



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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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli soldiers injured, on Friday evening, two young men, and caused many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, after the army invaded Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia. Media sources said the soldiers fired gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets at many young men, who hurled stones at the invading army jeeps. The soldiers also fired gas bombs at homes in the town. Medical sources said the soldiers shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets, and caused many Palestinians to suffer the

effects of teargas inhalation. Furthermore, the soldiers closed the main entrance of the town, and prevented the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 17 November 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- A group of extremist Israeli colonists burnt, Friday, Palestinian agricultural lands in Burin village, southwest of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and attacked many villagers and firefighters. The Israeli assailants came from Yitzhar illegal colony, and nearby outposts, built on illegally confiscated Palestinian lands, and set fire to olive orchards in the area. The attackers also assaulted many villagers and firefighters, while trying to extinguish fires set in Palestinian lands close to Givat Ronin illegal colonialist outpost. The Palestinians eventually managed to remove the colonists and extinguish the fires. (IMEMC 17 November 2017)
- Israeli soldiers abducted, on Saturday at dawn, one Palestinian from his home in Halhoul town, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The soldiers invaded and searched several homes in the town, especially homes owned by members of Karja family, and abducted Mohammad Nadi 'Aqel. The soldiers also tightened the siege on the town, and installed roadblocks on the Hebron's northern entrance, in addition to the main road leading to Sa'ir town, northeast of Hebron, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. On Friday evening, the Israeli military completely surrounded and isolated Halhoul, as a collective punishment measure against the entire town, after a Palestinian boy attacked and mildly injured two colonist settlers, earlier in the day. The Palestinian has been identified as Ezzeddin Ibrahim Karja, 17, from Halhoul; the soldiers shot him with several live rounds, causing serious wounds. (IMEMC 17 November 2017)
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entrance of the town, and prevented the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 17 November 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A group of Israeli settlers burnt, Palestinian agricultural lands in Burin village, southwest of Nablus, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and attacked many villagers and firefighters. The settlers came from Yitzhar illegal colony, and nearby outposts, built on illegally confiscated Palestinian lands, and set fire to olive orchards in the area. The attackers also assaulted many villagers and firefighters, while trying to extinguish fires set in Palestinian lands close to Givat Ronin illegal colonialist outpost. The Palestinians eventually managed to remove the colonists and extinguish the fires. (IMEMC 18 November 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba and Kharsina settlements in Hebron city threw stones and empty bottles at Palestinian vehicles, under the eyesight of the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), and caused damage to a number of Palestinian vehicles in the area. (Wafa 18 November 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli army on Thursday ordered some 300 Bedouin to evacuate their homes in a village near the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim. The Bedouin are all from the Jahalin tribe and say their tribe has been living in the area around Jabal al-Baba since being expelled from the Negev in 1948. The evacuation orders issued by the Israel Defense Forces require the Bedouin to move from the village ahead of the demolition of the camp's structures. However, the order is a preliminary stage in the demolition process and is not expected to be carried out any time soon. Aerial photographs accompanying the evacuation orders show that most of the illegal structures in the encampment – a few dozen buildings in total – are all temporary structures. "I am 43 and I was born here," one of the residents, Atallah al-Jahalin, told Haaretz. "We have 57 families here, almost 320 people – half of them children." The residents are involved in legal proceedings to remain at the site, he added, but "suddenly the [IDF's] Civil Administration came with the police and soldiers, and gave us some map. On the map they marked all the houses in the village, where we live." Jahalin said the evacuation order violated previous court rulings. The residents' lawyer said she didn't understand how they could do

such a thing, he added. The orders were signed by the head of the IDF's Central Command, Maj. Gen. Roni Numa, on November 1 and declared a "restricted area in Ras Azaria." The orders state that the area must be completely evacuated within eight days of the orders being issued. The orders also prohibit any construction in the area, or the entry of any person or property into the area for the purposes of construction. Haaretz reported earlier this week that similar orders were issued on November 1 for encampments in the northern Jordan Valley where some 300 Bedouin live. Similar orders have been issued in the past in the area, but none seem to have been enforced as of yet. ([Haaretz](#) 18 November 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli military completely surrounded and isolated, on Friday evening, the town of Halhoul, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, as a collective punishment measure against the entire town, after a Palestinian boy attacked and mildly injured two colonist settlers, earlier in the day. The Palestinian has been identified as [Ezzeddin Ibrahim Karja](#), 17, from Halhoul. The soldiers shot him with several live rounds, causing serious wounds. The Israeli army said that it decided to impose a siege on the town, "after assessing the security situation," and that Karja's family has been summoned for interrogation. Lawyer Karim 'Ajwa, of the Palestinian Detainees' Committee, stated that Ezzeddin was still in a very serious condition at the Intensive Care Unit in Hadassah Israeli Medical Center in occupied Jerusalem. In related news, Israeli colonists attacked two Palestinian children in Wadi an-Nassara area, near the illegal Keryat Arba' colony, east of Hebron city. Media sources in Hebron said the colonists hurled stones at many Palestinian homes, and sprayed several children with pepper spray, causing two to suffocate. (IMEMC 17 November 2017)

