



# 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.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli missiles targeted the “Arts and Crafts Village”, which is run by the City Council in Gaza, and was founded by late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, in 1998, with funding from the UNDP. The Arts and Craft Village building is filled with archeological materials, including pottery, metal crafts, and various historical valuables. The village, which is approximately 1000 square meters, has four buildings preserving the Palestinian archeological history, arts and crafts. The

first building is a Rug House, where authentic rugs, cushion covers, and bedspreads are made using both sheep and goat wool. The second house is an Embroidery and Traditional Fabric Weaving House, where beautiful pillows, dresses, bags, and sheets are embroidered. The third is a Copper House, where copper antiques are exhibited. And finally, a Wood and Ceramics House. The Israeli strikes caused excessive damage to the Arts and Crafts Village, and described the bombings as a “deliberate and barbaric assault against Palestinian heritage and history.” (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

- The Israeli Air Force fired missiles into a nearby building, killing two children, Amir an-Nimra, 15, and his friend Luay Kahil, 16, in addition to causing injuries to at least 25 other Palestinians. The Israeli missiles also caused damage to many other surrounding buildings, including the Ministry of Waqf and Endowment, and the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH). There have been at least 137 Palestinians killed, and more than 17,000 injured, since the ‘Great Return March’ protests began on March 30th, 2018. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The Israeli Air Force carried out airstrikes in northern Gaza, a day after a ‘ceasefire’ was declared between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The airstrikes targeted a group of Palestinians who were making kites in an open area in northern Gaza. The Palestinians who were targeted had been attaching flaming objects to the kites and sending them floating toward Israel, across the Gaza-Israel border. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) fired a missile at Palestinians in the Hay Al-Tuffah area, northern Gaza Strip, moderately wounding at least three. The Israeli missiles were fired less than one day after an indirect “ceasefire” agreement was reached in an attempt to prevent the region from entering into a new wave of a serious and lengthy military escalation. The missile targeted what it called a “ Hamas unit that flew incendiary balloons” from the coastal region. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded the al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, shot nine

Palestinians, and detained seven others. The IOA invaded and ransacked several homes in the refugee camp, and occupied their rooftop. Six Palestinians were shot with live fire, in their legs and pelvis, and three others with rubber-coated steel bullets, causing moderate-but-stable injuries. The IOA also detained seven young Palestinian men, identified as Misbah Marwan Dalaysha, Mohammad Marwan Dalaysha, Mohammad Na'el Sharaka, Nasr Jamal Sharaka, Tha'er Sharaka, Abdul-Rahman Abu Sharifa, and Abdul-Hafeth Abu Sharifa. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

- Undercover Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped a young Palestinian man at a gas station in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The undercover officers invaded a gas station in Ras al-Joura area, in Hebron city, and kidnapped Malek al-Ja'bari, before forcing him into their car, and took him to an unknown destination. The undercover officers were leaving the gas station with the kidnapped teen, while the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded it and secure their retreat. The IOA also removed and confiscated surveillance tapes and equipment from the gas station, before withdrawing. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded al-Ram town north of Jerusalem and closed the main road, near the Martyrs' square, in the center of the town. The IOA also fired sound and poisonous bombs at Palestinians who protested the invasion, and raided shops in the town in search of young Palestinians. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

## **Israeli Arrests**

- The West Bank Magistrates' Court released five young men and women from the Jerusalem Old City, on condition that they be held under house arrest for 5 days, pay a NIS 1,500 bail, and sign a third party guarantee of NIS 5,000. About 6,000 Palestinian detainees reside in the Israeli jail and prison system, and most of the children were taken from Jerusalem. There are about 300 children being detained in Israeli jails, with 70 of them coming from Jerusalem, while some are detained in juvenile institutions, and a number of girls are detained in Hasharon Prison. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested two Brothers in Varta'a village southwest of Jenin city. The two were identified as Muhamamd Nafe' Kabha, 25, and Baker Nafe' Kabha, 23, after raiding their family home and searching it. (Wafa 15 July 2018)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers chased Palestinian shepherds out pasture areas near the village of KHALLET MAKAHOUL, in the northern Jordan Valley, preventing them from grazing their livestock, although the settlers were grazing their sheep in the same area. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- 62 Israeli Settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem in the morning hours and carried out provocative tours in its courtyard. (Wafa 15 July 2018)

