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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained an 18-year-old Palestinian girl for allegedly attempting to stab soldiers at Checkpoint 300 in northern Bethlehem city on Thursday, in the southern occupied West Bank. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Raouf Abu Yabes, 18, from the Husan village southwest of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained wounded Palestinian Omar Ali al-Lahham from the al-Duheisha refugee camp. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Khader town, south of the city, and abducted Akram Mohammad Mousa. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Hindaza area, in Bethlehem city, and detained Akram Abdul-Hai Sharif, after causing

excessive damage to his home while searching it. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained ‘Aahed al-Khatib and Mohammad ‘Obeyyat, from Wad Shahin area, in Bethlehem. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of a political prisoner, identified as of Khalil Shehada Ta’mari, and handed his son, Khaled, an order for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, north of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The state admitted in a court submission Tuesday that the approval of a plan to move a [military checkpoint](#) near the [West Bank](#) village of Walaja, south of Jerusalem, was illegal. The decision to move the checkpoint was made by the Security Facilities Committee, a special committee that provides planning approvals for the security establishment. It emerged that Shira Talmi, who is the Jerusalem District planner, signed the permit as chairman of the committee and attended its meetings, even though she is not even a committee member, let alone its chairman. The discussions were held without a legal quorum – in fact with only one authorized member of the committee there, a Defense Ministry representative – making the permit invalid. Around a month ago the Jerusalem municipality began intense work on moving the Ein Yael checkpoint 1.5 kilometers westward so that it is closer to Walaja. The aim is to be able to open the Ein Hinye recreation site, which is built around a spring that had been used by Palestinians until the work began. The court was told the checkpoint was being moved to block Palestinians from Walaja and the surrounding area from accessing the spring. The change will also make it difficult for the farmers in Walaja to reach their lands. In its response to the Jerusalem District Court, the state admitted the process was flawed, but asked the court to allow the work to continue and to dismiss the petition of the Walaja residents under the doctrine of “relative nullity.” “Ms. Talmi serves as the district planner and the vice chairman of the District Planning Committee, so as is customary in the Security Facilities Committee attended its meetings as a member and chairman. Even though no appointment was made the committee accepts that her professional credentials cannot be questioned []. We are therefore talking about a glitch, and the appointment process will be completed in the very near future and in practice no substantive

right of the petitioners was undermined,” the state (the Defense Ministry and the Israel Defense Forces) told the court. In the court hearing Tuesday, state attorney Moran Braun said Talmi’s status on the committee could be settled within a few days. Attorney Ghiath Nasser, who filed the petition on behalf of the Walaja residents, rejected the state’s arguments. “I think that what happened in this case is a scandal. They want the court to give legal validity to an outrage whose entire management from beginning to end is stained by blatant illegality,” he said at the hearing. “I don’t think that this is a fault that can be repaired. What we have here essentially is a hearing before a single member of a committee, a representative of the defense minister. [] When the court is asked to approve such a thing despite all the faults, the role of the court is to champion the principle of the rule of law and explain that this isn’t how it’s done.” Judge Oded Shaham ordered the state to update the court regarding the steps it plans to take. A ruling on the petition will be given at a later date. ([Haaretz](#) 6 March 2018)

- A Palestinian man suffocated before dawn while waiting in the narrow corridor of Checkpoint 300 in the southern occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem, where hundreds of workers were waiting to pass through on their way to work inside Israel. In the early hours of the morning, typically before dawn, hundreds of Palestinians endure long waits at the 300 checkpoint, one of the only access points Palestinians from the southern West Bank have to Jerusalem and Israel. (Maannews 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Ahmad Salah in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem and detained his son Ghassan, 16, after searching it. (IMEMC 8 March 2018)
- A young Palestinian man was rushed hospital, after Israeli soldiers repeatedly assaulted him, and struck him with their rifles and batons. The young man, identified as Jihad Zawahra suffered moderate wounds, when a group of Israeli soldiers assaulted him after stopping him near the junction of Efrat illegal settlement, which was built on private Palestinian lands, owned by residents of several villages, south of Bethlehem. The soldiers attacked Jihad with their rifles, and batons, repeatedly striking him on several parts of his body. The young man, from the al-Ma’sara village, southwest of Bethlehem, suffered fractures and bruises in the lower back and abdomen and is currently in a moderate condition. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) summoned Hamza Osama al-Masri, Suhaib Ali al-Ibayat, 28, from Al-Ibayat area east of Bethlehem, Mustafa Khader Masalameh, 26, and Ibrahim Hani Hassan, from Bethlehem to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police at the Gush Etzion detention center, after they raided and searched their homes and the homes of their relatives. (Wafa 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) forced a Palestinian farmer to leave his land in the town of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, claiming he did not have a permission to be on his land. The army held Mousa Issa, 60, for a while and then ordered him to leave his land because he did not coordinate being on his land with the security at the illegal settlement of Efrat. Issa was told that he needs to get permission from the settlement guards first if he wants to be on his land. (Wafa 10 March 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Teqoua' town, southeast of the city, and summoned Ahmad Mousa Jibreel, 36, for interrogation in Etzion military base, north of Bethlehem, after searching his home. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded homes in Harmala village, east of Bethlehem, and detained Ibrahim az-Zeer. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded the home of Legislative Council member Anwar Zboun, in Bethlehem city, and searched it. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded Nahhalin town, west of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, and handed military orders halting the construction of five Palestinian homes. The five homes are located in Sabeeha al-Foqa and Wad an-No'man areas, and added that the military claims the properties were not licensed by the Israeli Civil Administration office, in the occupied West Bank. The properties are owned by Hisham Ahmad Najajra, Saher Adnan Najajra, Ahmad Yousef Najajra, Fares Mohammad Najajra and Ma'moun Issa Fannoun. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- Israeli authorities issued notices, informing Palestinian residents of the southern occupied West Bank town of al-Khader, in the Bethlehem Governorate, of their intentions to uproot olive trees in order to pave a

settler-only road in the area. The IOA handed the town residents notices to uproot olive trees and grape vines, in the area of Khallet Thaher al-Ein. Israeli authorities plan on using the area to open a road designated only for Israeli settlers who live in the West Bank, in violation of international law. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)

- The Ein Hanya Spring: A Charming, Spruced-up Jerusalem Spot Free of Palestinians. (Haaretz 16 March 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian protesters, who marched from the al-Azza refugee camp, north of the city, and fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- In the occupied West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-'Obeyyat area, east of Bethlehem city, and summoned two former political prisoners, identified as Waleed al-Bustanji and Abdullah Suleiman Nawawra, for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, north of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- Undercover Israeli soldiers drove a civilian car with Palestinian license plates into the Manger Square area, in the center of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and kidnapped Shadi Ma'ali, in addition invading nearby stores and confiscating their surveillance equipment and recordings. The soldiers fired many live rounds at Palestinians in the area and sped towards the military roadblock taking the young man with them. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Sahour city, east of Bethlehem, and detained Mousa Yacoub, 30, from Breid'a area, after storming his home, and illegally confiscated cash during searches of homes. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many schoolchildren with gas bombs, in a secondary school in Teqoua' town, east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem. The IOA fired at least ten gas bombs into the school. The IOA had no reason for attacking the school. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in 'Aida refugee camp, north of Bethlehem, before detaining a child, identified as

Mustafa Saleh Abu Hammad, 15, in addition to Hamza Khalil Ja'fari, 20, who was taken from his home in Deheishe refugee camp, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)

- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Raed Mustafa Taqatqa, from Beit Fajjar town, south of the city. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers invaded a Palestinian olive orchard in the al-Jab'a village, southwest of Bethlehem, cut at least thirty olive trees from an orchard in Wad Abu Zalta area, in the eastern part of the village, and took them away. The settlers came from Bayt 'Ayin illegal settlement, which was built in private Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Aida refugee camp, north of the city, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades. The IOA also invaded homes, and abducted Fathi Yassin Abu Srour, 26. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, Teqoua' town, east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and attacked Palestinian protesters, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. Dozens of Palestinians marched in the town, chanting against the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine, including occupied Jerusalem, and calling to liberation and independence. The IOA invaded the town and started firing gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bethlehem, in the West Bank, and detained Mo'tasem Mohammad al-'Arouj, 21, after storming his family's home and ransacking it. (IMEMC 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al-Mughrabi Mall located on Jerusalem-Hebron road, opposite to Ad Duheisha refugee camp, assaulted one of its owners, identified as Isma'il al-Maghrabi, and a customer, Yasser Abdul Majeed Obaidullah, 49, and seized the surveillance cameras. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Nour Najjar, from his home in the Deheishe refugee camp,

south of the city, and summoned a former political prisoner, Waleed al-Ja'fari, for interrogation. The invasion was carried out by dozens of soldiers who fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at local protesters, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. It is worth mentioning that Waleed is the brother of [Jihad al-Ja'fari](#), 19, who was killed by the army on February 24th 2015, after the soldiers invaded the refugee camp. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded al-Walaja village, northwest of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, and demolished an under-construction home, walls and destroyed graves. The IOA invaded Ein Jweiza area, north of the village, and demolished an under-construction home, owned by Nader Mahmoud Abu Khiara. The IOA also invaded a graveyard for Abed-Rabbo family, and destroyed its five graves, in addition to walls surrounding a property owned by Fayez Omar, allegedly for being built without permits. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) took over tents used as animal barns by Palestinian farmers living in the town of Nahalin to the west of the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem. An Israeli military force stormed Ein Fares area to the west of the town and removed and took over the tents that were placed there by the anti-settlement and wall committee as part of efforts to support the steadfastness of Palestinians in the area in light of almost daily Israeli army and settlers' violations against them. (Wafa 28 March 2018)
- Israeli authorities prevented the municipality of the town of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, from opening an agricultural road in the area. The Israeli army stopped work on a road in the town's Um al-Rokba area. The municipality was working on opening a road alternative to the main entrance to the town which was blocked by Israeli authorities almost two years ago, under the pretext of being built without an Israeli-issued permit. (Wafa 28 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers closed rural roads leading to agricultural land in the town of al-Khader to the south of Bethlehem to prevent Palestinian farmers from reaching their land. A group of settlers from *Sidi Boaz* settlement outpost, built illegally on Palestinian-owned

land, closed the road with dirt mounds, rocks and construction remnants. Settlers repeatedly close the roads in an attempt to force the Palestinian farmers to abandon their land. (Wafa 29 March 2018)

- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded the Bethlehem city in the occupied West Bank, and detained Ahmad Ata al-Hreimi, after searching his home, and several other homes. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Aida refugee camp, searched homes, and summoned a former political prisoner, identified as Hussein Saleh Abu 'Aker, 29, in addition to Ghassan Fuad 'Oleyyan, 24, for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man from the al-Yamoun town, and obstructed traffic at Haifa Road, west of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and at Qabatia Junction, south of Jenin. The IOA invaded and searched homes in al-Yamoun, and detained Aneed Adel Hamdiyya, 34. The IOA also invaded and ransacked the home of a political prisoner, identified as Bajes Hamdiyya. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)
- A Palestinian detainee received an administrative detention order for four months, just hours before his scheduled release from Israeli prison. The said detainee, Tawfiq Ahmad Shalabi, 23, was supposed to be released, Wednesday, after he served a prison sentence of nine and a half months, he was instantly forced into Administrative Detention for two and a half months, without charges or trial. Shalabi, is from Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank city of Jenin. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed a military roadblock near Kafr Dan village, and at Qabatia junction, before stopping and

searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young man, identified as Ashraf Mohammad Amro, from Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank city of Jenin, after stopping him at a military roadblock near Ramallah, in central West Bank. The IOA installed a sudden military roadblock, searched many cars, and detained Amro, while he was heading to his work, in addition to confiscating his car. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint on Nablus road south of Jenin city and disrupted the movement of Palestinian vehicles driving on that road. (IMEMC 3 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint near Ajja village south of Jenin, stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked Palestinians' ID cards. This Israeli measure caused obstructed to the movement of Palestinian vehicles in the area. (Wafa 3 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the village of Fahma, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and caused many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The fired a barrage gas bombs and concussion grenades at many Palestinians, who protested the invasion. The Palestinians gathered in the center of their village, before the soldiers attacked them, pushing many to throw stones at the invading army jeeps. (IMEMC 4 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qabatia town, south of the city, and violently searched them, before detaining two young men. The detainees have been identified as Mohammad Wael Zakarna and Samer Ala Zakarna. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at many youngsters, who protesters and hurled stones at the invading army jeeps. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by K9 units, invaded the home of Fadi Jarrar in the northern West Bank city of Jenin, after destroying its front door, and abducted his daughter, Fatima, 20, who studies at a university in Jenin. The IOA detained the entire family for more than two hours, while female officers strip-searched the women

in one room, and prevented the family, including the children, from sleeping. The soldiers handcuffed and blindfolded Fatima, before transferring her to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Siolet al-Harithiyya town west of Jenin, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Ibrahim Kamel Shalabi, 41, after searching and ransacking his home. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- Several Palestinian civilians suffocated by teargas during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the town of Jaba', to the south of Jenin in the West Bank. The IOA set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town and assaulted two commuters who were attempting to pass through, provoking clashes with local villagers. The IOA used teargas canisters to disperse the protesters, causing many cases of suffocation among them, including a 75-year-old woman. (WAFSA 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Araqah village, west of Jenin, breaking into a home and interrogating the owners. (WAFSA 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Yaabad. (WAFSA 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in al-'Arqa village, near the northern West Bank city of Jenin. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded at-Tarm area in Ya'bad nearby town. The IOA interrogated several Palestinians while searching their homes and inspected their ID cards. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
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- The Israeli military authorities (IOA) used ready mix concrete to block a room in the family apartment of Palestinian detainee Yousef Kmeil in Qabatiya . An Israeli force stormed the town before proceeding to block Yousef’s room with concrete. The army wanted to demolish the entire apartment but because it was in a building they could not and decided to pour concrete into one room to make it inhabitable. The IOA blocked the room with more than 42 cubic meters of cement as a punishment for the entire family. Residents clashed with the army during the raid. Dozens of people suffered suffocation due to tear gas inhalation after soldiers fired tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at the protesters. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained a former political prisoner, identified as Tareq Nayef al-Ayasa, 33, from his home in Sanour village, south of the northern west Bank city of Jenin. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained a Palestinian identified as Qassam Najm, from his home in Saris town, near Jenin. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- In Jenin, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded Silat al-Harithiya town, northwest of Jenin, searched homes and detained Khaled Abdul-Aziz Jaradat and Mohammad Yahya Tahaina. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Burqin town, west of the city, violently searched homes, and detained Mohammad Emad Khallouf and Abdullah Lufti Khallouf. Dozens of IOA invaded the town, after surrounding it, while military drones flew overhead. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- A large military force invaded Barta’a town in the northern West Bank governorate of Jenin, before breaking into homes belonging to relatives of ‘[Ala Rateb Kabaha](#), 26, who was mildly injured and detained by the soldiers, after his car crashed into Israeli soldiers, leading to the death of two soldiers, and wounding two others. The soldiers smashed the doors of the invaded homes, and conducted violent searches of the

properties, in addition to interrogating the Palestinians. Among the invaded homes are those owned by photojournalist Baha' Ibrahim Kabaha, and his brothers Haitham, 'Ala and Mohammad, in addition to Ahmad Nafe' Kabaha, Monir Alaqma and Ahmad Ibrahim Ali. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Toura village, stormed the home of a former political prisoner, identified as Ashraf Sami Kabaha, who was also detained and interrogated, before he was released on Saturday morning. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The army may recommend to the government to change the security barrier's route in the area where [a Palestinian on Friday killed two Israeli soldiers](#) in a car-ramming attack, military sources said. If the barrier is ultimately moved it will split the village of Barta'a in two. The attack on Friday took place near the West Bank settlement of Reihan, near Barta'a, [a village that straddles the 1967 border](#) between Israel and the West Bank. Residents on the eastern side are West Bank Palestinians, while those on the west are Arab citizens of Israel. At the beginning of the previous decade, when Ariel Sharon's government belatedly built the security barrier amid the suicide bombings of the second intifada, officials were unsure where to build the barrier in the Barta'a area. They ultimately decided to put it up east of the entire village, so the West Bank Palestinian side was left on the Israeli side of the barrier. In recent years, many Palestinians have moved there from elsewhere in the West Bank because it's much easier to cross into Israel; no regular security checks are needed. At the moment, the army sees a weak spot and, though it's not related to Friday's attack (which took place east of the security barrier in the West Bank), the army apparently seeks changes based on the government's hard line that follows terror attacks. The question of the barrier's location will be debated shortly; defense officials already took punitive steps Friday, revoking his relatives' Israeli work and business permits. Preliminary findings from the investigation show that the assailant, Ala Kabha, did not show signs that he would launch an attack and did not leave hints on social media. It's possible his decision to run over soldiers was made on the spur of the moment. He was driving in the opposite direction and then made a U-turn and rammed his car between the soldiers' patrol jeep and a pillbox near where they were standing. Unlike several ramming attacks, it appears that the officer and soldiers who were hit had been following security directives and were standing

behind a shelter that separated them from the road. Kabha killed an officer and another soldier and wounded two other soldiers. Kabha was injured and arrested. Kabha has a record of security offenses. In 2015, he was sentenced to two years in an Israeli prison for planning an attack at the settlement of Mevo Dotan, which is near Reihan and Barta'a. He was released about a year ago. As far as is known so far, Kabha does not belong to a Palestinian organization, but that did not stop Hamas in Gaza from welcoming the attack and appropriating the incident as its own. Hamas also called the attack a Palestinian "gift" 100 days after U.S. President Donald Trump announced that he would move the [U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem](#). The issue of the U.S. Embassy will continue to hover. The army and Shin Bet security service are preparing for a heating-up of the situation in the territories in the coming months, which are filled with landmark dates. March 30 is Land Day, marking the anniversary of the Israeli police's killing of six Arabs who were protesting government land expropriations. In April Israel will be celebrating its 70th birthday, followed by the transfer of the U.S. Embassy and Nakba Day, when Palestinians remember the Arabs who fled or were expelled from their homes during Israel's War of Independence. The period thus could be more tense than usual. Toward the end of the month, [Hamas](#) in [Gaza](#) will be gearing up for mass processions and the setting up of tent encampments near the border fence with Israel. And at the moment, there doesn't appear to be a breakthrough in reconciliation efforts between Hamas in Gaza and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. The drop in economic assistance to Gaza has been worsening the situation there and has put the Hamas government more on edge. On Saturday, another explosive charge was detonated – though no one was hurt – against the Israeli army at the Gaza border. It was the second such blast in two days and the fourth in recent weeks. In the West Bank, efforts may be made to resume widespread demonstrations. Such a rise in tensions is generally accompanied by an increase in the number of attempted lone-wolf terror attacks – car rammings, stabbings and sometimes shootings with homemade guns by young people usually not part of any organization. The Israeli response to this is based on two main components: precise action by the security forces (with a minimum of Palestinian civilian casualties) and close security coordination with the PA. Despite tense periods in recent years – the wave of stabbing attacks followed in July by the crisis over Israeli metal detectors at the Temple Mount – the PA has generally done its part in carrying out arrangements with Israel. The assurance of a continuation of these efforts is now becoming more

difficult against the backdrop of PA succession battles and the understanding that Mahmoud Abbas' tenure as president is nearing an end due to his age [and declining health](#). He will be 83 at the end of this month. ([Haaretz](#), 17 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Burqin town, west of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and detained a young man, identified as Rajeh Sa'id Qabalawi. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a senior political leader of the Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine, after surrounding homes belonging to his relatives, in the al-Jabriyyat neighborhood, in Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank city of Jenin. Undercover Israeli soldiers infiltrated into the refugee camp, and surrounded Sa'adi family homes, before dozens of regular army units invaded the area, after isolating it. The IOA then stormed into several homes, owned by members of Sa'adi family, and detained Bassam, after assaulting him and his family, in his brother's property. The army fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs; (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
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- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qabatia town, south of the city, searched many homes, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Mofeed Nazzal, 56. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian homes in Barta'a village southwest of Jenin city. The raided homes

have been identified belonging to Hakam Jad, Haitham Jad, Mu'tasem Jad Qabha and Jameel Al Khateeb. (Wafa 24 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed a roadblock a 'Arraba town junction, and one near Be'er al-Basha village, in addition to the main road leading to Arranah village, east of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while investigating their ID cards. (MEMC 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from Jenin city after raiding their families' homes. The three have been identified as Mahdi Nabeel Abu Al Hasan, Odai Zuhair Ba'jawai. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Muhammad Ahmad Abu Salah from Kafr Dan village west of Jenin after raiding his family house in the village. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) a house and a motor-repair shop in Al Yamun village owned by Waleed Ibrahim Freihah, searched them and interrogated him. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Bassam Nabil Thiab, and Mohammad Abdul-Rahman Abu ar-Rob. (MEMC 27 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded two homes in Qabatia town, south of Jenin and interrogated the families while ransacking their properties. The invaded homes are owned by a political prisoner, identified as Ibrahim Hussein Sweity, and Miqsim Abdullah Abu ar-Rob. (MEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two high-school students, identified as 'Assem Mustafa 'Orouq and Wawis Mahmoud Ejjawi, from Jenin city, in northern West Bank. (Wafa 29 March 2018)