Other

- *Hadashot Sof Hashavua* claimed to reveal US President Donald Trump's peace plan, as understood by senior Israeli officials who spoke to the US negotiation team. According to the report, Trump intends to offer the Palestinian Authority (PA) its own country. The plan will include land swaps, but not necessarily along the pre-1967 borders. In addition, the PA will receive millions of dollars to allow it to build a viable economy. Most of the funds will come from Sunni Arab countries, who will encourage PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas to accept the offer. However, the US recognizes Israel's need for security. IDF forces will

be stationed along the Jordan River, and Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is currently fighting to receive full security control of the area, according to the report. The US plan would not include expelling Arabs or Jews from their homes. According to senior sources in Jerusalem, the subject of dividing Jerusalem has not been discussed. In keeping with the US plan, discussions regarding [moving the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem](#), as well as discussions on recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital have been delayed. According to reports, the delay is intended to make it easier for Netanyahu to discuss the US plan with right-wing politicians and the Israeli public. The Saturday night report also said Israeli officials claim Trump and his administration have not decided which party - Israel or the PA - is responsible for the failure of past negotiations attempts. Therefore, the sources asked that Israel not fight Trump's plan and wait for PA response to it. The Knesset Land of Israel Caucus and the Council of Judea and Samaria responded with vehement opposition to the idea of a Palestinian Arab state alongside Israel. Minister Uri Ariel (National Union) said that his party will not remain in a coalition that agrees to a Palestinian Arab state in Judea and Samaria. ([INN](#) 18 November 2017)

- The Donald Trump administration's plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace will be based on an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, not necessarily according to 1967 lines, Israel Television News (formerly Channel 2 News) reported on Saturday. The White House denied the report. Based on Israeli sources, the report said that U.S. President Donald Trump intends to propose the Palestinians declare independence, after which the United States will recognize the Palestinian state. The Palestinians will also receive hundreds of millions of dollars from Sunni Arab countries as aid. In addition, the United States is expected to adopt the principle of land swaps, but not necessarily according to the 1967 lines, said the report. The proposal will also meet most of Israel's security demands. At this stage, no Jews or Arabs will be evacuated from their homes, and the issue of Jerusalem is not yet on the agenda. The question of moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem will also be postponed. "There is constant speculation and guessing about what we are working on and this report is more of the same," the White House said in a statement. "It is not an accurate representation, rather it is a mix of possibilities and ideas that have existed for decades." "What we can say is we are engaged in a productive dialogue with all relevant parties and are taking a different approach than the past to create an enduring peace deal," responded the White House. "We are not going to put an artificial deadline on anything and we have no imminent plans beyond continuing our conversations. As we have always said, our job is to

facilitate a deal that works for both Israelis and Palestinians, not to impose anything on them." An administration official, not referring directly to the report, added that such stories are "like a Minestrone soup of different ideas" and don't actually represent what the administration is preparing.

- Earlier on Saturday, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, criticized the American threat to shut down the Palestinian mission in Washington, D.C. unless it enters serious peace negotiations with Israel as a "dangerous step." He said the warning shows the United States is losing its status as a fair mediator between Israel and the Palestinians. The threat, which was relayed to the Palestinians by the U.S. State Department, "is a puzzling position of the administration," Nabil Abu Rudeineh said. "The Palestinian side has not received any document or idea from the United States for many months, despite the fact that many meetings have taken place with the administration." The move is "a dangerous threat," Abu Rudeineh said "that leads [to the conclusion that] the United States is losing its position as a negotiator" and that it was "withdrawing from its role as a sponsor of the diplomatic process for peace as promised by President Trump." Abu Rudeineh said that warning issued by the U.S. administration was "unprecedented in the relationship between Washington and the Arab world," and that "it deals a blow to efforts to promote peace and a prize for Israel, which is trying to thwart American efforts by continuing to build in the settlements and opposing the two-state solution." ([Haaretz](#) 18 November 2017)