

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 8 October 2017

I he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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 against Palestinian violence 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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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

 Israeli authorities have decided to shut down the Ibrahimi mosque to Muslims and non-Jewish visitors and only allow Jewish worshipers access to the holy site, located in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Hafzi Abu Sneneh, director of the mosque, said he was informed that the site would be shut down to Muslim worshipers from 10 p.m. Sunday until Tuesday night. Abu Sneneh added that the Muslim call to prayer will also be banned during the shutdown period. (Maannews 8 October 2017) • Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a car shop and two supermarkets in the village of Bir al-Basha, south of Jenin city, detained workers and interrogated them after setting up a military checkpoint on Jenin-Nablus Street main road. (WAFA 8 October 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 13 Palestinians during predawn military raids across the occupied West Bank. At least six Palestinians were detained in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, two in the southern Bethlehem Governorate -----including a 19-year-old, two in the Ramallah area in central part of the territory, and three others in the northern Nablus Governorate. Clashes reportedly broke out between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians in al-Mahd square in Bethlehem city, where the Israeli army used tear gas canisters and stun grenades against the local residents, however, no injuries were reported. (Maannews 8 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammed 'Issa Awad Zein, 20, a university student from Yatta village, south of Hebron. The IOA stationed at the northern entrance of Yatta Town, locally known as 'Zeef Junction', stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked citizens' ID cards before arresting the university student. (WAFA 8 October 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

• Between 200 and 300 right-wing Israelis and settlers escorted by Israeli police took to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem's Old City amid the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Groups started to enter the walled holy site through the Moroccan Gate entrance at around 7 a.m., with a number of Israelis performing Jewish rituals as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) imposed strict restrictions on the entry of Muslim worshipers. (Maannews 8 October 2017)

Expansion of settlements

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is reportedly set to approve almost 4,000 new homes in Israeli settlements in the West Bank next week. The <u>3,829</u> units are slated to be built in various areas across the West Bank, including in isolated settlements. The approval will include 30 units in the West Bank city of Hebron, 296 in the settlement of Beit El, 453 in Givat Ze'ev, 102 in Naguhot, 97 in Rechalim, 54 in Har Bracha, 86 in Kochav Yaakov, 48 in Ma'aleh Michmash, 158 in Kfar Ezion, 129 in Avnei Hefetz, 120 in Nofim, and

206 in Tekoa. The new construction is reportedly to be approved during the next meeting of the Civil Administration Higher Planning Committee on October 16. (<u>TIMES OF ISRAEL PEACENOW</u> 8 October 2017)