



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 9 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.*

*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) shot a Palestinian with a gas bomb in his leg, and causing dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, during the weekly nonviolent procession against the Annexation Wall and colonies in Ni'lin village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. Dozens of nonviolent protesters, including international peace activists, marched from the center of the village, while chanting against the ongoing Israeli occupation, its illegal policies and

colonialist activities. The IOA fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at the nonviolent protesters on Palestinian orchards near the illegal wall, wounding a young man with a gas bomb in his leg, and causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)

- An undercover Israeli force raided a mosque in the center of Ramallah city, in the occupied West Bank, and kidnapped one of its employees. An undercover Israeli force of about 10 combatants, accompanied by sniffer dogs, raided Jamal Abdul-Nasser Mosque, in the center of the city, and kidnapped Hamza Ghanem, an employee of the Ministry of Awkaf – in charge of places of worship – while at his job. The attacking force seized the surveillance cameras of the mosque. An Israeli army force arrived at the scene, later, to secure the pullout of the undercover force, provoking confrontations with locals. The Israeli Army fired teargas canisters and stun grenades to disperse the protesters, lightly injuring three Palestinians. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Rafah City, in the southern besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli war boats opened fire targeting Palestinian fishermen off the coast of western Rafah City, forcing the fishermen to head back to shore, in fear for their lives. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) deployed in military watchtowers in the al-Fukhari area of Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, and opened fire towards Palestinian farmers in nearby agricultural lands. No injuries were reported. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained abducted two siblings, identified as Mohammad and Mustafa Khalil Zawahra, from al-Maleh area, in the Northern Plains of the West Bank. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- ISM volunteers were detained by Hebron Police for over 8 hours after Anat Cohen assaulted them outside the Qurtuba school checkpoint. In direct response to the violence waged against Palestinians at the hands of settlers (and the military that protects them), a neutral observer force had been present in Hebron (Al-Khalil) for the past 22-years, in part, to ensure that children walking to/from school would not be harmed, harassed, or murdered by settlers. This observer force was called TIPH. Unfortunately, the Israeli government expelled TIPH from Hebron last week. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)
- Israeli settlers opened fire at Palestinians in the al-Mughayyir village, in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah and al-Bireh. (Maannews 9 February 2019)

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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) sealed shut the front entrance of a Palestinian home in the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. Dozens of IOA invaded the refugee camp, and the surrounding areas, before storming a home and sealing it shut, to prevent the Palestinians from entering it. The settlers tried to force the family out of their home, in order to illegally occupy it. Dozens of Israeli settlers surrounded the home, and many of them attacked the family, while Israeli occupation Army (IOA) assaulted many Palestinians who rushed to aid the family. The property is owned by a Palestinian, identified as Ahmad Abu Srour, and is located near Beit al-Baraka compound, which was illegally taken over by colonialist settlers several years ago, who claimed that they bought it from a Swedish company. (IMEMC 9 February 2019)

### **Other**

- The Education Ministry is embroiled in a row with a right-wing NGO over the highly political content it is including in text books. The Kohelet Policy Forum has produced a civics textbook for Israel's Arab sector in Arabic that does not include the terms "Al-Quds" and "Palestine." As a result, the Education Ministry has ordered the Kohelet Policy Forum to change the terminology to be inclusive of the Arab sector's history and beliefs, and ministry officials accused the NGO of

using the new textbook to promote a conservative right-wing agenda. The textbook at the heart of the row is a new translated edition of "The Last Days in Israel: Understanding the New Israeli Democracy," by Prof. Avraham Diskin. The book is set to be published in the near future after a delay of several years, while its Hebrew edition is already being taught in several schools. Some of the translators working for the NGO are from the Arab sector, although the Education Ministry team that has final say on the textbook's content does not include members of the community. A senior official in charge of the education system in the Arab sector called the terminology in the textbook offensive and detached from reality. "The book's translation is volatile and I'm certain it will spark anger among students in the Arab community," the official said. Meanwhile, the textbook "To be citizens in Israel" by David Shahar is the only book that is currently being taught in secondary schools in the Arab sector. Its translation from Hebrew into Arabic was funded by the Education Ministry. Dr. Hadar Lifshitz, a member of the Kohelet Policy Forum and a lecturer in public policy who led the translation project, said that Diskin's book presents facts in an objective manner, and avoids making ideological statements. "The previous curriculum doubted the legitimacy of the nation-state of the Jewish people, while the new curriculum has bolstered that legitimacy. We worked on the translation project for almost two years," Lifshitz said. "Kohelet Policy Forum is perceived as having anti-Arab sentiments, but this is not the case. We undertook this project after attempts to thwart the Education Ministry's funding were made. Diskin clearly instructed us to adhere to the book's Hebrew edition, however, the Education Ministry influenced the book's content," he said. In response, Diskin condemned the delays, which he said cost him personally. "I've already lost a lot of money on this project," he said. "I hope the textbook in Arabic is published as soon as possible." The Education Ministry said in a statement: "The ministry doesn't produce textbooks written through private publishing house. The textbook 'The Last Days in Israel: Understanding the New Israeli Democracy,' by Prof. Avraham Diskin was approved to be taught in Hebrew as well as in Arabic. The ministry declined to comment on the fact that the Kohelet Policy Forum funded the translation project, or why it has so far failed to approve a civics textbook in Arabic. The ministry also declined not comment on why there was no representation from members of the Arab sector in the panel approving the translation of Diskin's book. ([YNETNEWS](#) 9 February 2019)