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Hizma town, north of Jerusalem, and detained a young man, identified as Islam Salem al-Basha. (MEMC 2 March 2018)

- A Palestinian was detained from his home in the Hizma town north of Jerusalem in the central West Bank. He was identified as Islam Salem al-Basha. (Maannews 2 March 2018)
- A new Israeli Border Police guard tower stands at the base of the Damascus Gate entrance to Jerusalem's Old City. It's a noticeable part of the landscape and an example of Israel's increased security presence at the ancient entrance to the Muslim Quarter, which in the recent past has been a flashpoint for violence. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the Damascus Gate a "symbol of terror" in June 2017, following a deadly shooting and stabbing attack in which a Border Police guard was killed nearby. Israeli police and security officials announced the enhanced security measures last summer, including new observation and police posts, more surveillance cameras and additional guards. To this end, the Damascus Gate guard tower will be used as a police checkpoint and to conduct weapons searches. The Media Line first inquired about the work in mid-February, when laborers were still welding the guard tower and separate observation posts had just started being crafted. The work is expected to be completed by mid-March. Israeli border police standing watch will then switch from their temporary platforms to the new permanent observation posts that are square, built of stone and covered with a steel roof. They're set on opposite sides of the Sultan Suleiman street entrance leading down the limestone staircase to Damascus Gate. "At the moment, due to the fact that we've seen a large number of attacks, the stands have been set up in order to maintain the safety of our officers and border police," Israel Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld told The Media Line. He said the guard towers will provide an "overall perspective and view of the area working together with the CCTV cameras above, giving vital and critical information to prevent attacks." Last June, Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan revealed there had been, to that point, 32 terror attacks in the area of Damascus Gate since the beginning of 2015, adding that Israel would be introducing "unprecedented" counter-measures including adding additional cameras, police posts and even changing the topography of the gate. "Within that specific area, police officers have been injured and attacked," Rosenfeld asserted to The Media Line, noting that several major bus terminals near Damascus Gate contribute to the large daily volume of people going to and from the Old City, which, in turn, increases the risk of attacks by so-called "lone wolf" assailants—unaffiliated with any terrorist group but rather carry out attacks on their own volition. While some people on a recent sunny afternoon walked by the new guard tower without looking at it, others did stop to inspect. "This makes me sad and angry," east

Jerusalem resident Diana Abu Ramadan, flanked by her two children, told The Media Line. "We are shocked by this. We don't like it." Another east Jerusalem resident, Abdullah Farhat, told The Media Line that he understands why the new guard tower and observation posts are being erected. "People have come with knives and attacked," he stated while observing the steel tower under construction, the sound of electric saws piercing through the air. "This is for the (Israeli) soldiers because they have big problems here." Still, Farhat said he was concerned about how the new security structures will affect the daily lives of people who travel through the Damascus Gate. In fact, some Palestinian leaders have raised objections to the new towers and posts, concerned about the over-saturation of police in the area. Accordingly, while Minister Erdan declared, "Damascus Gate is going through a revolution," it may not be a transformation that many people want. ([YNETNEWS](#) 3 March 2018)

- The Um Tuba schools, from the village of Um Tuba, near Jerusalem, have started a general strike in protest against the Jerusalem Municipality's neglect of students' safety. The village schools have started a general strike in response to the municipality's failure to respond to their demands to provide safety measures for the village's students who study in buildings rented by the municipality, which lack safety requirements. Nearly 1,500 students in the village schools are at risk because of the lack of road safety, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights and safety barriers which led to many accidents. (IMEMC 4 March 2018)
- Elad settler group has revealed that it is preparing for the implementation of 11 new settlement projects approved in 2017 and 2018. ([ARN](#) 4 March 2018)
- Tens of Israeli settlers, escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army, raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Bab Al Magharbeh (Al Mughrabi Gate) and tried to perform Talmudic rituals. (WAFA 4 March 2018)
- Israeli police detained a family of three in the neighborhood of al-Issawiya in occupied East Jerusalem. The police arrested Arafat Derbas, his wife and his son, Mohammad, after raiding their home in al-Issawiya. The three were taken to an Israeli detention center in the city. (WAFA 4 March 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and detained a young man, identified as Mohammad Mousa Odeh. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)

- The ongoing Israeli excavations under Palestinian homes in Wadi Hilweh Neighborhood, in Silwan town south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, have led to further structural damage to several homes. The excavations are causing serious damage to the homes, especially to their foundations. Many Palestinian homes have sustained serious structural damage during the ongoing excavations, as Israel is digging to create a network of tunnels leading to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and al-Buraq area. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in Silwan town, in occupied Jerusalem, causing property damage and interrogated many Palestinians. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two children from al-'Isawiya town, in the center of Jerusalem, and took them to an interrogation facility in the city. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- Israeli bulldozers demolished a cement wall and a carwash belonging to a Palestinian in the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. The structures belonged to Silwan resident Abed Odeh, from the Bir Ayyoub area of the town. The structures were demolished by Israeli authorities without any prior notice, and were destroyed under the pretext of being built without difficult-to-obtain Israeli-issued construction permits. This is the second time the carwash, that was built two years ago, has been demolished. The Jerusalem Municipality also confiscated the contents of the carwash. (Maannews 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured many Palestinians who were marching peacefully against the illegal Israeli occupation, and in celebration of International Women's Day. The Palestinians started the peaceful procession in front of Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, where dozens of women and men marched towards the Qalandia terminal. Almost instantly after the protesters reached an area close to the terminal, the IOA started firing a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades. Dozens of Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at Qalandia checkpoint between Ramallah and Jerusalem attacked a march organized by

Palestinian women organizations on the occasion of International Women's Day. The IOA showered the women with tear gas and stun grenades as the march approached the heavily fortified checkpoint forcing the women to disperse. Several women suffered suffocation and were treated at the location. (WAFA 7 March 2018)

- The Israeli intelligence Police summoned the director of Women for Life and Democracy society, the Jerusalem activist Zuhur Abu Mayala, to a detention and interrogation center in Salah al-Din Street on the pretext of organizing an activity to celebrate Women international day. (WAFA 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the town of Al Issawiya in occupied East Jerusalem, raided its neighborhoods and assaulted its residents. The IOA also erected military checkpoints at the town's main entrance with the aim to detain Palestinian vehicles and check Palestinian ID cards. The IOA also stormed a number of facilities in the town under the pretext of looking for Palestinian workers with West Bank ID cards. (WAFA 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al-Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem and occupied the rooftop Al-Arbaeen Mosque in the center of the town, removed the Palestinian flags and banners on top of the mosque, and arrested four of the town's residents. (WAFA 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) continued the siege, home invasions and violent searches in the al-'Isawiya town, in the center of occupied Jerusalem. The IOA installed dozens of roadblocks in several parts of the town, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated scores of Palestinians, while inspecting their ID cards. The IOA also invaded several Palestinians under construction buildings, under the pretext of looking for Palestinian workers from other parts of the West Bank, who do not obtain work and entry permits. A day before, the IOA occupied the rooftop of the main mosque in the town, and removed Palestinian flags, before abducting four young men. The IOA also fired many gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinians, protesting the constant invasions and violations. (IMEMC, WAFA 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three young Palestinian men from occupied East Jerusalem, including one who was taken prisoner minutes after his release following five years in prison. The IOA invaded the al-'Isawiya town, in the center of Jerusalem, and

detained Mohammad Zakariya 'Oleyyan and Anas Dirbas, and took them to an interrogation facility. The IOA were also extensively deployed in front of the local mosque, stopped and searched many Palestinians, and interrogated them while inspecting their ID cards. It is worth mentioning that the town is subject to a strict military siege for the fortieth consecutive day. (IMEMC 8 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ma'moun Farahat, just moments following he was released from the Negev detention camp, after spending five years in prison. Ma'moun was detained and transferred to the al-Maskobiyya interrogation center, in Jerusalem. The detainee was not allowed to see or talk to his parents after his release, and was instantly abducted and sent to the interrogation facility without any explanation or warrant. (IMEMC 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli security service re-arrested Mamoun Farhat on the day he was going to be released after a completing a five-year prison sentence for throwing a Molotov cocktail as Israeli forces in Jerusalem. Farhat, an East Jerusalem resident, was re-arrested immediately after he was released from Naqab desert prison in the south of the country and before he was able to walk out of the prison and taken to the Russian Compound, Maskobieh, police station in West Jerusalem where he was undergoing interrogation. (Wafa 8 March 2018)
- In occupied East Jerusalem, the Israeli police and soldiers detained two young Palestinian men, and confiscated the car of one of them for organizing a Palestinian Marathon to counter the Marathon the City Council is holding for Israeli colonizers and internationals. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli police detained two young Palestinian men, and confiscated the car of one of them for the 'crime' of organizing a Palestinian Marathon in occupied Jerusalem to counter the Marathon the City Council is holding for Israeli settlers and internationals. Hundreds of soldiers and police officers had deployed in the occupied city and closed many main roads, west and east of the city, to prepare for a Marathon. The Palestinians protested the Israeli marathon because Jerusalem is an occupied city, and such events are only meant to

strengthen and normalize the illegal occupation. They decided to organize their own event, but the police prevented them. The police also detained nonviolent activist, Mohammad Abu al-Hummus, after assaulting him on Nablus Street near Damascus Gate, and confiscated his car along with the Palestinian flags and athletes' outfits he was transporting. The soldiers also detained Fadi al-Mitwer. The police and soldiers attacked many Palestinians, who had planned to participate in the Palestinian marathon. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of Fateh movement secretary in occupied Jerusalem, Shadi Mitwer, and searched it, before handing his family a military warrant for his arrest. It is worth mentioning that Mitwer is currently traveling out of Palestine, and the soldiers intend to abduct him upon his return. The army also phoned Mitwer and informed him that he needs to return to the country and turn himself in to the military. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- A group of Israeli settlers living in settlements in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied East Jerusalem, attacked many Palestinian children in Batn al-Hawa neighborhood. The settlers attacked many children near an outpost in the town. The children were playing when the settlers assaulted them, before many residents rushed to their aid, leading to clashes. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) then rushed to the area and started firing gas bombs and concussion grenades at the Palestinians and their homes. The IOA also summoned for interrogation Zoheir Rajabi, who represents the Palestinians in the neighborhood. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)
- An Israeli court in Jerusalem extended the detention of a teenage girl from Shuf'at refugee camp in Jerusalem for 24 hours. May Bassam Asileh, 14, was detained at a checkpoint close to the camp last Friday. The Israeli authorities claim she was carrying a knife. (Wafa 11 March 2018)
- The Israeli judiciary has ordered the eviction of the Saeed Odeh family from the building where they live in Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem. Members of the right-wing Jewish group Ateret Cohanim handed the judicial order to the family of deceased Saeed Odeh asking them to leave the building, for allegedly being

constructed on a plot which has been the property of Jewish individuals since 1889. The land plot belongs to Odeh family who purchased it during the 1970s. The family were also able to obtain construction permits from the Israeli authorities about 20 years ago. The building includes eight apartments with a total population of 50 persons, most of them children. ([SILWANIC](#), WAFA 11 March 2018)

- A large Israeli military force invaded the town of Hizma, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and completely isolated it from its surrounding area, in addition to forcing all stores to close. The military army also assaulted and injured one Palestinian teen, while a settler rammed another with his car, causing serious injuries. The invasion into the town was carried out by more than twenty armored military jeeps and vehicles, before the soldiers started firing gas bombs, and sprayed many homes and property with waste-water mixed with chemicals. The soldiers also forced shut all stores and shops in the town, in addition to targeting many Palestinians with gas bombs at a junction leading to the town. Furthermore, many soldiers assaulted Hani al-Hilo, 17 years of age, causing fractures, cuts and bruises to various parts of his body.
- A Palestinian, identified as Roshdi Yasser al-Khatib, 16, was seriously injured after an Israeli settler rammed him with his car, and fled the scene in the town of Hizma, east of occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man who was praying in the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in occupied East Jerusalem, and took them to an interrogation facility. The IOA stopped the Palestinian in front of the mosque and detained him before moving him to a police station in the Old City. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Israeli detained ten Palestinians during massive and violent searches of homes, in many parts of occupied Jerusalem, and moved them to several detention and interrogation facilities. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in the Salam area, near Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem, and detained Adnan Aramin and Mohammad Zeidan. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided ‘Anata town in occupied Jerusalem, and detained Amin Fathi Hamdan. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out violent searched of homes which led to excessive damage and caused anxiety attacks among many children. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- In Silwan town, in the center of Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ayyoub Abu ‘Assab, Hafeth Dirbas, Mohammad Nimir Dirbas, Ayyoub al-Hindi, Saleh Na’im Moheisin and Mahmoud Gharib. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Shu’fat refugee camp in Jerusalem, and detained Adnan Aramin, Mohammad Zeidan and Tareq Kayyala. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Supreme Court dismissed an appeal filed on behalf of two minor prisoners aged 16 and 17 from Jerusalem to reduce their 11-year- sentence. The Israeli Court argued that detention is used to deter individuals from taking action, and considered its dismissal decision as appropriate. The two minors, Abu Mayaleh and Taha, were arrested by the Israeli authorities, in January 2016, and were sentenced to 11 years each, and a 50,000 NIS in fine (approx. \$14,500), after accusing them of carrying out a stabbing attack. (Wafa 12 March 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli Settlers accompanied by many soldiers and officers, invaded the courtyards of Al Aqsa Mosque, and conducted provocative tours. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed tombstones in a Palestinian cemetery in occupied East Jerusalem . The lock on the main door of the cemetery had been broken, and the cemetery had been raided. The IOA, dressed as civilians, were deployed at the entrance of the cemetery, raided the cemetery and destroyed several tombstones using a variety of hand tools. The destroyed tombstones belonged to Muhammad al-Kaluti, Abdullah Abu Kharroub, Thaer Abu Ghazaleh, Bahaa Elayyan, Muhammad Abu Khalaf, Abed al-Muhsen Hassuneh and Muhammad Nimr, who were all killed by Israeli forces during a [wave of violence](#) across East Jerusalem and the West Bank that erupted in October 2015. (Maannews 12 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians from Qalandyia refugee camp north of occupied Jerusalem after raiding their families' houses. The five Palestinians have been identified as Wajeeh Haitham Al Khateeb, Ibrahim Hasan Assaf, Mahmoud Muhammad Al Louzi, Osama Na'im Hamad and Izzat Muhammad Izzat Hazein. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the town of 'Asira Al Shamalyia north of Nablus and detained Dirar Hammadneh, after raiding his house. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Hizma town, northeast of Jerusalem, searched a few homes and detained Amer Abed-Rabbo Khatib and Sufian Fathi Kanaan, the brother of [Mohammad Kanaan](#), 25, who died on July 27th 2017, from [serious wounds he suffered](#) after the soldiers shot and seriously injured him on July 24th, when the military invaded their town. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) soldiers abducted a young man from Jerusalem, after stopping him at a military roadblock near Hizma. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young man while leaving the Al-Aqsa Mosque, through Bab al-Qattanin (Cotton Merchants Gate) in Jerusalem and took him to the al-Maskobiyya detention and interrogation center. The abduction came while more than 86 Israeli settlers invaded the courtyards of the holy sites, and conducted provocative tours, under heavy police and military deployment. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured, 38 Palestinians in the al-'Ezariyya town, east of occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA invaded the town, attacked many Palestinians who protested the invasion, and fired gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured 38 Palestinians in the al-'Ezariyya town, east of occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA invaded the town, attacked many Palestinians who protested the invasion, and fired gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. Nine Palestinians were shot with rubber-coated steel bullets and 27

suffocated due to the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Shadi Mitwer, the secretary of Fateh movement in occupied Jerusalem, after invading his home in Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of the city. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Nasser Qous, the head of the Jerusalem office of the Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS). The IOA summoned Qous for interrogation at the al-Maskobiyya interrogation and detention centers, and decided to keep him under interrogation for six days. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) [injured 38 Palestinians](#) in the al-'Ezariyya town, east of occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- At least nineteen Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, after the IOA attacked protesters near Abu Dis University, in Abu Dis town, east of occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- In Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked many homes in the al-'Isawiya town, in the city, and detained four children, identified as Mohammad Yousef Obeid, Mohammad Ibrahim Obeid, Haroun Mohammad Mheisin and Mohammad Tawfiq Mheisin. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem city Silwan, a Palestinian citizen of the town had to demolish his own home, Saturday, to avoid excessively high fines by the City Council, under the pretext of being built without a permit. The city council informed the home's owner, Ishaq Shweiki, that he would have to pay up to \$17,000, in addition to other high fees, unless he demolishes his own home. The Palestinian chose to demolish the property because he wanted to avoid the high fines, but mostly to avoid the demolition of his entire building, which was constructed more than 100 years ago, especially since the home the city ordered him to demolish was later built on the second floor. Shweiki was given 30 days to implement the decision to demolish the property under the

pretext of building without permission. The second floor, only 50 square meters, was added to the building six years ago to accommodate the needs of his growing family. ([Wafa](#), IMEMC 18 March 2018)

