

# **ARIJ Daily Report**

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# Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 7 July 2017

 ${f T}$ he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, the the in 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 civilians violence 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 occupation Army (IOA) injured two Palestinians, one of whom was shot with live fire, in the besieged Gaza Strip after clashes erupted near the border with Israel east of the town of Jabaliya in the northern part of Gaza. A Palestinian was injured after a tear gas canister struck him in the head, while another Palestinian was injured with a live bullet in the foot and was in moderate condition. The IOA had also opened live ammunition on a Palestinian ambulance during the

clashes. No injuries were reported among the medical crew. (Maannews 7 July 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured six Palestinians and a Korean activist on Friday in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya during the village's weekly march against the Israeli occupation. The IOA attacked protesters and fired tear gas canisters, sound bombs, and rubber-coated steel bullets into the crowd during the march, which marked the sixth year anniversary of the weekly protests organized by the village. The six Palestinians had sustained injuries, one of whom was wounded in the head, and a female supporter from Korea was wounded with a rubber bullet. (Maannews 7 July 2017)
- A 37-year-old Palestinian man was killed after being run-over by an Israeli settler west of Bethlehem city in the southern occupied West Bank. The killed Palestinian was identified as Omar Ahmad Issa from the Bethlehem-area town of al-Khader while riding his motorcycle near the "tunnels" checkpoint on Route 60 west of Bethlehem that leads to occupied East Jerusalem. (Maannews 7 July 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a bulldozer that has been working to rehabilitate an agricultural road east of Atouf area south of Tubas city. The bulldozer is onwed by hmad Bani Odeh. The IOA also detained the driver of the bulldozer, identified as Khaled Bani Odeh and a number of workers who were present at the site. (Maannews 7 July 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed Nilin village weekly demonstration. The IOA fired teargas bombs at demonstrators where several Palestinians suffered gas inhalation. (WAFA 7 July 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated an agricultural truck owned by Citizen Salem Ramadaeen near Al Hamra checkpoint in the northern Valleys. (WAFA 7 July 2017)

#### Israeli Settler Violence

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) delivered 27 demolition orders to families in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron Governorate . Notified families were identified as Abu Arram, Al Jabbarin, An Najjar, Muhammad and Mur. The orders target residential tents, barracks and animal pins in Al Halwa, Jinba and Shu'ab Al Butom villages in the Masafer Yatta. (WAFA 7 July 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) delivered a hlat-of-construction order to Al Masafer village council to stop the work on a road being constructed to link Shu'ab Al Butom village with the nearby Palestinian villages. Authorities (IOA) delivered. (WAFA 7 July 2017)

#### **Expansion of settlements**

The Jerusalem municipality announced on Thursday that it is advancing two construction plans in neighborhoods located beyond the Green Line. The move comes a day after a rare announcement by city hall that it expects similar plans which were previously submitted to receive approval. During the two terms of former U.S. President Barack Obama and particularly during the last six years, construction of Jewish housing beyond the Green Line in Jerusalem markedly slowed. Once Donald Trump entered the White House, and especially after his visit to Israel in May, right-wing politicians began to declare that the freeze on construction in East Jerusalem was over. It is now apparent that the Trump administration has removed all obstacles of the previous administration and a large number of pre-construction plans, some of them in the heart of the city's Palestinian neighborhoods, are being advanced. Evidence of the wave of East Jerusalem construction was on display on Wednesday, when the Jerusalem municipality announced plans for 800 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev, Neveh Yaakov, Ramot and Gilo. Another 114 units will be brought for approval in Palestinian neighborhoods. The development plans in these neighborhoods are not being advanced by the government but by private construction firms. Of the plans submitted on Thursday, the first includes the construction of 500 housing units in the Jewish neighborhood of Ramat Shlomo that would extend toward the Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Hanina. The second would expand the Ramot neighborhood by 152 new units toward the village of Beit Hanina and town of Bir Naballah. In response to these announcements, nonprofit left-wing organization Ir Amim said, "the expansion of Israeli neighborhoods to Palestinian population centers is deliberately initiated by the right-wing government. In this way, the government will influence the future of the state when a political shift in government will allow for a diplomatic settlement, and a compromise in Jerusalem will become difficult and complex." "The approval of these plans, which joins thousands of housing units in the settlements and other plans promoted in East Jerusalem, indicates that all the dams have been opened for unrestrained construction and initiatives aimed at destroying the chance that there will be peace here," said the anti-occupation group Peace Now. "The government is destroying the future of the state with its own hands and we must not rest until this policy of foolishness ends." (Haaretz 7 July 2017)

### Other

• Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu decided to cut another \$1 million from the membership fees Israel pays the UN and use that money instead to build a museum of Jewish heritage in Kiryat Arba and Hebron, as well as other heritage projects in the city. The move came in response to a UNESCO vote declaring Hebron's Old City—and with it the Cave of the Patriarchs—as a Palestinian World Heritage Site in danger. (<u>YNETNEWS</u> 7 July 2017)