



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 February 2019

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

- Israeli gunboats stationed off Khan Younis shore in the southern Gaza Strip chased Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 11 nautical miles. The Israeli gunboats then opened fire and surrounded 2 fishing boats; one of them belong to Tariq 'Abdel Razaq Baker from Gaza City and was manned by his sons, Haitham (27) and 'Awad (22). The Israeli naval soldiers then arrested both fishermen and confiscated their boat while the Israeli authorities declared the injury of the 2 fishermen.

Meanwhile, the second fishing boat belong to Khader Merwan al-Sa'idi (30) and was manned by Mohammed Sa'id al-Sa'idi (27), from al-Shati' refugee camp in Gaza City. They were both arrested while their boat was confiscated. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

- The Israeli gunboats chased a Palestinian fishing boat belonging to 'Abdel Rahman 'Adel al-Bardawil (26) sailing off Rafah shore in the southern Gaza Strip within 3 nautical miles. The Israeli naval soldiers opened fire at the boat and caused damage to the structure and engine of the boat. During the chase, 'Abdullah Hatem Abu Silmiyah (17) was hit by the Israeli gunboat while he was attempting to jump from the boat in order to escape. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed many roadblocks in several neighborhoods in Hebron city, before invading the home of a former political prisoner, identified as Fayez Misk, violently searched it and confiscated cash. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a mosque in the Eesawiyya neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem, to remove the Palestinian flag and a picture of a Palestinian prisoner. The IOA raided the mosque, after surrounding it, and demanded to take down the Palestinian flag and a picture of a Palestinian prisoner raised on the mosque. The IOA assaulted Palestinians inside the mosque and smashed some of its windows. The IOA also detained the secretary of Fateh in al-Eesawiyya, Yasser Darwish, and another Palestinian identified as Anwar Obeid. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Police closed Bab al-Rahmah Gate in the eastern area of al-Aqsa Mosque Compound in Jerusalem's Old City. Israeli forces closed the gate using chains and locks. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem informed a Palestinian resident in occupied East Jerusalem that she must pay settlers 45 thousand New Israeli Shekels as compensation for lawyers' fees. Staff from the Israeli municipality raided the home of Ilham Seyyam and told her she that has to pay settlers a sum of NIS 45,000 (approximately \$12,400) to compensate them for lawyers' fees they had previously

