



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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in the city of Hebro, and searched them, causing damage. (IMEMC 19 August 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Ethna town, and searched them using k9 units. (IMEMC 19 August 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Fadi Roshdi Hamdan, from Arraba town, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, while crossing Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus. (IMEMC 19 August 2018)
- Palestinian minor prisoners incarcerated in Israeli jails were subjected to physical torture during their arrest and interrogation. They have been subjected to torture and physical abuse during their arrest and throughout their interrogation. The 16-year-old prisoner Ziad Abu Ja'as from Jenin testified that he was beaten hard by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who raided his family home in middle of the night. He was then taken to Al-Jalameh interrogation center near Haifa where he was forced to undergo a naked bodily inspection. In a similar case, 17-year-old Wa'ad Tanatra from the village of Umm Safa, near Ramallah, testified that he was severally beaten by the IOA who hit him with the butts of their rifles, although he was eye-folded and hand-cuffed. Another case, 19-year-old Morad Ata from the village of Deir Abu Meshal also said he was severally beaten by the IOA in his face and back with the butts of their rifles. The IOA further assaulted him during interrogation in Benjamin police center. (Wafa 19 August 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement, south of Nablus attacked a vehicle with stones and injured four of its passengers on Nablus-Qalqilia road in the occupied West Bank, injuring four passengers and destroying their vehicle. The wounded Palestinians have been identified as Abdul-Hafith Mousa, and his sons Mohammad and Tareq, in addition to Mohammad Saleh Awad, from Tulkarem. (Wafa)
- Israeli settlers punctured the tires of many vehicles belonging to Palestinian citizens and spray-painted racist graffiti Habayel al-Arab neighborhood of the al-'Isawiya town, in occupied Jerusalem. Settlers belonging to far-right Jewish group "Price Tag" broke into the neighborhood in middle of the night before they punctured the tires of more than 15 parked cars. The settlers spray-painted racist anti-Arab graffiti on walls and on some of the parked vehicles. (Wafa 19 August 2018)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed several roadblocks at the entrances of a number of villages, towns and refugee camps in Hebron, stopped and searched dozens of cars and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 19 August 2018)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli occupation authorities shut down the Beit Hanoun (Erez) border crossing with the besieged Gaza Strip, under the pretext that Palestinians were organizing a naval march near the northern border of the Gaza Strip. (Wafa 19 August 2018)

Other

- Israeli Ministry to Fund Evangelical Bible Program in West Bank Settlement : The Education Ministry has begun to provide state funding for a Bible-based leadership training program developed by Christian evangelicals in the West Bank settlement of Ariel. Between 3,000 and 4,000 Israeli high school students will participate in this outdoor experiential program over the coming year, with the help of this funding. An Education Ministry spokeswoman confirmed that a contract for almost a million shekels had, indeed, been signed. The driving force behind the initiative is Heather Johnston, the founder and executive director of the U.S. Israel Education Association, an American lobbying organization that supports the settlement movement and opposes the idea of an independent Palestinian state. The organization brings Congressional delegations on trips to the West Bank to meet with leaders of the settlement movement in the hopes of influencing U.S. State Department policy. Johnston and her husband Bruce, a pastor, own and run a large Christian retreat in northern California called JH Ranch. JH Israel, a sister organization they set up for fundraising purposes, built the National Leadership Center in Ariel based on the same model. ([Haaretz](#) 19 August 2018)