

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

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of nonviolent Palestinian protesters, who marched near the al-'Azza refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, as part of ongoing protests against Donald Trump's illegal recognition of occupied Jerusalem as a unified capital of Israel, and abducted two. The Palestinians marched following Friday prayers in the al-Azza refugee camp, and headed towards Jerusalem-Hebron road, until reaching the northern entrance of

Bethlehem. The soldiers immediately started firing gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The soldiers also assaulted many protesters, and detained two, including Hasan Faraj, a member of the Revolutionary Council of Fateh movement. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Faqqu'a village, east of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and searched them, in addition to installing many roadblocks around villages and towns, in Jenin governorate. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly nonviolent procession against the Annexation Wall and Colonies, in Bil'in village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and injured many protesters. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against the local and international nonviolent protesters. The IOA fired gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)
- The Israeli Authorities released nonviolent activist, <u>Ashraf Abu Rahma</u>, after holding him for three months, and forcing him to pay a 5000 Israeli Shekels fine. Ashraf is the brother of <u>Bassem Abu Rahma</u> was killed at age 31 on April 7th, 2009, when an Israeli soldier shot him with a high-velocity teargas bomb directly in the chest, while his sister, <u>Jawaher Abu Rahma</u>, asphyxiated to death, on January 1st 2011, after the soldiers fired dozens of gas bombs at nonviolent protesters. In July 2008, Ashraf was detained by the IOA, who cuffed and blindfolded him, before a soldier aimed at his leg, from a very close range and <u>shot him</u>. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)

Israeli Arrests

 The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Allar town, north of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, searched and ransacked homes, and detained five Palestinians from the same family, in addition to illegally confiscating cash and assaulting many residents. Dozens of IOA stormed and violently searched the home of Moayyad Taqatqa, causing property damage, before detaining his child, Yazan, 17, and illegally confiscated 17.400 Shekels, 750 Jordanian Dinars and 600 US Dollars. The IOA also stormed and ransacked the surrounding homes of his brothers, and assaulted his nephew, a former political prisoner, identified as Arafat Nizar Taqatqa, causing a fracture in one of his arms. The IOA also smashed the windows of his car, and stole spare parts, before abducting his brother, Eyad Taqatqa, 40, his son Mohammad Eyad Taqatqa, 20, in addition to Nihad Ma'rouf Taqatqa, 52, and Ma'rouf Nizar Taqatqa, 36. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters near the main entrance of Beita village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, before declaring the village a "closed military zone." The IOA assaulted the Palestinian protesters, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades, in addition to spaying many homes with waste-water mixed with chemicals. The IOA detained four Palestinians, after interrogating them, and took them to an unknown destination. Furthermore, the IOA closed the main entrance of the village, and declared it a closed military zone, before preventing the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 12 January 2018)
- In the city of Nablus, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained former prisoner Muath Rihan. Rihan's two brothers, Muhammad and Assem, were previously killed by the IOA. (Maannews 12 January 2018)