



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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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- A car filled with Palestinian teens was attacked by Israeli occupation Army (IOA). The car was driving near the Palestinian town of Beitin, east of Ramallah, when the IOA stationed at a checkpoint targeted the vehicle and began shooting. The IOA wounded a boy and detained three others, after they shot up a vehicle east of Ramallah. The IOA opened fire on a vehicle that was traveling near the village of Beitin, east of Ramallah, and hit a teen, Mohammad Abdel Majeed Sarma, 16, who was driving the car. Mohammad was struck with a bullet in his abdomen and another in the thigh. The other three teens in the car were detained by the IOA. They were identified as Mahmoud Muhammad Awawda (15 years old), Saif Al-Din Awawdeh (15 years) and Dhia Al-Din Awawdeh (15 years), all from the village of Deir Dibwan, located east of Ramallah. The IOA claimed that they shot the vehicle because it was driving in a suspicious manner, but did not provide details as to the nature of this 'suspicious' behavior.(IMEMC 21 February 2020)
- Dozens of Palestinian citizens, including a child and a journalist, were injured when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) quelled several demonstrations in the West Bank. The IOA violently attacked a peaceful demonstration in Kafr Qaddoum village in Qalqilya injuring two Palestinians. An Israeli army bulldozer attacked the demonstrators by pushing large rocks towards them injuring 9-year-old Moamen Shtewi and journalist Mohammed Enaya, 29. (PALINFO 21 February 2020)
- In Nablus, about 40 Palestinian citizens were injured by IOA rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters in the southern village of Asira al-Qibliya. (PALINFO 21 February 2020)
- In al-Khalil (Hebron) the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) dispersed an anti-settlement demonstration, attacked Palestinian citizens with batons and rifle butts injuring a number of them, and arrested a Palestinian youth identified as Mahmoud Warasneh, 19. Meanwhile in Ramallah, dozens of Palestinians took to the streets in Ni'lin village to take part in the weekly demonstration against the settlement. Scores of protesters were injured when the IOA quelled the demonstration with live ammunition, stun grenades and tear gas canisters.(PALINFO 21 February 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Thousands of Israeli settlers stormed the northern Jordan Valley villages of al-Burj and Umm al-Qaba. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted a convoy of buses packed with hundreds of settlers into the two villages, and stayed there for over four hours. (Wafa 21 February 2020)
- Thousands of Israeli settlers stormed the Palestinian villages of al-Burj and Umm al-Qaba in the northern Jordan Valley, northern occupied West Bank. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) escorted a *convoy of buses* packed with some **4,000** settlers into the two villages, where they stayed for more than four hours. The IOA manning the checkpoint of Tayaseer, east of Tubas city, closed it in both directions in the morning in a prelude to the settlers' invasion into the villages. (IMEMC 21 February 2020)
- At least two Palestinians were injured when a group of settlers raided the village of Ein el-Auja, a small Bedouin hamlet to the north of Jericho. Dozens of armed settlers accompanied by attack dogs forced their way into the village and attempted to steal livestock belonging to local residents. The settlers clashed with local residents who attempted to fend off their attack, and at least two locals were injured by the settlers. The two, both are in their twenties, were moved to nearby Jericho. The attack occurred, an Israeli army (IOA) broke into the village to provide protection for the settlers, and while they were there the force briefly detained two Palestinians from the village. (Wafa 21 February 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Supreme Court gave the go-ahead on Wednesday for the military to demolish the family homes of five Palestinian detainees allegedly involved in the killing of a settler in late August 2019. All five are from the Ramallah area, and are serving long terms in Israeli prison camps. Israeli authorities decided that their families must also be punished, and that the homes of their parents, wives and children should be destroyed. The Israeli court unanimously approved the demolition despite multiple petitions filed by the prisoners' families against the demolition. The court explained its approval by the need to "establish credible deterrence against attacks." Collective punishment is a violation

of international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention.(IMEMC 21 February 2020)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) sealed off the main checkpoint of Tayaseer, east of Tubas city, in the northern West Bank. The IOA manning the checkpoint closed it in both directions, disconnecting Tubas from the northern Jordan Valley and forcing Palestinians to look for longer routes to reach their destinations. Israeli severely restricts Palestinians' freedom of movement through a complex combination of approximately 100 fixed checkpoints, flying checkpoints, settler-only roads and various other physical obstructions. Closures besides to other measures, taken under the guise of security, are intended to entrench Israel's 51-year-old military occupation of the West Bank and its settler colonial project which it enforces with routine and frequently deadly violence against Palestinians.(Wafa 21 February 2020)

Other

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had hoped that the unveiling of the US's Middle East [peace plan](#) would be his Trump card ahead of the March 2 election, energizing his base and presenting the electorate with an unprecedented diplomatic coup. Immediately after the White House ceremony at on January 28, where he stood side by side with US President Donald Trump as he revealed details of the far-reaching plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, [Netanyahu](#) promised that the following week he would bring to the cabinet a proposal to annex the Jordan Valley and extend Israeli sovereignty to West Bank settlements. Such a move would have been a major milestone, marking the first time since the 1967 Six Day War that Israel had formally annexed areas of the West Bank beyond east Jerusalem. ([JPOST](#) 21 February 2020)
- Defense Minister Naftali Bennett has told the ministry's legal adviser he opposes Palestinian construction underway in West Bank land south of Nablus, located in Area B, citing potential security threats to nearby Jewish settlements. The case of Palestinian construction in the area of the settlement Shiloh, south of Nablus, is currently being reviewed by the High Court of Justice. According to the Oslo Accords, Area B is defined as West Bank territory under Palestinian civil jurisdiction and Israeli security jurisdiction. Israeli interference in Area B construction is seen as highly unusual. According to the Ynet new site, preliminary Palestinian construction work in the area began in mid 2019, but local

settlers became concerned over the work, as the land in question is on the border of Area C — under full Israeli control — and very near several Jewish communities. In a letter to the ministry’s legal adviser in light of high court petitions on the matter, Bennett’s adviser on settlements, Avi Roeh, said “there is no real justification for the construction in its current location of all places, and it seems its main purpose is to challenge Israeli security forces.” ([TOI](#) 21 February 2020)

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