



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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live ammunition during clashes with Palestinians near al-Bureij refugee on the eastern borders of the besieged Gaza Strip, injuring a 16-year-old Palestinian. The 16-year-old was shot and injured in the stomach when clashes erupted between the IOA forces and Palestinian youth near the security border between the small Palestinian territory and Israel. Israeli snipers were deployed on dirt mounds on the eastern borders of the besieged enclave during the clashes, and opened live fire at a group of more

than 50 Palestinian youths. The clashes were continuing as of 7 p.m. on Friday as Israeli forces have continued to shoot tear gas canisters into the Palestinian territory. (Maannews 3 February 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently suppressed a weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Qalqiliya. Tens of Palestinian and international activists suffered from tear gas inhalation after the IOA suppressed their weekly march launched in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who have been the target of Israeli raids in the prisons of Nafha and Ktziot. Tens of Israeli soldiers, escorted by Israeli military vehicles and a bulldozer, raided the village and opened live ammunition, rubber-coated bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters into the crowd of protesters, causing many to suffer tear gas inhalation. The IOA also raided the front yard of a house belonging to Abed al-Latif, and turned it into a military post where Israeli snipers stationed themselves and opened live fire at protesters. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- Many Palestinian, Israeli and international peace activists marched in the weekly nonviolent procession against the Israeli Annexation Wall and settlements in Bil'in village, west of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank. The protest comes in solidarity with the Palestinian detainees, in the Negev and Nafha detention camps, subject to escalating assaults and violations. The procession started from the center of the village, following noon prayers, before locals, Israeli and international peace activists marched towards the villager's orchards, isolated behind the Wall. They marched carrying posters of many detainees, and Palestinian flags, and chanted for their unconditional release. (IMEMC, Maannews 3 February 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The gunshots were heard in northern Gaza as Israeli boats opened fire at fishermen off the coast of al-Sudaniya. No injuries were reported and fishermen were forced to flee back to shore. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shuqba village in Ramallah Governorate, toured in the streets and alleys. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many Palestinian and international peace activists, holding the weekly nonviolent protest against the Annexation Wall and settlements in Ni'lin village, west of Ramallah, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The soldiers assaulted the nonviolent protesters, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at them, just as they approached the wall's

construction site, on the villagers' orchards, south of the Ni'lin. The many nonviolent protesters suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The procession started from the center of the village, when locals, Israeli and international activists marched carrying Palestinian flags, and chanting against the ongoing occupation. They also marched in solidarity with the detainees in the Negev detention camp, who are currently subject to attacks, and escalating violations. (IMEMC 3 February 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Ar Razem family (a man and his wife) near Bab Hatta neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem. As a result, clashes erupted between the IOA and the Palestinians who gathered at the site of the incident to prevent the attack and resulted in the injury of 5 Palestinians. (Wafa 3 February 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- A court session in the Israeli magistrate court in Beer Sheba prosecuted three Palestinian prisoners accused of assaulting two Israeli prison officials during Israeli raids in Nafha and Ktziot prisons. The Israeli court prosecuted Palestinian prisoners Khalid al-Silawi and brothers Ahmad Nasser and Mahmoud Nasser. Al-Silawi, from the besieged Gaza Strip was sentenced to 18 years in Israeli prison, allegedly stabbed an Israeli prison officer with a sharp tool in Nafha prison in response to Messada officers, the "takeover" unit of the Israel Prison Service (IPS) "violently raiding" section 1 of the prison and reportedly destroying their personal belongings. Al-Silawi reported that 15 Israeli prison officials of the Messada unit assaulted him, leaving bruises on his body and fractures in his chest. Al-Silawi also noted that IPS officials did not provide medical care, despite his condition. Meanwhile, Palestinian prisoner Ahmad Nasser, from the village of Madama in Nablus and held in Israel's Ktziot prison for a two year prison sentence, reported that at least 30 Israeli prison officials raided section 30 of the prison, and assaulted him without any clear reason. The soldiers beat him on his head, causing him to faint. The IPS officials initially refused him medical care until he was taken to Soroka hospital in Beer Sheba. Ahmad's brother, Mahmoud Nasser, sentenced to five years in prison and also currently held in Ktziot prison said that Israeli soldiers forces had raided section 16 and fired sound bombs and used pepper spray on the prisoners. He was also assaulted by some 30 Israeli prison officers. Another Palestinian prisoner Saleh Attah from

Ramallah was also assaulted and suffered from fractures in his hand and an injury on his face. Attah was also left without any medical treatment. (Maannews 3 February 2017)

