



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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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.

*The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army dismantled 10 structures in Mitzpe Avichai (Avigail) outpost near Kiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron city; nine of which, were inhabited. The illegal outpost has been demolished by security forces in the past, but residents rebuilt it. Prior to the eviction, large Israeli security forces deployed in the area and blocked the roads leading to the outpost.

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Madama village south of Nablus city, searched a number of Palestinian houses and arrested Mahmoud Abdallah Qatt (23 years old), Ahmad Atef Ziada (21 years old) and Mohammad Sadeq Qatt (22 years old).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided 'Asira Al-Qibliya village in Nablus city and arrested Yousef Mahmud Shami, Mahmud Ihyia Slima Saleh, Ahmad Saleh Asaura and Issam Omar Assaira, all in the age of 24 years old, after raiding their houses. Also the IOA, raided Tell, Sura and 'Asira ash shamaliya villages and the Yousif (Joseph) tomb.
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the office of journalist Amin Abu Warda in Nablus city and confiscated his computers, cell phones, cameras and memory cards. The IOA also raided his house and confiscated his personal mobile and laptop as well as his son's mobile phone.

### **Israeli Settlers Violence**

- An Israeli settler run over a Palestinian student; Angham Kayed Amran (17 years old) from Einabus village south of Nablus city on the main road leading to Nablus , causing minor injuries.
- An Israeli settler ran over a handicapped Palestinian child; Hiba Hijazi AbdAl-Gafar Gayth (13 years old) near Al Haram Al-Ibrahimi in the old city of Hebron.

### **Home Demolition and Demolition Threats**

- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished 4 barracks and a residential structure owned by Sliman Abdallah in Khirbet Humsa area in the Jordan valley area.
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished residential structures for Palestinian farmers in Al-Forush Beit Dajan area north of the Jordan valley, in Nablus Governorate.

## Expansion of Settlements

- The Israeli Housing Ministry published a tender for 213 new housing units in Efrat settlement under a program that offers substantial discounts on the land. The tender was published at the end of last month and is due to close at the end of February 2012. But it turns out that of 277 units that were issued to be built in November 2011, 213 are being offered under the "Mechir Lamishtaken" program, under which the government sells the land to contractors for less than its full market value. In normal tenders, the land goes to the contractor who offers the highest price for it. This is the system being used for the remaining 64 units in Efrat. Under Mechir Lamishtaken, however, the Housing Ministry sets a fixed price for the land that is well below market value - often as much as 50 percent lower. The tender is then won by the contractor who pledges to sell the houses for the lowest price. Consequently, Mechir Lamishtaken tenders usually result in consumers paying less than the market rate for new housing. And while houses of up to 100 square meters are reserved for people eligible for public housing, anything larger than that can be sold on the open market, as long as the price doesn't exceed the contractor's bid price.