



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 2 January 2018

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

- The Israeli Air Force fired at dawn, three missiles into a site, northwest of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, causing property damage. The missiles caused property damage to the site, and nearby structures, but did not lead to any casualties. (IMEMC 2 January 2018)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) conducted military drills in lands belonging to Khirbet al-Tawil in the town of Aqraba, north of the city

of Nablus in the occupied West Bank. The IOA have been conducting military drills since early morning hours in Khirbet al-Tawil after declaring the area a closed military zone. The drills are taking a place in 3500 dunums of planted lands, which are now threatened to be damaged, noting that there are 18 Palestinian families living in Khirbet al-Tawil who refuse to leave the area at Israel's orders. (Wafa 2 January 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted military drills with live ammunition near the town of Arraba, south of the city of Jenin. The IOA used flares and ambulances as foot patrols were deployed between olive trees and on the main Jenin-Nablus road, stopping cars and forcing passengers to get out of the cars while others were shooting in the air nearby. The soldiers also raided a nearby village, which appeared to be part of the live drill in populated Palestinian areas in the occupied West Bank. (Wafa 2 January 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian young man during clashes at Gaza border with Israel, east of Khaza'a town in southern Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers stationed at borderline watchtowers fired live bullets and teargas canisters towards Palestinians who were gathering near the border fence, in protest against US President Donald Trump's decision last month to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. At least one Palestinian was injured by live fire in his leg. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) threatened residents of Deir Qiddis and Kharbatha Bani Harith villages west of Ramallah with punitive measures and closed the roads in both villages. The Israeli army distributed leaflets threatening villagers to close the roads leading to the area and continue arresting and torturing villagers if they continue their peaceful demonstrations. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian teen at Beit 'Einoun Junction, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The detained teen has been identified as Mohammad Sharif Mashni, 18, from Shiokh village. The IOA stopped and searched Mashni, and repeatedly beat him up, allegedly after finding a "sharp object in his pocket." Mashni was cuffed and blindfolded, before he was

moved to a nearby police station for interrogation. (IMEMC 2 January 2018)

- An Israeli court indicted, the 21-year-old Palestinian girl Nour Tamimi, who was seen slapping a heavily armed Israeli soldier, along with her cousin, Ahed Tamimi, two weeks ago. The court charged Tamimi with aggravated assault of an Israeli soldier and obstructing a soldier from carrying out his duty. (IMEMC 2 January 2018)
- An Israeli military court indicted 16-year-old Palestinian activist Ahed Tamimi on 12 charges, including assaulting an Israeli soldier, interfering with a soldier's duties, and two past instances of stone throwing. Since her arrest, Tamimi has had her detention extended several times, until charges were finally presented against her. (Wafa 2 January 2018)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- A group of Israeli settlers erected tents on Palestinian land that belongs to Deir al-Hatab village, east of Nablus, which is seen as a nucleus for a new settlement in the area. The settlers from the illegal Elon Moreh settlement set up tents on a land in Ras al-Ein, an area east of the village, and fenced it off. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

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

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) delivered a demolition order targeting an agricultural room in Kherbet al-Maraajem, in Duma south of Nablus owned by Nasem Musallam under the pretext that the room was erected in an archeological area. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- A Palestinian family's 27-year battle against attempts to evict them from their East Jerusalem home went forward on Monday in a Jerusalem court, where they are pitted against a right-wing organization that seeks to take possession of the property. The legal basis for the attempted eviction of the Sumreen family from their Silwan home is the state's determination that Musa Sumreen, one of the family patriarchs, is an "absentee," because he lives in Jordan. Therefore, his home in Silwan was declared absentee property and transferred to the state, which later sold it to the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund. Over the years, a KKL-JNF subsidiary called Himnuta has filed several suits seeking the family's eviction. The first, filed in 1991, was based solely on the determination that Musa

