



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 8 September 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.*

*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) invaded at dawn the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and injured two Palestinians during ensuing protests. A young man, identified as Issa Hashash, 21 was shot by the IOA with a rubber-coated steel bullet above his right eye, before ramming them with one of their jeeps. The IOA also shot Mohammad Radwan Samehna, 17, was shot with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his right hand. (IMEMC 8 September 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Walaja Palestinian village, northwest of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, and caused many residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. Several army jeeps invaded the community, and attacked Palestinian protesters with rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. Several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA parked several jeeps at the entrances of the village, and prevented the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 8 September 2018)
- A 16-year-old child who was shot and critically injured during protests at the Gaza border with Israel, died of his wounds. Ahmad Misbah Abu Toyour, was admitted to hospital with critical wounds after he was shot by an Israeli army sniper east of Rafah. He underwent surgery at the hospital but later died of his wounds. He is the second Palestinian child killed in the Friday protests after 17-year-old Bilal Khafaja was also shot in the chest by an Israeli army sniper east of Rafah. With the latest deaths, the number of Palestinians killed by the Israeli army since the start of the Return March protests at the end of March has risen to 174 and more than 19,000 injured. (IMEMC 8 September 2018)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) will impose several closure days on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during the month of September as Israelis mark several Jewish holidays, restricting as a result movement of Palestinians. The first closure is going to start at midnight Saturday until Tuesday as Israel marks the Jewish New Year. Another three-day closure will be imposed starting midnight Monday, September 17, as Israel marks Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and then an 8-day closure starting midnight Saturday, September 22, until the end of the month for Sukkot holiday or Feast of Tabernacles. Movement of Palestinians will be restricted during these days and will not be allowed to cross checkpoints leading into Jerusalem and Israel, including those who have army-issued permits. (IMEMC 8 September 2018)

### **Other**

- The Trump administration decided to significantly cut U.S. support for hospitals in East Jerusalem that serve the city's Palestinian population. These hospitals were supposed to receive more than \$20 million according to the foreign aid budget approved by the U.S. Congress for the current year, but the Trump administration decided to cut the funding in its entirety. A State Department official told Haaretz on Thursday that this decision is part of the administration's broader approach of cutting Palestinian aid and investing it in other priorities. The administration deliberated for a number of weeks whether or not to include the East Jerusalem hospitals in its budget cut, since some of these hospitals are supported by influential Christian groups in the United States. The budget cut could cause harm to at least five hospitals in East Jerusalem, including Augusta Victoria hospital near Mt. Scopus and the St. John Eye Hospital, which is the main provider of eye treatments for Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. There was indication of the influence of Christian groups supporting these hospitals earlier this year, when congress approved the Taylor Force Act, which put severe restrictions on U.S. funding for Palestinians. The law included a special and specific exclusion for these hospitals, which was initiated by congress after some of the powerful Christian organizations supporting these hospitals had lobbied. The lobbying effort, however, did not influence the Trump administration's budget cuts. Dave Harden, a former U.S. official who was in charge of USAID in the West Bank, warned on Friday that the decision could lead to the "collapse" of Augusta Victoria hospital. The hospital and others in East Jerusalem serve not only the city's Palestinians, but also Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank, including cancer patients and children. A Palestinian Authority official told NPR that "these acts will not change our position toward our cause one bit. On the contrary, it consolidates our positions toward every issue, including Jerusalem." PLO Executive Committee member Dr. Hanan Ashrawi said of the decision on Saturday that "Such an act of political blackmail goes against the norms of human decency and morality." By cutting vital funds to hospitals in East Jerusalem, the statement said, "the United States administration is threatening to cause serious instability and grave harm to thousands of Palestinian patients and their families from across the West Bank and Gaza Strip and hurting the livelihood of thousands of workers in the Palestinian healthcare sector in the occupied city." The statement concluded by calling upon the international community to hold Israel accountable "before the requirements for a just peace and stability are destroyed indefinitely." Trump said Thursday that his administration has [stopped giving financial aid to the Palestinians](#) as a way of putting

pressure on them to return to American-led negotiations with Israel. "I told them, we're not paying you until we make a deal. If we don't make a deal, we're not paying," the U.S. president said. [Trump](#) made the comments during a conference call with Jewish leaders and rabbis ahead of [Rosh Hashanah](#). His administration has recently announced that it will cut \$200 million from the aid approved earlier this year by congress for Palestinians. The vast majority of that aid was not supposed to go directly to the PA, but rather, to economic and humanitarian projects in the West Bank and Gaza. In fact, the only aid budget the administration has not cancelled, is the direct support for the PA's security forces, worth tens of millions of dollars. That money was transferred to Ramallah over the course of the summer. (Haaretz 8 September 2018)

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