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

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded Kherbit Al Marajem affiliated to Duma village south of Nablus city and demolished two homes. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

### **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) installed two additional iron gates blocking the entrances of al-Khan al-Ahmar Palestinian Bedouin community, east of occupied Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The IOA installed the two iron gates to block entry to the community, which is illegally stalled for demolition by the army, to serve Israel's illegal colonialist construction and expansion activities. The new gates, and the extensive military and police deployment in the area, left the village completely surrounded, while the remaining way for locals and peace activists is on foot, through the mountains. The army has been surrounding al-Khan al-Ahmar, home to 181 Palestinians, at least half of them are children, since the beginning of this month. The entire village is set to be razed to the ground by military forces under the 'E1 Jerusalem Plan' meant to encircle the eastern part of Jerusalem with Israeli colonial settlements to encircle Jerusalem and claim it for Israel, denying the Palestinian people's historical and ongoing claim to the city. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

## Other

- Most Palestinians children and youth detained have been reported to be subjected to some kind of assault in Israeli interrogation centers. The child Muhi Al-Rishq, aged 15, from Al-Saadiyeh neighborhood, in the Old City of Jerusalem, one of the victims of torture and ill-treatment by interrogators in the center of Qishla, was subjected to torture in order to extract a confession from him against minors and young Jerusalemites. Israeli interrogators take the detainees to areas located away from surveillance cameras, to be interrogated, beaten and tortured, to coerce them into admitting to violations they did not commit. Israeli interrogators assaulted the child Muhi al-Rishq during interrogation in Al-Qashala center. The assault reportedly left marks on his body, under his right eye, face and hands. Israeli police also tightened the handcuffs on his hands while they were taking him to court. Torture of Palestinian Detainees involves several varieties, which can involve both physical and psychological abuse. It is practiced in the Qashla police stations of the old town of Ouz, in Jabal al-Mukaber, and the Salah al-Din center. Eight Palestinian minors from the Old City of occupied Jerusalem reportedly faced a fierce Israeli onslaught, as Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed their family homes, ransacked them and, then, beating them in interrogation centers, to extract confessions. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The attacks against media freedoms in Palestine continued to rise during June of 2018, and have experienced a new upsurge. Totalling 62 attacks, they reflect an increase of five cases, as opposed to compromises observed during May. June witnessed 29 violations were committed by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Female journalists were not spared any of these serious and broad assaults. The number of female journalists who were affected by these assaults, during last month, five female journalists were targeted by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, one of them was taken into custody, while four were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and gas bombs, while they were covering events in Gaza and the West Bank. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)

