israeli settlers violence
Bethlehem	733	1015	990	3	16	13	8
Jerusalem	302.3	0	0	49	24	146	38
Jenin	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Tulkarm	142.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	308.863	0	400	0	0	0	4
Nablus	1497.11	0	850	17	30	4	27
Salfit	20	0	0	0	3	27	12
Jericho	0	0	400	6	9	2	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	169	100	800	0	0	3	4
Hebron	20	0	260	1	0	37	12
Tubas	36.88	0	0	8	9	22	12
Total	3229.35	1115	3700	84	93	254	119

Source compiled from local Palestinian and Israeli newspapers, Field interviews and surveys.