



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 14 October 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

- Five Palestinian youths were injured during clashes with Israeli forces near the border in the central and northern Gaza Strip. Two youths were injured in the legs with live ammunition during clashes in central Gaza. Three other youths were lightly injured after they were hit with tear gas canisters in the northern Gaza Strip. (Maannews 14 October 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Ar Ras Al Ahmar hamlet south of Tubas, arrested three farmers and seized their agricultural machinery. (Wafa 14 October 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, in the town of Yaabad, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained former prisoner Taher Jawad Badarneh, 23, and Qassem Khalid Abu Bakr, 16, after raiding and searching their homes. (Maanews 14 October 2017)
- In the Nablus Governorate, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Husni Jaradat while he was passing through a flying checkpoint near the town of Sebastiya. Jaradat, from the Jenin-area town of Silat al-Harthiya. (Maanews 14 October 2017)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Musaab al-Sweiti from the Beit Awwa town. (Maanews 14 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians who crossed the border fence from the southern Gaza Strip into Israel. The two, who remained unidentified, were transferred to the Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence agency, for interrogation. (Maanews 14 October 2017)

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

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stopped the work on an agricultural road in Ad Deir area near Ein al-Baida in the northern Jordan valley, and detained truck drivers who were present in the area. (Wafa 14 October 2017)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) blocked a road that connects several villages southwest of Hebron in the south of the West Bank. The IOA used dirt mounds to block a road that connects the towns of Beit Awwa and Deir Samet to the villages of al-Majd, Sikka, Beit al-Roush, Deir al-Asal and others. The army had set up a metal gate on the main road that leads to Beit Awwa and other nearby towns, which it would close at will for any reason, and by blocking other side roads that connect area villages, the army is actually obstructing movement and access of thousands of Palestinian civilians to only one road that falls under its control. (Wafa 14 October 2017)

## Israeli Closures

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles on Tulkarem - Anabta road east of Tulkarm, after they closed the intersection that links Anabta village with Tulkarm and intensified their presence in the area. The IOA stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked the ID cards of drivers and passengers and carried out a thorough inspection. (Wafa 14 October 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrances of Azzun village east of Qalqilya and prevented citizens from entering the village or leaving it. The IOA isolated the village from its neighboring villages. At the same time, the IOA closed the iron gate installed at the village's northern entrance and assaulted everyone who was there and forced them to return. (Wafa 14 October 2017)

## Other

- The US and Israel announced on Thursday that the two countries would be withdrawing from the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee for "anti-Israel bias." According to reports, the US made its announcement first, with the Trump administration officially notifying the organization that it would be withdrawing its membership and establish an observer mission to replace its representation at the agency. Shortly after the Trump administration's announcement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said it would be following the US' move, which it called "a brave and moral decision" in a statement. "UNESCO has become a theatre of absurd. Instead of preserving history, it distorts it," Netanyahu said. In response to the US decision, UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova released a [statement](#) expressing her "profound regret," saying that "universality is critical to UNESCO's mission to strengthen international peace and security in the face of hatred and violence, to defend human rights and dignity." "At the time when conflicts continue to tear apart societies across the world, it is deeply regrettable for the United States to withdraw from the United Nations agency promoting education for peace and protecting culture under attack," Bokova said. The US and Israel's relationship with UNESCO has been tense for years, long before Trump took office. The US stopped paying its dues to the organization in 2011 when UNESCO members granted Palestine full membership of the body, despite heavy opposition from Israel. In July, Israel decided to withhold a further \$1 million in membership dues to

UNESCO following the organization's vote to inscribe Hebron's Old City and Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque in the occupied West Bank on the World Heritage in Danger list. According to The Times of Israel, the cut in Israeli funding to the UN was the fourth since December 2016 -- when the UN Security Council passed Resolution 2334 condemning Israel's illegal settlement enterprise in the occupied Palestinian territory -- with Israel only paying \$1.7 million out of \$11.7 million in required dues, over its claims of anti-Israel bias in the international body. Both Israel and Trump's administration have regularly criticized the UN for what they deem is the unfair targeting of Israel over its breaches of international law, particularly its illegal settlement expansion in the occupied Palestinian territory. Since the Trump Administration's advent to power, and with the help of his ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, Washington and Israel have waged a war against the UN, using intimidation and the threats of withholding funds. (Maannews 14 October 2017)