



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 16 January 2017

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.*

*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) invaded the apartment of one of its reporters, identified as Zahran Hammad, after detonating the front door. The IOA violently searched the property, causing Hammad's children to suffer anxiety attacks, after the army detonated the main door, and stormed into the apartment, including their rooms. The IOA also invaded and ransacked many neighboring apartments, causing damage. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)

- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded Hebron city, in southern West Bank, before breaking into the home of a former political prisoner, identified as Jamal Karama, and summoned him for interrogation in Etzion military base, north of Hebron. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, and searched the home of Mohammad Issa Abu Afifa, whose son was abducted two days ago. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded at night, Burqin town, west of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, searched many homes and buildings, and injured five young men. The IOA fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs, at many protesters and shot four with rubber-coated steel bullets, and one with a live round in his leg, in addition to causing many others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA also invaded and ransacked homes, a local company, a supermarket and a gas station, before confiscating surveillance recordings. The IOA caused damage to many vehicles, including two cars owned Wisam Thieb Affana, and Kanaan Company, in addition to a tractor owned by Siyam al-'Aassi. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded al-Walaja village, northwest of Bethlehem, and photographed three homes In Ein Jweiza area. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- Ahmad Abdul-Jaber Salim, 28, from Jayyous village, was shot with a live round in his head, and died from his serious wounds in Qalqilia, in northern West Bank. Israeli soldiers fired many live rounds at Palestinian protesters, wounding Ahmad in the head, and then fired many gas bombs Palestinian ambulances and medics. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted violent searches of many homes in occupied Jerusalem, and detained eleven Palestinians, identified as Na'im Ibrahim 'Ashayer, 11, Mohammad Ahmad 'Ashayer, 14, Ali Mohammad Abu al-Hawa, 14, Mohammad Samir Abu al-Hawa, 15, Amir Sami Abu al-Hawa, 16, Adnan Mousa al-Hadra, 17, Mohammad Ali Abu Tayeh, 23, Abdul-Rahman Zahran, Khaled az-Zeer and his child Hussein. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Ramallah governorate, in central West Bank, and detained Nazeeh Abdullah Hamed, 41, his brother Eyad, 39, in addition to Abdul-Jawad Zaher Jaghma, 20, and As'ad Hamayel, 23. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a former political prisoner, identified as Badr Hussam al-Rozza, and Mustafa Mohammad al-Masri, 28. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched homes and detained Khalil Sa'adi. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- At least one Palestinian was injured and another was detained by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) before dawn as Israeli security Army escorted 1,000 Israeli settlers to perform religious rituals at Joseph's Tomb in the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Busloads of Jewish settlers, were escorted into southern Nablus under heavy Israeli military protection, sparking clashes. One 20-year-old Palestinian was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet, while dozens of others were exposed to tear gas fired by Israeli forces. The IOA also detained one Palestinian, whose identity remained unknown. (Maannews 16 January 2018)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Defense Ministry is working on a plan to legalize 70 unauthorized outposts in the West Bank, it was revealed on Tuesday night. Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan discussed the plan in a Bayit Yehudi faction meeting at the Knesset earlier this week, a video of which was leaked to Channel 2 News. During his briefing to party colleagues, Ben-Dahan said that a ministerial team of four or five people had been established six months ago to identify outposts that could be legalized and to rank them by how difficult such legalization would be. The deputy minister said that approximately 70 such outposts had been identified, noting that some of them could be legalized relatively easily. Ben-Dahan gave as an example the Asael outpost in Judea, close to the Green Line, which he said would be easy to authorize. He explained that after the Rabin government took office in 1992, it passed a resolution blocking both construction in and authorization of unauthorized outposts, and that if this resolution was simply overturned, many outposts could be easily authorized. Outposts are

unauthorized communities which settler activists manage to establish without governmental permission, using prefabricated houses and other structures, and basic utilities such as electricity and water that are not connected to the national networks. Many of these outposts are in far-flung areas of the West Bank and are populated by ideological hardcore members of the settler movement. According to Peace Now, there are 97 unauthorized outposts around the West Bank. Ben-Dahan declined to comment further on the issue, saying he would not respond to reports resulting from leaked internal party discussions. ([IPOST](#) 16 January 2018)

## Other

- The Israeli occupation government decided, to prevent most of Gaza's residents from leaving the besieged enclave for treatment. The decision came in response to the Israeli High Court's petition submitted by the family of the Israeli soldier Hadar Goldin, who was captured as a prisoner of war during Israel's ground invasion of Gaza in 2014. Principally, Israel prevents hundreds of Gazans, including Hamas members from entering Israel for any reasons. It has allowed only few cases for their relatives who were in critical condition. (IMEMC 16 January 2018)
- The Trump administration cut tens of millions of dollars in money for Palestinian refugees, demanding that the U.N. agency responsible for the programs undertake a "fundamental re-examination,". In a letter, the State Department notified the U.N. Relief and Works Agency that the U.S. is withholding \$65 million of a planned \$125 million funding installment. The letter also makes clear that additional U.S. donations will be contingent on major changes by UNRWA, which has been heavily criticized by Israel. The State Department said it was releasing the rest of the installment — \$60 million — to prevent the agency from running out of cash by the end of the month and closing down. The U.S. is UNRWA's largest donor, supplying nearly 30 percent of its budget. The agency focuses on providing health care, education and social services to Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. (WP 16 January 2018)