- Israeli Interior Minister Aryeh Deri is considering revoking the permanent citizenships of 12 east Jerusalem Palestinians claiming their involvement in “terrorism”. Among the Palestinians whose citizenship may be revoked are four parliament members. (Wafa 19 March 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town of Hizma and detained five Palestinians, including a child, only ten years of age after storming their homes. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Hammouda Kifah Askar, 10, Sultan Salahuddin, Mohammad Khleif Askar, Waleed Yasser Khatib and Hammouda Ahmad Maqbool. The IOA smashed many doors and windows of the invaded homes, and violently searched them, before detaining the five Palestinians. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- A group of Israeli settlers invaded, at dawn, the town of Hizma, northeast of occupied East Jerusalem, and wrote racist graffiti on cars and walls, in addition to puncturing tires of many cars, and attempted to break into homes. The settlers tried to invade three homes owned by members of Askar family. The attacked homes and cars are in an area that has been isolated from the rest of town by the Israeli Separation wall. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the ar-Ram town, in Jerusalem, searched many homes and abducted Mohammad Yousef Ghazawna, Mohannad Ramadan Ghazawna, Odah Mustafa Ghazawna, Jalal al-Khatib, Tawfiq Fathi Romiyya, Ahmad Hosni Romiyya and his brother Hamza. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- Israeli police arrested the guard, Ehab Abu Ghazaleh, from his workplace inside the mosque, and took him to an investigation center in Jerusalem, after he refused to stay away from the settlers in the mosque. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)

- Israeli settlers stormed, the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, while Israeli police arrested one of its guards from his workplace, inside the mosque. 24 settlers guarded by security forces stormed Al-Aqsa in the early morning hours, via The Moroccan Gate, and attempted to perform Talmudic rituals. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)
- Israeli authorities are considering stripping 12 Palestinians of their permanent residency status in occupied East Jerusalem, in what would reportedly be the first use of recently adopted legislation. According to Haaretz, Interior Minister Arye Dery is weighing up the move in light of a law which passed two weeks ago, and grants him the authority to strip any permanent resident of his residency rights, for ‘terrorism’ or ‘disloyalty’ to the State of Israel. The 12 Palestinians in question include four Hamas-affiliated parliamentarians from the Palestinian Legislative Council, whose cases were the subject of a Supreme Court ruling that overturned a previous government decision to revoke their residency. It was in response to that ruling that the Knesset subsequently adopted the new legislation, PNN further reports. The other eight Palestinians who may have their residency revoked have all been convicted by Israeli courts of involvement in alleged terror attacks, Haaretz reported. “Murdering Israelis and involvement in attacks against civilians is the gravest possible breach of faith between a resident and his country,” Dery said. “The same goes for active, significant involvement in terrorist organizations. Residents and citizens who endanger the Israeli public and constitute a threat to its safety should know that their status is in danger, on top of the other penalties laid down by law. I will work with all my might and all the means at my disposal to fight terrorists and anyone who’s involved in or abets terror.” Attorney Osama Saadi, who represents the four Hamas parliamentarians, said: “The amendment in question is unconstitutional, and even the attorney general opposed it. Moreover, the law states that in any case, it’s not possible to revoke the residency of East Jerusalem residents, who have a special status, and leave them without any residency.” “We will petition the High Court on behalf of these four, who, as you’ll recall, have been waging a legal battle against the revocation of their residency since 2006 and won their petition a few months ago,” he added. “This amendment violates international

law, and wholesale revocations, such as are happening today, show that this is a political law by a crazy government.” (IMEMC 21 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Makassed Hospital in the Palestinian al-Tur neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem allegedly in search of a Palestinian youth. The IOA raided the hospital and searched several sections before they centered in on the emergency unit of the hospital. (Maannews 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Shu’fat refugee camp, in the center of occupied East Jerusalem in the West Bank, for the second day in a row, searched many homes and detained 27 young men. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Mo’taz Okasha, Nablus. Nayef ash-Shami, Nablus. Ayman Abdul-Nasser Hdeib, Ein al-Sultan refugee camp – Jericho. Khaled Issa, al-Khader town – Bethlehem. Nafeth Ammar Abu Aisha, Hebron. Toqai Abboud Jawabra, Beit Ummar – Hebron. Islam Asafra, Beit Kahil – Hebron. Ahmad Khashan, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Dia’ Awwad, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Salam al-Khalidi, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ahmad Moheisin, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Abdullah Abu Shams Ali, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Bassem Abu Shams Ali, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Fahed Mohammad Ali, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ahmad Mohammad Ali, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Maher ‘Alqam, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ismael ‘Alqam, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Hasan ‘Alqam, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Mohammad ‘Alqam, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ibrahim ‘Alqam, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Mahdi ad-Dhabit, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Mohammad Sharha, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Khalil ad-Dib’ey, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ismael Maz’arour, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Hamza Taha, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Ibrahim Hamad, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. Anas Abu Sneina, Shu’fat – Jerusalem. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded Shu’fat refugee camp, in the center of occupied East Jerusalem in the West Bank, for the second day in a row, searched many homes and detained at least eighteen Palestinians. The soldiers stormed the refugee camp, before invading and violently searching dozens of homes, causing excessive damage, in addition to using K9 units during the search. They destroyed doors, windows, furniture and other types of property during violent searches of both homes and shops and detained eighteen Palestinians, in addition to summing many for interrogation. The detained Palestinians have been

identified as: Ibrahim Alqam. Jamil Alqam. Mahmoud Alqam. Eyad Ziyada. Amin Ziyada. Khalil Ziyada. Moath al-Bayya'. Mustafa al-Bayya'. Ahmad Salayma. Samah Abu Zayed. Ra'ad Taweel. Mohammad Ali. Yousef Musleh Ali. Ahmad Mohammad Ali. Dirar Musleh Mohammad Ali. Eyad Haikal al-'Emwasi. Majd Kayyala. Montaser Resheq. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)

- Seven protesters were injured, one of them by gunfire, during clashes with Israeli occupation army (IOA) in the town of Abu Dis, to the east of Jerusalem. The six protesters were injured by rubber-coated steel rounds and a seventh by live shots; 14 other protesters sustained suffocation from teargas inhalation. (Wafa 23 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Abu Dis town, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and injured many Palestinians, after attacking locals who protested the invasion. The IOA fired dozens of live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades, while local youngsters hurled stones at the invading army jeeps. One Palestinian was shot with live fire, six others with rubber-coated steel bullets and fourteen suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. One Palestinian suffered various burns, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 24 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Abu Dis town, east of occupied East Jerusalem, and injured many Palestinians, after attacking locals who protested the invasion. The IOA fired dozens of live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades. One Palestinian was shot with live fire, six others with rubber-coated steel bullets and fourteen suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. One Palestinian suffered various burns, in addition to cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 24 March 2018)
- Israeli soldiers attacked Palestinian Christians during the traditional Palm Sunday procession in Jerusalem, while they were celebrating by carrying palm fronds and chanting special hymns. The army also banned marching Palestinian Christians from carrying the Palestinian flag, and attacked those who tried to raise it. However, several people from European countries were allowed to carry their countries' flags. (Palestine News 25 March 2018)

- The Israeli central court at Salah Eddin Street, in Jerusalem, sentenced a woman from the Silwan neighborhood, in occupied East Jerusalem, to 10 years imprisonment, and ordered her to pay a fine of 5,000 shekels (\$1,400). Amani al-Hashim, a mother of two children, was detained in December of 2016, after claiming she allegedly attempted to ram her car into Israeli soldiers at Qalandia checkpoint, on Ramallah-Jerusalem road. She is currently being held in the Israeli prison of HaSharon.
- 82 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque from Al Maghrabeh gate in occupied Jerusalem, escorted by the Israeli Occupation Police, and carried out provocative tours in the court yard of the Al Aqsa Mosque. (WAFA 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Jerusalem City Council’s “Construction and Planning Committee” has approved the construction of 600 settlement units in Jabal al-Mokabber Palestinian town, in occupied East Jerusalem. The decision was made just a week after the City Council approved the construction of 600 settlement units, which were added to 350 units approved in 2017, in Nov Zahav settlement.
- The Jewish Temple Institute announced that it will hold a festival in the Islamic Umayyad palaces area to the south and southwest of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. The Temple Institute announced on its website that it will organise the massive festival, noting that it has received approval from the Israeli police. The Institute “has already started preparations for the festival by setting up the Holocaust altar and cooking utensils and offerings to present them next Sunday; a day before the festival”. (PNN 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured many Palestinians, who suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to cuts and bruises, near Abu Dis University, in Abu Dis town, southeast of occupied East Jerusalem. Several army jeeps invaded the town, before advancing to the Schools Street, leading to Al-Quds University and fired a barrage of gas bombs. Dozens of Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)
- A large number of people suffered from suffocation due to tear gas inhalation during clashes with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the vicinity of Al-Quds University in Abu Dis to the southeast of

Jerusalem. The IOA raided the town in the early morning and deployed its forces in the road leading to Al-Quds University campus triggering clashes with locals. The IOA fired tear gas canisters at the protesters causing suffocation cases among them as well as among residents who were in their homes. (Wafa 27 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the town of Al Issawiya in the center of occupied Jerusalem, raided several neighborhoods and began stopping citizens and vehicles and checking their personal cards. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Mazen Shehada, Anas Jihad Sho'ani, Moayyad Kanaan, Moayyad Ra'fat Rayyan, Ahmad Saber al-Khdour and an elderly man, identified as Elias Hussein Rabea'. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested a young Palestinian and took him out of Al Aqsa Mosque and subjected him to physical inspection. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- Israeli Settler groups called on Muslims to stay away from Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, the Muslim holy day, in order for them to perform the sacrifices for the Jewish Passover holiday. The settler groups hung posters on the gates leading to Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem's Old City calling on Muslims to stay away from their Mosque while they perform their Jewish Passover rituals. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- 66 Israeli settlers and 37 members of the Israeli intelligence Police, broke into the courtyard of Al-Aqsa Mosque, from Al Magharbeh gate and escorted by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA). The settlers carried out provocative tours in the courtyard of Al Aqsa mosque, while the Israeli intelligence police carried out exploratory tours of several facilities of the Mosque. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- An Israeli Court decided, to remand a wounded child, who is currently at an Israeli hospital receiving treatment for severe burns, until further deliberations are held this coming Thursday. The child, Asadeddin Abu al-Hawa, 14, from at-Tour neighborhood, in occupied Jerusalem, was injured by the Israeli military during an invasion into his area and suffered severe burns in his back and arm. After the child was injured,

Palestinian medics rushed him to the al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society Hospital, in Jerusalem, but the soldiers invaded the medical center, five days ago, abducted him. The army then moved the child to an Israeli hospital, posted soldiers at his room's door, and refused to allow his family to visit with them. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Waseem Nayef Abeid and his wife after raiding his house in Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem. (WAFSA 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Municipality in Jerusalem notified a number of Palestinian families in Silwan town in occupied East Jerusalem, to demolish their homes under the pretext of building without a permit. (RB2000 28 March 2018)
- Thousands of Israeli soldiers were deployed in and around occupied East Jerusalem, and in various parts of the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians from the town of Al Isawiya in occupied East Jerusalem. The detainees were identified as Mohammed Magdy Attia, Mohamed Abdel Raouf Mahmoud, Ali Moheisen, Ahmad Khaled Abu Shamala and Mohammed Zakaria Alyan. (WAFSA 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinian siblings, only 8 and 10 years of age, from their home in Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA claim that the two children "hurled stones at their jeeps," on Road #20, near their neighborhood, and detained them before taking them to an interrogation facility, without legal representation. The two children have been identified as Amir, 8, and his brother Hatem Abu Rmeila, 10. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a child, identified as Mohammad Majdi 'Atiya, from his home in the al-'Isawiya town, in the center of Jerusalem. He was among thirty-one Palestinians, including children and a mentally -challenged teen, who were abducted by the IOA from their homes in several parts of the

occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem, on Wednesday at night and Thursday at dawn. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured several Palestinian schoolchildren in the southern area of Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA detained, searched and harassed many young boys and girls while heading to their schools, after stopping him at military roadblocks surrounding the Ibrahimi Mosque area. Many students protested the harassment by the IOA, who started firing gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)
- In the Halhul town of northern Hebron, a disabled youth identified as Abd al-Qader Abu Usba was detained by The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- Confrontations broke out between Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian students of Palestine Technical University, in the West Bank Governorate of Hebron, with no injuries reported. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters toward the students and the university's campus. (IMEMC 4 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Dura town, southwest of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and detained Ahmad al-Masri and Mousa Ribhi al-Hroub, from their homes. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the nearby towns of Ethna and Yatta, and installed roadblocks on roads leading to Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, in addition to the southern entrance of Hebron city, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed, along with settlers, Thaghret al-Abed mountain in Al-Buwaira area, east of Hebron, in the southern West Bank. The IOA and settlers were accompanied by a bulldozer and maps of the area which belongs to several Palestinian families identified as Gweihan and Eidah. Residents of the area stated also that the IOA and settlers uprooted, a few days ago, olive seedlings

planted by citizens of Eidah family in their lands in the aforementioned area. (WAFa 5 March 2018)

- Several Israeli settlers, living in the Mitzpe Yair illegal outpost in Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, attacked three children from Abu Qbeita family, while crossing a military roadblock, heading back home. Another settler tried to ram a child, identified as Jihan Ibrahim Abu Qbeita, 11, in the same area, but she managed to avoid his car. Abu Qbeita family must cross the military roadblock everyday whenever they leave their home or return to it, and that international peace activists constantly accompany them to ensure their safety, as they are subject to frequent attacks. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers backed by a military escort installed four new caravans in an area adjacent to the illegal Israeli settlement of Kharsina, to the east of the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. Israeli settlers set up four new caravans on a land area of 70-dunums overlooking several neighborhoods in the Hebron area, in an apparent prelude to take over the land for the benefit of establishing a new settlement outpost there. The land belongs to three different families in Hebron known as Jwihan, Eida, and Abu al-Halawa. Settlers also uprooted a number of olive saplings in the same area belonging to the Eida family only a few days ago. (WAFa 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a metal gate near the Israeli military watchtower erected at the junction of the Village of Kharsa to the south of Hebron. (WAFa 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured dozens of Palestinians, mainly schoolchildren, after firing gas bombs at them near the Ibrahimi Mosque, in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA attacked dozens of Palestinians who were protesting in Jroun Jarad area, and Abu ar-Reesh military roadblock at the southern entrance of the Old City and the Ibrahimi Mosque. dozens of Palestinians, especially schoolchildren suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Mooreq village, southwest of Hebron, searched many homes and detained Mo'tasem Ramadan Awawda, and his brother Mahmoud. The IOA also detained

Mohammad Nidal Jaber, from Hebron city, after assaulting him while he was heading to his work. The IOA also detained Khaled Salahuddin Abu Za'rour, after invading his plumbing store and ransacking it, in addition to illegally confiscating 4000 Shekels. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, also searched homes and summoned Ziad Ahmad al-'Ajouri, 37, and Sami Amer Abu Jouda, 22, for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, north of Hebron. The two Palestinians are former political prisoners, who were just released from Israeli detention centers two months ago. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired gas bombs at the Big Mosque in Beit Ummar, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- An Israeli settler attempted to run over a Palestinian human rights defender, Imad Abu Shamsiyya, while he was on his way home to Tel al-Ramida, in Hebron. An Israeli settler known as Ofer Hanna, who regularly intimidates peaceful Palestinian demonstrations, attempted to run Abu Shamsiyya over, however he managed to escape unharmed. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers from Regavim settler group razed vast tracts of Palestinian land east of Khirbet al-Majaz, one of the 19 localities comprising Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron. The settlers started razing hundreds of dunums of farmland in that area as a prelude to seize them. Landowners have been identified as the al-Na'amin, Makhamra, Awad and Abu 'Iram families. (Wafa 6 March 2018)
- Cranes placed four caravans on hilltop 22 in the Kiryat Arba settlement on Monday, the first step in the construction of an industrial zone. The Kiryat Arba-Hebron Council sent a celebratory message about the event to residents: "With God's help, we are fortunate today to establish a new stake hold in the Land of Israel." The Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria confirmed the project had its approval. "The four structures that were placed today on Hill 22 in Kiryat Arba were placed in accordance to procedures, within a valid municipal building plan and within the boundaries of state land," it told *The Jerusalem Post*. Only a handful of construction projects have begun in the community of some 7,200 people during Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu's tenure in office, and as a result growth has been stagnant. The council said the site, known as Mevaser, would be an industrial zone located a kilometer away from the Ramat Memra neighborhood. It was established in memory of two slain soldiers who grew up in Kiryat Arba, one who was killed in the Gaza Strip in 2014 and another who was stabbed to death at the Gush Etzion junction. The construction "symbolizes the way we are striding forward and developing in the face of these large challenges," the council said. It added that it was also working on plans that would be deposited with the Civil Administration for Hill 18, on the outskirts of the settlement. The move occurred hours before Netanyahu met with US President Donald Trump in the White House to discuss the administration's effort to get the Palestinians to resume peace talks with Israel. In the past any such building has been discouraged around the time of Netanyahu meeting with a US president. The Trump administration has frowned on settlement construction, but it has not created the same type of friction as occurred with past US governments. Hagit Ofran of Peace Now said the placement of the caravans was yet another sign of the Trump's administration's tolerance for settlement construction. She added that the building was outside the developed lines of the community. "The only territorial connection between [the industrial zone] and Kiryat Arba is a road," Ofran said. She added that the site was also only about 800 meters from the fence separating the settlement from the Palestinian areas of Hebron, so that it was effectively like building a new Jewish area in Hebron. The Palestinian news agency Wafa claimed the industrial zone was on a 7-hectare (12.3-acre) site that belonged to the Hebron families of Jwihan, Eida, and Abu al-Halawa, and charged that Israelis had removed saplings belonging to the Eida family in the last week. The Peace Now website said the Civil Administration classified the 7 hectares as state land in 1982, and authorized the plan for the industrial zone in 1988. ([YNETNEWS](#), [PEACENOW](#), [TOI](#) 6 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in Hebron city, and installed roadblocks on roads leading to the towns of Sa'ir and Halhoul, in addition to the northern and southern roads of Hebron city, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and killed a young Palestinian man who was deaf and could not speak, in the southern West Bank city

of Hebron. The young man, identified as Mohammad Zein al-Ja'bari, aged 24, was shot by the IOA with a live round in his chest, in the Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron city. The young man suffered very serious wounds and was rushed to a local hospital, but died from his wounds despite all efforts to save his life. The Young man could not speak or hear. He was shot after the IOA resorted to the excessive use of force against Palestinian protesters, firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)

