



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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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.

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Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers placed a fence around a privately-owned Palestinian land in the town of Beit Ummar, in the Hebron Governorate, southern occupied West Bank, in an effort to take it over. The settlers, under Israeli military protection, placed the fence around a 12-dunam plot of land, owned by Saqer Abu Ayyash, planted with almonds, grape vines, olive trees and forest trees. Abu Ayyash has fought a 20-year legal battle against the settlers to prove his ownership of the plot by presenting land deeds proving ownership. The settlers came back today and placed a fence around the land and when he showed up to stop them, they said he should go to the (Israeli military) Civil Administration and ask them about the land. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers, stormed the Sebastia archaeological site, in the north of the occupied West Bank, in what appeared to be an attempt by the settlers to take over the land. Roughly 50 settlers invaded the site, under the protection of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) who denied access to Palestinians. This site, he continued, has been a regular target of Israeli settlers, noting that an Israeli officer came to the site a day earlier raising suspicions that the settlers have the intention of taking control of the site. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem demolished part of a Palestinian-owned home in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabal al-Mokabber. Israeli bulldozers invaded Jabal al-Mokabber and demolished part of the home belonging to Mr. Iyad Fatafta, a Palestinian citizen, under the pretext that it had been built without an Israeli permit. Despite an Israeli court order to postpone the demolition until further proceedings, the occupation authorities proceeded with the demolition. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities ordered three Palestinian families to stop construction on their homes in Nabi Elias village, east of the northern

West Bank city of Qalqilia. The military claimed the homes were being built without an Israeli construction permit. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)

- The Israeli authorities ordered a halt on construction of agricultural structures in the village of Azzun Atma, to the south of the northern occupied West Bank city of Qalqilya. The IOA notified Farouq Quzmar of the order to stop building the structures, claiming they were being built without a permit. (WAFSA 5 March 2020)
- The Israeli authorities destroyed a retaining wall for a farm in the village of Nilin, west of Ramallah. During the demolition of the wall, residents confronted the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who assaulted and one youth and injured him, said the sources. (WAFSA 5 March 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli vehicles leveled several dunums of Palestinian agricultural land in Beit Jala and the Jordan Valley. Israeli bulldozers raided Makhroun in Beit Jala, south of Jerusalem, and razed five dunums of land belonging to, Ramzi Qaisiyeh, a Palestinian citizen. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)
- In the Jordan Valley, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) expelled shepherds from Shwei'er in the north, and leveled agricultural land. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)
- Near the West Bank city of Nablus, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked villagers in Qusra who resisted an Israeli operation destroying Palestinian agricultural land. (IMEMC 5 March 2020)

Other

- Vote count shows settlers came out in droves for Netanyahu; Yamina, Otzma fell: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spent a great deal of time beyond the Green Line campaigning ahead of Monday's election, seeking to remind locals of all he has done and will continue to do to further expand and entrench their presence there. On Monday, settlers returned the favor, giving the premier's Likud party more support than any other faction among Israelis in the West Bank. Of the roughly 460,000 settlers, 29.7 percent of voters cast their ballots for Likud — a jump of 7.3

percentage points over the September election. Likud has been the most popular party beyond the Green Line in the past, but that has generally been the case when the national religious parties were split. Moreover, the 6.9 point gap in support between Netanyahu's party and the second most popular one, Yamina, is the largest it's been in decades. The increase in support was most evident in city-settlements that were already Likud strongholds, such as Ma'ale Adumim and Ariel, the 3rd- and 4th-largest settlements, with some 40,000 and 20,000 residents, respectively. In Ma'ale Adumim, Likud climbed from 49% of the vote in September to 59% of the vote in April, and in Ariel, it jumped from 44% to 52% of the vote. ([TOI](#)