



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 15 February 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats as they were working off the coast of the central and northern Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a number of Palestinians who took part in an olive tree planting event in the town of Beita, south of Nablus, said local sources. The IOA suppressed Palestinians

participating in an event to plant olive trees in lands that are under the risk of confiscation by Israel. Israel set up several caravans on land belonging to the residents of Beita. A number of citizens suffocated when the IOA used tear gas to disperse the crowds. The event was planned to express rejection of the settlement expansion policy, which aims to build illegal settlement units on the land of Beita, Qabalan, and Yitma villages to the south of Nablus. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- Dozens of Israeli soldiers surround and invaded Deir Abu Mashal village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and violently searched many homes before detaining Hasan Salama Barghouthi and Samer Ata, after interrogating them and their family. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- The soldiers invaded 'Aida refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, searched homes and summoned a former political prisoner, identified as Ramzi Omar Qawwar, 37, for interrogation in Etzion military base, and security center. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched and ransacked many homes in Yatta and as-Sammoa' towns, south of Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- In Nablus city, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs at Palestinians, who protested the invasion, and injured two. The IOA shot a young Palestinian man with a live round in his leg, in addition to shooting another young man with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his chest. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained fifteen Palestinians, from their homes, in several parts of the occupied West Bank. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Shadi Abu Gharbiyya, ar-Ram – Jerusalem, Journalist Abdul-Mohsin Shalalda, Shiokh – Hebron, Waleed at-Teety, al-Fawwar refugee camp – Hebron, Adham Tashtoosh, Nablus, Ayman Tashtoosh, Nablus, Yazan Ja'ara, Nablus, Anas Kabaha, Ya'bad – Jenin, Mohammad Monif Asrawi, 'Allar –

Tulkarem, Sameh Abdul-Ghani, Saida – Tulkarem, Mohammad Salam Barghouthi, Deir Abu Masha – Ramallah, Samer Jihad Ata, Deir Abu Masha – Ramallah, Mohammad Eshteyya (Child), Kafr Ni'ma, Ramallah, Maher al-Jondi, Yatta – Hebron, Amjad al-Ja'bari, Hebron and Monjid al-Ja'bari, Hebron.

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Sana Hakeem Al Atrash, a female Palestinian, at Abu Areesh Checkpoint near the Ibrahimy Mosque. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- An Israeli military court sentenced a Palestinian teenager to four life terms. Omar al-Abed, 19, from Kobar village, northwest of Ramallah, was found guilty of killing three Israeli settlers in the illegal settlement of Halamish in the occupied West Bank and sentenced to four life terms. (Wafa 15 February 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- A young Palestinian man suffered serious wounds after being attacked by Israeli settlers after invading Al Aqsa Mosque and conducting a provocative tour in occupied Jerusalem. The attack left the young man, identified as Mustafa al-Moghrabi, unconscious and in a very serious health condition. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- Israeli settlers vandalized several cars in the northern West Bank village of Yetma, south of Nablus. The settlers crept into the village during the night, spray-painted anti-Arab slogans such as "Death to Arabs," and slashed tires of four local cars. The settlers were clearly from the outlawed Price Tag Jewish group after they had left their signature in the village. (Wafa 15 February 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) along with staff from the Israeli Civil Administration raided the Beir al-Mahjar area of Hebron city before heading to the town of Beit Kahil west of the city and closing off its entrance. The IOA demolished two three-story homes belonging to two Palestinians identified as Anwar Sonoqrot and Ahmad al-Tamimi citing unpermitted construction as a pretext. (Maannews 15 February 2018)

Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli occupation authorities have approved the construction of a settlement road, and the establishment of housing units on land in the town of Al Khader, in the Bethlehem governorate. The Israeli government approved the construction of a settlement road, extending from the tunnel area in Beit Jala, western Bethlehem, to the settlement “Eli Azar” sitting on the land of citizens in the town of Al Khader, in the south. The Israeli authorities approved the construction of 67 new settlement units in the areas of Khallet al-Ain and Aim Al-Asafir areas in Al-Khader town. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli police completed the construction of a watch tower at Damascus Gate, the main gate into Jerusalem’s Old City. The police brought equipment during the night to the new post, which will be used to monitor the plaza outside the gate used mainly by Palestinians going into and out of the Old City. In addition to the police watch tower, surveillance cameras were set up at almost every corner and street in and around the Old City to monitor all activity. (Wafa 15 February 2018)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) placed sand hills on roads leading to Beita village, south of Nablus. The closed roads are in the eastern and northeastern areas of the village, leading to Huwwara, Awarta and Beit Ola towns. The army imposed this collective punishment on the entire village after claiming that many of its youth hurl stones at soldiers’ vehicles and settlers’ cars. The IOA revoked several permits of Palestinians who work in Israel. (IMEMC 15 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance of Marah Rabah village south of Bethlehem with an iron gate. This move will affect the entry and exit of Palestinians in the village. (Wafa 15 February 2018)
- The Israeli military banned Palestinian farmers from the village of Kufr Sour, south of Tulkarm in the north of the West Bank, from reaching their lands located behind the separation wall built on village land and workers from reaching their workplaces inside Israel. The army closed the metal gate in the fence the army has built in that area to separate it from the illegal settlement of Salit built on Kufr Sour and Kufr Jammal land and which separates the two villages from most of their agricultural farms. The soldiers manning the gate refused to open it to

allow them to reach their land and ordered them to return to their village. (Wafa 15 February 2018)

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