Sumreen was an absentee, and the family won. The family then filed its own suit, seeking to be declared the property's owner. But that suit was rejected in 1999 because the family failed to prove it had purchased the property. Meanwhile, the state determined that Sumreen's children were also absentees, prompting Himnuta to file a new suit in 2005. This suit even demanded that the family pay the organization 500,000 shekels (\$144,000) in compensation for use of the property. Himnuta won that suit, but in 2011 the verdict was vacated on the grounds that family members hadn't been aware of the legal proceedings against them. Himnuta filed suit again last year, and the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court recently began hearing the case. At Monday's hearing, several family members testified. But Judge Miriam Kaslassy rejected a request by their attorney, Muhammad Dahleh, to submit evidence that the state's original seizure of the building had been in error, because Musa Sumreen's wife was still alive and had not been declared an absentee. Though Himnuta is officially the only plaintiff in the case, in practice, the suit is being waged by Elad, a right-wing organization that hopes to obtain the house from KKL-JNF if the latter is declared the rightful owner. Elad's attorneys have been active in managing the case and are present at all the hearings. And Himnuta's attorney in the case, Zeev Scharf, regularly works with Elad. The Sumreen home is located in the middle of the City of David national park, which Elad manages. Elad is also engaged in Jewish settlement in Silwan and wants the house for that purpose. The organization is expected to receive control over the property if the family is evicted, just as it has in other cases. "I'm 32 years old," Murad Sumreen said. "Ever since I was a young boy, we've lived under the pressure of eviction. Every year, we had to come to court. We were all born in this house, we played there; I've been there all my life," he added. "I don't know what I'll tell the children if we lose the case. My job is caring for elderly Jews at a nursing home. They told me they'll come and stand at my side on this matter." Peace Now activist Hagit Ofran, who has been helping the family, charged that "KKL has turned from the Jewish National Fund into the Settler National Fund. For 26 years, KKL has been embittering the lives of the Sumreen family with expensive, exhausting lawsuits and has tried over and over to evict it from its home in Silwan. KKL is playing a central role here in an ugly process of using the Absentee Property Law on the basis of dubious testimony, all to give Palestinian assets to Elad." In the past, following a petition against the eviction organized by Rabbis for Human Rights, KKL-JNF tried to deny any connection to this effort, even issuing a statement claiming that the organization had no rights in, control over or responsibility for the issue. On Monday, the organization said, "The

property in question is Himnuta's property, and there's a ruling by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court ordering that the property be vacated. Himnuta maintains its rights to the property and expects the court's decision to be obeyed." ([Haaretz](#) 2 January 2018)

- The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem demolished a house owned by a Palestinian family in the occupied East Jerusalem town of Beit Hanina. Israeli police provided protection to staff as they proceeded to demolish the house owned by Imad Ayyad under the pretext of construction without a permit. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli Nature Authority (INA) demolished a livestock barracks located behind Ein Silwan Mosque, and belonging to 'Omar al-Qaq, in Wadi Hilweh neighbourhood in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The INA also cut and removed trees in the area, and destroyed stone chains in the neighbourhood using hand tools. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem demolished toilets in a warehouse belonging to 'Abdul Muhammad Abu Hadwan under the pretext of "public purposes" after it broke down the 160 square meters store's locks and began unloading the contents. (Wafa 2 January 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) along with employees of the Municipality of Jerusalem stormed Ras Khamis neighborhood in Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem and raided three houses belonging to the families of Abu Turk, al-Turk and al-Rajabi. The families were informed that their houses would be demolished on the pretext of building without a permit, and they were given two hours to carry out the demolition themselves. The IOA also summoned Suleiman al-Turk for investigation. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

## Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the eastern entrance of Sinjil village north of Ramallah with an iron gate, without giving reasons for the closure. The closure will obstruct the villagers' movement and prevent them from entering and leaving the village. (Wafa 2 January 2017)

## Other

- The Knesset approved the second and third readings of the so-called "[United Jerusalem Bill](#)". 64 MKs voted in favor of the bill, 51 voted against and one abstained. The bill was authored by Jewish Home chairman and Education Minister Naftali Bennett and was

submitted by MK Shuli Moalem-Refaeli (Jewish Home). The law stipulates that a majority of 80 Knesset members will be required to change the status of Jerusalem or for any transfer of territories from the capital within the framework of a future diplomatic agreement. Previously a majority of only 61 MKs was required. The vote ended just before 3:00 a.m. after many Knesset members spoke in favor and against the legislation, and after a vote of many reservations about the various clauses of the law. Minister Ze'ev Elkin (Likud) welcomed the passing of the bill. "I congratulate the Knesset on the approval by a large majority of the amendment to the Basic Law: Jerusalem, which strengthens the defensive wall against those on the left who may try to harm Israeli sovereignty in united Jerusalem in the future," he tweeted. Bennett welcomed the approval of the legislation as well in a post on Facebook. "Just now we ensured that Jerusalem will be united forever. We initiated the law that guards Jerusalem so that it cannot be divided without a huge majority of 80 MKs," he wrote. "The Mount of Olives, the Old City, the Temple Mount and the City of David will remain in our hands forever. There will be no more political maneuvers that will allow tearing our capital apart. This is also Israel's response to the shameful United Nations vote against Jerusalem. A holiday for Israel!" he added. (INN, [Haaretz](#) 2 January 2018)