



# 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

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided, searched and ransacked several homes in the southern West Bank city of Hebron and area towns, without any reports of arrests, Palestinian security sources told Wafa on Monday. They said soldiers raided a number of neighborhoods in the Palestinian city as well as in the nearby towns of Beit Ula and Sourif, while setting up checkpoints at roads leading to Hebron and the attached towns of Sair and Halhoul. The soldiers stopped cars and checked passengers' identity papers. No reason was given for the

intensified army's action in that area. Meanwhile, fanatic Jewish settlers held wild celebrations in the old town of Hebron, which is under full Israeli military control, marking the Jewish New Year, which starts on Thursday. Palestinian residents of the old town reported rowdy and uncontrolled celebrations as settlers freely used fire crackers and played loud music during the late hours of the night. Israel bans fire crackers in the Palestinian areas and would prosecute Palestinians who use them. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

- Israeli naval forces detained two Palestinian fishermen and seized their boat off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip. The forces "attacked" a Palestinian fishing boat while it was sailing four nautical miles from the shore. The Israeli army claim that the Palestinian vessel deviated from the designated fishing zone in the northern Gaza Strip, prompting Israeli naval forces to call on the vessel to halt. (Maannews 18 September 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the Salman Gas-station in Deir Istya village, northwest of Salfit, by order of the Israeli military commander and forced owners to close and leave the station after confiscating the keys. The IOA threatened to close the station for a month "if they find out that the Gas Station provides gas for vehicles belonging to Palestinian citizens accused of activities against the occupation," Israel claims. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the movement of Palestinian citizens heading from Tubas to the Jordan Valley, following the closure of Al Hamra checkpoint which connects Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank with the Jordan Valley. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several neighbourhoods in the city of Hebron, searched several houses and ransacked contents. Of the ransacked houses, the house of Munther Abu Hadid was identified. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) held a celebration for Israeli settlers on the occasion of the so-called "Jewish New Year", which falls next Thursday, at the entrances and in the squares of the Ibrahimi Mosque amidst Israeli military reinforcements. Settlers fired Fireworks and played loud music late in the night and lasted until dawn. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided several neighbourhoods in Beit Ula and Surif town in Hebron Governorate, in the southern West Bank. The IOA also erected military checkpoints at the entrances of Sa'ir and Halhul towns, and at the northern entrance of Hebron city

and Jouret Bahlas. They stopped vehicles and searched Palestinian ID cards. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

## Israeli Arrests

- Israeli navy arrested two Palestinian fishermen off the Gaza shore and seized their boat. Israeli naval ships attacked the boat while it was sailing at four nautical miles from the shore before arresting the two fishermen who were on board and confiscating the boat. According to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), all Israeli attacks on Palestinian fishermen have taken place within the distance of six nautical miles, which it said “proves that Israeli forces' policies aim to tighten restrictions on the Gaza Strip's fishermen and their livelihoods.” (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- Israeli forces detained seven youths from Jerusalem, five from the Ramallah-area village of Kobar and six from the Tulkarm district. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- An Israeli military court filed charges against three Palestinian minors after they were detained last month for allegedly throwing Molotov cocktails and stones at Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Rachel's Tomb, which is located next to an Israeli military base at the edge of Aida refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. The three youths are aged between 15 and 16 years old. (Maannews 18 September 2017)
- An Israeli court sentenced two Palestinian minors to 18 years in prison each after they were convicted of carrying out a stabbing attack in May 2016 in the illegal Israeli settlement of East Talpiyot, which left two elderly Israeli women injured. A third underage Palestinian was also sentenced to 25 months in prison for his alleged involvement in planning the attack. In addition to the 18-year sentences, the Jerusalem Juvenile Court also ordered the two teens to pay 200,000 shekels (\$57,000) in compensation to the wounded Israelis. The youths were between 16 and 17 years old. They are all from the occupied East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Jabel al-Mukabbir. (Maannews 18 September 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested seven young men from Jerusalem. The seven were identified as: Lu'ay Shakhshir, Muhammad Iddik, Muhammad Abu Nab, Mustafa Kashur, Tariq Jabir, Wa'am Jaradat and Abdullah Abu Al Hawa. (Wafa 18 September 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians in Kober village in Ramallah Governorate. The five were identified as Ahmed Hassan Yousef, 35, Basel Fahad Abu al-Haj, 32, Raed Mahmoud Sabah,

43, Jihad Mohammed Abu al-Hajj, 47, and Adnan Ibrahim, 26. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinians from Tulkarem governorate. The six were identified as Mohammed Khairallah, Yousry Talal Rashid, Fathi Khalil Rashid, Al-Montaser Belallah Ahmed Hashim, Mohammad Khairallah and Yousry Fathi. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Tens of Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Al Mughrabi gate and performed Talmudic rituals and provocative tours in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque under heavy military protection. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

