



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A Palestinian man died while in Israeli custody shortly after being detained by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) before dawn from his home in the occupied West Bank city of Jericho. Yassin Omar al-Saradih, 33, was pronounced dead after suffering from seizures and being exposed to severe amounts of tear gas after IOA heavily fired tear gas in the area during the raid. Saradih was severely assaulted during his detention. (Maannews 22 February 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Wajeeh Zoheir Awwad, 25, from his home in the al-Jabal area, and detained another Palestinian in addition to assaulting a third, in the al-Khader town, south of the city. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians, identified as Hilal Bilwani, Majdi Oleyyan, Ahmad Abu Ra'ad, from Nour Shams refugee camp, in addition to Mahmoud al-Fahmawi, from Anabta town, east of Tulkarem, in northern West Bank, after invading their homes and violently searching them. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- In Jenin city, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Jenin refugee camp, and detained Moath Abdul-Latif al-Fayed, Na'im Jamal Zobeidi, Yahya Jamal Anteer and Khalil Mohammad al-Hindi. The soldiers also assaulted and injured Zobeidi's brothers, identified as Antwan and Mohammad. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- In Salfit, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Khaled Mohammad Hakim, his from Tha'er, in addition to Attaf Sa'id al-Qadi and Yousef Mohammad al-Qaisi, from Deir Istiya town. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Abdul-Karim Oweida, Mohammad Abdullah Abu Khalifa, 17, and Mohammad Khaled Barghouthi. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Wisam Ahmad al-Mekhel, and his brother Mohammad, from al-Ezariyya town, southeast of the city. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- In Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Luay Sami Rajabi in Batn al-Hawa neighborhood. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four children, ages 13-15, from Shu'fat refugee camp, in the center of Jerusalem. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) released a young man, identified as Monther Jamjoum, from Silwan town, on a 5000 Shekels bail, and ordered him under house arrests for five days. The young man was also ordered not to see, or communicate in any way, with his friends for thirty days. He was taken prisoner, on Wednesday evening, after the soldiers alleged he "attacked settlers" in Bab al-'Amoud area. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Palestinian journalist Muhammad Alwan, while covering a [protest](#) outside the Ofer military prison in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. Alwan has been charged with obstructing the work of a soldier as well as attacking a soldier, and was remanded into custody for 96 hours. (WAFA 22 February 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the northern occupied West Bank village of Kifl Haris on Wednesday night in order to escort a group of Jewish settlers to the village as they visited three religious sites in the area. The IOA escorted the settlers into the town, fired stun grenades, prevented Palestinian residents from leaving their homes, and erected flying checkpoints throughout the town. (Maannews 22 February 2018)

Expansion of settlements

- The Israeli cabinet is set to vote Sunday on funds to relocate 15 families from the Netiv Ha'avot outpost, whose stone homes are set to be destroyed on March 6. On Wednesday the state asked the High Court of Justice to delay the demolition date by three months, so that it can build modular homes for the families. The families in the outpost of some 41 homes hit the streets to protest the absence of a relocation plan already last summer. As they look out the windows of their homes, they can see Civil Administration officials wandering around with maps. Bulldozers are constructing a temporary dirt road for the cranes to access the site directly from Route 60 in the Etzion Bloc. On the other side of the outpost, work has barely begun to place 15 caravans on an

alternative strip of land, known as plot 91. The Higher Planning Council authorized temporary construction at the site only on February 13, but funds have been lacking. On Wednesday Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon to work on a budget of approximately NIS 50 million for the project. To highlight their plight, the outpost residents, their neighbors in the Elazar settlement where they are located and the Etzion Regional Council set up a protest tent on Monday and Tuesday of this week outside the Prime Minister's Office. "Stop the absurdity," stated one sign that hung from the tent. As he sat in the tent outpost, resident Elazar Hertz Van Spiegel, a father of four, speculated that should his home be torn down in a few weeks, he should bring a mattress and sleep on the sidewalk. Etzion Regional Council head Shlomo Neeman said news of Sunday's vote and the state's request for a delay made him only "cautiously optimistic." "There are still families that have no place to go," he said. The Netiv Ha'avot outpost was illegally built in 2001, on land that the settlers believed would eventually be authorized. A 2014 land survey found that 15 of the homes were on survey land, which cannot be legalized because the ownership of land is unclear and it could be considered private Palestinian property. In response to a Peace Now petition, the High Court of Justice has ruled that these 15 must be relocated, even though in some cases there are homes in which only a small section of the structure is built on survey land. ([IPOST](#), [YNETNEWS](#) 22 February 2018)

Israeli Closures

- Many Israeli army vehicles invade Kifl Hares town, in Salfit governorate in northwestern West Bank, and closed all its roads to allow groups of colonialist settlers to visit ecological sites. (IMEMC 22 February 2018)