



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 23 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

- Israeli military bulldozers at daybreak launched a limited incursion into the eastern corners of Deir al-Balah Governorate, in central Gaza Strip. Four Israeli army bulldozers deployed at the Kissufim military base moved a few meters into eastern Deir al-Balah Governorate, in the blockaded Gaza Strip. Heavy damage is often wrought by such arbitrary incursions on Palestinian cultivated land tracts near the border fence. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishermen in the northern Gaza Strip while army bulldozers crossed the borderline of the besieged coastal enclave. Israeli army ships deployed off the coasts of Beit Lahiya and Gaza City fired in the direction of fishermen. (Maannews 23 February 2017)
- A European parliament delegation that attempted to enter the besieged Gaza Strip to assess the residual damage of Israel's 2014 military offensive was denied entry by Israeli authorities on Wednesday. According to a statement released by the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with Palestine, Israeli authorities told the group that their entry was denied owing to the fact that only humanitarian workers and diplomats accredited by the Israeli government or the Palestinian Authority (PA) are allowed access to Gaza, which has been held under an Israeli military blockade for a decade. The statement noted that the delegation has been denied entry since 2011. ([Maannews](#) 23 February 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jenin's southern town of Qabatiya and cordoned off residential neighborhoods before they rounded up four Palestinian youths, in their early 20s. The four were identified as: Ihab al-Najma, Wael Zakarna, Mohamed Kmeil, and Ahmed Abu al-Rub. The IOA rummaged into the detainees' family homes before they dragged them to an unidentified destination. At predawn time, Israeli troops sealed off the main access roads to the town with flying checkpoints. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Palestinians from al-Khalil's northern town of Beit Ummar. The IOA stormed the town and rummaged into civilian homes on claims of searching for weapons. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rounded four Palestinian youths in Aseida town and transferred to Etzion investigation center. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) rescinded 110 work permits of Palestinians at Al Jalamah crossing and work in 1948 occupied territories in Jenin Governorate. The Palestinian workers were denied entry to their work places. (SAFA 23 February 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- 75 Israeli settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque and carried out provocative tours throughout the compound. 35 Israeli settlers and 40 guides broke

into the Mosque via al-Magharibeh gate under heavy police protection. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

- Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed at daybreak Joseph's Tomb, in eastern Nablus province, at the same time as Israeli soldiers rummaged into Palestinian homes in the area. Buses carrying Israeli settlers flocked to Hawara checkpoint, south of Nablus, before they headed to Joseph's Tomb via Beit Furik checkpoint. The Israeli settlers performed sacrilegious rituals and yelled anti-Arab slogans, sparking tension in the area. At the same time, Israeli occupation army (IOA) cordoned off Nablus's eastern corners and have been deployed at the main entrance to Balata Camp. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) wreaked havoc on civilian homes in Balata on claims that a military patrol was targeted with gunfire. Palestinian vehicles driving in the area have also been stopped and inspected by the IOA in search for alleged weapons. Violent clashes burst out between the Israeli troops and the Palestinian anti-occupation protesters. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)
- Israeli occupation army (IOA) broke into Askar al-Jadid Camp and kidnapped two Palestinian youngsters. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) demolished a 400 mcm water-well in Kherbit Khashem Al Karem east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The water well is owned by citizen Suleiman Saleem Al Faqeir. (orientbethlehem 23 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) notified to halt the construction of an under-construction Palestinian house in Kherbit Skaryia southwest of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 23 February 2017)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- The Israeli Court issued an order to close a kindergarten and an elementary school in Sur Baher town south of Jerusalem city. The school and the kindergarten give services to 220 Palestinian students and were ordered to close under the pretext of "Incitement against Israel". (OrientBethlehem 23 February 2017)

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

- Israeli bulldozers leveled Palestinian lands in western Salfit Governorate in favor of illegal settlement activity. Palestinian farmers in Qarawat Bani Hassan and Deir Istiya, to the west of Salfit, said the

