



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 21 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinian nonviolent protesters in Salaheddin Street, in occupied East Jerusalem, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at them, wounding seven, and abducted one. The IOA assaulted nonviolent protesters, holding ongoing protests against Trump's illegal recognition of occupied Jerusalem as the unified capital of Israel. The IOA also injured seven Palestinians in their upper and lower limbs,

and that one of them is a photojournalist, identified as Fayez Abu Romelia. Also, among the wounded are two women, and one child. Furthermore, the IOA assaulted a young man, identified as Abed Barbar, causing various cuts and bruises, before abducting him, and moved him to an interrogation center in Salaheddin Street. The army also confiscated many Palestinian flags, and signs, from the protesters after assaulting them. (SILWANIC, IMEMC 21 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, the town of Jaba', south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and conducted provocative acts, targeting many Palestinians. The IOA fired many rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA detained two young men at two military roadblocks at the main entrance of Jaba', and at the eastern entrance of the town. The IOA stopped and searched dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- Israeli navy ships opened fire, on several Palestinian fishing boats, in Gaza territorial waters, in the northern part of the coastal region. The soldiers fired dozens of live rounds, and chased the boats, forcing the fishermen back to shore, without being able to fish to provide for their families. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Silat ath-Thaher town, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, before invading and violently searching many homes and stores. Dozens of soldiers invaded the town, before storming into the homes and stores. The invasions and searches were mainly carried out in properties on the main street on the town, where the soldiers also interrogated many Palestinians while examining their ID cards. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Baha' Aref al-'Amour, 22, from Teqoua' town, east of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nour Kamal Moammar, 20, and Mohammad Sa'id Abu Harithiyya, from their homes in Battir town, west of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained invaded Thahrat an-Nada area, southeast of Beit Sahour city, and summoned Khaled Hassan 'Obeyyat, 48, for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, south of Bethlehem, after breaking into his home and searching it. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Wadea' Karam Maswada, 14, after stopping him at a military roadblock in the Sahla neighborhood, near the Ibrahimi Mosque, in the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Israeli Settlers attacked the child, and stole his bicycle, while the soldiers failed to intervene, and later detained the child. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, at dawn, several Palestinian communities in the southern West Bank governorate of Hebron, searched and ransacked many homes, and detained eight Palestinians, including two children, in addition to summoning four others for interrogation. Two Palestinians were detained after invading and searching their homes in the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of the city and were identified as Nour Abdul-Hafeth Abu Sham'a, 15, and Jabr Ribhi al-Badawi, 15. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Shiokh al-'Arroub village, and detained Ayyad 'Oweidat. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahdoush Anwar Ahdoush, and 'Ala Faisal Ar'ar, from their homes in Surif town, west of Hebron. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mousa Rashid, and his sons Nizar and Mos'ab, from their homes in Yatta town, south of Hebron. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned for interrogation Husam Abu Shkheidim, from Hebron city, Khaldoun Nouredin

Mahareeq, from Sammoa' town, Abed Kamal at-Teety, and former political prisoner, Mohammad Rabah Fdeilat, from the al-'Arroub refugee camp. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)

- Dozens of soldiers accompanied a group of Israeli settlers into the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied East Jerusalem, and conducted provocative tours, before abducting a guard of the holy site. The Israeli Police detained Khalil Tarhouni, from the mosque, and took him to an interrogation center in the city. The reason behind detaining the guard remain unknown, especially since there were no confrontations in the mosque and its courtyards. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli siege on Hizma town, northeast of occupied Jerusalem, continued for the third consecutive day, after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed military roadblock, and placed concrete blocks on the town's entrances. The IOA are carrying out constant invasions, and violent searches of homes and property in the town. The latest invasion came yesterday at night, when the IOA also fired many live rounds, gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. The Israeli army imposed a [strict siege on the town](#) as an act of illegal collective punishment, after some youngsters hurled stones at an Israeli colony's bus, near Hizma. (IMEMC 21 January 2018)

Other

- The growth rate among Israeli settlers in the West Bank declined last year for the sixth consecutive year, but remained above the national average, according to government statistics seen by The Times of Israel on Sunday. The number of Israelis living over the Green Line increased by 14,299, or 3.4 percent, in 2017, demographics information gathered by the Interior Ministry's Population Immigration and Border Authority (PIBA) showed. In 2016, the population increased by 15,765 or 3.9%. The figures do not cover Jewish neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, which Israel, as opposed to the international community, does not consider settlements. While the growth rate among Israeli settlers has not risen since 2012, the 3.4% figure from 2017 was still higher than the national average, which stood at 2% in the past year.

PIBA gathered population numbers from over 150 West Bank settlements and illegal outposts, where 435,708 Israelis are said to live. Some 2.75 million Palestinians currently live over the Green Line, according to the Defense Ministry's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories unit. The figures showed a largely even distribution of [ultra-Orthodox](#), national religious and secular Israelis living in the West Bank. Responding to the numbers on Sunday, the Yesha settlement umbrella council expressed "restrained joy" over the relative growth. But the group blamed the slight decline in the growth rate on a "quiet freeze" in settlement construction, claiming that the vast majority of homes that had received final government approval in the past year had yet to be built. "The media reports constantly talk about the approved housing units, but the reality is completely different," Yesha said in a statement. Statistics from the Peace Now settlement watchdog confirmed the grievance, saying construction has begun for just 46 of roughly 3,000 homes that gained final approval in 2017. The Yesha statement suggested the construction slowdown was an issue of bureaucracy rather than politics. However, the group called for "serious government action to remove the barriers to construction and increase the supply of housing" over the Green Line, arguing that doing so would lower prices throughout the rest of country. ([TIMES OF ISRAEL](#) 21 January 2018)