



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) opened fire at Palestinian houses and land, east of Al Khaza'a town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Wafa 31 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Navy opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (Pal Info 31 August 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched dozens of Palestinian houses in Yabad town in Jenin governorate, and questioned the residents. (Raya 31 August 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Bara Said Al Husari (18 years) after storming and searching his family house in Tulkarm city. (Raya 31 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding and searching their houses in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Said and Mohammad Issa Ayed and Saddam Aqel Dar Al Haj. (RB2000 31 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amir As'ad Qatenah after storming his house in the old city of Jerusalem. (Al-Quds 31 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned four Palestinians to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Salem military base, after storming and searching their houses in Rummana village, northwest of Jenin city. The four Palestinians were identified as: Zuhair Rashed Al Ahmad (21 years), Mohammad Ghazi Mahajnah (24 years), Abed Ar-Rahem Amour (21 years) and Abed Ar-Rahem Abu Hamad (24 years). (RB2000 31 August 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Anas Qassem Atatrah (30 years) to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Salem military base, after raiding his house in Zububa village, northwest of Jenin city. (Wafa 31 August 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. At the same time, the IOA prevented Palestinian women from entering the mosque. (Wafa 31 August 2015)
- Israeli settlers and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented the restoration work in Yaqen tomb in Bani Naim town in Hebron governorate, after they stormed the tomb and forced the worker to leave the area. (Wafa 31 August 2015)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished 15 barracks (included residential barracks) in Jaba village, north of Jerusalem city. The

targeted barracks is owned by Al 'Ararah Bedouin community. (Wafa 31 August 2015)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Kufeirit village, west of Jenin city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Raya 31 August 2015)

Other

- How Many New Schools Does East Jerusalem Have? Depends Who's Counting. Jerusalem Municipality and nonprofit dispute the number of new classrooms on eve of new school year. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat likes to boast about his administration's investment in East Jerusalem, but statistics released by the municipality last week don't correspond with data recently given by various council departments to a local NGO. According to the municipality, there will be 112 new classrooms in East Jerusalem elementary schools and 68 new secondary school classrooms when the school year starts Monday. But according to data given to Jerusalem nonprofit Ir Amim, there will be only 38 new classrooms in East Jerusalem, with another 44 under construction and some 400 in the planning stages. The municipality also said there would be five new schools opening in East Jerusalem. However, according to the Ir Amim report, there will be just the one new school, in the Beit Safafa neighborhood. The municipality said it hadn't meant five new schools built from scratch, but that various residential buildings had been rented and turned into new learning facilities. These schools are relatively small: one has nine classes, another eight classes, and the third – a cluster of kindergartens for autistic children in Abu Tor – has only six classes. Similarly, the differences in the number of classrooms cited stems from the fact that most new classrooms claimed by the municipality were not newly built, but converted rooms rented in residential buildings. The biggest gap lies in the number of classrooms Barkat claims to have built during the six years of his administration. The city claims Barkat has built six times more classrooms in East Jerusalem than predecessors Uri Lupolianski and Ehud Olmert. But Ir Amim claimed that, over the past six years, new classrooms in East Jerusalem have been built at a rate of only 36 per year – similar to that under Lupolianski, although better than under Olmert. Ir Amim admits there has been an improvement in the rate of planning new classrooms for future years. There will be 89,543 pupils

studying in East Jerusalem this year, comprising 36 percent of all Jerusalem's pupils. However, there are over 22,000 children and teens not registered in any local school, public or private. At least some are presumed to be studying outside Jerusalem, but no one seems to know where the rest will be. The municipality said it "regrets that Ir Amim once again, as every year, chooses to recycle the same distorted and divorced-from-reality report, in an effort to get some media exposure. The data given to Ir Amim was accurate up to that date. Since then, more schools and classes were added and approved. As such, the updated information is as stated in the municipality's announcement". ([Haaretz](#) 31 August 2015)