



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

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Other

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised settler leaders that construction would not be limited to the blocs and that it could be based on their priority list, said Avi Ro'eh who heads the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria. He spoke after a meeting between Netanyahu and a large group of settler leaders that was held in the Prime Minister's Bureau in Jerusalem for the first time in over a year. "The prime minister said very clearly, there is no issue with the blocs," Ro'eh said as he explained that building could continue in all

areas of Judea and Samaria irrespective of geography. But it would be based on the restrictions created by the Security Cabinet, about how new structures would be placed first within existing neighborhoods and then only if necessary outside them. The meeting comes as settlers leaders expressed frustration with the list of 2,336 new homes which the Higher Planning Council of Judea and Samaria authorized or advanced in the last two days. This includes 839 homes that were authorized in the Ariel settlement and 459 that were advanced in Ma'aleh Adumim. They had expected that many more plans would be advanced and authorized. While Ro'eh put a positive spin on the meeting, many other leaders walked away feeling as if their building needs would not be met. Beitar Illit Mayor Meir Rubinstein said that Netanyahu's planning policies were "choking" his city, explaining that the authorizations it has received in the last year do not keep pace with the needs of the Haredi population that makes up his city and that of Modiin Illit. Both cities "have the highest growth rate in Judea and Samaria" and are among the most desirable places to live for the Haredi population, he said. Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan, who has waned Netanyahu that he could be replaced if more building is not issued, said that he walked away from the meeting with a positive feeling. But the test will come only through the results, he said. Beit Aryeh Council head Avi Naim said he was expecting a massive surge in building in Judea and Samaria. Gush Etzion Regional Council head Shlomo Ne'eman said he told Netanyahu that he was frustrated that no building was pushed forward or authorized in his region this week. "I understand that there is international pressure to freeze building, but the prime minister has an obligation [to act according to] Israeli interests," Ne'eman said. As the meeting took place, Kibbutz Kfar Etzion in the Gush Etzion region held a cornerstone laying ceremony for a new neighborhood. The community also marked the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War and their founding a year later. Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely, who attended the ceremony, pledged that the government would approve more building in Gush Etzion and in Judea and Samaria as a whole. Yesh Atid Party head Yair Lapid, who also attended the ceremony, said that Gush Etzion was in the Israeli consensus. Although Yesh Atid is considered a centrist party, he struck a right wing tone when he said that "the state of Israel has the right to determine its own borders based on its national interests." Right wing legislators are in the midst of a campaign to pressure the government to annex the Gush Etzion region. Israel assumes that this region will be part of its sovereign borders in any final-status agreement with the Palestinians for a two-state solution. ([IPOST](#) 10 June 2017)

- Some 70 Ethiopian immigrants arrived in Israel on Tuesday as part of a joint operation between the Jewish Agency and the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. Their arrival was made possible due to a government decision passed on November 2015, which agreed to bring over 9,000 members of the Falash Mura community from Ethiopia, but activists criticized the slow pace at which the decision has been implemented. Dozens of excited family members gathered at Ben-Gurion Airport to meet their relatives, whom they had not seen for many years. Among them was Malaso Bardokai, who waited quietly to greet his daughter, whom he had not seen in a decade. "We have been waiting for this for so long, and now the family is finally reuniting," he said. Eliyahu Tadale was waiting for his nephews, whom he has not seen since Operation Solomon. "It's been 25 years. My brother has not seen his children all these years, and only after we fought for it were his children allowed to make Aliyah to Israel. I'm very excited to see them, and y <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4972807,00.html>lears of uncertainty. " After a three-year halt in the Aliyah process, in October 2016, the Aliyah project from Ethiopia was renewed, as an implementation of the government decision from November 2015, to bring over the Falash Mura community within five years. The plan's renewal was made possible after months of the Prime Minister's Office's foot dragging only after a coalition crisis led by Likud MKs Dudi Amsalem and Avraham Neguise. Following the pressure exerted by the two MKs, the government decided in August 2016 to ring over 1,300 of the 9,000 who are waiting in transit camps in the Ethiopian cities of Gondar and Addis Ababa, but the 70 immigrants who landed on Tuesday are only the second group to arrive since the government's decision. "We are happy to be partners in family unification and to help bring people who have been waiting for many years to come to Israel ," said International Christian Embassy President, Dr. Jürgen Bühler. "Some of the families have been splitup for over two decades. We have the honor to bring them to Israel." ([YNETNEWS](#) 10 June 2017)