

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

• Several Palestinian civilians suffocated from teargas during confrontations with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the town of Jaba', to the south of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. The IOA set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town and assaulted two commuters who were attempting to pass through, provoking violence with local villagers. The IOA used teargas canisters to disperse the

- protesters, causing many cases of suffocation among them, including a 75-year-old woman.(IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- A young Palestinian man was rushed hospital, after Israeli soldiers repeatedly assaulted him, and struck him with their rifles and batons. The young man, identified as Jihad Zawahra suffered moderate wounds, when a group of Israeli soldiers assaulted him after stopping him near the junction of Efrat illegal settlement, which was built on private Palestinian lands, owned by residents of several villages, south of Bethlehem. The soldiers attacked Jihad with their rifles, and batons, repeatedly striking him on several parts of his body. The young man, from the al-Ma'sara village, southwest of Bethlehem, suffered fractures and bruises in the lower back and abdomen and is currently in a moderate condition. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)

Israeli Arrests

• The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) summoned Hamza Osama al-Masri, Suhaib Ali al-Ibayat, 28, from Al-Ibayat area east of Bethlehem, Mustafa Khader Masalameh, 26, and Ibrahim Hani Hassan, from Bethlehem to interview the Israeli Intelligence POlice at the Gush Etzion detention center, after they raided and searched their homes and the homes of their relatives. (WAFA 10 March 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

• A group of settlers from the illegal Israeli settlements of Ma'on and Havat Ma'on attacked the village of al-Tuwwaneh, in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank under Israeli army protection and threw stones at the defenseless Palestinians. The Palestinians got into a brawl with the settlers and Israeli soldiers fired tear gas and stun grenades at the village residents causing several cases of suffocation due to inhaling gas. Israeli settlers also uprooted 18 olive trees in the village and broke the glass of two vehicles as well as causing damage to the car body. (WAFA 10 March 2018)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

 The Israeli occupation army (IOA) forced a Palestinian farmer to leave his land in the town of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, claiming he did not have a permission to be on his land. The army held Mousa Issa, 60, for a while and then ordered him to leave his land because he did not coordinate being on his land with the security at the illegal settlement of Efrat. Issa was told that he needs to get permission from the settlement guards first if he wants to be on his land. (WAFA 10 March 2018)

The Israeli Segregation Wall

In Israel's capital, a wall twists and turns for a total of 202 kilometers (125 miles). On the one hand, this concrete snake embodies the occupation; at the same time it offers a sense of security. Between these two poles, reality sometimes assumes an absurd dimension. This year marks the 15th anniversary since construction of the wall began – a project conceived as a security need that was aggrandized into a highly potent political instrument. Its multiple aspects are reflected in the diverse names that have attached themselves to it: "security barrier," "separation fence," "the wall" and, the official designation, the "Jerusalem envelope." Its advocates focus on what they describe as its primary advantage: security. As proof that the wall is doing its job, they note the dramatic decrease in the number of suicide attacks that have occurred in Israel since the idea was first approved (43 such attacks in 2002, zero suicide attacks in 2012). Critics of the barrier maintain that its underlying purpose is demographic: the de facto annexation to Israel of as much territory as possible, including the fewest possible number of Palestinian inhabitants. The wall's existence, they argue, will make it even more difficult for the two sides to ever reach an agreement. In support of this claim, they note that only 15 percent of the 470-km route of the entire fence (not just the Jerusalem section) coincides with the Green Line, while the other 85 percent cuts into Palestinian areas. (<u>Haaretz</u> 10 March 2018)

Other

• Settlers were filmed on Friday hurling rocks at <u>Palestinians</u> near Nablus in the <u>West Bank</u>. In the video, soldiers are seen standing idly by, doing nothing to prevent the attack. The video shows the settlers, some of them masked, hurling rocks at Palestinians on hills near the village of Einabus. The footage shows a soldier standing near the group of settlers. At some point, soldiers can be seen trying to remove the settlers from the scene, but none were detained. Videos show settlers throwing rocks at Palestinians as soldiers stand idly by – זלג Videos show settlers throwing rocks at Palestinians as soldiers stand idly by. This is the latest such incident to take place in the area, near

Yitzhar, outpost of Givat Ronen and Palestinian villages of Einabus and Burin. After <u>similar incidents occurred in recent weeks</u>, the military said it doesn't have the authority to arrest Israelis and added that police were called to deal with the settlers hurling rocks. However, no arrests have been made in any of the incidents. In one incident that took place near Einabus last week, Israeli soldiers were filmed standing nearby trying to keep away some of the masked Israelis who were seen throwing rocks at a vehicle with a Palestinian driver inside that was paving a road in the area. From outside the frame of the video, filmed by Rabbis for Human Rights, the soldiers used crowd control measures, apparently on the Palestinians who the army said "clashed" with the settlers. (Haaretz 10 March 2018)