



# 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

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Surif village, northwest of Hebron city. The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades at Palestinians. (Pal Info 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian students in Burin High School in Burin village, south of Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at the school, causing a number of suffocation cases. (Al-Quds 15 December 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at As-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza city. (Al-Quds 15 December 2014)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested 14 Palestinians after raiding their houses in several areas and neighborhoods in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Omar Ash-Shlabi, Nasser Al-Hadmi, Ibrahim Abdeen, Tareq Al-Kurd, Fouad Rwid, Ahmed Abu Sobeh, Raid Abu Ta'a, Mohammad Atta Mohammad Atta Abdo, Amar Ahmed Ali Hussen Awisat, Omar Muhssen, Same Ad'ees, Nour Khader, Adi Snqrut and Thair Abu Lafi. (SilwanIC 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Younis Al-Atrash (21 years) after stopping him at Abu Ar-Rish checkpoint, near the Ibrahim mosque in the old city of Hebron. (Safa 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Hussen Dar Musa (22 years) after raiding his house Deir Ammar village, northwest of Ramallah city. (Safa 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Ibrahim Zahran after storming his house in Deir Abu Mesh'al village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Safa 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Ad-Darbi (28 years) and Mohammad At-Turki (32 years). (Wafa 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Fares Ali Abu Eid, Khalid Mohammad Hamamda and Muaz Mohammad Hassan Abu Aram to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police, after raiding their houses in Yatta town, south of Hebron city. (Wafa 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians while they were near the border fence, east of Johr Ad-Dik town in the central of Gaza strip. (Safa 15 December 2014)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Maannews 15 December 2014)

## **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out an administrative order to demolish a Palestinian house in Ath-Thawri neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by the family of the Palestinian martyr; Mutaz Hijazi. (Maannews 15 December 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military orders to demolish a 80 square meters house and a 60 square meters agricultural room in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The targeted structures are owned by: Bassam Khalil Abed Al-Muhssen Al-Alami and Khalid Yousif Abed Al-Majed Baraghith. (Sama News 15 December 2014)

## **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected sudden checkpoints at the entrances of Sair and Halhul towns in Hebron governorate. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 15 December 2014)

## **Other**

- Netanyahu years see surge in West Bank settlements. The population of Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank has surged during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's years in office, growing at more than twice the pace of Israel's overall population, according to newly obtained official figures. Settlement growth also was strong beyond Israel's separation barrier, seen by many as the basis for a border between Israel and a future Palestinian state. The figures reflect Netanyahu's continued support for settlement construction, even while repeatedly stating his commitment to the eventual establishment of an independent Palestinian state as part of a future peace agreement. From the beginning of 2009 until the beginning of 2014 — Netanyahu returned to office in March 2009 — the Jewish settler population in the West Bank grew 23 percent, to 355,993 people. In comparison, the overall population has grown 9.6 percent to just over 8 million in that time. Figures for 2014 are not expected before late next year. The rate of settler population growth slowed slightly under Netanyahu, from 31 percent during the previous five years under his predecessors Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert. Olmert especially took relatively little heat for the settlements because he was seen as a moderate. In all, the settler population has more than doubled in the 21 years since Israel and the Palestinians have been engaged in an on-and-off peace process aimed at a partition of the Holy Land. The number of settlers living beyond

the barrier line, according to the new numbers, is about 10 times greater than the settler population of Gaza — nearly 82,000 settlers at the beginning of 2014, compared to about 68,000 five years before. If the settlements beyond the barrier make partition impossible, Israel could one day face a scenario in which Palestinians demand equal rights within a single state, which would force it to choose between being a Jewish state and a democracy. The settlement growth is roughly the same on both sides of the separation barrier, with the anti-settlement watchdog group Peace Now identifying growth rates of 23 percent inside the barrier and 20 percent beyond it. "We are seeing construction growth throughout the entire West Bank," said Lior Amihai, a Peace Now researcher. "This indicates government policy." He said that even when factoring in the higher birthrate of the settler population, which tends to be more religious, the settlement growth rate is higher because of the nonstop construction. The ultra-Orthodox settlement of Beitar Illit, for example, grew 29 percent during the five-year period. The population of Bnei Brak, an ultra-Orthodox city inside Israel, grew 14 percent. Another complication is the settlement of Ariel, which has grown into a town of over 18,000 people. Even though it is in the middle of the northern West Bank, many Israelis consider it to be part of the blocs, something Palestinians reject. Including Ariel, more than 100,000 settlers would potentially have to be evacuated. Netanyahu "is a prime minister for settlements," senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said. "His aim was to destroy the two-state solution. He wants the concept of one state, two systems — apartheid." ([Yahoo](#) 15 December 2014)