



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 19 February 2012

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

- Four Palestinian civilians were injured in two Israeli air strikes shelled by the Israeli warplanes at Al Tuffah neighborhood northeast of Gaza strip. The second strike targeted a house owned by Al-Zaharna family, causing injuries to 3 family members and destruction of the house.
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested 12 Palestinian citizens after the clashes between the army and the citizens. Of the arrestees; Mo'ad Edris, Fakhri Mazo'ru, Misbah Abu Sabih and Hamza Al-Zghair were

known. The IOA also re-closed the doors of al Aqsa mosque Mosque and allowed only residents over fifty years old to enter the mosque.

- Israeli warplanes shelled two missiles at a blacksmith workshop owned by 'Ashur family in Az Zaitoun neighborhood east of Gaza city, causing injuries to 2 residents.
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested Kamil Hikmat Al-Termasi (22 years old) from Jabalya refugee camp while crossing Beit Hanoun crossing to get treatment in one of Israeli Hospitals.
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested Shadi Zakarna (23 years old) after raiding his parents' house in Qabatyia town south of Jenin city. In addition, the IOA stormed Ya'bad, Jab'a, Meithalun and Sanur villages, no arrests were reported.
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Zububa village west of Jenin, detained nine Palestinians and questioned them for more than hour. Furthermore, clashes broke between the residents and the soldiers. The IOA fired tear gas and sound bombs causing injuries to number of Palestinians.

### **Israeli Settlers Violence**

- Israeli settlers threatened by text messages via cell phones to storm the Bilal Ben Rabah mosque and Rachel tomb in Bethlehem city next Thursday to practice religious rituals.

### **Others**

- The Israel Defense Force's Civil Administration in the West Bank is promoting legislation that would allow Jewish settlers to build new dirt roads without planning approval if their purpose is to protect state-owned land. Currently the creation of any new road or even changing its route requires full approval of the planning authorities, including the National Planning and Building Council, and is followed by the issuance of individual building permits. If approved, the new policy would substantially expand the ability of Jewish settlers in the West Bank to take control of additional land. Under the new approach, no permits would be required for the construction of roads designed to "protect state lands" unless the roads were constructed from gravel or

asphalt. Construction of gravel and asphalt thoroughfares would still require the full planning approval process, but dirt roads accommodating all-terrain vehicles would no longer require approval. Most West Bank settlements are surrounded by fencing, but lying beyond the fences there is often considerable state-owned land, and the shift in policy would enable the Civil Administration to keep Palestinians off this land by giving access to security vehicles from the settlements, in an effort to keep the West Bank's Arab residents from encroaching on the land. The proposed change in policy would not be required for dirt roads needed to maintain security in areas around West Bank settlements, as the IDF GOC Central Command already has authority to seize land for the construction of security roads around the settlements without a building permit. If the change in policy is approved with regard to the protection of state land, as a practical matter it would significantly expand the amount of land around West Bank settlements that is off-limits to Palestinians.

- Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank have seized several hundred dunums of Palestinian land that lies inside zones of Palestinian government control under international agreements. Israeli Daily Haaretz reported. Most Israeli settlements -- all of which are illegal under international law -- lie in Area C. However, settlers are taking over land designated Area B, which is under Palestinian Authority civil jurisdiction, and Israeli security control. Anti-settlement activist Dror Etkes said aerial photographs show Israeli outpost Amona has seized hundreds of dunums of Area B territory, building roads, planting vineyards and taking over a spring on Palestinian land. Settlers have taken 93 dunums of land from Yanun village, near Nablus city; the Itamar settlement prevents Palestinian access to other large swathes of Area B territory in its proximity. Near Salfit, settler outposts Esh Kodesh and Mitzpeh Ahiya have planted vineyards and crops on Area B lands, including 100 dunums of agricultural land belonging to the Haj Mahmoud family, according to a petition to Israeli court. Haaretz reported that Israel's Civil Administration says it does not have enough resources to track these violations of an international agreement. But the same department authorized the demolition of hundreds of Palestinian homes in Area C in 2011, displacing almost 1,100 people, over half of them children, according to the UN. Palestinians can only build on one percent of Area C, most of which is already built up, while settlements continue to expand in the same zone, the UN says.