



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 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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### Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded several towns in Ramallah Governorate, in central West Bank, and searched homes in Kafr Malek and Kharbatha al-Misbah towns, and abducted Mohammad Ahmad Farraj, Yousef Khaled al-Habal and Hotheifa Issa al-Habal. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Jenin governorate, and detained Mo'men Touqan, 24, from his home in Jenin city. The IOA invaded many communities in the governorate, and installed many roadblocks around villages and towns, in addition to launching a surveillance balloon near the al-Jalama village. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Saida town, north of Tulkarem, in northern West Bank, searched a few homes, and detained Mohammad Rabe al-Ashqar, 31. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Battir town, west of Bethlehem, and detained Rashid No'man Moammar, 28, and his brother, Abdul-Hadi, 21. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Jala city, west of Bethlehem, and detained Nafeth Shehada Omar, 30, from his home. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- In addition, the soldiers The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Salfit city, in central West Bank, and detained a legislator, identified as Omar Abdul-Razeq, less than two months after his release from Israeli prisons. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes, and detained a young man, identified as Nouredin 'Obeid, from al-'Isawiya town. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)
- A group of undercover Israeli soldiers attacked, three schoolchildren in Kafr Malek village, east of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and briefly detained them. The three have been identified as Ali Khalil Ka'abna, 10, Anas Younis Abu Ein, 7, and Salem Khaled Abu Ghorra. The soldiers claimed that the children hurled stones at army vehicles driving on a nearby bypass road. The three children are from a nearby Bedouin area, and attend school in Kafr Malek; the undercover soldiers attacked them while waiting for the bus to go back home. (IMEMC 22 January 2018)

## **Israeli Settler Violence**

- An Israeli settler harassed Palestinian farmers in the northern Jordan Valley, preventing them from grazing their livestock. The settler from the illegal Rotem settlement chased down Palestinian shepherds out of pastures in the northern Jordan Valley in order to prevent them from feeding their livestock. (Maannews 22 January 2018)
- A woman and her son were injured after a group of Israeli settlers invaded their home in the al-Mo'arrajat area, near Jericho, in the occupied West Bank. Dozens of settlers invaded Bedouin dwellings, before many broke into the Palestinian home, and repeatedly assaulted the mother and her son, causing various cuts and bruises – including a rather severe injury to the back of the man's head. The Israeli settlers also caused excessive damage to furniture and belongings, before fleeing the area. (MEMC 22 January 2018)
- A Palestinian child, identified as Najma Arafat Odah, 13, was injured after an Israeli settler rammed her with his car in Huwwara town, south of Nablus, and fled the scene. (MEMC 22 January 2018)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) accompanied by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided KHALLET AN NAKHLAH area in Khalayel Al Louz village south of Bethlehem and notified to evacuate a 50 dunums land owned by Jubran family under the pretext that it is a "Sate Land". (WAFA 22 January 2018)
- The Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) handed citizen Muhammad Yahya Ayesh in KHALLET AN NAHLA area in Bethlehem a military order to stop the construction of a water well under the pretext of lacking valid building permit. (WAFA 22 January 2018)

### **Other**

- The Transportation and Finance Ministries presented plans Sunday for five new light rail lines and 27 kilometers of tracks, set to cover Jerusalem by 2024. By the time the network expansion is complete, half of Jerusalem's population will live within a five minute walk of a train station. The system will carry over 400,000 passengers a day and waiting times will be improved to about five minutes between trains. The Jerusalem Transportation Management Team is in the process of putting together Project JNET, the Jerusalem Mass Transportation Plan which will involve building "park & ride" parking lots near some central stations, rearranging traffic patterns—including grade separation at busy intersections—and finding a new operator for the

network. The current tender is held by Citypass, but they are to be replaced by one of the eight companies that have submitted bids. This year, infrastructure work is expected to begin in the French Hill neighborhood, Mount Scopus, Giv'at Mordechai, Pat Junction and at the Hadassah Ein Karem Medical Center. Work at Pat Junction, near the Begin Highway, is imminent. Five lines will serve Jerusalem residents: from the south Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo to the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University, from the sports complex at Malha to Mount Scopus, from the western neighborhood of Har Nof to Jerusalem's northernmost neighborhood, Neve Yaakov; and from Hadassah Medical Center to the Central Bus Station. The relevant ministries decided to begin operating the lines incrementally and not wait until all the work is finished in 2024. At first, a line will run from the north of the city, Neve Ya'akov, to Hadassah Hospital in the southwest, in addition to the current red line. Infrastructure work has already begun for that line and track-laying should take place in November of 2020. Train cars should arrive in 2022 and the line should be operational by October of that year. The next stage involves a line from the Central Bus Station to the Malha sports complex. Work will begin in April of 2018 and the line will begin operating in March of 2024. At a later stage, the line will be extended to serve passengers from Mount Scopus. The third stage involves a line from Mount Scopus to the Gilo neighborhood. Work will begin in the coming month and it is expected to be operating in 2024. The transit plan also aims to increase efficiency by shortening distances at the stations by improving pedestrian infrastructure and building escalators. Eight conglomerates have submitted bids to the tender to operate the light rail system. Each includes an operator and maintainer, a company to build the train cars, a company that will lay the tracks and communications and funding entities. They must submit their bids by the end of 2018 and the winner will be announced in April, 2019. ([YNETNEWS](#) 22 January 2018)