



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 24 February 2018

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

- Israeli navy unit detained two Palestinian fishermen in the sea of al-Sudaniya, northwest of the Gaza Strip. Israeli navy boats opened fire toward Palestinian fishermen and their boats, which were sailing about four nautical miles into the sea. The navy forced two fishermen to take off their clothes and go in the water on a very cold day before detaining them and their boat. The two fishermen and their boat were taken to the Israeli port of Asdod, north of Gaza. (Wafa 24 February 2018)

- A Palestinian youth was injured during clashes that broke out with Israeli forces in Dheisheh refugee camp south of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. Clashes erupted when Israeli OCCUPATION Army (IOA) raided the camp and the area of nearby Solomon's Pools. The IOA opened fire at the protesters resulting in one getting injured in the foot from live fire. The IOA detained 22-year-old Akram Atrash after raiding and ransacking his family home in Dheisheh camp. Atrash was shot and injured four months ago during clashes with soldiers in the camp. (Wafa 24 February 2018)
- Israeli intelligence Police closed down a restaurant in Jerusalem and arrested its owner, identified as Zuhair Azhaiman, and prevented a dinner party scheduled for Jerusalemite journalists in the same restaurant, under the pretext that the event was dedicated to the Democratic Front. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the restaurant and hung a closure order on it for the night. The dinner was banned and all the journalists were expelled. Journalist Ahmad Safadi and owner of the restaurant were arrested. The Israeli intelligence also summoned the secretary of the Fatah movement in Jerusalem area, Shadi Mtour, and Awad Salayma, to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police the next day. (Wafa 24 February 2018)

Expansion of settlements

- The cabinet is set to vote on Sunday to authorize the Netiv Ha'avot outpost as a legal neighborhood of the Eleazar settlement in the Gush Etzion region. It will command Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman to push forward the bureaucratic process as quickly as possible. It's the second time this month that the government has voted on authorizing an outpost. Early in February, it voted to legalize the Havat Gilad outpost as a new settlement either on its current site or an adjacent one. While Sunday's vote, like the Havat Gilad one, will take time to execute, the statement of intent which the government is expected to issue would mark victory for the 41 Netiv Ha'avot families. It comes as the Civil Administration is preparing to execute a High Court of Justice decision to forcibly destroy some 15 homes in the outpost which are located on land that cannot be authorized because it could be considered private Palestinian property. Sunday's vote will not halt the demolition of those 15 homes. On Wednesday the state asked the High Court of Justice to delay the demolition date by three months, so that it can build modular homes for the families. The cabinet is also expected on Sunday to vote on a budget for that project. Work has barely begun to place 15 caravans on an alternative strip of land, known as plot 91,

just outside of Nativ Ha'avot. Technically speaking the plot is located within the boundaries of the Alon Shevut settlement. The Higher Planning Council authorized temporary construction at plot 91, only on February 13, but funds have been lacking. On Wednesday Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon to work on a budget of approximately NIS 50 million for the project. To highlight their plight, the outpost residents, their neighbors in the Elazar settlement where they are located and the Etzion Regional Council set up a protest tent on Monday and Tuesday of this week outside the Prime Minister's Office. "Stop the absurdity," stated one sign that hung from the tent. As he sat in the tent outpost, resident Elazar Hertz Van Spiegel, a father of four, speculated that should his home be torn down in a few weeks, he should bring a mattress and sleep on the sidewalk. The Netiv Ha'avot outpost was illegally built in 2001, on land that the settlers believed would eventually be authorized. In response to a Peace Now petition against the outpost, the state told the court that it intended to authorize the portions of the outpost on state land. The bureaucratic process for doing so has been lengthy. ([IPOST](#) 24 February 2018)

Other

- To Leave Gaza, Israel Asks Palestinian Minors to Commit They Not Return for a Year. ([Haaretz](#) 24 February 2018)