paid. They gave Ilham ten days to pay the money or else she will face the seizure of all the household items. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the naval procession in the northern parts of the Gaza Strip, by firing many live rounds, high-velocity gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets at the nonviolent protesters, wounding at least twenty Palestinians.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized a "bulldozer" belonging to Mahfouz Rashid, from al-Rahila area, east of Yatta, in southern Hebron, while working in a Barrack of one of the citizen in the area. (Wafa 20 February 2019)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town of Doha, southwest of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and detained two young Palestinian men. The IOA also fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at local protesters, causing fire in one car. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and violently searched several homes in Doha and detained two Palestinians, identified as Mohammad Jamil Abu Sarhan, 18, and Fadi Nizar Abu Halawa, 20. The IOA fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at Palestinians, protesting the invasion, causing a car, owned by Majed Odah, to burn after being struck with one of the bombs. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked homes in the al-'Isawiya town, in Jerusalem, and detained Hamad Shalabi, Majd Marwan Dari, Ahmad Dirbas and Mohammad Ayman Obeid. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- In Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Odai Wafa Mezher, from his home. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Tawfiq al-Bassa was detained from his home in the al-'Ezariyya town, east of Jerusalem. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- In Hebron, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched many homes and detained eight Palestinians, identified as Nadim Moheeb Jawabra, Hisham at-Teety, 14, Khaled Abu Salem, Mohammad Hasan Badawi, Hatem Sabarna, Odai Emad Tawayha, Nidan Nawwaf Sharif, in addition to Hatem Sabarna, from Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, who was taken prisoner at the Container Roadblock, south of Jerusalem. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched homes and detained Fadi Halawa and Mohammad Jamil Abu Sarhan. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a blind Palestinian man who also suffers from a Kidney disease, after invading his home in Doha town, south of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian, Monther Mezher, said that the IOA stormed his home and started a violent search of the property, before beating him up on his head, shoulders and other parts of his body. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- Dozens of the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the southern West Bank city of Hebron, al-'Arroub refugee camp and the nearby Halhoul and Beit Ummar towns, before storming and searching many homes, and detained eight Palestinians, including a child. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Nadim Moheeb at-Teety, 14, in addition to Anas Jamil Jawabra, Nidan Nawwaf Sharif, 20, Hisham Jabr at-Teety, 26, Khaled Jibreel Jawabra, 25, and Mohammad Hasan Badawi, 23. The IOA also summoned Hussein Jawabra for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, north of Hebron. Furthermore, the IOA searched homes in Halhoul town, and detained Odai Emad Tawayha, 20. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- A Palestinian, identified as Hatem Sabarna, from Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, was taken prisoner at the Container roadblocks, south of Jerusalem. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Tha'er Rafe' Ekbariya, from his home in Shweika area, north of Tulkarem. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Salem village, east of Nablus, searched many homes and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Mohammad Nasouh Eshteyya, 28. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) accompanying several settlers' buses, invaded the northern West Bank city of Nablus, heading to "Joseph's Tomb" area, before the soldiers attacked dozens of Palestinian protesters, wounding at least ten. The IOA invaded the eastern area of the city, to accompany the settlers into the site, after closing the surrounding Palestinian areas. Two Palestinians, including a journalist identified as Mo'tasem Saqfelheit, were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets. Eight other Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Nasouh Eshteyya, from his home. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rafe' Ekbariyya, from his home in Tulkarem, in northern West Bank. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Shu'fat refugee camp, and surrounding neighborhoods, in the center of occupied East Jerusalem, and delivered demolition orders targeting several homes. Dozens of IOA accompanied by personnel of the City Council, invaded the refugee camp, and posted demolition orders targeting several homes and buildings. The army is claiming the buildings were constructed without permits from the City Council, although they are part of the refugee camp, which is supposed to be under UN supervision. The IOA also invaded many shops in the refugee camp and inspected their finances and registration documents. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

- Israeli army bulldozers razed tents belonging to a Palestinian civilian in the area of Al-Ras al-Ahmar, southeast of Tubas, in the northern Jordan Valley, on the pretext of non-authorization. The Army surrounded tents belonging to Jihad Bani 'Odeh, and expelled the entire family after the demolition began. A force of the Israeli occupation army, accompanied by the so-called Civil Administration, stormed the area with bulldozers, and besieged homes and facilities belonging to Bani 'Odeh and his mother. They were called upon to leave their homes in preparation for demolition. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)
- Several Israeli bulldozers demolished two Palestinian-owned homes in the Beit Hanina neighborhood, in occupied East Jerusalem. Israeli Civil Administration staff members along with bulldozers stormed the neighborhood, surrounded two homes belonging to al-Muhtaseb family, and forced them to evacuate the area before bulldozers carried out the demolition. The homes belonged to Taysir al-Muhtaseb and his son, Shadi, noting that 10 family members, including children, lived in the two homes. The two homes were demolished under the pretext that it was built without the nearly-impossible to obtain Israeli permit. (Maannews 20 February 2019)
- In the Shu'fat refugee camp and As Suwanah neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem, demolition notices and summons were handed to a number of citizens to attend the municipality regarding the lack of building permits. (Wafa 20 February 2019)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish a number of Palestinian homes in Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem under the pretext of building without licensing. (Wafa 20 February 2019)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli "Construction and Planning Committee" of the City Council in occupied Jerusalem, has approved the construction on an additional 464 units in Gilo settlement. The City Council in Jerusalem has allocated more than \$200 Million to build and expand the settlements in the Old City, especially in what is known as the Jewish

Quarter in Jerusalem, were two Palestinian neighborhoods, Sharaf and al-Magharba, once stood. (IMEMC 20 February 2019)

### **Other**

- Israel decided to withhold \$138 million (€122 million) in tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority, over its payments to prisoners jailed for attacks on Israelis. A statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the withheld cash would be equal to that paid by the PA last year to "terrorists imprisoned in Israel, to their families and to released prisoners." (IMEMC 20 February 2019)