



# 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.*

*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) fired many artillery shells at targets in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army initially claimed that its "Iron Dome" system intercepted a barrage of missiles fired from Gaza.
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian homes in Al-Dhahriya, Yatta and As Samou'. The houses belong to

Muhamamd Nassar Abu Aqil, Ali Mahmpud Abu Arram and Issa Muhammad Abu Arram. (Wafa 26 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al-Mughrabi Mall located on Jerusalem-Hebron road, opposite to Ad Duheisha refugee camp, assaulted one of its owners, identified as Isma'il al-Maghrabi, and a customer, Yasser Abdul Majeed Obaidullah, 49, and seized the surveillance cameras. (Wafa 26 March 2018)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from Jenin city after raiding their families' homes. The three have been identified as Mahdi Nabeel Abu Al Hasan, Odai Zuhair Ba'jawai. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Muhammad Ahmad Abu Salah from Kafr Dan village west of Jenin after raiding his family house in the village. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) a house and a motor-repair shop in Al Yamun village owned by Waleed Ibrahim Freihat, searched them and interrogated him. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Qalqilyia city after raiding their families' homes and messing with the contents. he three have been identified as Hamada Amin Sha'ath, Muhammad Nael Salman and Mahmoud Qattawi. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Ihab Nu'man Al Rajabi from Johar mountain in Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Muhamamd Nabeel Al Qiq, 16, and Ayham Wael 'Ajarmeh, 16. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Izzat Ghazi, 21, from Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyia in the northern West Bank after raiding a number of Palestinian homes in the village. (Wafa 26 March 2018).
- The Israeli Salem court extends the detention of Ma'an News agency journalist and reporter, Bakr Abdel Haq from Nablus city, for 11 days. (Wafa 26 March 2018).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian from Ad Dheisheh refugee camp south of Bethlehem, identified as Abdullah Naif Ramadan, 28, after raiding and searching his family's house. (Wafa 26 March 2018).

## **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli Jerusalem City Council's "Construction and Planning Committee" has approved the construction of 600 settlement units in Jabal al-Mokabber Palestinian town, in occupied East Jerusalem. The decision was made just a week after the City Council approved the construction of 600 settlement units, which were added to 350 units approved in 2017, in Nov Zahav settlement.
- Fourteen months after the evacuation of Amona, the outpost's 25 families are expected to move to the new Amichai settlement that was established for them in its wake. In a ceremony to be held today, and after nearly 25 years in which no Israeli communities were officially sanctioned in the West Bank, residents will inaugurate their new home. Apart from the Amona families—who will be joined in the ceremony by the head of the Binyamin Regional Council—15 other families will join the evacuees after the festival of Passover—with the community set to include 1,100 families in the future. In the past few weeks, in conjunction with the Binyamin Regional Council, infrastructure work on Amichai has been in full swing with connections created to power, sewage and water systems, at an estimated cost of tens of millions of shekels. Works have continued in earnest despite the fact that they were initially plagued by delays that included work shutting down altogether. Residential containers were recently placed on the community's grounds. (TOI, YNETNEWS 26 March 20148)
- The Israeli Civil Administration" in the occupied West Bank and other planning and building bodies in the Israeli Government, has approved plan number 521/1/A which will cause the confiscation of 290 dunums of land for expanding Negohot settlement in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The expansion plan includes the construction of 102 units in the settlement in addition to opening roads, and establishing parks and open spaces. (WAFSA 26 March 2018)

## **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli authorities declared that a closure will be imposed on the West Bank and Gaza for eight days for the Jewish Passover holiday, starting Thursday until midnight April 7. The closure means entry into Israel for all Israeli-issued permit holders will be banned, except for

humanitarian and medical cases. Meanwhile, Israeli Authorities intensified security measures in East Jerusalem, particularly around the Old City and at the main entrances of the city. (Wafa 26 March 2018)

## Other

- Israeli police in Jerusalem green-lighted a religious ceremony which involves the slaughter of a Passover lamb only “tens of meters” from the site where the Second Temple once stood. [Temple Mount activists](#) carried out the sacrifice for more than ten years now, but never before had the ceremony taken place so close on the Temple Mount. In 2015 a ceremony was held in a schoolyard in the Kiryat Moshe neighborhood of west Jerusalem, about four kilometers from the Temple Mount. In 2016, the ceremony took place on the Mount of Olives, about 1.5 kilometers from the Temple Mount. [Last year](#) it was held in the plaza of the Hurva Synagogue in the Old City’s Jewish Quarter, some 400 meters from the Mount. On Monday, the ceremony is scheduled to take place at the entrance to the Davidson Center, also known as “Jerusalem Archaeological Park” which is located next to the Western Wall tens of meters from the site of the original temple. Last Sukkot, police approved holding the “water libation ceremony” at the Davidson park, but the event attracted a limited audience. This time, the Passover sacrifice is expected to draw hundreds in attendance. The high point will be the slaughtering of a goat, whose blood will be shed by priests at the foot of an altar and its flesh burned. According to Temple Mount activists, the Passover sacrifice is one of the most important in the Torah. Monday’s sacrifice is however not supposed to replace the actual Passover sacrifice, which according to religious law can only be held on the Temple Mount on the eve of Passover. While the tradition of holding a Passover sacrifice as close as possible to the Temple Mount has been organized underground for years, promoters now enjoy the support of religious and political personalities. These include Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem Aryeh Stern, as well as prominent rabbis Yaakov Meidan, Dov Lior, Shmuel Eliyahu, Israel Ariel and Uri Sherki. “The Temple Mount has been in our hands for 50 years now and we are trying to do everything to move ahead and perform the commandment of the Passover sacrifice in the place intended for it. All the temple exercises are a key branch in the activities of the temple organizations,” said a statement from the organizers. “In the meantime, until the holding of the proper ceremony on the Temple Mount properly approved by authorities, the 10th of the [Hebrew month of] Nissan has become a day of celebration for thousands when each year the pre-Passover sacrifice exercise takes place. With longing,

a call and a demand, as well as practical preparation for the moment the government allows the Passover sacrifice to be properly offered, on its right date and its right place on the Temple Mount," the organizers concluded. ([Haaretz](#) 26 March 2018)

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