



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 14 May 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

- For the third night in a row, Israeli police used force to evict hundreds of Muslim worshippers from inside Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest site, after the night prayers and prevented them from keeping an all-night worship vigil in it. (Wafa 14 May 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. They were identified as Muhammad Nasser Mahfouth, Amar Hanihan, Ahmad Zakout, and Muhammad Jamal Abu Sal. (Maannews 14 May 2019)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, another five Palestinians were detained and they were identified as Shakib Abed Hassan Taqatqa, 28, Ihab Ahmad Thuwabta, 26, Muhammad Marzouq Salah, Mahmoud Marzouq Salah, and Muhammad Suleiman Salah. (Maannews 14 May 2019)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, four Palestinians were detained. They were identified as Naji Abu Shukhaydam and his son Amir, Hamdi Muhammad Qandah, and Anwar Salem. (Maannews 14 May 2019)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, one Palestinian was detained and identified as Muhammad Najib Jaradat. (Maannews 14 May 2019)

Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli Civil Administration has approved the construction of hundreds of new housing units in two illegal Israeli settlement neighborhoods in Jerusalem. The Israeli Civil Administration approved the construction of 706 units, including commercial buildings, in the Gifafat Mishfat Israeli neighborhood. Another 235 units were approved to be built in Neve Yacoov settlement, north of Jerusalem City, in addition to four large residential buildings, each one made up of 13-15 floors. (Maannews 14 May 2019)
- Construction Starts in Settlements were 9% Above Average in 2018. 19,346 Settlement Units were Built in the Past Decade under PM

Netanyahu. 70% of Construction was in "Isolated Settlements" ([PEACENOW](#) 14 May 2019)

Israeli Closures

- Palestinians are facing extensive restrictions to visit the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the holy month of Ramadan. Men who are under 16 years old and over 40 years old are allowed to visit the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Men aged between 30 and 40 require Israeli-issued entry permits to do visit the compound, and those between the ages of 16 and 29 are ineligible to even apply. Ten years ago, Israel started to allow Palestinians in the West Bank to enter Jerusalem to pray at Al-Aqsa during the month of Ramadan. Eligibility is generally determined by age group and depends on Israel's political relationship with the Palestinian Authority (PA). There are no official criteria for the permits, only conditions for consideration. Palestinians may apply for a permit, however, can be rejected without a given reason. (Maannews, Al Monitor 14 May 2019)

Other

- There has been a marked increase in spending on West Bank settlements since President Donald Trump took office. New Israeli figures obtained in a freedom of information request by [The Associated Press](#) show a 39 percent increase in 2017 spending on roads, schools and public buildings across the West Bank, according to a report Tuesday. Both supporters and detractors of the settlements have called it the "Trump effect." "The Trump administration is undoubtedly the most friendly American administration of all time," said Oded Revivi, the head of the Yesha settlers' council and mayor of Efrat, a settlement with a population of about 9,000. "In contrast, the Obama years were extremely hard for Israel. Now we are making up for lost ground." Hagit Ofran, a researcher with the anti-settlement monitoring group Peace Now, also remarked about how Israel's pro-settler government has reacted to Trump's presidency. "They are not shy anymore with what they are doing," she said. "They feel more free to do whatever they want." The government statistics that the AP received from Israel's Finance Ministry after two years of requests showed that spending in the West Bank in 2017 was \$459.8 million, from \$332.6 million in 2016. The areas with the strongest growth in spending in 2017 were school construction, which rose by 68 percent, and road construction, which rose by 54 percent. Meanwhile, construction starts in the West Bank were 9 percent above average in 2018, with 2,100 new

housing units started, according to Peace Now's Annual Settlement Report for 2018. Of those housing starts, 73 percent, or 1,539 units, are in settlements likely to be evacuated in a two-state agreement and at least 10 percent**, **or 218 units, was in illegal outposts. The report also found that in the past decade under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 9,346 housing units began construction in settlements, with 70 percent in settlements likely to be evacuated in a two-state solution. ([FORWARD](#) 14 May 2019)

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