

# **ARIJ Daily Report**

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# Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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

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

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

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# Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of At Tuwani in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, and informed the residents of the village that the loudspeakers of the village mosque were not allowed to be heard. The IOA threatened citizens to destroy the Loudspeakers, in case they do not obey the order. (WAFA 10 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Thuhur area in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, near the settlement of Karmei Tzur and occupied the rooftops of a number of houses in the area. Clashes

- erupted between the IOA and Palestinians resulting in the injury of 14 years old Palestinian in his leg and tens of suffocation cases. The IOA also closed the road leading to Al Thuhur area and prevented citizens from crossing it. (WAFA 10 October 2017)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffered tear gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the town of Yatta, south of Hebron, during which the Israeli occupation army (IOA) fired sound bombs and gas bombs at Palestinians causing dozens of Palestinians to suffocate. (WAFA 10 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) chased Palestinians driving their agricultural tractors on bypass road No. 60 in the town of Yatta south of Hebron and seized a number of them; one of which is owned by Mahmoud 'Ali Khalil Numan. The IOA also erected a military checkpoint in Zeif area and searched Palestinians' vehicles and checked their ID cards. (WAFA 10 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of two Palestinian prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment in the village of Bir al-Basha, south of Jenin, identified as Hussein Sharif Guadra and Mu'ammar Murshid Guadra and destroyed their contents. The IOA also confiscated the visit permit of citizen Arafat Guadara and prevented him from visiting his brother Muammar. Note that the permit was valid for 16 months. (WAFA 10 October 2017)

#### Israeli Arrests

- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Khadija Rabie, 30, from her home in the town of Yatta in southern Hebron. (Maannews 10 October 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the 14-year-old Abd al-Aziz Shaaban al-Hindi from his family home in the town of Beit Ummar north of Hebron city. (Maannews 10 October 2017)
- In the Bethlehem district, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Hafeth Jibrin from Wad Shaheen area. (Maannews 10 October 2017)
- In the northern West Bank, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yazan Iyad Abu Aisha from Tulkarem. (Maannews 10 October 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Azmi Mansour from Nablus. (Maannews 10 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from the old city of Jerusalem, Wadi al-Jawz and Ras al-Amud and subjected them to interrogation. The detention of the four Jerusalemites was extended until the 15th of October 2017. (WAFA 10 October 2017)

#### Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian vehicles near Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus and the junction leading to the town of Qalqiliya, and broke the glass of some cars. (WAFA 10 October 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers from Ma'on, Karmiel, Havat Yair, Susiya, Metzei Yair, Havat Ma'on, Avigail, Beit Yitir, and other settlements and outposts in the area, raided Al Karmel Park in the town of Yatta south of Hebron and took to swim in it. The IOA occupied the rooftops of several houses in the area under the pretext of protecting settlers. The IOA also erected several roadblocks on the road leading to East Yatta villages and raided Al Karmel village and prevented the citizens of East Yatta from accessing their lands.. (WAFA 10 October 2017)

## Confiscation & Razing of lands

• Four Israeli military bulldozers entered dozens of meters inside the border fence in eastern Jabaliya, located in northern Gaza, coming from a military site in the area. The bulldozers razed and levelled lands in the area as Israeli drones hovered overhead. (Maannews 10 October 2017)

## **Expansion of settlements**

• Next Monday (16.10.17), the Civil Administration's Subcommittee for Licensing will discuss the request for a building permit for 31 housing units in a new settlement in Hebron, on the Shuhada Street. This would be the first plan for settlers in Hebron since 2002, when approximately 10 housing units were built in Tel Rumeida under the excuse of a security need. The land in question was under Jewish ownership before 1948, and the Jordanians leased it to the Hebron municipality for the purpose of establishing a central bus station. After 1967, the land was transferred to the Custodian of Government Property of the Civil Administration, which continued to lease the land to the municipality, under protected tenancy. During the 1980s, the land was seized for military use through a military order. A military base was established in the area ("Plugat Hamitkanim") and the central bus station moved to another location. However, the protected tenancy status remained, meaning that once there is no military need, the municipality should be able to lease the land once again. (PEACENOW 10 October 2017)

The Israeli Defense Ministry's Civil Administration Higher Planning Committee will grant final approval to less than a quarter of the nearly 4,000 homes up for review at the committee's meeting next week, with just several hundred more receiving a green light from the Netanyahu government. In September, a senior Israeli official told Arutz Sheva that more than 3,000 housing units were set to be approved by the planning committee in mid-October, after the Sukkot holiday. "The committee will meet after the holidays at the very latest," the source told Arutz Sheva, adding that "the plan is to authorize thousands of housing units." The claim was echoed by similar statements to other Israeli media outlets, including Channel 2. On Sunday, it was reported that a total of 3,829 housing units in Judea and Samaria would be approved next week, including new projects in Ariel, Tzofim, Rehalim, Nogohot, Givat Zeev, Beit El, Hevron, Tekoa, Kfar Etzion, Avnei Hefetz, Nofim, Kochav Yaakov, Har Bracha, and Maaleh Michmash [Michmas]. But according to planning committee's agenda for next week, which was publicized Tuesday, the overwhelming majority of the 3,829 units in question will not receive final approval, while some are have already been constructed and will merely be receiving retroactive approval. Of the 3,829 units which are expected to receiving approval at next week's Higher Planning Committee meeting, only 870 are slated to receive permits - the last step before the projects can be put on the market. Close to 3,000 of the units under examination are expected to receive preliminary approval, and will require further hearings by the planning committee before they can be marketed. Of the 870 housing units which will receive building permits, dozens - including some homes in Nogohot and Rehalim have already been built, and will merely be receiving retroactive approval. An additional 326 housing units, including 296 in Beit El and 30 in the Jewish community in Hevron, are also expected to be green lighted for marketing following the end of the Sukkot festival this week. Even then, the total figure of units likely to be cleared for construction and marketing is less than 1,200 – less than a third of all housing units to be examined next week. In August, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reaffirmed his pledge to build 300 new homes in Beit El – a promise he originally made after the Supreme Court ordered 30 units in the Ulpana neighborhood of Beit El demolished in 2012. "From Beit El will come forth Torah and good tidings - the message of the return of the people to its land, the message of settlement. I will give you more good tidings. Very soon another 300 housing units will be approved, as promised," Netanyahu said in a video message to residents in August. Late last month, it was announced that the Civil Administration Higher Planning Committee

had postponed a planned meeting during which approval would likely have been given to the new housing units, but which was to have coincided with a visit by special Trump administration envoy Jason Greenblatt. Following the postponement, a number of Israeli lawmakers criticized the White House, accusing it of walking in the footsteps of the Obama administration. On Sunday, an Israeli government official told Yediot Ahronot that Israel and the Trump administration had settled on an arrangement announcements of new construction in Judea and Samaria, in exchange for an end to US condemnations of Israeli housing projects. "There was a long dry period during the Obama era, and we were hit with condemnations for every construction in the settlement," the official said. "After Trump came into office, Israel and the new American administration set clear criteria for construction that the Americans were not opposed to, such as canceling the distinction between settlement blocs and isolated settlements. In addition, it was made clear that the Americans no longer consider the settlements an obstacle to peace." (INN 10 October 2017)

## **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

 The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) erected a checkpoint at the entrance to Zabuba village west of Jenin. Israeli soldiers searched the vehicles and checked the ID cards of Palestinians and interrogated them. (WAFA 10 October 2017)