



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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest at Bab Al Amoud area in Jerusalem. The IOA fired stun grenades, causing the injury of a number of participants. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. as a result, one of the targeted boats was torched. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a bulldozer owned by Bial Theban while he was working in land located between Aqraba and Bani Fadel villages in Nablus governorate. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed 'Anin village, west of Jenin city and fired teargas grenades at Palestinians and houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA stormed and searched four Palestinian houses. The targeted houses are owned by: Mahmoud Yassen, Nimir Issa, Radi Khadour and Yazeid Issa. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected cement blocks at Wad Ash-Sheikh area near Hebron-Jerusalem street. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Rami Sobhe Khourah after storming and searched his house in Nablus city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas grenades. (RB2000 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ibrahim Sawatfah (18 years) after raiding his house in Tammun village, south of Tubas city. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing the injury of a Palestinian. (RB2000 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming their family houses in Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Ishaq Abed Ar-Rahman Jarbou', Mahmoud Hamad 'Awrtani (33 years) and Nour Mohammad As-Sa'di (22 years). (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Salti Thawabtah (16 years) after storming his family house in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Samer Abu 'Aesha and Hijazi Abu Soboh while they were in front of the headquarter of the international Red Cross in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after raiding their houses in Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Muaz Harhasha and Ibrahim Harhasha. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bassel Azmi Al Baba (19 years) from Halhul town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Riad Khalil Namoura (21 years) after storming his house in Dura town in Hebron governorate. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Nasser 'Ayeash Akhalil (45 years) and his sons; Mohammad (22 years) and Ayeash (20 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming their house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Wael Ar-Rajab while he was in the courtyard of Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after storming their houses in Azun village, east of Qalqiliyah city. The arrestees were identified as: Bilal Salem Radwan (17 years), Bassam Nabil Amran (21 years) and Ibrahim Abdalla Amran (20 years). (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Ahmed Salah to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc after stopping him at a military checkpoint erected by the IOA at the western entrance of Beit Jala town in Bethlehem governorate. (Wafa 6 January 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majed Nizar Mahmoud 'Atatrah from Yabad town, west of Jenin city after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA near 'Arraba village, southwest of Jenin city. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. The IOA prevented about 60 Palestinian women (listed in the Israeli Black list) from entering the mosque. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolish five residential barracks and an agricultural structures in Abu An-Nawar area in Arab Al Jahhaleen, east of Al Eizariya town, east of Jerusalem city. (RB2000 6 January 2016)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out military order to remove two water tanks (for agricultural uses) in Thaghra Ash-Shabak area, north of Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The targeted tanks are owned by: Khalid Yousif Abed Al Majed Baraghith and Ghassan Mohammad Abed Al Aziz Baraghith. (Wafa 6 January 2016)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) issued an order to confiscate 93 dunums of Palestinian land in An-Nabi Elias and Azzun villages, west of Qalqiliyah city, to construct a new colonial road for the Israeli settlers. (PNN 6 January 2016)

Expansion of settlements

- Israeli Defense Minister OKs Addition of West Bank Church Compound to Settlement Bloc. The property at Gush Etzion was purchased by U.S. businessman Irving Moskowitz, a high-profile supporter of the settlements. A West Bank property once owned by a church that was later bought by a right-wing American Jew will become part of the Gush Etzion settlement bloc, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon has decided. If the compound is populated, settlers would help consolidate their hold on Gush Etzion's south. The property's purchase by U.S. businessman Irving Moskowitz, a prominent supporter of the settlements, was first reported by Haaretz in May. The property consists of eight buildings on a 40-dunam (10-acre) lot. It is located on Route 60 between Jerusalem and Hebron, opposite the Al-Aroub refugee camp. Originally built by an American missionary in the 1940s, it first served as a tuberculosis hospital and later as a hostel for pilgrims. But a few years ago the Presbyterian church group that owned it fell into financial difficulties and decided to sell it. Gro Faye-Hansen Wenske, a Norwegian Christian who is a supporter of the settlements, then set up a company in Sweden that portrayed itself as a church group. The company, Scandinavian Seamen Holy Land Enterprises, offered to buy the property from the American owners, saying it planned to restore the church and resume its operations. The sale was completed in 2010 and duly registered with Israel's Civil Administration in the West Bank. In 2012, the Swedish company announced that it was going out of business and sold the property to an American organization controlled by Moskowitz. That organization, the American Friends of the Everest Foundation, is mainly active in East Jerusalem, where it specializes in buying property from Arabs and then encouraging Jews to move in. Its

local partner in this activity is Aryeh King, a Jerusalem city councilman and long-time activist in right-wing causes. Moskowitz's organization posted guards at the church compound and, about a year ago, began renovating the buildings. But the new owner's true identity was kept secret, including from the Israel Defense Forces. Palestinian workers employed to do the renovations said they were told the owner was a Norwegian who sought to restore the church to its former condition. The same story was given to the army. After Haaretz reported on these events, the Civil Administration briefly ordered the work stopped. But it soon decided it had no grounds for halting the renovations if no changes were made to the building's exterior. Haaretz's report that the new owner planned to turn the compound into a settlement spurred politicians from both left and right to visit it, and Palestinians staged demonstrations against the project. The property is located just outside the boundaries of the Gush Etzion region. The local council therefore asked Ya'alon to approve adding it to the municipality's jurisdiction. Ya'alon has agreed to this request, and the military commander in the territories signed off on the order. This means the property is now officially part of the settlement bloc. It also suggests that families can move in immediately, since the eight buildings on the site were built decades ago and require no construction permits. In contrast, any plans for additional construction that might be submitted in the future would require permits. Representatives of the new owner say there is no plan to let families move into the buildings, with the goal being to open a hostel that will serve Jews, Christians and Muslims alike. But information obtained by Haaretz indicates that the property is intended to become a settlement. ([Haaretz](#) 6 January 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the entrances of An Nabi Younis village and Ad-Dhahiriya town in Hebron governorate. (Wafa 6 January 2016)