- Israeli police released three Palestinian youths from detention in occupied East Jerusalem on the condition of being banned from entering the Al-Aqsa mosque for 6 months. Thaer Abu Sbeih, Mahmoud Abed al-Latif and Rawhi al-Kalghasi were released by the Israeli police on the condition of being banned from the Muslim holy site, while Abu Sbeih was additionally charged a fine of 1,000 Shekels (approximately \$265). (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli central court sentenced two Palestinians from Jerusalem to prison. One of the youths, Ismail Mahmoud Rushfi al-Karaki, 18, was sentenced to 34 months in jail. The teenager was detained on April 17th, 2016 by a group of undercover Israeli forces and was convicted of throwing Molotov cocktails.
- The Israeli court sentenced Muhammad Moussa Abassi, 25, from the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan to three-and-a-half years in jail and imposed a fine on him of 5,000 shekels (approximately \$1,331) after convicting him of throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli forces. (Maannews 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yousef Sameh Abu Ar Radeif (22 Years) while heading to Jerusalem city to accompany his sick mother to Al Maqqased Hospital for treatment. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Salem military checkpoint arrested citizen Abdullah Mustafa Al Badawi (47 Years) from Ash Shweikah village north of Tulkarem city. (Wafa 3 February 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Odai Abu Taya and Muhamamd Abu Al Hamam after raiding their hoses in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city. (Wafa 3 February 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Hundreds of Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided two historical sites in Awarta village south of Nablus city (Maqam Al Aziz and As Sab'ien) and organized a religious event at the Site. (Wafa 2 February 2017)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Jerusalem District Court dismisses claim of Arabs living in Jewish-owned home in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina and orders their eviction by Feb. 12, 2017.

Expansion of settlements

- Israeli Housing Minister Yoav Galant approved the immediate marketing of 2,086 residential units in Judea and Samaria. The number of units were approved for the following settlements: Beit Arieh 698 units, Alfei Menashe 630 units, Beitar Elite 660 units and Karnei Shomron 98 units. The motion received the approval of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman. ([IPOST](#) 3 February 2017)

Other

- The Israeli PM announced his intention to discuss the settlements issue with Trump after the US administration released two recent statements that were critical of Israel's ongoing settlements construction. West Bank settlements will be among the wide ranging set of issues Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump will discuss when they hold their first meeting since Trump entered the Oval Office. ([IPOST](#) 3 February 2017)
- **The price tag for Amona: Likud to introduce bill to restrict High Court:** The coalition is forming a bill to amend and weaken the power of the High Court to discuss public issues, such as the [Amona evacuation](#). Likud MK Mickey Zohar stands behind the bill, which promises to bring about a harsh political and legal storm. However, the bill has the support of all coalition MKs and Minister of Tourism Yariv Levin, who will promote the bill in a ministerial committee in the coming weeks. However, it is still unclear what the position of Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked is on the matter. The legislation is actually an amendment to the Basic Laws of Israel as related to the judiciary. Locus standi (standing) is a basic condition demanded of a person or organization when they appeal to court and requires them to have direct interest in the issue or injustice against which they are petitioning. In recent years, standing has been expanded to give almost every person the right to petition the High Court on any subject. For example, left-wing organizations petitioned against West Bank outposts built on private Palestinian land, even in cases where the specific landowners were not identified. The new legislation seeks to prevent the court from holding a hearing on an issue if the petitioner does not have personal connection defined as "direct damage or

concern for direct damage to one's private interests." If the legislation is successfully passed, controversial court rulings—such as the evacuation of Amona—may be avoided. "There is no damage to the High Court here, but we want to rectify this absurd situation and strengthen the existing separation of powers," said Likud youth chairman David Shayan. According to MK Zohar, "Our bill will make it difficult for left-wing organizations to petition the High Court regarding the evacuation of settlements and make it difficult for the court to rule against settlers." ([YNETNEWS](#) 3 February 2017)

- Former Interior Minister Eli Yishai, who heads the Yachad party, said that Amona would not have been demolished. Yishai opined that the rightist parties in the coalition should have applied greater pressure to pass the Regulation Law with the clause that applied it retroactively, thus saving Amona. "I was in Amona, it's a difficult and sad day. The expulsion was unnecessary and [the images](#) remind us all of the harsh pictures from Gush Katif. It's too bad it happened under a right-wing government. There is a dangerous precedent for other communities and I hope the Regulation Law will pass and that the Supreme Court will not reject it," said Yishai. Had he been in the coalition, he continued, "I would have threatened to resign from the coalition and then they would have passed the law because they would have understood that unless they do it, there will not be a coalition." "This is a failure of a right-wing government," declared Yishai. "Even senior ministers admitted that they lost this war. We'll see if the Knesset enacts the Regulation Law. I hope that the Court will not intervene because just as there is a judicial authority, there is also a legislature." Yishai proposed enacting a law that would prevent NGOs to petition the Supreme Court on behalf of Palestinian Arabs with regard to land claims. "It's unheard of that an organization comes and sues over ownership of the land on behalf of the landowner. The landowner himself should come and submit a petition and we will offer him a lot of money [in exchange for the property]. Believe me, he will agree." ([INN](#) 3 February 2017)