



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 18 October 2017

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

- In the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Transmedia and Palmedia offices and confiscated all equipment before closing the offices with a six-month military order. Clashes erupted during the raids, resulting in the injury of several Palestinian youth. (Maannews 18 October 2017)
- In the southern West Bank, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Palmedia offices in Bethlehem city and confiscated equipment. (Maannews 18 October 2017)

- In Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Quds TV, al-Aqsa, Palestine Today, Transmedia and Palmedia offices and confiscated equipment. The TransMedia and Palmedia offices were closed for 6 months by a military order. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested the director of TransMedia in Hebron, Amer Al-Jaabari, and the managing director, Ibrahim Al-Jaabari. The IOA searched media offices “suspected in broadcasting inciting content and promoting violence and terrorism against Israelis.” (Maannews 18 October 2017)
- A Palestinian youth was shot and injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at the Gush Etzion junction south of Bethlehem in the southern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 18 October 2017)
- Several Palestinians suffocated after inhaling tear gas fired at them by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during clashes that erupted in the town of Beit Ummar to the north of Hebron. The IOA stormed al-Thahr area to the south, and took over the rooftops of several homes, provoking residents and leading to clashes. The IOA used tear gas canisters against residents, causing several suffocation cases among them. (Wafa 18 October 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a total of 33 Palestinians in multiple overnight raids across the West Bank (PPPS, Wafa 18 October 2017)
- 24 Journalists were arrested in the Israeli jails after arresting two journalists Ibrahim al-Ja'bari, the director of Trans Media and Amer al-Jabari, the company's managing director, after they raided their homes in Hebron, Under the pretext of broadcasting material "incitement" against the occupation. (Paltimes, PPC 18 October 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) continued their ongoing campaign in Al-Issawiya town in the occupied city of Jerusalem. , arresting five Palestinians identified as “ Fouad Al Asmar Mustafa, Hazem Suleiman Mustafa, Mohammed Mansour Mahmoud, Abdul-Hai Dari, and the Alian brothers, Dr. Bilal Alian and Dr. Nidal Alian..(Wafa 18 October 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- A group of Israeli settlers, escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) resumed their incursions to Al-Aqsa Mosque from the Moroccan gate and carried out provocative tours in the court yard of the Mosque. (ARN 18 October 2017)

- Israeli Settlers were filmed Stealing Olive Harvest of West Bank Palestinian Farmers, Israel Police detained four settlers over the past week on suspicion of involvement in stealing olives from Palestinian farmers' groves in the northern Gaza Strip ([Haaretz](#) 18 October 2017)

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

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a building in Wadi Ad Dam neighborhood in Beit Hanina town, in occupied East Jerusalem. The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem accompanied by a police escort broke into the area and demolished a building owned by Al Shaludi family, under the pretext of construction without a permit. (WAFA 18 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a building in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina. Crews from Israel's Jerusalem Municipality, accompanied by police escorts, raided the town and destroyed the building under the pretext that it was built without a permit. (Maannews 18 October 2017)
- The Israeli municipality postponed the demolition of a number of commercial establishments in the town of Beit Safafa south of Jerusalem until Sunday the 22th of October.(Maannews 18 October 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli Civil Administration's High Planning Committee promoted plans for [2,646](#) housing units in the settlements this week. For more details, click here ([PEACENOW](#) 18 October 2017)
- The High Planning Committee of the Israeli settlement building in the occupied West Bank, approved the construction of 86 new housing units in Migron settlement outpost near Ramallah.(samanews 18 October 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli Security forces raided eight Palestinian media and production organizations in the West Bank, suspected of distributing and broadcasting content that incites and encourages terror. Broadcasting stations Ramasat and TransMedia were closed in the joint Israeli and Shin Bet operation. Equipment and documents were confiscated from other media companies that provide services to, among others, the Al-Aqsa and Al-Quds channels. ([TIMESOFISRAEL](#), [Haaretz](#) 18 October 2017)

## Other

- Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman have requested that the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and other organizations help the state fill gaps in the defense budget. (INN 18 October 2017)
- The Israeli security establishment is going to expand the area off the Gaza coast where Palestinian fishermen will be permitted to fish for the next two months. The Israel Defense Forces spokesman announced that starting Wednesday, the area will be expanded from six nautical miles off some parts of the Gaza coast, to nine. The decision was made by the coordinator of government activities in the territories, along with the Israel Navy and IDF Southern Command. The expanded fishing zone will only apply to the southern part of the Gaza coast, not to the entire coast. The nine-mile limit will only be in force until December. These months are considered the winter fishing season. Generally, security officials also allow Palestinian fisherman an expanded area during the April to June fishing season. The expansion of the fishing zone six months ago increased the activity of Gaza's fishermen and their income. According to the IDF spokesman, the expanded zone helped increase the fishermen's revenues by half a million shekels (\$175,000). Last year, the increase was even higher than that. The military made it clear that expanding the fishing zone was conditional "on the Gaza fisherman upholding the agreements," according to the IDF announcement. The statement also said the army would not allow exceptions to the range of maritime activity agreed on during meetings between the District Coordinating Office for Gaza, Israel Navy representatives and members of the Gaza Fisherman's Union, the Palestinian Liaison Office and officials of the Palestinian Agriculture Ministry. ([Haaretz](#) 18 October 2017)