

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 9 December 2018

 \mathbf{T} he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, the in 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 against Palestinian violence 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 the home of Jerusalem Governor <u>Adnan Gheith</u>, in Silwan town, in occupied East Jerusalem, and took measurements of the property. Dozens of IOA surrounded the Governor's home, before breaking into it using excessive force, and conducted provocative acts against the family. The IOA then took measurements of the property, a move which is usually followed by a

demolition order, but did not hand him any order. (IMEMC 9 December 2018)

 A Palestinian man was injured after an Israeli settler rammed him with his car near the entrance of Ni'lin village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. The man, identified as Yousef Nafe', is more than sixty years of age and suffered very serious wounds. (IMEMC 9 December 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Salama Marwan Abdul-Jawad, Mohammad Zaki Ebdah, Jamil Salaheddin al-Aqra' and Bara' Kamal Hashash. (IMEMC 9 December 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rani Hani Bisharat and Mahmoud Adel Zboun. (IMEMC 9 December 2018)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Ahmad Eyad Shalabi, in addition to Mahdi Jaber, from their homes in occupied East Jerusalem. The abducted Palestinians were cuffed and blindfolded, before the IOA moved them to a number of detention and interrogation centers. (IMEMC 9 December 2018)

Expansion of settlements

• When the first Christian evangelical volunteers descended on the religious West Bank settlement of Har Bracha about 10 years ago, offering to harvest grapes for the local Jewish farmers free of charge, not everyone welcomed them with open arms. After all, for generations Jews had been taught that when Christians go out of their way to be nice, it is probably because they are secretly plotting to convert them, and, therefore, it's best to keep a distance. Much has changed since then. There are still Jewish settlers not completely comfortable with the idea of Christians living in their midst and working their fields. But they are far less vocal these days. Hayovel, the U.S. organization that brings them to Har Bracha, is among a growing list of evangelical groups that operate exclusively in the so-called "biblical heartland." Over the past decade, it has brought more than 1,700 volunteers to the settlements – and only the settlements because, as a matter of principle, its volunteers do not assist farmers

within Israel proper. Explaining the organization's special attachment to this disputed piece of land - that most of the international community does not recognize as part of Israel – Hayovel states on its website: "Every country in the world has turned its back on Judea and Samaria, the heartland of Israel, where 80 percent of the Bible was either written or occurred." A volunteer from Hayovel carries crates for grapes. He is one of thousands of Christians coming to the West Bank to work for free for Jewish settlers Kyle S Mackie There were many years when Hayovel operated under the radar, believing that the less Israelis knew what it was up to, the better. No longer. These days, the nonprofit is more than happy to host journalists and the curious at its main campus, located on this settlement that overlooks the large Palestinian city of Nablus. Its willingness to be so aboveboard about its activities is evidence of how mainstream such interactions between Christian evangelicals and Jewish settlers have become. To read full report click here. (<u>Haaretz</u> 9 December 2018)