- A child was injured after Israeli soldiers chased him in the southern area of Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The child, Ali Khaled Jolani, 12, fell while the soldiers were chasing him, and suffered a fracture in his left arm, a torn tendon, in addition to cuts and bruises to his face. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and seriously injured a young Palestinian man in Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of Hebron, in southern West Bank. The young man was shot with a live round in the chest. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- A group of 30 settlers from the illegal Israeli settlements of Ma'on and Havat Ma'on attacked the village of al-Tuwwaneh, in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank under Israeli army protection and threw stones at the defenseless Palestinians. The Palestinians got into a brawl with the settlers and Israeli soldiers fired tear gas and stun grenades at the village residents causing several cases of suffocation due to inhaling gas. Settlers also attempted to set fire to the village mosque.
- Israeli settlers uprooted 18 olive trees owned by Yasser Mousa Rib'ey, in Khirbat al-Kharrouba area in the village of At Tuwani and shattered the windshields of two cars as well as causing damage to the car body. One of the cars is owned by Mousa Jibreel Rib'ey. (IMEMC, WAFA 10 March 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded several homes and stores in Sinjer neighborhood, in Dura town, south of the southern West Bank of Hebron, before violently searching them. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)

- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded various areas around Halhoul city, north of Hebron, including in many orchards and vineyards. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stopped and searched dozens of cars at main entrances of several towns, south of Hebron, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of a former political prisoner, identified as Suleiman al-Qawasma, in addition Hamza Syouri, the principal of a local school, and violently searched them before confiscating large sums of cash. The IOA even smashed Syouri children's money boxes and stole their savings. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained six Palestinians, during extensive and violent searches of homes, and illegally confiscated cash. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- In Halhoul, north of Hebron, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Younis al-Baw, 22, in addition to Anwar Mohammad al-Baw, 20, and his brother Laith, 19. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 'Atef Rabba from his home in the ath-Thaheriyya town, southwest of Hebron.
- Many Israeli army vehicles invaded several areas Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, searched and ransacked many homes and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Saddam Ali Awad, 28, in addition to Taiseer Khaled Breigheeth, 23, who was taken prisoner from a local bakery, in the center of the town, and moved them to Etzion military base and security center. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- Israeli Settlers from Maon settlement burned 30 dunums of land planted with winter crops in Mafasser Yatta, south of Hebron, in

Khallet al-Adra area, near the settlement of Maon. The targeted land belong to Al Shawaheen family. (WAFA 12 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) conducted aerial surveillance and photographed lands, tents and grazing areas, in Susiya area, in Masafer Yatta. (Maanews 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in Hebron city, in addition to the towns of as-Sammoa' and Yatta and installed many roadblocks at the main entrances of Sa'ir, Halhoul, and northern Hebron, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians, while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- Israeli Settlers evicted the family of Walid al-Sharif while they were in their land in the Tel Rumeida area in the center of Hebron, near the settlement of Ramat Yishai, and hindered them from working in the land. (WAFA 13 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers forced a Palestinian family to leave its land in Tel Rumeida area, in Hebron to the south of the West Bank. The settlers broke into the land of Walid Sharif in Tel Rumeida in the center of Hebron and prevented him from working in his land. The settlers came from the illegal settlement of Ramat Yishai, build on Palestinian privately-owned lands in Tel Rumeida. The settlers forced Abu Shamsyeh to leave his land. (WAFA 13 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in southern West Bank, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained Ahmad Haitham al-Qawasma, from his home in the city. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many homes in several neighborhoods throughout the city, before detaining Miqdad Omar al-Qawasmi and Ghazi Saleh Erfa'eyya. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Abu al-'Asja village, south of Hebron, in addition to several communities, east of Doura, and installed many roadblocks at their main entrances, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinians, who marched following Friday noon prayers, in Bab az-Zawiya area, in the center of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Many Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, and the IOA fired more gas bombs and concussion grenades, during confrontation that erupted in the area. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- In the West Bank city of Hebron, the weekly demonstration against Israeli occupation culminated in the area between H1 (the side of Hebron that is under Palestinian Authority control) and H2 (the area that is under full Israeli control). The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters with rubber bullets, sound bombs and tear gas. The IOA then entered the west side of the city to run after the demonstrators, despite the fact that the area is ostensibly under the control of the Palestinian Authority. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Yatta town, south of Hebron, searched homes and interrogated several Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Ramadin town, south of the city, searched several homes and detained Mahmoud Sa'id Azazma, in addition to Hamza Amjad at-Teet. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) briefly detained a Ma'an TV cameraman while he was working in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Muhammad Hamamreh was on a shoot with reporter Duaa Yahiya when soldiers approached the pair and attempted to prevent them from filming. When Hamamreh and Yahiya refused, the IOA detained Hamamreh and took him inside a military base in the area. Yahiya remained on the scene and demanded Hamamreh's release. He was released shortly after being detained for reasons unspecified by the soldiers. (Maannews 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) physically assaulted a young Palestinian shepherd while he was grazing his livestock in an area to the east of Hebron's Yatta town, in the southern West Bank. The IOA beat up an 18-year-old shepherd while he was grazing his livestock in

- Khallet al-Adra, an area to the east of Yatta, before detaining him. He was identified as 'Issa al-Shawaheen. (Wafa 18 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of the city, and detained Hamza Amjad Mousa. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in Hebron city, in addition to the towns of Shiokh and Yatta, in addition to installing roadblocks at the main entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, and Jouret Bahlas area, north of Hebron, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
 - Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, installed roadblocks, and invaded several old homes in the ath-Thaher area, and took measurements of the buildings, especially their rooftops. The soldiers placed ladders to climb on several rooftops, before taking their measurements without informing the Palestinians about the reasons behind these invasions and the measurements. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed military roadblocks east of Yatta town, south of Hebron, in addition to Hebron's northern and southern roads, and the main entrances of Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
 - Israeli settlers attacked and injured several Palestinian schoolchildren, while heading to school in the Tiwana village, in Yatta town, south of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. Many students suffered various cuts and bruises. Some of the wounded students have been identified as Reem Awad, Jaber Awad, Shaima' Awad, Kifah Abu Jundiyya, Hamza Abu Jundiyya, Inshirah Abu Jundiyya and Ezzeddin Makhamra. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and the ath-Thaheriyya town,

south of the city, before detaining Tareq Nidal Tamimi and former political prisoner Rassem Isamel at-Till, 40. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Halhoul town, north of Hebron, before breaking into several homes and searching them. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The Young Palestinian has been identified as Yousef Ahmad Izzat Awad, 22, a student in Al Arroub Technical University. Awad was detained when the IOA stopped a bus at the entrance of the town and checked Palestinians' ID cards. (WAFSA 23 March 2018)-
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- Up until a few months ago, over 7,000 residents of this town in the south Hebron Hills had permits to work. Of them, 915 residents with the surname Abu Aram worked in Israel and hundreds more in the settlements, according to the Palestinian District Coordination and Liaison office in Yatta. But those workers then lost their jobs in Israel and the settlements solely because of their names, in the wake of an astounding, draconian decision of the Civil Administration, Israel's governing body in the West Bank. In desperation, dozens even changed their names in their ID cards, but to no avail. Their way back to work in Israel, where they've held jobs for years, is blocked, though they have done nothing wrong. (Haaretz 23 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped a Palestinian bus at the main entrance of Beit Ummer, examined the ID cards of many Palestinians while interrogating them, and detained a young man, identified as Yousef Ahmad Ezzat Awad, 22, a student of Al-'Arroub Technical College. (IMEMC 24 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the public park of Yatta city, south of Hebron, and removed the Palestinians, before accompanying illegal Israeli settlers into the area. (IMEMC 24 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man from Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and invaded a public park in Yatta, south of the city. The soldiers stopped a Palestinian bus at the main entrance of Beit Ummar, examined the ID cards of many Palestinians while interrogating them, and detained a young man, identified as Yousef Ahmad Ezzat Awad, 22, a student of Al-'Arroub Technical College. (IMEMC 24 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Surif town, west of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and detained two Palestinians, identified as Ahmad Taha al-Hoor and Mohammad Sameeh Ghneimat. (IMEMC 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many neighborhoods in Doura town, south of Hebron, especially the eastern part, before breaking into a blacksmith workshop and searching it. (IMEMC 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians in al-Thahriyeh town, south of Hebron. The IOA raided the town and detained three Palestinians, one of whom was identified as Ahmad Hawareen. (Wafa 25 March 2018)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian shepherd in grazing lands east Tawania area, in Yatta town, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, causing fractures and bruises. The settlers came from Ma'on and Havat Ma'on settlements, installed on Palestinian lands. The settlers attacked Jom'a Mousa Rib'ey, 45, causing various cuts and bruises, in addition to fractures in his left leg, and lacerations in the head. The wounded shepherd suffered moderate injuries.
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian homes in Al-Dhahriya, Yatta and As Samou'. The houses belong to Muhamamd Nassar Abu Aqil, Ali Mahmpud Abu Arram and Issa Muhammad Abu Arram. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Ihab Nu'man Al Rajabi from Johar mountain in Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank. (Wafa 26 March 2018)

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- The Israeli Civil Administration" in the occupied West Bank and other planning and building bodies in the Israeli Government, has approved plan number 521/1/A which will cause the confiscation of 290 dunums of land for expanding Negohot settlement in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The expansion plan includes the construction of 102 units in the settlement in addition to opening roads, and establishing parks and open spaces. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- In Hebron, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Tamer Emad as-Sa'da, Tamer Jihad al-Baw, Mohammad 'Atiya al-Badawi and Ezzeddin Abu Sill. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)
- A group of around fifteen Israeli settler families invaded two Palestinian buildings close to the Ibrahimi Mosque, in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, despite being evicted earlier following a court ruling. The settlers invaded the two buildings, after claiming they purchased them with the approval of the 'Civil Defense Administration". One of the homes is owned by Za'tari family members. The settlers stormed their building, terrorizing the children, and kicked them out, before raising the Israeli flag on top of the building. Israeli soldiers were heavily deployed in the area but did not intervene or try to remove the settlers. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)
- Several dozen Israeli settlers invaded overnight Monday two homes in the city of Hebron in the West Bank. The homes, located near the Tomb of the Patriarchs and some distance from the Jewish settlement in Hebron, were abandoned up to this point. Ownership of the houses has been in dispute for several years, and it is yet unclear whether they have been purchased by the settlers from the Palestinians, or if they are still Palestinian owned. The settlers have yet to provide proof of purchase. In 2016, settlers from the Hashmiei Kol Ohalech foundation, which purchases homes in Hebron for Jews, were evicted. This is the second time they are squatting in these homes. Last week, settlers from the same foundation began vacating another contested home in the city. The removal of the settlers, which defense sources said was taking place with their agreement, came after a High Court of Justice ruling allowing the eviction earlier this month. The court denied the settlers'

petition to remain in the three-story building, stressing they had not proved their ownership. The settlers agreed to leave the house after they were promised ownership deliberations would be expedited. A security official told Haaretz that the settlers received an initial permit to proceed with the purchase on Sunday prior to entering the homes. The permit is the earliest stage in ownership listing and does not include a proof of purchase procedure. It indicates the Civil Administration recognizes a payment has been made for the property, but has yet to determine whether the payment is valid and was received by the lawful owner of the property. Proving ownership requires inquiry via the initial registration committee. This process can take several years and has yet to occur in this case. Shlomo Levinger, one of those leading the settlers who invaded the homes, said it is "warm and cozy inside. The mood is calm, pleasant and comfortable." According to Levinger, some twenty families moved into the houses Monday overnight. He added that as of this moment, there is no one stationed or protesting outside the house. "It's all very ordinary." Levinger claims the settlers purchased the homes in 2012 and were evicted in 2016. They have now returned after receiving the initial purchase permit from the Civil Administration. Levinger was also among those who squatted in Beit Hamachpela since July 2017 and were evicted last week. He quoted interior minister Gilad Erdan saying that in early 2017, Police inquired Palestinians complaints that purchase permit were falsified and had decided to close the case for lack of evidence of forgery. In practice, no initial registration has taken place to determine ownership of the properties. According to security officials, there is no concrete plan to evict the settlers as of Monday. ([Haaretz](#) 27 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched several homes in Halhoul town, north of Hebron, and interrogated many Palestinians. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ali Ibrahim Abu 'Oleyyan, after storming his home and violently searching it, in Yatta town, south of Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted a Palestinian child, only three years of age, and attempting to detained him, in Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank. The IOA held the terrified child, Durgham Karam Maswada, 3, who was crying sobbing, in front of his

home near the Ibrahimi Mosque, in the Old City of Hebron. The child's older brother succeeded in freeing him from the hands of the soldiers, who were holding him despite his cries. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a residential tent belonging to Khader al-Nawaj'a, in Raghama al-Hamra area, east of Yatta, near the settlement of Susiya, under the pretext of building in an area classified by Israeli as "Closed military area". (Wafa 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed military roadblocks at the entrances of southern Hebron, and surrounding towns, in addition to the al-Fawwar refugee camp, before searching many cars, and interrogated several Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and undercover Israeli forces opened fire at a Palestinian car near Abu Khalil Gas station, at Anata village junction, northeast of Jerusalem, after they failed to detain a Palestinian youth. The IOA later confiscated the surveillance records of the Gas Station following the incident. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- In the evening on 26 March 2018, settlers in Hebron broke into and are currently squatting in a compound of two houses belonging to the Palestinian Zaatari family, known by settlers as Beit Rachel and Beit Leah. The incident transpired after the settlers were granted a transactional permit (*heiter iska*) by Israeli authorities. This permit represents but one in several legal hurdles to prove that the land purchase is valid before settlers would actually be allowed to enter the compound. Therefore, the break-in on 26 March constitutes an illegal act under Israeli law. Indeed, the compound's ownership remains under dispute. The Zaatari family, which had emptied the compound due to severe restrictions on movement in Hebron's Old City, claims to have never sold the compound. When settlers broke into the same compound in January 2016, they were evicted by Israeli authorities soon afterward. Meanwhile, the land registrar promised the Zaatari family that it would be able to present its own claims if the settlers' claim were to advance to the First Registration Committee, which would arbitrate on which party owns the compound. To date, the settlers' claim has not advanced to this stage, and thus has no legal approval. In a similar case in 2017, settlers in Hebron trespassed onto the Abu Rajab house, known in Israeli media as Beit HaMachpela,

wielding a transactional permit from 2012 but without having actually proved ownership before the First Registration Committee. They squatted in the house for eight months, until the High Court of Justice ordered an eviction last week after they were unable prove their purchase. (PEACENOW 29 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Jabal Johar area in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA, searched homes and detained Mohammad Abdul-Hamid Rajabi, 48, and his son Osama, 22. The IOA interrogated the family, while violently searching their home, before detaining the father and his son, and took them to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the towns of Ethna, Sa'ir and Deir Samit in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested Yasser 'Eid Amin al-Hathalin, 50, in Um al-Kheir village in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, after he was severely beaten by the IOA near the so-called "Karmiel" settlement in southern Hebron, causing him bruises. The IOA then arrested citizen Al Hathalin and took him to an unknown destination. (WAFSA 30 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four young Palestinian men, and assaulted one of them, in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA chased Ribhi Mohammad Seder and his brother Tamer, while driving a motorcycle, near the illegal Haggai Israeli colony, which was built on Palestinian lands, south of the city. The two were chased by the IOA and were detained in the Zeitoun area, in Hebron city. (IMEMC 31 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Omar Waddah Shehada, 20, after assaulting him in the Zawiyah area, and Bashir Jawad Shweiki at the entrance of Shuhada Street, in Hebron. (IMEMC 31 March 2018)

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and injured many protesters. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- Dozens of local Palestinians, accompanied by Israeli and international peace activists, marched from the center of the town, heading towards their lands near the illegal Kedumim colony. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired many gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters, before chasing some of them, while several local youngsters hurled stones at the soldiers. Many protesters suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, searched homes and detained 'Adel Faleh Dahbour in addition to Ibrahim Omran Hussein. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two youths identified as Adel Faleh Dahbour and Ibrahim Imran Hussein from the Azun town in eastern Qalqiliya. (Maannews 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian farmers from the town of Jayyous, northeast of the city of Qalqilya in the occupied West Bank, from accessing their lands. The IOA stationed at the apartheid wall's metal gate prevented them from entering their lands, which fall behind the wall. (Wafa 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) installed a sudden military roadblock on a section of Jenin-Nablus road, near Anza village, before stopping and searching dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) imposed a curfew on the village of 'Azzun in Qalqilya Governorate, sealed off its western and northern entrances, and prevented Palestinians and vehicles from entering and leaving the village. The IOA raided and searched a number of houses in the village and searched them. (Wafa 7 March 2018)
- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly procession of Kufur Qaddoum town, and tried to ambush many protesters in Palestinian Olive orchards, in addition to firing many gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing several

protesters to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The protesters were marching against the ongoing Israeli occupation and colonialist activities and demanding the army to open the main road which was blockaded by 14 years ago, to enable easy access to illegal colonizers driving to and from Kedumim colony, which was built on privately-owned Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)

- Dozens of Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, in Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, after several Israeli army jeeps invaded the city. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- Dozens of Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, after many Israeli army jeeps invaded Jayyous town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and fired a barrage of gas bombs at Palestinians, who protested the invasion. The IOA also targeted several homes with gas bombs, and flares, in the eastern neighborhood of the town. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many homes at dawn, and violently searched them, before detaining seven Palestinians, identified as Wissam Ezzeddin Silmi, Luay Freij, Qassem Swayy, Hamza Walweel, Mohammad Ibrahim 'Oweiss, Saher Farraj and Ali Mohammad Hannoun. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- Dozens of Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town of 'Azzoun, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and isolated a neighborhood before storming and violently searching ten homes. The soldiers surrounded and isolated al-Mintar neighborhood, and conducted violent searches of ten homes, causing excessive damage. During the invasions, the soldiers fired many flares, concussion grenades and gas bombs, leading fires in some homes, and causing scores of residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (Wafa, IMEMC 17 March 2018)
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- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and injured many Palestinians. The IOA, in large numbers, assaulted the protesters and fired many rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. Dozens of Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation and received the needed treatment. Undercover soldiers also attempted to ambush the Palestinians in olive orchards, but their hideout was exposed by the residents, and the soldiers then chased them into the town, while firing live rounds, and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- In Kufr Qalil, 25 protesters required medical attention for tear gas and five for injuries sustained by rubber bullets. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Jayyous town, northeast of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, searched homes and detained Kamel Mohammad Khatib, 16. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded 'Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets. The IOA invaded the town, before storming into and violently searching Radwan family building. The IOA also invaded and searched several homes and detained many young men while interrogating them and investigating their ID cards. Several young men then hurled stones at the invading army jeeps, while the IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets, wounding two, in addition to firing gas bombs and concussion grenades. Furthermore, the soldiers took pictures of several homes and buildings in the town. The army also installed many roadblocks in 'Azzoun, searched many cars and investigated the ID cards of many Palestinians. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)

- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes, and detained Ibrahim Issam Zaid and Maisara Mahmoud Affana. (MEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked, the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of Qalqilia in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and injured five Palestinians, including a child and a cameraman working for Palestine TV. The IOA resorted to the excessive use of force and fired dozens of rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades. Furthermore, the IOA invaded and ransacked many homes, and attacked several Palestinians. (MEMC 23 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers while they were farming their lands in the village of Immatin, to the east of Qalqilya in the occupied West Bank. The settlers came from illegal Gilad settlement and attacked the farmers while they were working in their agricultural lands, injuring an elderly identified as Yousef Mahmoud Barri, 63, and causing him bruises in the head. (Wafa 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained three Palestinians from Qalqilya city after raiding their families' homes and messing with the contents. The three have been identified as Hamada Amin Sha'ath, Muhammad Nael Salman and Mahmoud Qattawi. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained Izzat Ghazi, 21, from Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilya in the northern West Bank after raiding a number of Palestinian homes in the village. (Wafa 26 March 2018).
- Dozens of Palestinians suffered tear gas inhalation in the village of 'Azzun east of Qalqilya, following clashes with the Israeli occupation army (IOA). The IOA stormed the village, patrolled its streets and alleys and stationed at Kafr Thulth junction, in the center of 'Azzun village. Violent clashes erupted between the IOA and Palestinians, resulting in dozens of suffocation cases. The IOA also detained Ahmed Ibrahim Salim, 24, after questioning him and others. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Qasem Ayman Jabr, 20, from Qalqilya city after raiding his family house. (Wafa 29 March 2018)

Tubas

- Israeli occupation authorities, have notified 16 Palestinian families that they will be evicted from their homes in Khirbat Ibizig village, east of Tubas, under the pretext that the Israeli army will conduct military drills in the area. The IOA notified about 80 people to evacuate their homes from 7 am to 6 pm, and will continue until Wednesday morning. Khirbet Ibizig is comprised of Bedouins seeking water and pasture. The number of Bedouins living in the village is more than 256, including 16 families living in the area permanently, with the rest in a mobile state. The village is subjected to continuous raids by Israeli occupation forces. Every time a raid is carried out, there are new demolition notices, threats of displacement. Last week, the IOA ordered 10 families living in the area of Khirbat Ibizig to vacate their homes for varying periods, under the pretext of conducting military exercises in the area. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Khirbit Homsa village, in the West Bank's Northern Plains, and detained Ahmad Yousef Abu Awwad, 26, after assaulting him, causing various cuts and bruises. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kherbit Humsa in the northern Jordan Valley and detained Ahmad Yousif Abu Awwad, 26, after assaulting him. (WAFSA 5 March 2018)
- Israeli bulldozers razed farmlands and installed tents in al-Farisiya village, east of Tubas, in the northern Jordan Valley. The bulldozers razed parts of a farmland planted with chickpea belonging to a local farmer identified as Ahmad Daraghmeh. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) also razed another plot of farmland belonging to Suleiman Abu Muhsen in the same area, where they installed several military tents and deployed armored vehicles. (WAFSA 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) displaced, two Palestinian Bedouin families from their homes in Khirbat Ibzeeq village, northeast of Tubas, in northeastern West Bank, as the army is preparing to conduct live fire

military drills in their area. The families will not be allowed back to their Dwellings from March 7th to March 21st. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a residential tent belonging to al-Bsharat family in the northern Jordan Valley, and slashed it with knives before detaining the daughter. A military force raided and wreaked havoc into the tent, and slashed it with their knives before detaining 21-year-old Manal Abdel-Rahman Bsharat. She was led to an unknown destination. (WAFSA 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian, identified as Sa'id Mohammad Suleiman, in Tubas, in northeastern West Bank. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Tubas, in northeastern West Bank, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Osama Sati Sawafta, in addition to Aseed Kamal Sawafta. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)

Ramallah

- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded al-Am'ari refugee camp, south of al-Biereh city, in the central West Bank governorate of Ramallah and al-Biereh. The soldiers shot a young man with live rounds in his chest and shoulder, causing moderate wounds. Many Palestinians suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. The injuries took place after many army jeeps invaded the refugee camp, and attacked dozens of local youngsters, who protested the invasion, and hurled stones at them. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian identified as Fakhri Khalifeh from the town of Kafr Nimeh. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- Israeli authorities issued 46 administrative detention orders against Palestinian detainees, including a female journalist, Bushra Taweel, who received a four-month administrative detention order. Taweel, a resident of the central occupied West Bank city of al-Bireh, is a former prisoner. She was re-detained in November 2017 and sentenced to six months of administrative detention, before having her detention renewed this week. (Maannews 2 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Rima town, northwest of the city of Ramallah, searched homes and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Nidal Thalji Rimawi, 29. The IOA also fired gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at local protesters, and closed roads leading to nearby villages for several hours. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- Undercover Israeli forces (UIF), dressed as Palestinian civilians, raided the campus of Birzeit University, near Ramallah and detained a Palestinian student council head for suspected involvement in terror activity. The student have been identified as Omar al-Kiswani. The UIF, carrying firearms in their backpacks, entered the campus during working hours and attacked the student in front of the Student Council Building, located at the center of the campus. The UIF forced and pinned the student to the ground while firing their weapons, endangering lives. The UIF detained the university's guards in the guards' room and proceeded to use their firearms against the students while providing cover for the kidnapping operation. Palestinian Students clashed with Israeli soldiers maintaining a perimeter at the entrance to the university. (Wafa 7 March 2018)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of Palestinian and international peace activists, holding the weekly nonviolent procession against the Annexation Wall and settlements in Ni'lin village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The army resorted to the excessive use of force against the nonviolent protesters and fired dozens of gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. The soldiers also chased many protesters, but were unable to abduct any of them, while one child fell and suffered a head injury, in addition to cuts and bruises, after his head slammed against a rock. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- In Ramallah governorate, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation in the al-Mazra'a al-Gharbiyya village, northwest of the city. The Palestinians marched towards lands (4000 Dunams) the army intends to illegally

confiscate to pave a new road linking the illegal settlements of Telmon, Halamish and Ateret, with each other. The soldiers also targeted many journalists and medics with gas bombs, causing some to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)

- Many Palestinians also suffered the effects of teargas inhalation at the northern entrance of the nearby city of al-Biereh, after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked them with a barrage of gas bombs, and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- Nonviolent protests were also held in Bil'in and Ni'lin villages, west of Ramallah, in addition to Deir Nitham and Nabi Saleh, north of the city. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) shut down the northern entrance to al-Bireh city in the central West Bank. Soldiers shut down the DCO checkpoint on the northern entrance to the city, banning entry and exit of vehicles through the checkpoint. The Israeli military did not give a reason for the unexpected closure of the checkpoint. (Wafa 10 March 2018)
- A young man was shot after the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) resorted to the excessive use against the Palestinian protesters north of al-Biereh city, in central West Bank and tried to remove them from the area. The IOA then injured the wounded young man's friend, while was trying to help him. Four volunteer medics rushed to the wounded Palestinians' aid, but the IOA assaulted them by first firing live rounds above their heads, then used pepper-spray against them, in addition to physically attacking them. The four medics have been identified as Nisreen Amira, Ayman Qirret, Atiya Dweik and Mohammad Omar. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured, seventeen Palestinians, including eight who were shot with live rounds, after the army attacked dozens of students of Birzeit University, protesting the Israeli abduction and imprisonment of the head of the Students' Senate, who was taken prisoner last Wednesday, when the IOA invaded the university campus. The students, and many other Palestinians, marched towards the northern entrance of al-Biereh city, near the

military roadblock which leads to an army base and the military court. Dozens of IOA assaulted the students with their guns and batons, especially on their heads, wounding two, and attempted to detain them. The IOA also physically attacked many medics, and sprayed them with pepper-spray, wounding one of them. The IOA also fired dozens of live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades, wounding seventeen Palestinians, including eight with live fire, and chased dozens to abduct them. One of the wounded Palestinians suffered life-threatening injuries. Furthermore, the IOA attacked many reporters with their guns and batons, used pepper-spray against them, and removed many journalists from the area. (MEMC 12 March 2018)

- Undercover Israeli occupation Army (IOA) tried to ambush many Palestinians in the al-Baloo' area, in al-Bireh. (MEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked many schoolchildren in Burin village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and fired gas bombs at them. (MEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Ofer Military Court sentenced Palestinian activist [Munther Amira](#) to six months of prison. Amira, the head of the Popular Struggle Coordination Committee (PSCC) in the occupied West Bank, was arrested during peaceful protests in late December. The court sentenced Amira to six months of jail in addition to a suspended sentence of five years and a fine. The suspended sentence includes 3 suspended years if Amira is detained during any activity after his release and five years if he is detained during a protest. (Maannews 14 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished two structures in Jabal Tal al-'Asur area near the town of Silwad, east of Ramallah. The IOA demolished a newly-built room in the land of Salim Yousef Hammad, and demolished another 20-meter- sheep barracks in the land of Khairullah Khazna Hamed without pre-warning. The IOA severely damaged the structures that were completely demolished, especially the sheep barracks which was demolished without giving owners the opportunity to evacuate the sheep, leading to the death of a number of sheep. (Wafa 14 March 2018)

- Israeli authorities issued notices informing Palestinian residents of the town of al-Khader, to the south of the city of Bethlehem, of their intentions to uproot trees in order to pave a settler-only road in the area. The IOA handed the town residents notices to uproot olive trees and grape vines in the area of Khamlet Thaher al-'Ein for the benefit of opening a road designated for the sole use of settlers residing in illegal West Bank settlements. (Wafa 14 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked homes in Nabi Saleh village, northwest of Ramallah, and detained three young men, identified as Waleed Morad Tamimi, Amjad Abdul-Hafith Tamimi and Lu'ay Abdul-Razeq Tamimi. Amjad Tamimi was taken prisoner after receiving many phone threats by the IOA and was held captive several times over the last few months, in an illegal measure meant at forcing his brother Ezzeddin to turn himself in to the army. The military has been frequently invading the town and the family's home, over the few months, looking for Ezzeddin. During the invasion, the IOA fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs, at Palestinian protesters, and many homes, causing several residents to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to resulting in property damage. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured sixteen Palestinians near the northern entrance of the al-Bireh city, in the Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, in central West Bank. The IOA attacked many Palestinian protesters, and fired dozens of live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades at them. The IOA shot three Palestinians, including a medic, with live fire, five others, including a journalist, with rubber-coated steel bullets, and caused eight to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation in addition to cuts and bruises. The wounded journalist has been identified as Najeeb ar-Razem. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian protesters in the al-Mughayer village, east of Ramallah, and fired many rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs at them. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) caused seven Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation in al-Mazra'a al-Gharbiyya village,

north of Ramallah, after the army resorted to the excessive use of force against nonviolent protesters, marching on Palestinian lands, Israel is trying to illegally confiscate for its colonialist activities. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)

- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohammad Ata Abu Alia, Jihad Abu Alia, Qussai Abu Ali, from the al-Mughayyir town, and Ziad Shehda Dar Khalil, from the al-Jalazoun refugee camp. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Silwad town, east of the city, and detained Mahmoud 'Aahed 'Awwad, and Mahmoud Ahmad ad-Dor. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Ra'fat and Qussai Jamal, from their homes in Doura al-Qare' village, northeast of Ramallah. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers, attacked Palestinian farmers in the town of Turmus Ayya, northeast of Ramallah, and forced them off of their land. Israeli settlers from the Israeli settlement outpost of Adi Ad, attacked about 10 Palestinian farmers while they were tending to their lands, throwing rocks at them as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) present in the area watched without intervening. When the farmers attempted to ward off the settlers, the soldiers intervened to protect the settlers and forced the farmers to leave their lands, despite their possession of Israeli-army issued permits to access and work in their lands. (IMEMC 19 March 2018).
- Since 5 March 2018, more than two weeks ago, large Israeli occupation Army (IOA) – including infantry, tanks and armored vehicles – have been conducting military training on an almost daily basis near Palestinian communities in several areas in the northern Jordan Valley, mostly near Khirbet al- al-Malih and the village of al-Farisiyah. The troops have been training in the use of live ammunition on pastureland and other farmland indispensable to the livelihood of the local residents. In a number of cases, tanks even drove through the residential area, maneuvering among residents' homes. This morning, a military force made up of three tanks, a jeep and an armored vehicle

drove mere meters away from farmers tilling their land, passing at a distance of some 150 meters from the homes of the community of Khirbet Um al-Jamal. (BTSELEM 19 March 2018)

- Israeli military training near the Jordan Valley village of al-Aqaba, east of Tubas, destroyed agricultural crops belonging to Palestinians in the area. The Israeli army deployed a number of heavy military vehicles near the village for military training purposes. The tanks and army vehicles drove all over the crops the residents spend months planting and caring for totally destroying them. (WAFSA 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Budrus town, in the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, and detained Aws Abdul-Nasr Marar, 17, Mohammad Nabil Awad, 22, and Hatem Rashid. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded al-Mughayer Palestinian village, east of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, before storming into a school, and a kindergarten, and injured eight, in addition to detaining three young men. The IOA invaded the local school for girls, and used it as a military post, in addition to the al-Mughayer kindergarten. The IOA also invaded and searched many homes in the village, and the local mosque. Several youngsters protested the invasion, while the IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets, wounding eight Palestinians. The IOA Also fired many gas bombs, causing dozens of Palestinians, including children in the kindergarten, to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. Undercover soldiers also infiltrated into the al-Mughayer School for Boys, assaulted ten students with clubs and batons, and abducted three. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)
- As Palestinian children were heading to school in the morning, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) entered the central occupied West Bank village of al-Mughayyir, in the Ramallah Governorate, injuring eight people with rubber-coated steel bullets while dozens of others, some kindergarten children, were suffered from tear gas inhalation. The IOA raided the village as students were heading to their schools, and local residents were heading to work. Soldiers deployed at the village's schools, kindergarten, local mosque, and several homes. The soldiers' presence prompted confrontations with local youth, while the IOA fire rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas, causing many school children

to be exposed to the gas on their way to school. Eight locals were injured by rubber bullets. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)

- A military court sentenced, Ahed Tamimi, 17, and her mother, Nariman, 42, to eight months in prison plus \$1500 fine for each, following a plea bargain between the Tamimis' lawyer and the military prosecution. Ahed Tamimi was arrested in January when she was only 16 years old, and charged with slapping an Israeli soldier who invaded her family home in Nabi Saleh village, near Ramallah. The mother, Nariman, was arrested on the same day for filming the incident and placing the video on the internet and therefore charged with incitement. The Ofer military court had earlier agreed in another plea bargain to consider the 16 days Ahed Tamimi's cousin, Nour, 20, had spent in prison after she was arrested, a day after Ahed, for also appearing in the same video fending off the soldiers from their house, as her sentence and fined her \$600 plus five months suspended sentence. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the iron gate installed at the entrance to a road that leads to the villages of Bani Zeid, Nabi Saleh, Beit Rima, Kafr Ein, and Qarawat Bani Zeid, to the north of the West Bank Governorate of Ramallah. A traffic jam was witnessed as the IOA closed the iron gate from both directions. Palestinian locals were forced to take longer alternative detours to exit and enter the area, disrupting their access to services and livelihoods. (Wafa 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot nine young men with live fire and rubber-coated steel bullets, after the army invaded the al-Mazra'a al-Gharbiyya village, northwest of Ramallah, and attacked Palestinian protesters. Five young men were shot with live fire, and four with rubber-coated steel bullets, while many more suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The Palestinians were holding the weekly nonviolent procession against the Israeli Separation Wall, especially against a recent decision illegally confiscating more of their lands. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Qassam Hussein al-Faraj, Yahia 'Olwi, Ahmad Abu Yousef and Ahmad Rayyan. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man from his home in Nabi Saleh, northwest of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, identified as Odai Abdul-Razeq Tamimi, just moments after returning home, and took him to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Thaer Shreiteh, head of information department in the Detainees Commission, one of Palestinian Authority's institutions. The IOA detained Shreiteh at dawn after raiding his home in al-Mazraa al-Gharbiyeh, near Ramallah, ransacking it and terrifying his family. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- More than 40 Israeli soldiers stormed the village of Deir Nizam, northwest of Ramallah, and detained Nawar Bassam Mezher al-Tamimi, 16, and Mustafa Saleh al-Tamimi, 16. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance of Deir Nizam village, northwest of Ramallah, with cement blocks. The IOA heavily stationed at the outskirts of the village, where they fired tear gas and sound bombs at students in the village as they were heading to their schools and blocked their access to the school. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- In Ramallah, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured dozens of nonviolent Palestinian protesters, at the northern entrance of al-Biereh city. The soldiers also attacked dozens of nonviolent protesters on Budrus, west of Ramallah, wounding many Palestinians. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- In Ramallah, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot three Palestinians with live fire, and caused dozens to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, after the army resorted to the excessive use of force against nonviolent protesters in Nabi Saleh village, north of the city. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- Two Palestinians were shot with live fire, after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters on their lands, near the illegal Halamish Israeli settlement, which was built on lands owned by villagers of Deir Nitham, west of Ramallah. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)

- In Nabi Saleh village, northwest of Ramallah, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked dozens of protesters, and fired dozens of gas bombs at them. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- A group of settlers from the illegal settlements of Adi-Ad and Shilo, nearby, and who were escorted by Israeli occupation army, stormed into an area near the village of Turmusayya in Ramallah and assaulted farmers who were working on their own land. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters in Jericho, and closed its southern entrance. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Ein al-Sultan refugee camp, in Jericho, northeast of the Dead Sea in the occupied West Bank, and detained three young men. The three Palestinians have been identified as Karam Nasser Ayed, Mo'in 'Eleika and 'Ameed Aktafi. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in Jericho, before detaining four Palestinians. The four Palestinians have been identified as Karam Nasser 'Ayed, 'Ameed Rajeh Kteifi, Mo'in Tareq Eqeila and Hamza Jamal Hdeib. (IMEMC 11 March 2018)
- In Jericho, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Aqbat Jabr refugee camp, and detained Fakhr Awad, and took him to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- After holding his corpse for 36 days, the Israeli military returned the body of Yassin Saradeeh who was killed in Jericho by a group of Israeli soldiers who shot the unarmed man at point blank range and beat him repeatedly until he died. Yassin Omar Saradeeh, 33, was killed on February 22nd 2018 by Israeli soldiers who shot him, then beat him repeatedly while he was lying on the ground. (IMEMC 29 March 2018)

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in the az-Zawiya town, west of Salfit, causing property damage. The IOA detained Amjad Hamdallah Abdul-Haq, after searching his home, and the homes of his brothers, Ahmad and Amjad. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Marda village, west of Salfit, and detained Adel Hasan Shehada, from his home, after searching it. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- In Salfit, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinians with live fire, and injured several others with gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many homes in Biddya town, west of Salfit city, in central West Bank. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- In Jenin, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Burqin town, searched homes and abducted Emad Shalameesh. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Sheikh Bassam Sa'adi <http://imemc.org/article/israeli-soldiers-abduct-senior-islamic-jihad-political-leader-in-jenin/>, a senior political leader of the Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine, after surrounding homes belonging to his relatives, in the al-Jabriyyat neighborhood, in Jenin refugee camp, in the northern West Bank city of Jenin. Two of his children, Abdul-Karim and Ibrahim, and his mother, were killed in previous invasions into the area. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)

