



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 31 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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Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yaser DEarwish from Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem after raiding his house and searching it. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yousef Hilmi Abu Khaleel, 20, and his brothers Mujahed, 19, and Laith, 18 from Attil village north of Tulkarem city after raiding their family house and searching it. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Mustafa Hamad, 30, from Shofa village south of Tulkarem city after raiding his family house and searching it. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- In Hebron in the southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Jawad Khader Al Ja'bari and Ibrahim Nemer Al Ja'bari . (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Haitham Abu Arram from Idhna town while he was crossing Beit Einun checkpoint east of Hebron city. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- In Nablus in the northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians at a sudden military checkpoint that was erected at the road linking Ramallah with Nablus. The four detained Palestinians were identified as Yasser Manna', Marwan Istetiye, Fadel Al Kurdi, and Jihad Awartani. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beit Dajan village east of Nablus city and detained Mu'awiya Afif Hanini after raiding his family house and searching it. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Silat Al Harthiya village west of Jenin, and broke into the houses of Faris Husni Shawahneh, Hani Shafeeq Jaradat, Khaled Hussein Jaradat, Salah Theib Zuyud, Sadeq Hasan Abu Al Kheir, Inad Muhammad Abu Al Kheir and Muhammad Yousef Jaradat amd searched them. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Yamun village in Nablus Governorate and broke into the house of Adeem Sammudi and searched it. (Wafa 31 July 2019)
- In Beit REima village northwest of Ramallah city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian homes and ransacked contents. The houses belonged to Yahya Fayez Raheima, Omar Satuf and Mustafa Ar Remawi. (Wafa 31 July 2019)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel's security cabinet unanimously approved Tuesday construction permits for 715 housing units in Palestinians towns in Area C of the West Bank, the first such decision since 2016. However, it remains unclear whether the plans are for the construction of new units or the legalization of existing structures built without permits. However, no official decisions on the plans have been made. Area C covers parts of the West Bank under full Israeli control, based on the Oslo Accords. Sources familiar with the matter told Haaretz 6,000 housing units in Jewish settlement in the West Bank have also been approved. Political sources believe the relatively unusual discussion, first reported Monday by Kan public broadcaster, could be due to American pressure. In the coming days, U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, is expected to arrive in Israel to discuss the economic chapter of his Middle East peace plan. Settler leaders bashed news of the plan. Mateh Binyamin Regional Council chief Israel Gantz and Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan issued a joint statement on Monday, calling the proposal "particularly worrying." "The Palestinian Authority, with the assistance and funding of foreign elements, is carrying out massive illegal construction in these areas with the clear goal of establishing a terrorist state in the heart of the country," the two wrote. "We hope that this does not, heaven forbid, constitute a gesture toward the government that will be established after the election," the statement added. The head of the South Hebron Hills regional council, Yochai Damari, said that he was "stunned" by the news, adding "we are waging a struggle against the Palestinian chokehold on our settlement, and only that is a fitting topic to convene a cabinet meeting for." Shlomo Ne'eman, head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council also slammed the plans, referring to "the suffering of the homeland, known as Area C, since the Oslo disaster." "We discovered that the Arab approach of stealing a dunam and another dunam ... pays off for them," Ne'eman added. ([Haaretz](#) 31 July 2019)

Other

- The Israeli cabinet's decision to approve construction permits for Palestinians in the West Bank is part of a policy shift intended to push out the Palestinian Authority's involvement in planning and construction in the territories, sources familiar with the details told Haaretz. The cabinet's decision is concurrent with mounting legal and international criticism of Israel's policy, according to which Israel demolishes Palestinian buildings and neighborhoods in Area C while preventing any natural growth for its residents. Transportation

Minister and Union of Right-Wing Parties MK Bezael Smotrich confirmed that the move is part of a plan to extend Israeli sovereignty in the West Bank. In a Facebook post, he wrote that the central goal of his political career is "to prevent the establishment of an Arab terror state in the heart of Israel, to protect all of our Land of Israel and develop settlement and sovereignty in all its spaces." After criticizing 10 years of Israeli "abandonment and lawlessness" and Palestinian building in Area C, Smotrich wrote, "Now, finally, thank God, comes the twist in the Israeli government's approach to the spread of the terrorist cancer within us ... Israel is forming a strategic plan to stop the creation of a Palestinian state inside the country." According to Smotrich, Israel's strategic plan includes forbidding Palestinians who have moved to towns and villages designated Area C after the 1994 Oslo Accords to build in the area, and "original residents" may only build in places "that do not harm settlements and Israel's security and would not create [Palestinian] continuity or create a situation of a de facto Palestinian state." He added that these locations would serve the "strategic interests of the state of Israel" and not the "national interests of Arabs." He said that Israel is creating a "toolbox" for "enforcement and forceful neutralization of the Palestinian takeover plan." ([Haaretz](#) 31 July 2019)