



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 15 February 2017

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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bilin village west of Ramallah city and searched homes in the village, and abducted Waqqas Mansour, 17. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Silwan Secondary School for males in Ras Al Amoud Neighborhood in Silwan city under the pretext of throwing stones at the Israeli Jeeps. The IOA toured in the school yard and searched classes. (SAFA 15 February 2017)

- Two Palestinian students (Aya Zayd,11, and Sawsan Hilal, 12) and the Janitor of Ash Shareqa school east of Qalqilya city suffered Gas inhalation when the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired Tear Gas bombs inside the school. (SAFA 15 February 2017)

## Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several houses in central Beit Ummar as well as in the al-Bayyada area of the town. They raided the house of 40-year-old Raed Muhammad Mahmoud Ikhlayyil and detained him. Ikhlayyil was not able to move properly as he was suffering from a live gunshot wound in his pelvis that he sustained after being shot by Israeli soldiers in December at [a funeral for his relative Khalid Ikhlayyil](#), when at least 20 other mourners were shot. Two others were also detained after Israeli soldiers raided their homes in Beit Ummar, identified by Awad as 19-year-old Muhammad Ghazi Issa Zaaqiq and 16-year-old Muhammad Mahmoud Abdullah Awad, who were taken to the Etzion military camp in northern Beit Ummar. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- In the town of Dura, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Dafa Hantash, as well as Youssef Shahin and Nour al-Bustanji from the Wadi al-Shajina area after raiding and searching their homes. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians in Sair town in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in Deir Razih village in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained in the village of Husan in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- Citizen Saad al-Zghayyar was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the Jerusalem Governorate village of Kafr Aqab. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- Citzien Rami al-Barghouthi was detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the Ramallah Governorate village of Kafr Ein. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian in Bilin village west of Ramallah city. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in Nilin village west of Ramallah city. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Rami Barghouthi in Kafr Nima village in Ramallah Governorate. (Maannews 15 February 2017)

In the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya, four Palestinians were detained during a predawn raid in the village of Azzun, who were identified as Hamed Jamal Abu Haniyeh, Zaid Ali Abed al-Hafez Adwan, Firas Mahmoud Shihadeh Hussein, and Nidal Safwan Mansour Salim. (Maannews 15 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Beit Furik in the Nablus Governorate, stormed a number of houses in An Naqqara and An Nasasra neighborhoods. Owners of the raided houses were identified as Mayzr Abu As Soud, Nidal Lutfi Nasasra, Muhammad Jamal Nasasra, Zahi Naji Malitat and Mujhed Badran Malitat. One Palestinian was detained Mohammad Nasasra. The IOA also transferred the house of Abu As Soud to a field interrogation center, detained his family in one room and questioned several Palestinians in the village. Citizens Wisam Malitat and Muhammad Jamal Nasasra were arrested during the raid. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli magistrate's court in Jerusalem convicted an imprisoned Palestinian teenage girl on charges of attempted murder and possession of a knife. The 17-year-old Malak Muhammad Salman was convicted for [allegedly attempting to stab Israeli officers on Feb. 9, 2016](#) at the Damascus Gate entrance to occupied East Jerusalem's Old City. Salman has been held in Israel's HaSharon prison since her detention. (Maannews 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, and invaded the home of Malek Yassin, 18, but he was not there, and the soldiers handed his family a military warrant summoning him for interrogation in 'Ofer prison and military base. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- In Jenin, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Faqqou'a village, east of the city, and abducted a teacher and a documentary director, identified as Abdullah Ali Enkheili, 28. The IOA also confiscated mobile phones, and Abdullah's personal computer. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- In Jenin city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Zibda village, southwest of the city, and summoned owners of several stores and a car wash facility owned by citizen Murad Amarneh, for interrogation at the Salem military base. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)

## **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem raided Hizma town northeast of occupied East Jerusalem and demolished two houses and a residential room in Hizma village under the pretext of unlicensed building. The demolished facilities are owned by Ahmad and Abdel Aziz Al Khateeb (a 140 square meters area house inhabited by 8 people and a 30 square meters area residential room) and Jaber Abdel Hameed (an 80 square meters area house). (SAFA 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced a Palestinian Jerusalemite to demolish his own 20 square meters room in Hizma town under the pretext of unlicensed building. (SAFA 15 February 2017)

### **Confiscation & Razing of lands**

- Israeli authorities seized a Palestinian-owned vehicle and water hoses used for irrigation in al-Baqiaa south of Tubas in the northern Jordan Valley region of the occupied West Bank. The Authorities seized a vehicle belonging to a resident of the nearby town of Tammun, in addition to seizing 400-meter-long water hoses used by locals for irrigation. (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated twelve Palestinian cars in Husan town, west of Bethlehem, (PALINFO 15 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated three cars in Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, allegedly for being used to "transport protesters." (PALINFO 15 February 2017)

### **Other**

- 2016 saw a marked increase in the number of homes Israeli authorities demolished throughout the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, citing lack of building permits as a pretext. The scale of demolitions documented by B'Tselem this year is the most extensive since we began systematically documenting demolitions in 2004. In East Jerusalem, authorities demolished 88 residential buildings and 48 other structures. Elsewhere in the West Bank, authorities demolished 274 residential buildings and 372 non-residential ones. These demolitions are indicative of Israel's efforts to limit Palestinian presence in the areas it seeks to take over, taking advantage of planning and administrative tools to that end. As part of this policy, in 2016, Israel demolished 274 homes in the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem), thereby rendering homeless 1,134 individuals, including 591 minors. The extent of devastation Israel wreaked in 2016 outstripped the number of homes it demolished in 2014 and 2015 combined.

Demolition operations by the Israeli authorities focused primarily on three major regions: The South Hebron Hills, the Maale Adumim area and the Jordan Valley. Efforts to drive dozens of small shepherding and farming communities out of Area C are particularly palpable in these areas. In the Maale Aumim area, which includes land that Israel refers to as Area E1, authorities demolished 49 dwellings; 224 people, including 115 minors, were rendered homeless. In the South Hebron Hills, in communities facing the threat of expulsion, authorities demolished 34 residences; 166 people, including 87 minors, were rendered homeless. Demolitions were particularly extensive in Jordan Valley communities: 551 people, including 291 minors were left homeless after authorities demolished 123 residences there. Israeli authorities continued their discriminatory policies against East Jerusalem's Palestinian residents as part of an overall policy designed to cause Palestinians to leave the city. Their actions are also part of efforts to achieve a demographic and geographic reality that would frustrate any future attempt to question Israeli sovereignty in East Jerusalem. In 2016, Israeli authorities demolished 73 homes in East Jerusalem. Fifteen others were demolished by their owners after receiving demolition orders from the municipality. They demolished their own homes in order to avoid being charged by the municipality for the cost of the demolition and hefty municipal fines. All told, authorities rendered homeless 295 people, including 160 minors. This is the largest number of home demolitions recorded in a single year since B'Tselem began documenting home demolitions in East Jerusalem in 2004. Authorities also demolished 48 non-residential structures. These figures reflect a sharp increase in the number of demolitions in East Jerusalem. In contrast, authorities demolished 47 homes in East Jerusalem in 2015. ([BTSELEM](#) 15 February 2017)