Israeli bulldozers have been leveling their land lots in an attempt to expand the adjacent Hafat Yair illegal settlement outpost. The Israeli forces and settlers declared the razed area a nature reserve, preventing Palestinians from growing crops or reclaiming their private lands. (PALINFO 23 February 2017)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Salfit. The IOA were stopping and searching vehicles, and checking the ID cards of Palestinian passengers. (Maannews 23 February 2017)

### **Other**

- **Opinion Isaac Herzog Details His 10-point Plan for Israeli-Palestinian Peace:** **(1)** Renewed ratification by both sides and the international community's commitment to the final goal of two states, living side by side in peace and security. **(2)** The sides must set a time frame of up to 10 years, during which the whole area west of Jordan will be declared a place of nonviolence of any kind. They will agree on joint enforcement and uncompromising penalty for any kind of terror or incitement. The UN Security Council will adopt a resolution about it and directly supervise its implementation. **(3)** The two sides will move during this period toward realizing the two-state vision. Israel will continue to separate from the Palestinians by completing the wall that will protect Jerusalem and the settlement blocs, build a buffer between Jerusalem and the Palestinian villages around the city, and give the Palestinians broader authorities. These authorities will include civil powers in part of Area C, to enable urban development among the Palestinian communities adjacent to the separation fence and the large Palestinian cities. Exactly the opposite of what Bennett is demanding. **(4)** Israel will suspend construction outside the settlement blocs and avoid all steps to change the reality on the ground in those areas, with the exception of acts required for security, to enable implementing the two-state vision. **(5)** During this period, Palestinian economic development will be dramatically accelerated, with regional and international help. This will consist of urban development, rehabilitating refugee camps and developing a viable economy and industry. **(6)** The Palestinians will act to prevent any terror and incitement. They will also formulate a broad national agreement among the Palestinian factions, which would include the West Bank

and Gaza Strip under one sovereignty. If they do so, they will be permitted to declare a Palestinian state within temporary borders and it will be clear that this state's permanent borders will be determined only by agreement. Israel will consider recognizing the Palestinian state favorably and announce that it sees this state as a partner to a permanent status arrangement. (7) The IDF will continue acting throughout the West Bank up to the Jordan River, and around the Gaza Strip. Security coordination with the Palestinian Authority will continue and become even closer. (8) The parties will act to rehabilitate the Gaza Strip and build a port, subject to strict security arrangements, complete demilitarization and destruction of the tunnels. (9) After this period, assuming it passed without violence, the two sides will open direct negotiations, with the backing of the region's states and the international community. The talks will be held without prior conditions, between two equal partners, seriously and resolutely and lead to a comprehensive, final peace agreement, settling all the controversial issues, setting the permanent borders and resulting in a declared end of the conflict. (10) The region's states will publicly and forcefully support the moves, as part of a dramatic, broad regional initiative. Israel will advance the setting up of joint Middle Eastern institutions, which will act to develop the region and initiate cooperation in security, economics, water and the passage of goods and workers. Israel will propose to make Jerusalem the center of this regional community. ([Haaretz](#) 23 February 2017)

- Four extremist Israeli lawmakers secured seats at [Israel's Supreme Court](#) sparking rage in what is seen as a right-wing dominated bench. The Judicial Appointments Committee for the court announced that it had appointed David Mintz, Yael Willner, Yosef Elron and George Kara to the 15-member Supreme Court, out of a shortlist of 27 candidates. Three of the four were on Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked's list of preferred candidates, while the three judges on the nine-member judicial appointments panel, who voted as a bloc, failed to advance any of their nominees. Mintz, who currently serves as a Jerusalem district judge, is said to be Shaked's top pick, hailing from the West Bank Gush Etzion illegal settlement bloc and considered a strong advocate for extremist positions. Yosef Elron, the president of the Haifa District Court since 2013 and a known non-activist judge, was backed by Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, who also sat on the appointments committee. Shaked was also reportedly in favor of the fanatic Zionist Haifa District Court Judge Yael Willner. The new appointees will replace outgoing Supreme Court justices Miriam Naor, Elyakim Rubinstein, Salim Joubran and Zvi Zilbental. PALINFO 23 February 2017)