Tulkarem

- In the northwestern West Bank Governorate of Tulkarem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian identified as former prisoner Sameh Bilal Ajaj from the Saida town. (Maannews 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Balawneh neighborhood in Tulkarem camp and arrested Hazem Srouji and Muyaad Balawneh after raiding their homes. (Wafa 8 March 2018)

- In Tulkarem, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded homes in Anabta town, east of the city, and detained Hisham Husam Fuqaha and Dia Ala Fuqaha. (MEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Transportation Ministry plans to build its first light rail in the West Bank, linking the central Israeli cities of Petah Tikva and Rosh Ha'ayin with the Ariel settlement. "This is good news for the continued development of the city of Ariel. It has over 20,000 residents, an industrial park and a university with 15,000 students," said the city's mayor, Eli Shaviro. And there are thousands of people in communities around Ariel that consider it their central city, he said. Ariel is considered a settlement bloc – but its location deep in Samaria, some 16 kilometers over the Green Line, has given it a tenuous status on the international stage. Under prime ministers Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert, the city received very few construction authorizations. Since 2011, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has significantly increased those permits, with more construction approvals occurring there than in some of the other three larger cities of Modi'in Illit, Beitar Illit and Ma'aleh Adumim. Shaviro said that a train would help cement Ariel's place as the capital of Samaria. Transportation Minister Israel Katz has long envisioned a train in Judea and Samaria. On Thursday he gave his approval to the overall idea of the project. But planning is still in its infancy, with three alternatives on the table for the route of between 29 and 35 kilometers. One of them also includes stops in the Barkan Industrial Park and the Elkana settlements as well as in the Israeli-Arab town of Kafr Kassem. No budget has been set for the project. The move is part of a series of steps by right-wing politicians to normalize life for the 400,000 Israeli residents of Judea and Samaria, by erasing the Green Line and improving the link between the settlements and the rest of the country. "I want to thank Minister Israel Katz and his team for working together to establish and promote the city as the capital of Samaria," Shaviro said. ([YNETNEWS](#) 15 March 2018)
- Transportation Minister Israel Katz announced that he had instructed authorities to advance plans for a new light rail train that will roll through the northern West Bank upon its completion in 2025. The plan is to connect the the city-settlement of Ariel to central towns within the Green Line. The project, which is still in its early planning stages, is expected to cost at least NIS 4 billion (\$1.16 billion), according to Transportation ministry officials. Katz instructed the National

Transport Infrastructure Company Netivei Israel to test three different options for the new line. All of them will run from Ariel, stopping at the settlement's university and continuing along Route 5 through the Barkan industrial zone up to the Green Line. Once having crossed into Israel proper, one option would see the train roll to a final stop in northern Rosh Ha'ayin, a second would continue through central Rosh Ha'ayin and reach the town of Kiryat Aryeh, and a third possibility would run through southern Rosh Ha'aayin and end in Petah Tikvah. A spokesman for the transportation ministry told The Times of Israel that the intention is for the train to reach the Tapuah Junction east of Ariel. The flashpoint crossing has been the site of numerous stabbing and car-ramming attacks over the past decade. Katz, who has served as transportation minister since 2009, announced six years ago plans to begin the construction of a similar line that would have also run through the settlements of Etz Efraim, Elkana, and Oranit. However, the planners he had reached out to for assistance for the plan in Israel's NTA Metropolitan Mass Transit System said the project was unfeasible. Now, the transportation minister and top Likud lawmaker is hoping to have better luck with Netivei Israel. Other major transportation projects, like the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem high-speed train, have faced setbacks when international companies have refused to work on parts of the route that run through the West Bank. Praising the plan, Ariel Mayor Eli Shaviro said it sends "an important message regarding the importance of the continued development of the city." Samaria Regional Council chairman Yossi Dagan said the new train would effectively serve the settlements under his jurisdiction, "making Samaria not only geographically but also practically the center of the country." ([TOI](#) 15 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bal'a town, east of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, searched homes and abducted two siblings, identified as Laith Sa'id Shahrour, and his brother Moammar. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in 'Allar town, north of Tulkarem, and detained As'ad 'Ameed

Ja'ar, Ibrahim Tawfiq Jeebat, Shadi Bassem Ja'arna and Mo'men Zakariya Eneini. (IMEMC 28 March 2018)

Nablus

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Balata refugee camp, east of the city of Nablus, and detained Mohammad Ghassan Hashash. The IOA also invaded homes in Balata town, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Salah 'Isawi. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- In the northern West Bank city of Nablus, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the Balata refugee camp and detained two Palestinians. They were identified as Muhammad Hashash and Salah Issawi. (Maannews 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired a gas bomb at a Palestinian father and mother, carrying their infant child, during a military invasion into Burin village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The IOA fired gas bombs, and hurled concussion grenades at local youngsters, who gathered in the area, after noticing a group of illegal Israeli settlers gathered there, apparently to carry out an attack. The IOA invaded the village, and fired a barrage of gas bombs, including at least of them fired into a home, where an extended family lives, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 4 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched several homes in the Old City of Nablus, in northern West Bank, and detained Nasser Halawa and Adham Khashana. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the area surrounding Al Lubban Ash Sharqiyah school south of Nablus city and detained a student, identified as Zuhair Nabeel Daraghme, 18, while leaving the school. (WAFA 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Nablus old city and detained Naser Halaweh and Adham Khashaneh after raiding their family homes and searching them. (WAFA 5 March 2018)

- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes, in the eastern part of the city, fired several concussion grenades, and detained a young man, identified as Amir Sarkaji, from the Sikka Street. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- A number of settlers from the illegal settlement of Yitzhar indiscriminately opened fire on the road construction crew, injuring a crew member with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the leg to the north of Einabus village, south of Nablus. The settlers also physically assaulted other crew members, inflicting bruises to their bodies, and destroyed an excavator. (Wafa 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented many Palestinian schoolchildren from reaching their educational facilities, near Nablus, in northern West Bank. The students, from the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of Nablus, were stopped by the soldiers at the main Nablus-Ramallah Road, and were ordered to return to their homes. The student had to take alternate, longer and unpaved roads, adding three kilometers to their way to school. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- A Palestinian was injured in the leg in Burin village south of Nablus city during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the village. Clashes erupted after a group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement raided Burin village and attacked a Palestinian herder in the eastern part of the village. The injured Palestinian has been identified as Mahmoud Imran, 17. (Wafa 7 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Nablus city, and the Old City, and violently searched many homes and neighborhoods. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded an apartment building in Rafidia neighborhood in Nablus, and forced the families out in the cold, before searching their homes, in addition to invading and searching homes in the Northern Mountain area. (IMEMC 7 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al Ma'ajeen, Rafidyia and KHALLET AL 'AMoud neighborhoods in Nablus city, searched a number

of homes and detained Jihad and Muhammad Afif Al Akka from Rafidiya and Mahdi Al Akka from Khallet Al 'Amoud. (Wafa 8 March 2018)

- Israeli Jewish settlers attacked Palestinian farmers as they were ploughing their land in the village of al-Sawiyeh, south of Nablus. Settlers from the illegal settlement of Rahalim, built on al-Sawiyeh land, attacked the farmers and prevented them from ploughing their land. The settlers also destroyed 40 fully grown olive trees owned by the Salman family. (IMEMC, Wafa 8 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) issued a military order to confiscate a land near Burin secondary school south of Nablus, under security pretexts. The targeted land was razed two months ago to erect a fence between the school and the targeted land. (ARN 8 March 2018)
- The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council spent millions of shekels to build infrastructure in wildcat outposts in the West Bank from 2013 to 2015. Documents from the regional council are part of the correspondence with contractors building the infrastructure, roads and buildings at the outposts. Among the outposts that received the funding, hundreds of thousands of shekels for each project, are Esh Kodesh, Givat Harel, Kerem Re'im and even Amona, which was later evacuated by court order because it was built on privately owned Palestinian land. The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council confirmed it had provided funding for these communities. Council head Avi Roeh told Haaretz that the council is obligated to pay for anything related to educational institutions, including preschools, playgrounds for children and safety. "We did it. We also notified the Education Ministry," said Roeh. The government has said in principle that "every community located on state land, and this is true for these places such as Kida, Adi Ad, Esh Kodesh, etc., we intend on legalizing them. It is taking its time and in the meantime there are children and families there," said Roeh. The State Comptroller's Office asked the regional council about the matter recently and the council provided the same response, he added. The data was received as part of a Freedom of Information request filed with the regional council by Peace Now. According to the data, over the three-year period, 6.46 million shekels (\$1.9 million) were spent by the regional council on the projects for the unauthorized outposts under the council's responsibility. Most of the outposts are located on state land, though they usually do not have building permits or other government approval. Some of the money was spent on illegal construction in relatively large settlements such as

Eli, but out of the 24 projects, about 10 were located in isolated outposts that are completely unapproved. For example, 264,000 shekels was spent temporary structures at Esh Kodesh, 142,000 shekels on a youth club at Givat Harel, 217,000 shekels on an access road to Kerem Re'im, 499,000 shekels on an access road to Givat Harel, 149,000 shekels on paving an intersection for Yishuv Hada'at and 165,000 shekels for paving a road to Amona. In addition, 303,000 shekels went for a preschool at Esh Kodesh, 217,000 shekels for a preschool at Ahiya, 141,000 shekels for a project that is not clear what it was for at Adei Ad and 140,000 for "infrastructure development" at Givat Harel. The funds involved from the regional council do not only come from the taxpayers living within the territory of the council. Regional councils, including those in the West Bank, receive hundreds of millions of shekels in funding directly from the government. For example, the Mateh Binyamin council received a 50 million shekel grant from the Interior Ministry, as part of the most recent annual allocation of government funding to municipalities. Councils in the West Bank receive other government funding too, for example for security. In late December, 40 million shekels of such grants was distributed to West Bank councils. "The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council is supposed to be the one to enforce the law and act according to it," said Shabtay Bendet, the head of Peace Now's Settlement Watch project. "Not only does it not enforce [the law], it funds and promotes illegal projects with our public funds. No police investigation has been opened on the matter. We call on the legal authorities to open an investigation," he added. ([Haaretz](#) 8 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into many shops in Beit Furik village, west of the northern West Bank city of Nablus and violently searched them, before confiscating surveillance recordings and equipment. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- At least two Palestinian protesters were injured by gunfire during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army in the village of Lubban el-Sharqia, to the south of Nablus in the West Bank. The IOA used gunfire to disperse some of the protesters in the village, injuring two of them with live shots in the lower limbs of their bodies.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired teargas to disperse Palestinian villagers who were protesting against a provocative tour by Israeli settlers to the village of Einabus, nearby. Several cases of suffocation from teargas inhalation were reported. The settlers were reportedly

attacking local villagers' homes when the villagers confronted them by pelting them with stones. (WAFA 10 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters in the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, after many settlers tried to occupy Palestinian lands in Jabal al-Ras area, near Maali Lavonna settlement. The villagers managed to remove the settlers, and burnt the tents, which were earlier installed under heavy Israeli military protection. The soldiers fired several gas bombs, wounding many Palestinians. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian homes in Einabous village, south of Nablus. Israeli soldiers then invaded the village, and fired many gas bombs at the Palestinians, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Sanad Sameeh Dmeidi, from Huwwara town, and Zakariya Abu Assab from Balata refugee camp, near the northern West Bank city of Nablus, after stopping them at Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Najeh Abdul-Rahman Awad, Sari Ibrahim Hamad and Omar Abdul-Fattah Saleh, after stopping them at a military roadblock near 'Asira al-Qibliyya town, southwest of Nablus. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian youth after shooting and injuring him during clashes that broke out in the village of Madama, south of the West Bank Governorate of Nablus. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fire on a local youth who was identified as Osama Qit, injuring him before detaining him. The youth's health condition remains unknown until the moment. The clashes broke out as the village residents fended off an attempted attack on the village by Israeli settlers. (WAFA 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) manning Zaatara checkpoint, known to Israelis as Tapuah, south of Nablus, detained two Palestinians from Huwwara town and Balata refugee camp. (WAFA 10 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinians after being stopped at a military checkpoint near 'Asira al-Qibliya town, south of Nablus. (WAFA 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) conducted a raid into Beit Furik village, west of Nablus, and seized surveillance cameras. (WAFA 10 March 2018)
- A group of illegal Israeli settlers attacked many Palestinian farmers, and cut olive trees, in the as-Sawiya village, south of Nablus. The assailants prevented the Palestinians from plowing their lands, and destroyed approximately 40 olive trees, owned by members of Salman family. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) illegally confiscated, privately-owned Palestinian lands in Burin town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The IOA posted a military order with maps, informing the Palestinians that the lands will be confiscated for “military purposes.” The lands are close to Burin Secondary School and added that the illegal confiscation also threatens more Palestinian lands in the area. It is worth mentioning that the army decided to confiscate the lands two months ago, when it started bulldozing a section to install a fence separating the school, along with nearby lands, from the main Qalqilia-Nablus road. (IMEMC 9 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) killed, a young Palestinian man in the eastern area of 'Orif village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The Palestinian, identified as Ameer Omar Shehada, 22, suffered a gunshot injury in his chest, but died from his serious wounds. The fatal shooting took place after a group of Israeli settlers invaded the village, before the locals intercepted them, and clashed with them. Shortly afterwards, dozens of IOA invaded the town to secure the withdrawal of the Israeli settlers, and started firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades at the Palestinians, while many of them hurled stones at the soldiers. One child, 14 years of age, was shot with a live round in his thigh, while many Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)

- Settlers were filmed on Friday hurling rocks at [Palestinians](#) near Nablus in the West Bank. In the video, soldiers are seen standing idly by, doing nothing to prevent the attack. The video shows the settlers, some of them masked, hurling rocks at Palestinians on hills near the village of Einabus. The footage shows a soldier standing near the group of settlers. At some point, soldiers can be seen trying to remove the settlers from the scene, but none were detained. Videos show settlers throwing rocks at Palestinians as soldiers stand idly by – ללן Videos show settlers throwing rocks at Palestinians as soldiers stand idly by. This is the latest such incident to take place in the area, near Yitzhar, outpost of Givat Ronen and Palestinian villages of Einabus and Burin. After similar incidents occurred in recent weeks, the military said it doesn't have the authority to arrest Israelis and added that police were called to deal with the settlers hurling rocks. However, no arrests have been made in any of the incidents. In one incident that took place near Einabus last week, Israeli soldiers were filmed standing nearby trying to keep away some of the masked Israelis who were seen throwing rocks at a vehicle with a Palestinian driver inside that was paving a road in the area. From outside the frame of the video, filmed by Rabbis for Human Rights, the soldiers used crowd control measures, apparently on the Palestinians who the army said "clashed" with the settlers. (Haaretz 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian truck and a bulldozer while preparing to conduct work aimed at paving a new agricultural road leading to Palestinian lands in Qabalan town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The IOA invaded the area, and confiscated the truck and the bulldozer, in the as-Sroub area, east of Qabalan. The Palestinians were trying to prepare for a new agricultural road, on their lands, to reach them with tractors and agricultural equipment. This is happening while Israeli settlers continue to illegally occupy Palestinian lands in the area, and are provided with infrastructure. (MEMC 11 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Nassr Jamal Mabrouka, 24, after stopping him at Huwwara military roadblock, south of the

city. The IOA cuffed and blindfolded the Palestinian and took him to Huwwara military base. (MEMC 12 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked students of the Burin Secondary school, to the south of the city of Nablus, the occupied West Bank. Clashes broke out between students and the IOA during the students' morning break time. (Wafa 12 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers living in the settlement of Yitzhar, invaded a Palestinian olive orchard in Madama village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and destroyed 15 olive trees, owned by Mohammad Fayez. (MEMC 12 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers of Yitzhar settlement attacked a number of Palestinian farmers while they were tending to their agricultural land in the town of Huwwara, south of Nablus. Settlers also attempted to destroy farmers' agricultural trucks. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Askar al-Jadid refugee camp, east of Nablus, and arrested two children, Adel Qar'awi and Muntaser Araishi. During the incursion, clashes broke out between Palestinians and the IOA when the latter fired rubber-coated metal bullets and live bullets at Palestinians, wounding the 20-year-old Mohammed Jum'a Jumaa with live bullets in the left thigh. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers of Eli settlement uprooted 20 Olive trees in Qaryut village south of Nablus owned by Ahmad Jaber Abdullah. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- Israeli settlers of Yitzhar settlement attacked a Palestinian farmer identified as Mohammed Hassan Najjar while he was planting his land in the village of Burin, south of Nablus, causing bruises in most of his body parts after being hit by stones. Settler also broke the front of his agricultural tractor. (Wafa 13 March 2018)
- Israeli Settlers from Elon Moreh settlement, invaded nearby Palestinian orchards in Deir al-Hatab village, east of Nablus, and cut many olive trees.
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) invaded Rujeib village, in addition to Jerusalem Street in Nablus city, before storming and ransacking homes. One of the invaded homes in Rujeib town is owned by a journalist identified as 'Ameed Dweikat, in addition to the home of

journalist Nasser Eshteyya in Salem town, where the soldiers also invaded and ransacked several other homes. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) detained a student of Najah National University in Nablus, identified as Mohammad Bader Hamadna, from his home in Asira ash-Shamaliya town, north of Nablus. (IMEMC 14 March 2018)
- Several Israeli Military army jeeps invaded Awarta village, south of Nablus, twice during late night hours, and a third invasion at dawn, before storming homes and violently searching them. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- In Nablus in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and violently searched several homes, in many neighborhoods throughout the city, and detained five Palestinians, including two former political prisoners. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Baha' Hasan Taqtouq, from Dahia area, two former political prisoners, identified as Mohammad Waleed Abu Mashal from the Old City, and Ahmad Abdul-Fattah Naqeeb, in addition to Mohammad Najeh Samara and Shaker at-Tarteer, from the housing projects' area. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Anas al-Bahsh, Amir al-Bahsh, Yanal al-'Aassi and Farouq Sayyed, from Nablus, in northern West Bank, after stopping them at Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- In the Nablus Governorate of the northern West Bank, lively demonstrations were held in the villages of al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya, Beita, and Kufr Qalil. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- In al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya, In the Nablus Governorate of the northern West Bank, 50 protesters suffered tear gas inhalation and sustained injuries by rubber bullets. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the village, invading homes and stores, and confiscated two cars. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)

- Ten Palestinians were injured in Beita village during clashes with the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- A detainee from Nablus, in northern West Bank, is ongoing with a hunger strike, for the fourth day, protesting being held under arbitrary Administrative Detention orders, without charges. Mos'ab al-Hindi, from the northern West Bank city of Nablus, is held at the Negev detention camp. al-Hindi was taken prisoner a year ago, and received several Administrative Detention orders, holding him captive without charges or trial. al-Hindi is a former political prisoner, who was also imprisoned by Israel for nine years prior to his latest abduction a year ago. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
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- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded a residential building in the Northern Mountain area, and searched many apartments before detaining six Palestinians, identified as 'Abdul-Hakim 'Aassi, Odai Khalfa, Mo'men Khalfa, Ma'an Khalfa, Mahmoud Khalfa and Firas Sayeh. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army and Police mapped the house of the Abd al-Rahman Bani Fadel, from the village of Aqraba, near Nablus in the north of the occupied West Bank, for the purpose of demolishing it. (Wafa 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) continued, for the second day, live fire military training in Khirbat at-Tawil Palestinian village, south of

