

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 6 December 2017

The 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.

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) and bulldozers placed rocks and sand hills at the western entrance of Ya'bad village, and roads leading to the homes of Abdullah Khatib and Nasser Abu Bakr. The soldiers invaded and violently searched many homes, including the use of k9 units, and confiscated surveillance recordings and equipment from the home of Yahia Abu Shamla. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the gate leading to Um ar-Reehan area, in Ya'bad town, in addition closing Barta'a and Dothan military roadblocks. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- Clashes broke out between Palestinians and the Israeli occupation army (IOA) stationed at the entrance of al-'Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city. The IOA raided a number of houses near the entrance of the camp. (WAFA 6 December 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Halhoul town, north of Hebron, and conducted violent searches of homes, before abducting Mohammad Ibrahim Abu Rayyan, 35. Owners of some of the invaded homes have been identified as former political prisoner, Mohammad Moheeb al-Baw, in addition to Mohammad Moheeb Zama'ra, Mohammad Yousef Zama'ra, and Khalil Mohammad Zama'ra. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the ath-Thaher area, south of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, searched homes and abducted Anas Yousef Sabarna, 20. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- A Palestinian, identified as Aseed Mohammad al-Hreini, was abducted from his home in Yatta town, south of Hebron. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed many roadblocks on main roads leading to several villages, towns and refugee camp, in Hebron Governorate, stopped and searched dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Waseem Matahen, 16, in the Salem Israeli Military Court. Matahen, from Jenin refugee camp, was attending the trial of his detained friend, when the soldiers abducted him. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Siris village, south of Jenin, and detained Saffah Fawzi Qteit, after storming his home and ransacking it. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Ya'bad town, southwest of Jenin, before breaking into and ransacking the homes of Yahia Abu Shalma, and his brother Ghattas. The soldiers forced the two families out of their homes while violently searching them, and beat up Ghattas's sons, Ya'ish and Laith. The families were interrogated n the cold, after the army alleged that live wounds were fired at the Dothan military roadblock, on the main road between Jenin and Tulkarem. The IOA installed many roadblocks in the area, while dozens of soldiers were deployed around Ya'bad town, before conducting extensive military searches in olive orchards, and completely closed Dothan roadblock. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)
- Furthermore, the soldiers abducted, overnight until dawn hours Tuesday, <u>seven Palestinians</u>, including five children and one woman, from their homes, in several parts of occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 6 December 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 80 Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Aqsa Mosque from the Moroccan gate and carried out provocative tours in the courtyard of the Mosque. (WAFA 6 December 2017)
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers accompanied by chief of the illegal Nablusarea settlement bloc Yossi Dagan and escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Aqsa Mosque from the Moroccan gate and carried out provocative tours in the courtyard of the Mosque. (WAFA 6 December 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) delivered stop-work notices to a number of Palestinian home in Wadi An Naqa area of western Idhna village in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron for lacking nearly impossible-to-obtain Israeli-issued building permits. The First house belongs to Alaa Eid Al Batran and is 150 square meters area. The second house is owned by Khalil Al Batran and is 100 square meters area. While the third order targeted a 200 square meters animal

barracks owned by Ashraf Muhmammad Al Batran. (WAFA 6 December 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Police stationed at the Wadi Hilweh Information Center, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, were given a 48-hour notice to remove their iron gate and threatened to cut it if the gate is not removed. (WAFA 6 December 2017)
- Employees of the Jerusalem Municipality handed a resident of Wadi Hilweh neighborhood an order to remove agricultural hooks from the front door of his house under the pretext of high financial irregularities. (WAFA 6 December 2017)
- Israeli Nature Authority escorted by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed a land owned by Khaled al-Zeer in al-Thawri neighborhood in Silwan. (WAFA 6 December 2017)

Israeli Closures

 Israeli occupation army (IOA) have temporarily closed off the entrance to a Jenin-area town in the northern occupied West Bank, allegedly in response to shots fired at an Israeli settler bus near the village. The IOA used dirt mounds to block the western entrance to the town of Yaabad and the entrances to two homes in the village. The entrances to the homes of Abdullah Khatib and Naser Abu Bakr were closed off. Meanwhile, the IOA raided homes in Yaabad using search dogs, and seized several surveillance cameras in the area. The IOA also closed the gate leading to another village near Yaabad and set up two checkpoints in the area, allowing only residents to pass through. (Maannews 6 December 2017)

Other

In an unprecedented move, US President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday evening that the US officially recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and that the American government will begin the process of moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The announcement came after days of speculation from international media and condemnation from Palestinian and international leaders, imploring Trump not to take the step, which many said "crossed a red line." In his speech which he delivered in the White House to a room of reporters, Trump praised his decision as "a new approach" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and lauded himself for making a decision that former US presidents did not have "the courage" to make. "I have judged this to be in the best interest in the pursuit of peace between

Israel and the Palestinians," Trump said, calling the step "long overdue." "Israel is a sovereign nation...that has the right to determine its own capital," Trump said, ignoring the fact that Israel has occupied years, in violation East Jerusalem for 50 of international law. According to the US president, who has claimed that he will broker the "ultimate peace deal" between Israel and the Palestinians, his decision was "the right thing to do." "The embassy in Jerusalem will be a magnificent tribute to peace," he said, adding that "this decision is not intended to reflect a departure from our strong commitment to facilitating a peace agreement." "We want a great deal for Israel and a great deal for the Palestinians," he said. "I reaffirm my administration's longstanding commitment to a future of peace and security in the region." Palestinian and Arab leaders warned Trump of causing instability and unrest in the region, with protests already being reported in cities across the West Bank and Jordan in response to the decision. Despite repeatedly making the promise to move the embassy throughout his presidential campaign, in June, Trump signed a temporary order to keep the US embassy in Tel Aviv, a renewable sixmonth waiver that has been signed by every US President for the past two decades. The move is being regarded as the first step to a drastic abdication of longstanding US policy that has largely adhered to international standards on Israel-Palestine, which maintains that East Jerusalem is an intricate part of occupied Palestinian territory and the capital of any future Palestinian state, despite Israel's annexation of the territory. The fate of Jerusalem has been a focal point of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for decades, with numerous tensions arising over Israeli threats regarding the status of non-Jewish religious sites in the city, and the "Judaization" of East Jerusalem through settlement construction and mass demolitions of Palestinian homes. (Maannews 6 December 2017)