



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 18 July 2019

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

- The autopsy results in the death of Nassar Taqatqa, 31, from Beit Fajjar town, south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, revealed that he died due to extreme torture and abuse by Israeli interrogators and soldiers. The detainee was constantly tortured during interrogation in Majeddo Israeli prison. Taqatqa was detained on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded his home in Beit Fajjar town, and was transferred to the al-Maskobiyya interrogation facility in occupied Jerusalem. The detainee was later transferred to the al-Jalama interrogation facility, where he was interrogated and tortured again, and started suffering from serious complications due to physical and psychological abuse. Sworn testimonies provided by Palestinian detainees who saw Taqatqa, said that he was forced into solitary confinement in Majeddo prison, where he was once again tortured and restrained in a bed. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the administration in Majeddo refused to remove him from solitary confinement, and place him with other detainees, under the pretext of him being punished. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, he was moved to an Israeli hospital in al-Ramla due to serious deterioration in his health, and on July 16<sup>th</sup>, Israel announced his death in a solitary confinement cell in Nitzan (al-Ramla) prison. (PPS, IMEMC 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man allegedly after he breached the perimeter fence, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. The young Palestinian man was moved to an interrogation facility. (IMEMC 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many areas in Hebron city, especially Abu Sneina neighborhood and Wad al-Harya, in addition to the al-Fawwar refugee camp, south of Hebron. (IMEMC 18 July 2019)

## Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Deheishe refugee camp, south of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, detained two Palestinians and shot one. Dozens of IOA invaded the refugee camp after surrounding it, searched and ransacked homes, before detaining Fares Hasan Shamarkha, 35, and Ismael Tawfiq al-'Ayasa, 19. The invasions, violent home searches and detentions led to protests in the refugee camp, before the IOA fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs injuring a young man, 25 with a live round in the thigh. Several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. During the violent searches of homes, the IOA assaulted Ali Sami Shahin and his family, causing cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained fifteen young Palestinian men in occupied Jerusalem, who were celebrating their high-school graduation using fireworks, after Israeli settlers complained that the Palestinians are "firing live rounds." Dozens of Palestinians, including the graduating students, were celebrating the graduations, and using fireworks. Israeli settlers, living on Palestinian lands in and around the area, complained to the army and the police, and alleged that the Palestinians were also firing rounds of live ammunition. The settlers also alleged that "some of the bullets reached their homes and cars and endangered their lives." (IMEMC 18 July 2019)
- A Palestinian was injured by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) as the latter raided the camp and detained Hasan Mahmoud Shamarkhah, 35, and Ismael Tawfeeq Al Ayasa, 19, after raiding their families' houses and searching them. Clashes erupted between the IOA and Palestinians resulting in the injury of a Palestinian aged 25 years in his thigh. (Wafa 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Jenin refugee camp and detained Amin Hasan Bani Ghurra and Kasoum As Sa'di after raiding their families' houses and searching them. Clashes erupted between the IOA and the Palestinians. (Wafa 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nahel Ahmad Rezeq Shqeir, Layth Ibrahim Bakr Shqeir, Rafat Yousef Abdullah Shqeir and

his son Arqam after raiding their families' homes in Az Zawiya village west of Salfit and searching them. The IOA also detained for few hours resident Rif'at Shqeir and his son Omar, Najeeb Mustafa Muqdi and his son Karam. Additionally, the IOA raided the home of Az Zawiya Mayor, Naim Hammouda and summoned him to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. (WAFA 18 July 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians, including a father and his son, after storming their families' houses in Az-Zawiya town, west of Salfit. (WAFA 18 July 2019)
- In Jenin Governorate, a large Israeli military force detained two Palestinians in a raid that triggered confrontations in Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank. During ensuing confrontations, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire towards local youngsters who attempted to block their entry. No injuries were reported though. (WAFA 18 July 2019)
- Two Palestinians were detained and another injured by Israeli military gunfire in Duheisha refugee camp, south of Bethlehem. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted a raid into the camp, and detained two Palestinians, including a 19-year-old teen, after ransacking their families' houses. During confrontations that unfolded, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a protestor by a live round in the thigh. (WAFA 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian from Dura town south of Hebron city after raiding his family home. The detained Palestinian was identified as Mu'tasem Sameer Muhammad Az Zeir. (WAFA 18 July 2019)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- An Israeli settler rammed, a young Palestinian man from the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem, causing fractures and bruises, and fled the scene. The young man, identified as Adnan Samer Mojahed, 19, suffered various fractures, in addition to cuts and bruises to several parts of his body. The young man was driving to his work when his car broke down in Abu Ghosh Street, and when he stepped out to try to fix it, a speeding Israeli settler rammed him with his car and fled the scene. (IMEMC 18 July 2019)

## Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) took measurements of 16 Palestinian residential buildings slated for demolition in Wadi al-Hummus neighborhood, located on the edge of Sur Baher, southeast of the occupied city of Jerusalem. The IOA along with staff from the so-called Israeli municipality took measurements of the 16 buildings, which comprise of 100 apartments, in preparation to demolish them. This step came after the period given by Israeli authorities to the owners to demolish their apartments on their own came to an end today, thus the demolition will be carried out at any moment. The owners are expected to pay exorbitant demolition fees as the Israeli authorities will carry out the demolition. The Israeli high court has recently approved the demolition of the buildings, thus upholding military allegations that the buildings are “close to the Annexation Wall” and “pose a security threat” due to their proximity to the illegal wall. Palestinian appeals to demolition orders are frequently dismissed by Israeli courts, which are in fact complicit in perpetuating the Israeli policies of forcible transfer and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. The buildings are located in Area A, supposedly under the full jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority as per the Oslo Accords. The demolition is expected to have a disastrous effect on all other areas of the West Bank adjacent to Israel’s wall, putting these areas at a high risk of mass demolitions under security pretenses and putting the lives of Palestinians living in such areas at the risk of imminent forcible transfer. (WAFA 18 July 2019)

## Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized tents and solar panels from the town of Nahalin, west of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The IOA stormed the area of Ein Fares and seized solar panels and five tents used for livestock breeding. (WAFA 18 July 2019)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) moved into KHALLET al-Lahham, south of 'Asira al-Shamaliya village, west of Nablus and seized a caravan, and closed agricultural roads. (WAFA 18 July 2019)