Nablus, in northern West Bank. The training started on Monday evening, after the IOA invaded Palestinian lands, installed military tents, before and initiating live fire training maneuvers. The IOA did not inform the Palestinians about the drills, or even the period they would take. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired several gas bombs at schoolchildren, heading to their schools, in the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The children were walking to their schools by the main Nablus-Ramallah road, before the soldiers started firing gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, and attempted to prevent them from reaching their educational facilities. Many students suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA also installed a military roadblock at the entrance of the village, and interrogated many Palestinians, especially schoolchildren. Furthermore, the IOA detained a young man from the village, and assaulted him before attempting to detained him, but the locals managed to take him away. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Balata refugee camp, before the soldiers invaded and searched homes, and detained a young man, identified as Ahmad Adel Marshoud. The IOA detained Sa'id Mohammad Suleiman, 44, after stopping him at Za'tara military roadblocks, south of Nablus, and took him to an unknown destination. The Palestinian, from Tubas city, in northeastern West Bank, was cuffed and blindfolded, before the soldiers took him to a nearby military base. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Adel Marshoud, from Balata refugee camp. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Sebastia town, northwest of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and attacked Palestinian protesters with live fire, gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many trees and plants to catch fire. An Israeli military force stormed the town amid the heavy firing of live ammunition and tear gas canisters toward the village locals and their homes, causing a nearby

land planted with trees and crops to catch fire. No injuries or arrests were reported. The IOA invaded the area to remove a Palestinian flag which was raised in the archaeological area and withdrew after taking it down. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)

- A Palestinian student, identified as Ahmad Firas Mansour, was wounded by rubber-coated bullet and others suffered tear-gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the vicinity of Burin High School, south of Nablus. (Wafa 25 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped a Palestinian car at the northern entrance of Madama village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and detained four young men, who were in the vehicle. Three of the fourth were released shortly after, while the fourth, identified as Zia Faris Qadus, remained in detention. (Maannews, IMEMC 25 March 2018)
- Fourteen months after the evacuation of Amona, the outpost's 25 families are expected to move to the new Amichai settlement that was established for them in its wake. In a ceremony to be held today, and after nearly 25 years in which no Israeli communities were officially sanctioned in the West Bank, residents will inaugurate their new home. Apart from the Amona families—who will be joined in the ceremony by the head of the Binyamin Regional Council—15 other families will join the evacuees after the festival of Passover—with the community set to include 1,100 families in the future. In the past few weeks, in conjunction with the Binyamin Regional Council, infrastructure work on Amichai has been in full swing with connections created to power, sewage and water systems, at an estimated cost of tens of millions of shekels. Works have continued in earnest despite the fact that they were initially plagued by delays that included work shutting down altogether. Residential containers were recently placed on the community's grounds. ([TOI](#), YNETNEWS 26 March 20148)
- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Mo'taz al-Affouri and Hamza Ma'moun Ja'ara. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)

- Israel is working to take over Sebastia archeological site to the northwest of Nablus in the northern West Bank as an Israeli contractor is carrying out renovations in the archaeological site in the village and has placed a fence around a number of archaeological sites in the village. Israeli authorities are also trying to take control of the archaeological area through increasing visits to the site by Israeli settlers while moving any sign that show it as a Palestinian area, including removing the Palestinian flag that has been flown there for decades. Palestinian villagers fears that settlers are preparing to hold religious rituals at the site for the Jewish Passover holiday, which means it will be closed to Palestinians. (Wafa 27 March 2018)
- In Nablus, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the Sawiya village, south of the city, and detained Ateyyani Yousef Ateyyani and Sami Yasser Shahin, both in their twenties. (MEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Abada Mohammad Jouda, 23, from Qabalan town. in Nablus Governorate. (MEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Yassin 'Aabed Sabah, 19, from 'Orif village. in Nablus Governorate. (MEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Anas Sa'ad Awwad, in his thirties, from Awarta village in Nablus Governorate. (MEMC 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Salem village east of Nablus and four Palestinians from the village. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Anas Akef Ishtayya, Wisam Sameer Karaki, Malek Qais Hamdan and Hassan Mustafa Issa. The IOA confiscated the detainees' cars after raiding their families' houses and searching them. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Balata refugee camp east of Nablus and raided the house of Yousif Al Mughrabi, searched it and detained his son Dia'. (Wafa 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked nonviolent protesters in Qusra village, southeast of the northern West Bank city of Nablus,

while they marched carrying olive branches to plant them in their lands. The IOA also attacked nonviolent protesters in Hebron and abducted at least two Palestinians. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a Palestinian child with live fire in his leg, after the army invaded the al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. (IMEMC 30 March 2018)
- A Palestinian was injured by an Israeli army bullet in the village of Qusra, south of Nablus in the north of the West Bank. The Palestinian was shot in the leg while driving his car at the entrance to his village. (WAFA 31 March 2018)

Gaza

- Several armored Israeli army vehicles, and bulldozers, carried out a limited invasion into Palestinian lands, southeast of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The military vehicles left the Sofa army base, across the border fence, and invaded Palestinian agricultural lands, east of the al-Fakhari town, northeast of Khan Younis, and started bulldozing sections near the fence. The Israeli Army fired many rounds of live ammunition, while military drones flew overhead. (IMEMC 1 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured fifteen young men protesting on Palestinian lands near the border fence in the northern and eastern parts of the Gaza Strip, and in central Gaza. The IOA stationed on military towers and tanks around Nahal Oz base, across the border fence east of Gaza city, fired dozens of live rounds at the protesters, wounding a young man in his leg. Many Palestinians also suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked protesters near the border fence east of Jabalia town, in northern Gaza, and moderately shot four with live fire, while many others suffered the effects if teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)

- In Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot seven Palestinians with live fire, while many residents suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot at least eleven Palestinians after the army, stationed across the border fence, attacked dozens of protesters in several parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. The IOA shot a Palestinian with a live round in the leg, and another in his shoulder, in Beit Hanoun, in northern Gaza. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a Palestinian near Karni (Nahal Oz) crossing, east the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, in Gaza city. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot one Palestinian in both legs, east of the al-Boreij refugee camp, in central Gaza. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired a barrage of gas bombs at protesters in the al-Farahin area, and Abasan as-Sagheera, east of Khan Younis. (IMEMC 2 March 2018)
- A Palestinian farmer died from serious wounds he suffered when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot him while working on his land, in Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. Mohammad Ata Abu Jame', 59, was shot by the IOA, and suffered a serious injury, while working on his own land, in Khuza'a area, east of Khan Younis. (IMEMC 3 March 2018)
- Israeli navy ships fired many live rounds at Palestinian fishing boats, in Gaza territorial waters. The attacks took place near Gaza city, and in the northern part of the besieged coastal region. The fishing boats had to sail back to shore in fear of further Israeli escalation. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- Israel is still holding the corpse of [Ismael Salah Abu Ryala](#), 18, who was killed by Israeli navy fire in northern Gaza, on February 25th. The navy fire also injured fishermen, identified as Mahmoud Adel Aby Ryala, 18,

and 'Aahed Hasan Abu Ali, 26, who were both detained by the navy. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)

- Israeli navy ships opened fire at several Palestinian fishing boats, while the soldiers fired live rounds at farmers, in the southern and northern parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Navy boats stationed on military towers, east of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, fired dozens of live rounds, east of Khan Younis, forcing the Palestinians to leave. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- Israeli navy ships also fired live rounds at fishing boats, in Palestinian waters in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, forcing the fishers to return to the shore without being able to fish and provide for their families. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired a barrage of gas bomb and concussion grenades, in addition to live fire and rubber-coated steel bullets at dozens of protesters, who marched on Palestinian lands near the border fence. Many armored Israeli military vehicles, and tanks were deployed near the fence, before the soldiers opened fire on the protesters. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot five Palestinians east of Jabalia, in northern Gaza, one east of Gaza city, two east of al-Bureij, in central Gaza, and two east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the coastal region. (IMEMC 10 March 2018)
- Israeli navy ships attacked, many Palestinian fishing boats near the shore of Rafah, in the southern part of the besieged Gaza Strip, detained eleven fishermen and confiscated their boats. The navy fired dozens of live rounds at the fishing boats, while sailing less than four nautical miles from the Rafah shore. The detained eleven fishermen were forced to undress and swim towards the navy ships, before moving them to Ashdod port, along with three confiscated boats. The detained fishermen have been identified as Mohammad 'Adel Miqdad, Ibrahim 'Adel Miqdad, 'Ala Ibrahim Miqdad, Mohammad No'man Miqdad, Mohammad Ibrahim Miqdad, Adel Ibrahim Miqdad, Ahmad Shaker Miqdad, Ahmad Ziad Bardaweel, Mohammad Farahat 'Ashour,

Amin Sa'adi Jom'a, Ahmad Ziad Bardaweel and Ahmad Mohammad Tababsha. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured at least one Palestinians and caused excessive property damage, after the army fired missiles and shells at many targets in the Gaza Strip. The army claims the escalation started after an explosive targeted a military vehicle near the border fence. An Israeli drone fired three missiles at a site, east of Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, causing excessive property damage, and moderately wounding one Palestinian. The IOA fired dozens of live rounds at many homes and property, in the eastern part of Beit Hanoun, causing damage. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- israeli tanks stationed in Nahal Oz military base, across the border fence east of Gaza city, fired six shells and dozens of live rounds at homes and farmlands, in addition to two sites east of Gaza, and near Jabalia, in the northern part of the coastal region. (IMEMC 15 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian patient from the besieged Gaza Strip, at the Erez Crossing, near Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the coastal region. The patient, identified as Naim Kotkot, filed a permit application, asking to be allowed to leave Gaza and head to the West Bank for medical treatment. His application included medical reports, and a referral to a Palestinian hospital in the central West Bank city of Ramallah. The Israeli authorities demanded to talk to him before discussing his permit application, and instead detained him when he went to Erez for the interview. (IMEMC 16 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian protesters on their lands near the border fence in the northern and eastern parts of the besieged Gaza Strip, and injured at least twenty-five, including eleven who were shot with live fire, while dozens suffered the effects of teargas inhalation. The IOA stationed on military towers and in tanks around Nahal Oz military base, across the border fence east of Gaza city, fired dozens of live rounds, moderately wounding at least seven Palestinians. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot and moderately injured four Palestinians with live fire, east of Khan Younis city, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, and caused many others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- Four other Palestinians were shot with live Israeli army fire, east of Jabalia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot one Palestinian with a gas bomb in the head, and four others with live fire, north of Beit Lahia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip; the wounded suffered moderate injuries. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- A Palestinian was shot with live fire near Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing, and suffered a moderate injury, while many others suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, east of the al-Boreij refugee camp, in central Gaza. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at several Palestinian farmers, and shepherds, east Gaza, and in the al-Fakhari area, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the besieged coastal region. The IOA also fired many live rounds at farmlands, and a few homes, in the al-Fakhari area, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The attack was carried out while many tanks and armored vehicles were seen roaming close to the border fence, and army drones hovered over the entire area. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed in a military base across the border fence east of Gaza city, fire dozens of live rounds at Palestinian farmers, and shepherds, forcing them to run away in fear for their lives. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- Israeli navy ships fired many live rounds at fishing boats in Palestinian territorial water, in the Sudaniyya Sea area, northwest of Gaza city, causing damage to at least one boat, and forcing the fishermen back to the shore in fear of further escalation. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)
- 25 protesters were wounded after hundreds of Palestinians held demonstrations along the Israeli wall that besieges the coastal enclave

of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) shot live fire and rubber bullets at peaceful demonstrators. Five were wounded in Beit Lahya, four east of Jabalya, one in Beit Hanoun, four east of Khan Younis and eleven east of Gaza City. (IMEMC 17 March 2018)

- Israeli navy ships attacked many Palestinian fishing boats in Beit Lahia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, and fired many live rounds in addition to using water cannons against them. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- Several Israeli army vehicles and tanks invaded agricultural lands in Abasan village, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the coastal region.

The Israeli tanks, and armored bulldozers, came from a military base, across the border fence near al-Farahin area, and invaded the lands before leveling and bulldozing various sections, close to fence. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired at least eleven missiles overnight, into Palestinian lands, east of the Zeitoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza city, causing damage to the lands, and several nearby homes. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) missiles into an area, east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, east of Gaza city, wounding at least one Palestinian. (IMEMC 18 March 2018)
- In the Gaza Strip, Israeli navy ships fired live rounds, and used condensed-water cannons, against many Palestinian fishing boats in the Sudaniyya Sea area, northwest of Gaza city. (IMEMC 19 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired many live rounds at Palestinian farmers, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, and invaded farmlands in the area, in addition Beit Hanoun, to the northern part of the coastal region. The IOA driving an armored military jeep across the border fence, exited their vehicles, and fired many live rounds at the farmers, in the Sanati and al-Qarara areas, east of Khan Younis, forcing the Palestinians to leave their lands in fear of further escalation. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) including bulldozers, invaded lands, east of Beit Hanoun, in northern Gaza, and bulldozed areas close to the fence, while military drones hovered overhead. (IMEMC 20 March 2018)
- Along the Gaza's coast, Israeli naval forces opened fire on Palestinian fishermen while sailing off the northern and southern coasts of Gaza. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 21 March 2018)
- Six bulldozers, accompanied by military jeeps, entered 100 meters into Gaza territory, near Gaza City, where they razed lands in the area. (Maannews 21 March 2018)
- Several Israeli tanks, and armored military bulldozers, invaded Palestinian farmlands in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, bulldozed sections close to the border fence, and fired live rounds. The soldiers fired dozens of live rounds into Palestinian agricultural lands, and at farmers, east of the al-Qarara town, northeast of Khan Younis in southern Gaza, forcing the Palestinians to leave in fear for their lives. The soldiers also invaded lands east of Abasan area, in Khan Younis, and bulldozed sections near the border fence, while military drones hovered overhead. It is worth mentioning that the soldiers, and for the third consecutive day, continued the installation of barbed wire fences, near the border fence along the eastern part of the Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian at the Beit Hanoun (Erez) (crossing between Israel and the northern Gaza Strip. The Palestinian detainee has been identified as Hassan Omar Shamiyeh from Gaza City while he was at the crossing. Shamiyeh had gone for a security interview at Erez. (Maannews 22 March 2018)
- Six Israeli military vehicles raided into the “buffer zone” along the border with the southern Gaza Strip. The bulldozers razed and leveled lands by the Israeli security fence along the border, as drones flew overhead. (Maannews 22 March 2018)
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- Israeli human rights group B'Tselem recently concluded that Israel's Gaza closure and "harassment of fishermen" have been "destroying Gaza's fishing sector," with 95 percent of fishermen living below the poverty line. (IMEMC 22 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot eight young Palestinian men, including one who suffered a serious injury, after the army attacked protesters along the border fence, in several parts of the besieged coastal region. The IOA shot a young man, 18 years of age, with a live round in the face, north of Beit Hanoun, in northern Gaza. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- A Palestinian young man was shot in the face, near Nahal Oz military base across the border fence, east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, east of Gaza city. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and moderately injured a young man with a live round in the leg, east of Gaza city. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- A Palestinian, 25, was moderately injured with a live round, east of Khan Younis, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- Four Palestinians were shot with live rounds in their legs, and suffered moderate wounds, east of al-Boreij, in central Gaza. (IMEMC 23 March 2018)
- Israeli warplanes fired three sites northwest of Rafah city, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The missiles destroyed the targeted a structure and caused serious damage to nearby homes and buildings. **The** strikes were conducted in response to four Palestinians who had entered Israel from the Gaza Strip and attempted to torch heavy engineering equipment that was being used for the construction of an underground separation barrier between Gaza and Israel. (IMEMC 25 March 2018)
- Several Israeli military vehicles entered into the southern Gaza Strip and razed lands along the border with Israel. Five military bulldozers

razed lands east of Khan Younis near the border fence, while a drone flew overhead. (Maannews 25 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) fired many artillery shells at targets in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army initially claimed that its “Iron Dome” system intercepted a barrage of missiles fired from Gaza.
- Several Israeli military vehicles entered into the southern Gaza Strip and razed lands along the border with Israel. Five military bulldozers razed lands east of Khan Younis, near the border fence, while a drone flew overhead. (IMEMC 27 March 2018)
- Three days to go before Good Friday, [Israel](#) has not issued permits for Gaza Palestinian Christians to travel to Jerusalem to celebrate Easter. The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem said church authorities had applied for around 600 permits for Gaza Palestinian worshippers to travel, but had not received any. Gaza is under an ongoing Israeli blockade and people's movements out of the [Gaza Strip](#) is tightly restricted by the Israeli military. (Al Jazeera 27 March 2018)
- Israeli tanks targeted agricultural lands east of Gaza City, in the vicinity of "Nahal Oz" military site, resulting in damage in a number of Palestinian houses nearby. (WAFA 28 March 2018)
- Israeli army tanks targeted agricultural land to the east of Gaza City. The tanks fired five shells at open land east of Gaza causing damage to nearby Palestinian homes but no injuries. Israel fired the shells because Palestinians came close to the barrier fence between Gaza and Israel. (WAFA 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Israeli D9 armored bulldozers went nearly 300 meters into the eastern part of al-Buriej refugee camp, in the central Gaza Strip, and proceeded to raze the land amid the heavy firing of live rounds. (WAFA 28 March 2018)
- Israeli military tanks stationed along the borders in the Israeli 'Kissufim' military base, just close to the border fence east of Khan Younes, opened fire toward Palestinian land and property to the southeast of Deir al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip. (WAFA 28 March 2018)
- A Palestinian was shot and injured by Israeli army (IA) stationed along the Gaza borders to the east of Gaza city. The IA stationed along the

borders with Israel opened fire on a group of Palestinians who allegedly approached the border fence, shooting and injuring one in the thigh. (WAFA 28 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young Palestinian man east of the Sheja'eyya neighborhood, east of Gaza city with a live round in his thigh. The incident took place after the soldiers targeted a group of Palestinians on their land, near the border fence of the besieged coastal region. (MEMC 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot five young Palestinian men, east of Gaza city, and east of Khan Younis in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The IOA repeatedly opened fire at dozens of Palestinians, who marched east of the Zeitoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza city, wounding three of them. The three Palestinians suffered moderate wounds. (MEMC 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot two Palestinian with gas bombs, which directly struck them, near Khuza'a village, east of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, causing moderate wounds. (MEMC 29 March 2018)
- The Israeli military pushed hundreds of soldiers along the border fence in the besieged Gaza Strip, in placed sand hills, in preparation of mass processions which marks the Palestinian Land Day. (MEMC 29 March 2018)
- The number of Palestinians killed in Gaza during the Land Day protests at the border fences has reached 16. The killed Palestinians have been identified as: Wahid Nasrallah Abu Sammour, 27, Khan Younis, southern Gaza. (farmer killed before dawn on his land), Mohammad Kamal Najjar, 25, Jabalia, northern Gaza. Mohammad Naim Abu Amro, 27, Sheja'eyya, Gaza city. Amin Mansour Abu Moammar, Rafah, southern Gaza. Ibrahim Abu Sha'ar, 22, Rafah. Abdul-Fattah Bahjat Abdul-Nabi, 18, Beit Lahia, northern Gaza. Mahmoud Sa'adi Rohmi, 33, Gaza. Sari Waleed Abu Odah, Beit Hanoun, northern Gaza. Hamdan Ismael Abu Amsha. Jihad Ahmad Freina, 34, east of Gaza city. Ahmad Ibrahim Ashour Odah, 16, northern Gaza. Abdul-Qader Merdhi al-Hawajri, 42, Nusseirat refugee

camp, central Gaza. Jihad Zoheir Abu Jamous, 30, Khan Younis. Bader Faeq as-Sabagh, 21, Jabalia. Naji Abdullah Abu Hjeir, 25, al-Boreij, central Gaza. Mosab Zohair Salloul (still unconfirmed, his body has not been recovered). 1416 Palestinians have been wounded. 758 of whom were shot by live ammunition, 148 injured by rubber-coated steel bullets. The others were injured by tear gas, concussion grenades and other so-called 'non-lethal' weapons. The Israeli army resorted to the excessive use of force against the nonviolent protesters who marched only carrying Palestinian flags, by firing dozens of live rounds at them, in addition to rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades. (MEMC 30 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot 49 Palestinians protesting on their lands, near border area, in several parts of the Gaza Strip. The IOA shot nine Palestinians east of Jabalia and one in Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, 16 east of Gaza city, 15 east of al-Boreij in central Gaza, in addition to six east of Rafah and two east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the coastal region. (MEMC 31 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired several artillery shells into Palestinian agricultural lands in the eastern and central parts of the Gaza Strip. (MEMC 31 March 2018)
- Israeli navy ships opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats, in Rafah. (MEMC 31 March 2018)
- Israeli police dispersed a non-violent demonstration organized by hundreds of Palestinians outside the Damascus Gate in occupied Jerusalem, in protest about the fatal shooting of 16 Palestinian civilians by Israeli forces at Gaza border. The police assaulted the participants and beat up some of them, including women, and the protest was dispersed. The police also arrested a young man who was participating in the protest. (Wafa 31 March 2018)