- During the month of June 2018, Israel continued to target journalists with live ammunition. Three journalists were injured by live bullets, namely: Mohammad Abdelraziq Albaba, a photographer at Agence France-Presse AFP, who was injured with gunshot in his foot while covering the events of the Great March of Return taking place in Abu Safiya, east of Jabalia refugee camp. A photographer from Turkish Agency "Anatolia", Ali Hassan Musa Jadallah, who was shot in the palm of his right hand while covering the march to east of Khan Younis, and freelance journalist, Haitham Adnan Madoukh (working for the local Sky Press Agency), who was wounded by a gunshot through his left leg, below the knee, as he was covering the events of the march in the east of Gaza, which caused him a severe laceration in the bones. Furthermore, two other journalists were injured with gas bombs fired directly at them, while a female journalist was injured with a rubber-coated bullet, in addition to the suffocation of dozens of journalists, which resulted in four cases of fainting and severe respiratory distress, and required immediate treatment and hospitalization at health centers, for various periods of time. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- The Israeli army and occupation intelligence services detained a total of five journalists, in June. An Israeli court prevented the Director of Elia for Media, Mr. Ahmad Hussein Al Safadi, from attending or covering any public event in Jerusalem for one month, after being detained by Israeli police. Israeli police and intelligence went so far as to raid an Iftar ceremony organized by the Chamber of Commerce, for the journalists, at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem, and dispersed 30 journalists who attended the ceremony. (IMEMC 15 July 2018)
- A bill that would allow the Israeli state to seek court orders to force Facebook and other social media sites to remove certain content based on police recommendations was given the go-ahead for a final Knesset vote on Sunday. The legislation, which was approved by the parliament's Law, Constitution and Justice Committee, allows Israeli authorities to block posts from any website featuring user-generated content, including Google, Twitter and Facebook, from being seen by Israeli viewers. That would include unilaterally ordering the blocking of content from private blogs and from blog platforms on news websites, such as The Times of Israel's The Blogs section. While the

initial proposal was aimed at tackling terror incitement on social media, the version of the bill authorized for final vote allows for censorship of any post that violates any section of Israel's penal code. The legislation was first proposed by Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan and Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked last July, two weeks after the two met with Facebook officials in Jerusalem. Israel has long accused Facebook of facilitating Palestinian hatred toward Israelis, especially following a wave of hundreds of attacks that began in October 2015, which security services said was fueled by online incitement. The legislation, which applies to all publishers and content providers, including Google and Twitter, is expected to have its second and third readings in the Knesset plenum later this week. (TOI 15 July 2018)

- Netanyahu and Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett reached a compromise on a controversial clause in the Jewish nation-state bill, making it more likely that the bill will pass into law in the Knesset plenum on Monday night. Before the compromise, the controversial clause would have permitted communities to limit themselves to people of their own religion. It was intended to counteract a Supreme Court decision that barred Jewish communities from prohibiting Arabs but permitted minorities to prohibit Jews. The new version of the clause is much less specific but has the approval of Attorney-General Avichai Mandelblit. "The state sees developing Jewish settlement as a national interest and will take steps to encourage, advance, and implement this interest," according to the new clause, which will come to a vote on Monday. Meretz leader Tamar Zandberg said the new version of the clause remained racist and divisive and was born in sin. An earlier version, drafted by the Ministerial Liaison to the Knesset and Tourism Minister Yariv Levin, said: "The state will encourage, establish, and strengthen Jewish settlement in a way that will make clear that encouraging Jewish settlement is a legitimate way of implementing the Zionist vision and is not unacceptable, discrimination or inequality." That draft was immediately rejected by Bayit Yehudi MK Bezalel Smotrich, who told Joint List MK Ahmed Tibi at the start of a committee meeting at the Knesset that Arab MKs had gotten Netanyahu to surrender to them. "Those who do not know how to defend Israel as a Jewish state in a practical way should return their keys and go home," Smotrich said. "The attempts by Netanyahu and

Mandelblit to castrate the bill and empty it of practical content is one surrender too many, after Netanyahu also surrendered on migrant workers and to terrorist attacks of incendiary kites.” Voting on that clause and another controversial clause about the relationship between the state and the Diaspora will take place in the committee on Monday morning. The old version of the clause said: “The state will take action to maintain the connection between the state and the Jewish people wherever they are.” The new version replaced “wherever they are” with “in the Diaspora.” United Torah Judaism MKs said they requested the change, because they did not want the state to help Diaspora Jews advance religious pluralism in Israel in general and at the Western Wall in particular. ([Haaretz](#), [IPOST](#) 15 July 2018)

- Israeli Lawmakers Advance Bill Limiting Palestinians From Petitioning High Court. ([Haaretz](#) 15 July 2018)