



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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Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians from the Jerusalem Governorate. The detainees were identified as Yousif Mahdi Dar Sheikh, 12, from the village of Biddu; Malik Muhammad Hmeid, Ahmad Bakr Rabiaa, and Mubin Muhammad Ibrahim Jumhur from Beit Annan; and Mustafa Ahmad Hamed, 17, from Anata in eastern Jerusalem. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- In the Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained six Palestinians. The detainees were identified as Nidal

al-Rimawi and Hakim Mahmoud al-Rimawi from the town of Beit Rima, and Bassem Said al-Barghouthi from the village of Deir Ghassana. Marwan Mahmoud Abu Salim, 20, Tariq Hashem Radi, 18, and Samer Riyadh Radi, 18, were also detained from the village of al-Lubban al-Gharbi (Maannews 25 January 2017)

- One Palestinian was detained from the village of al-Khader in the Bethlehem district, identified as Ibrahim Suleiman Sbeih, while Nidal Andunieh, and his son Amir were detained from the city of Bethlehem. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- In the southern Hebron Governorate, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least two Palestinian men and confiscated equipment from a blacksmith workshop during overnight military raids. The IOA raided the village of Dura and detained Izz al-Din Jamil al-Titi from his home. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Sair, detaining Suhaib Hussein Jaradat. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The wife of Palestinian journalist and hunger striker Muhammad al-Qiq was delivered an interrogation summon with Israeli intelligence during a raid to the village of Sair in Hebron Governorate. Al-Qiq was re-detained by Israeli forces earlier this month after participating in a protest in Bethlehem held to demand the release of bodies of slain Palestinians held in Israeli custody. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Surif and sealed a Palestinian-owned blacksmith workshop after confiscating equipment. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- Two additional detentions were carried out in the al-Fawwar refugee camp in Hebron. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- In the Nur Shams refugee camp in the northern district of Tulkarem, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians, identified as Ali Khayri Abu Salah, Raji Jamal Ghreifi, Ramez Abd al-Hakim Elayyan, Muhammad Adib Ghreifi, Muhammad Ahmad al-Azza, and Ali Amin Abu al-Rub. (Maannews 25 January 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two former Palestinian prisoners in the Jenin district, identified as Saddam Muhammad Yassin from Anin village and Ismail al-Kilani from the village of Yaabad. (Maannews 25 January 2017)

Other

- The State Department is reviewing a last-minute decision by former Secretary of State John Kerry to send \$221 million dollars to the Palestinians late last week over the objections of congressional Republicans. The department said Tuesday it would look at the

payment and might make adjustments to ensure it comports with the Trump administration's priorities. Kerry formally notified Congress that State would release the money Friday morning, just hours before President Donald Trump took the oath of office. Congress had initially approved the Palestinian funding in budget years 2015 and 2016, but at least two GOP lawmakers - Ed Royce of California, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Kay Granger of Texas, who sits on the House Appropriations Committee - had placed holds on it over moves the Palestinian Authority had taken to seek membership in international organizations. Congressional holds are generally respected by the executive branch but are not legally binding after funds have been allocated. Granger released a statement Tuesday saying, "I am deeply disappointed that President Obama defied congressional oversight and released \$221 million to the Palestinian territories." She added, "I worked to make sure that no American taxpayer dollars would fund the Palestinian Authority unless very strict conditions were met. While none of these funds will go to the Palestinian Authority because of those conditions, they will go to programs in the Palestinian territories that were still under review by Congress. The Obama Administration's decision to release these funds was inappropriate." The Obama administration had for some time been pressing for the release of the money, which comes from the U.S. Agency for International Development and is to be used to fund humanitarian aid in the West Bank and Gaza, to support political and security reforms and to help prepare for good governance and the rule of law in a future Palestinian state, according to the notification sent to Congress. ([Haaretz](#) 25 January 2017)

- The Hebrew newspaper Israel Hayom reported that the mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, had presented a scheme to the American administration to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem in phases. Barkat said in his speech at a conference organized by the Professors Forum for Political and Economic Immunity at Bar-Ilan university that moving the US Embassy will start by transferring the embassy's functions one after another until it completely works from occupied Jerusalem. "If we act wisely, we will succeed," he added. Ze'ev Elkin, Israeli Minister of Jerusalem Affairs and Environmental Protection, said in the same conference that the situation in Jerusalem must be changed in favor of Israel in stages especially with the presence of a wide consensus on this among the political parties. ([PALINFO](#) 25 January 2017)