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

- Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian residential building in the town of al-Zayyem, to the southeast of Jerusalem. The building, which belongs to Mohammad al-Sairy, was demolished under the pretext it was built without a permit. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) cordoned off the area where the building was located as bulldozers proceeded to demolish it. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the area of Bab al-Amoud (Damascus Gate) for an hour, amid widespread deployment of Israeli troops, intelligence Police and special units. The IOA hindered the entry and exit of Palestinian citizens to and from the old city of Jerusalem on the pretext of carrying out "security" trainings in the area simulating an operation against Israeli soldiers, amid the presence of Israeli ambulance crews. (Wafa 18 September 2017)

### **Other**

- West Bank settlements ensure Israel's security even in the era when Israel is under threat from missile and cyber attacks, Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said on Sunday evening. "From my perspective it's clear that the settlements in Judea and Samaria and those here in the area of Jericho and the Dead Sea are the State of Israel's true defensive wall," Liberman said. This is true "even in the cyber age and the missile era," Liberman said. He spoke during a Jewish New Year toast

with settler leaders in the Vered Yeriho settlement, which overlooks the Palestinian city of Jericho. "At the end of the day, what is determinative is who is in the field. The settlements have always been the pioneers of the pioneers of [Israel's] security," Liberman said. "In this way, nothing has changed since the time of the 'tower and the stockade,'" Liberman said. Liberman gave a rousing speech in defense of the settlement movement on the eve of US President Donald Trump's meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York on Sunday. He spoke in the midst of a renewed push by the US to resume Israeli-Palestinian talks, which have been frozen for three years. The Palestinians have insisted that settlement activity is a stumbling block to peace and the US has frowned on such building. But Liberman, who himself lives in the Nokdim settlement in Gush Etzion, promised to continue supporting Jewish building in the West Bank. The minister explained that he had done more for settlement building than anyone else in the last 17 years, which includes granting official status to the municipal committee that governs Hebron's Jewish community. He said the "construction boom" also includes the marketing of 3,500 settler homes and the advancement of plans for 7,500 to 8,000 homes. Liberman mentioned the tension between him and a number of settler leaders, who feel that he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have not done enough to support settler building or to demolish illegal Palestinian construction in Area C. Liberman in particular has spoken strongly against illegal settlement building and did so on Sunday evening as well. "There is no need for illegal construction here," he told the member of the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria who had joined him for the event. "Even from here, I have heard council heads make all kinds of unreasonable and unacceptable accusations," Liberman said. Earlier in the day Jordan Valley Regional Council head David Elhayani called for the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria to be abolished. Liberman spoke in defense of the branch of the IDF that administers civil rule in Area C, and said "you have no right to blame them." The Civil Administration staff is simply carrying out the orders of the Prime Minister and Defense Minister's offices, he said. "If you want to blame someone, blame the defense minister and the prime minister, we are responsible, not them," Liberman said. He also promised to complete a plan to protect all the settlements with smart fences and better access roads by November. There is no budget yet for the plan, Liberman said, but if it can be executed, it will provide security for many years to come. (JPOST 18 September 2017)

- On the eve of the new Jewish year, Israel's population numbers about 8,743,000 people, according to data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) on Monday ahead of Rosh Hashanah. Since Rosh Hashanah last year, Israel's population has increased by some 156,000 people. According to the CBS, the Jewish population numbers 6,523,000 and makes up 74.6 percent of the population. The Arab population numbers about 1,824,000 people and makes up 20.9% of the population. Non-Arab Christians, members of other religious and those registered as having no religion number 396,000 and make up 4.5%. Examining Israelis' preferred places of residence, the CBS found that 74.2% of Israelis live in cities, 14.9% in local councils, 10.1% in regional councils, and 0.8% live in areas without an official municipal status. But while Israel's territory is relatively small, most of it is uninhabited. Only 5.6% of its area is built up, with 20% of the land used for agriculture, 2.4% comprised of water, and 7.3% made up of forests, groves and national parks. The remaining land is made up of open areas, rocky terrain, excavated areas and vegetation-covered land. The data further show there are some 2,470,200 households in Israel, with an average of 3.1 people per household. In 2016, 181,405 babies were born in Israel. The CBS found that the overall fertility rate, 3.11, is the highest among OECD countries. Israel's population also increased thanks to the immigration of 25,977 people in 2016, 57% of them from the former Soviet Union. The CBS also examined the quality of life in Israel. The average income per household stands at NIS 18,671 (\$5,300) a month before taxes and NIS 15,427 (\$4,380) after taxes. Most Israelis own their homes, with 67.6% living in an apartment they own and 39.9% paying mortgage. Some 2.2 million students learn in Israel's education system: 517,000 in pre-school education, about a million in elementary school and some 713,000 in high school. In general, 88% of Israelis said they were very satisfied or satisfied with their lives. Some 1.1 million (21%) feel stressed always or often. Some 340,000 (6%) feel lonely often. Thirty-four percent said they have a hard time covering their monthly expenses. ([YNETNEWS](#) 18 September 2017)