Others

- The US peace plan to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict includes recognizing east Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital, with no right of

return and limited sovereignty, the London-based pan-Arab newspaper *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported on Wednesday, citing diplomatic sources in France. According to the diplomats, the United States does not rule out the possibility that east Jerusalem will be the capital of the future Palestinian state, provided the Old City is under international rule. The diplomats also revealed to the newspaper that the American plan envisions the Palestinian state as having limited, demilitarized sovereignty, but its borders would not be based on the Green Line (the borders set after the 1967 Six-Day War). In addition, the Jordan Valley will remain under Israeli sovereignty and the large settlement blocs will remain in place, while "small" settlements will be transferred, although it is unclear to where. At a later stage, the Palestinian Authority will receive additional security and administrative powers in Areas A and B of the West Bank, according to the plan. The plan includes \$40 billion in US aid towards the establishment of a Palestinian state and its institutions. Israel will maintain responsibility over security on the borders, while in Gaza, Egypt will be involved. With regards to Palestinian refugees, the plan calls on them to remain where they are and receive compensation. A number of Arab foreign ministers, including the Secretary General of the Arab League Ahmed Abu al-Gheit, met Tuesday with the Foreign Affairs Minister for the EU, Federica Mogherini, and other senior officials to discuss the peace process. *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported Wednesday morning that the Arab ministers asked their European counterparts to assist with arbitration between the two sides in light of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's declaration that the US cannot remain as an arbitrator. However, Arab officials reiterated that Washington still has a role in the peace process, especially considering the fact that it is expected to announce its new peace plan soon. A European diplomat told the Arabic newspaper that Europe does not believe it can take the place of the Americans, but that they can nevertheless help. Because of the close relationship between Israel and the United States, European leaders believe only the US can pressure Israel into a peace deal. ([YNETNEWS](#) 1 March 2018)

- The pan-Arab *Asharq al-Awsat* newspaper reported that the Trump administration's plan to jump-start peace talks calls for east Jerusalem as the capital of a demilitarized Palestinian state whose borders do not match the pre-1967 lines. Under the plan, according to the report, the United States would recognize a Palestinian state and its capital in east Jerusalem, on condition that the Old City would come under international protection. The plan calls for the Jordan Valley and major settlement blocs to remain under Israeli sovereignty, and for small,

isolated settlements to be relocated. The plan, according to the paper, calls for the PA to get more security and administrative authority in Areas A and B of the West Bank, and for the US to raise \$40 billion to develop the Palestinian state and its institutions. Regarding the contentious refugee issue, the plan calls for the refugees and their descendants to be absorbed in the countries where they now reside – and not to be granted a “right of return” – and for compensation to be paid. The Prime Minister’s Office would not respond to the report. ([JPOST](#) 1 March 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained twelve Palestinians, after the soldiers invaded and violently searched dozens of homes across the occupied West Bank, interrogated many Palestinians, inspecting their ID cards and searching their homes. The detainees have been identified as: Mohammad Wael Zakarna, Qabatia – Jenin, Samah Ala’ Zakarna, Qabatia – Jenin, Mahmoud Mohannad Ya’acba, Kafr Ra’ey – Jenin, Ala’ Nabil Abu Dayya, Hebron, Mousa Ribhi al-Hroub, Hebron, Ahmad al-Masri, Hebron, Nasser Halawa, Nablus, Adham Khashana, Nablus, Nidal Thalji Ya’coub, 20, Beit Rima – Ramallah, Sho’eib Mustafa Zahran, Deir Abu Mashal – Ramallah, Mohammad Mousa Abu Mfarreh, Teqoua’ – Bethlehem and Mohammad Mousa Odah, Silwan – Jerusalem. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Guatemalan President, Jimmy Morales, plans to move his country’s embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May. The announcement came just after a Guatemalan judge ruled in Morales’ favor following a legal challenge to his decision to follow Trump’s lead in moving his country’s embassy. According to Morales, Guatemala will move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem two days after the United States relocates its embassy to the city. (IMEMC 5 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained seventeen Palestinians, including two siblings and a young woman, from several parts of the occupied West Bank. The IOA conducted extensive and violent searches of dozens of homes, in several parts of the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem, interrogated many Palestinians and abducted seventeen. The abducted Palestinians have been identified as: Amir Sarkaji, Nablus, Amer Sarkaji, Nablus, Ahmad al-Jamal, Nablus, Maher Mohammad al-Masri, Nablus, Islam Abu Keshek, Nablus, Akram Mohammad Mousa, Bethlehem, Abdullah al-Hreimi,

Bethlehem, Mohammad al-'Obeyyat, Bethlehem, Mohammad al-Khatib, Bethlehem, Akram Abdul-Hai Sharif, Bethlehem, Mohammad Nidal Jaber, Hebron, Khaled Salahuddin Abu Za'rour, Hebron, Mahmoud Ramadan 'Awawda, Hebron, Mo'tasem Ramadan 'Awawda, Hebron, Ammar Abdul-Basset Mahameed, Jenin, Ibrahim Kamel Shalabi, Jenin and Fatima Fadi Jarrar, Jenin. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)

- Supporters of Israeli settlements in the West Bank held an event on the sidelines of the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington on Monday, at the same time that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Donald Trump held talks at the White House. The event, organized by Israel's Ministry for Strategic Affairs and the Yesha Council, an umbrella organization of the settler movement, focused on fighting against calls to boycott products made in settlements. More than a hundred people gathered to hear Israeli ministers from the right-wing coalition – including Education Minister Naftali Bennett (Habayit Hayehudi), Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked (Habayit Hayehudi) and Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz (Likud) – all of whom expressed their strong support for maintaining Israel's presence in the West Bank and for rejecting any peace plan that involves the creation of a Palestinian state there. At the event, which took place at the Sixth & I Synagogue in downtown Washington, Steinitz said that "Israel cannot survive" without holding on to that region. Shaked praised the Trump administration for its "courageous" decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and added that the administration is "very friendly" toward Israel. Bennett used his speech to express support for Netanyahu in light of the mounting corruption investigations involving him. Bennett said that he believes and hopes that Netanyahu did not commit any crimes and will not be indicted. Israel's Consul General in New York, Dani Dayan, said that boycotts against Israeli settlements in the West Bank are no different than boycotts against Israel within its internationally recognized borders – a position that many left-wing U.S. Jews disagree with. Dayan said that "we have political arguments between us – that's legitimate. You can hold your positions, others can hold theirs, but refraining from visiting, talking, buying, and knowing each other – that's bigotry." He compared such a position to "support for BDS," the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Movement. The event took place a day after AIPAC's senior leadership used the opening night of the conference to reemphasize the committee's long-held position of support for a two-state solution, expressing hope that the

Palestinians will have their own state as a result of peace talks with Israel. That position was praised by supporters and allies of the powerful lobby within progressive circles in the U.S. Jewish community, but received criticism from right-wing figures in Israel and in the U.S. The pro-settlement event in Washington was also met with opposition from an Arab lawmaker from the Meretz party who tried to put an end to the conference. MK Esawi Freij publicly urged the attorney general and the civil service commissioner to stop the event and said that depending on their answers, he might urgently petition the High Court of Justice to issue an order to end it. "The ministry's goals involve fighting delegitimization of Israel, not promoting the values of the Yesha Council of settlements in favor of annexing the occupied territories, or 'embracing Judea and Samaria,'" Freij wrote to Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit. At the event at Sixth & I, none of the official Israeli speakers criticized AIPAC directly for its position on two states. Shaked said that AIPAC's work is important for Israel, and other speakers said they hoped that next year, a similar event in support of settlements and opposition to settlement boycotts will take place within the conference center where AIPAC holds its conference. ([Haaretz](#) 6 March 2018)

- In recent years, a number of fundamental problems have cast the Oslo two-state solution paradigm into serious doubt. The first of these is the fact that Israel does not deal with a single, unified Palestinian system which takes centralized decisions vis-à-vis Israel. Rather, a Hamas state has risen in Gaza, which has its own policies and decision-making, and which is not subordinate in any way to the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Judea and Samaria. The PA, for its part, runs an autonomy and has separate decision-making policies. It does not represent roughly the half of the Palestinian nation that is located in the Gaza Strip. Even in Judea and Samaria itself, there are many Palestinian elements who do not view themselves as subordinate to the PA, but rather, they are affiliated with groups such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, or with other hardline Islamist entities. Unfortunately, there is a tendency to utterly ignore this reality, and to try and negotiate with the PA in a way that fails to take into account the fact that it does not represent all of the Palestinians. All of this means that the Israeli desire to receive guarantees of security and peace in exchange for concessions cannot be met. There is no one on the Palestinian side who can supply the goods. Throughout the last ten years, and particularly now, following the election of US President Donald Trump, what is being offered to the Palestinians is substantially less than anything resembling a state. And the offers keep shrinking. An in-depth look at the platforms of all of

the major Israeli political parties finds that they hold much in common when it comes to what they believe Israel should offer the Palestinians. These platforms undermine the concept of a Palestinian state. All of the major parties agree that Israel should continue its control of the Jordan Valley, which means that any Palestinian entity will be fully contained by Israel's security forces, and that Israel would control all entry and exit points. Such an entity does not meet any reasonable criteria of statehood. Control of the Jordan Valley is an existential security need for the State of Israel, but it means that any Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria would have no unimpeded outlet to the rest of the world. There is also an across-the-board understanding within the Israeli political system that in light of the severity of the terrorism threat in Judea and Samaria, the Israel Defense Forces will need near full freedom of operation in any future scenario. This means that the Palestinians will be able to continue to claim that they are under Israeli occupation, since such military activity is a basic need for the State of Israel. The PA, for its part, is quietly in favor of the IDF's many actions against Hamas in Judea and Samaria, as this helps it survive and prevent a Hamas revolution. The PA has a basic interest for the IDF to continue its activities. The issue of Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria casts a major shadow on the idea of a Palestinian state. All mainstream Israeli parties agree that the main settlement blocs must remain in any future arrangement. Yet the Israeli public is less aware of the fact that the blocs sit in the heart of the hills of Judea and Samaria, rather than being limited to areas near the Green Line. This makes Palestinian territorial contiguity a technical impossibility. It also makes the idea of an Israeli separation from the Palestinians impossible. Israeli and Palestinian communities are intertwined, often existing on the same roads, particularly on Route 60, which is a central artery running through Judea and Samaria. The current situation, in which the PA controls Palestinian population areas and Israel controls its communities is the most logical, but this certainly cannot lead to anything resembling a state. The heavily used term 'isolated settlements' is somewhat misleading, as it refers to 125,000 Israelis who cannot be forcefully removed, nor can they be left to live under Palestinian sovereignty. All of these factors mean that discussion of a sustainable Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria has become irrelevant. Justifiable Israeli demands that such a state would be demilitarized, with no ability to build up its military force, also undermine the idea of a sovereign state. For a century, two peoples have been fighting for control of a small area that is no more than 70 kilometers wide. Each side has attempted to control most of the

territory, leading to many conflicts. The bottom line is that Israel has won, and controls most of the territory. The most generous proposal that Israel can currently offer divides the land 70-30 in Israel's favor. Anything more generous than that would make Israel unsustainable in the long term. From a Palestinian perspective, this is not a tolerable offer. The result is a stalemate. Only out-of-the-box thinking which adds more territory, can lead to a break from the deadlock. Otherwise, two million Palestinians living in Gaza, a strip of land that is only 5 kilometers wide, will be condemned to a reality that is devoid of a future. Palestinians in Judea and Samaria will also be reduced to a narrow area, surrounded by Israelis. ([YNETNEWS](#) 6 March 2018)

- The Israeli Knesset, approved the first reading for a bill to cut tax funding to the Palestinian Authority, by the amount it pays out monthly to the Palestinian detainees and families of the slain. According to the Israeli Defense Ministry, the 2017 payments to these families exceeded \$347 million. The first reading was passed in the Knesset by 52 votes in favor, and 10 against, according to the PNN. Israeli Minister of Defense Avigdor Lieberman said that the money will go to Israeli "victims of terror" instead of the families. A Palestinian detainee serving 3-5 years gets around \$580 monthly, roughly the amount made by the average Palestinian. That figure can more than triple for a 20-30 year sentence, and can include additional payments for Palestinians who are married, have children, are residents of Jerusalem, or are Israeli citizens. According to Addameer organization, there are currently 6,119 Palestinian political detainees in Israeli jails, 450 or them administrative detainees. 526 Prisoners are serving life sentences. (IMEMC 6 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained eleven Palestinians from their homes, in several parts of the occupied West Bank. The IOA conducted massive and violent invasions and searches of homes, and interrogated many Palestinians before abducting eleven, from several villages and towns across the West Bank. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Mo'tasem Abu Khdeir, Bethlehem, Soheib Obeyyat, Bethlehem, Ahmad al-Amour, Bethlehem, Hasan Salah, Bethlehem, Husam Yousef Shreiteh, Ramallah, Hosni Jaber, Ramallah, Soheib Zaki Abu Salim, Ramallah, Eyad Abdul-Salam Obeyyat, Jericho,

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- One settler leader spent his time at AIPAC and in Washington this week talking about annexation of the West Bank and settlement building, instead of attacking the leading pro-Israel lobbying group. "It's no secret that in the Knesset there have been different attempts regarding annexation or adopting Israeli law in Judea and Samaria," said Efrat Council head Oded Revivi. "I think the time has come to apply Israeli law in Judea and Samaria." Revivi, who is also the YESHA Council's chief foreign envoy, spoke at an event held Monday afternoon at a synagogue near the American Israel Public Affairs Committee gathering. It was organized by the Strategic Affairs Ministry and included a number of politicians such as Bayit Yehudi ministers Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked, as well as settler leaders who were in Washington for the conference. Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan launched a political campaign to pressure AIPAC to eliminate support for a two-state solution from its platform. But Oded told *The Jerusalem Post* he preferred to engage in dialogue with AIPAC, even though his stance on policy issues with regard to Israel clearly differs from that of the organization. The YESHA Council similarly did not sign onto Dagan's campaign. "There is no doubt that AIPAC is the strongest organization around the world fighting for the State of Israel, which has relied many times on AIPAC," Revivi told the *Post* by telephone from Washington. At Monday's event he stayed away from the two-state issue, focusing instead on the need to apply sovereignty to Judea and Samaria, to call for more settlement building and to oppose the BDS movement. The time has come, he said, to abolish the antiquated laws left over from the Jordanian, British and Ottoman governments that had ruled the area. "Applying Israeli law on the region of Judea and Samaria will clarify the rules and regulations with relation to daily life in the region – and by doing so demonstrate to the world that on a day-to-day basis, we are actively living peacefully and [in] cooperation with our neighbors," he said. "While we deeply appreciate [US] President [Donald] Trump and his historical decision to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem, building in Judea and Samaria during the first year of the Trump administration has not kept pace with the needs of the growing population. We appeal to the president to allow us to build according to our needs," he said. Revivi called on the audience to send messages to AIPAC asking why representatives of the YESHA Council were not invited to address the 2018 policy conference. He also suggested that they take some of the products on display in the room which were produced in West Bank

industrial zones that employ both Israelis and Palestinians. “Spread the word that these are the true symbols of peace,” Revivi said. (IPOST 7 March 2018)

- The Knesset passed a law Wednesday allowing the interior minister to revoke the permanent residency status of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem who engage in terror or other anti-Israel activities and any permanent residents involved in such acts. Under the law, the state can deport anyone whose residency status is withdrawn. The government-sponsored law specifies three situations in which the interior minister can revoke permanent residency: If the status was granted under false pretenses, if the resident endangered public safety or security, or if he betrays the State of Israel. The law applies to all permanent residents, whether they are recent immigrants or long-time residents of East Jerusalem. Under the law, the interior minister must grant an alternative status to a person whose residency was revoked if the individual cannot be permanently resettled in another country. The law was drawn up after the High Court of Justice last year overturned the revocation, more than a decade ago, of the permanent residency status of four East Jerusalem men. In January 2006, Mohammed Abu Tier, Ahmad Attoun and Muhammad Totah were elected to the Palestinian Legislative Council as representatives of the Hamas party. The fourth man, Khaled Abu Arafah, was the minister for Jerusalem affairs in the short-lived government of Ismail Haniyeh. Then-Interior Minister Roni Bar-On rescinded their residency on grounds of disloyalty to Israel. The High Court ruled that Bar-On had exceeded his authority by voiding the men’s status. Nevertheless, the court froze the ruling for half a year to give the Knesset a chance to pass legislation that would allow the rescinding of their residency status. The so-called Abu-Tier law allows the interior minister to rescind someone’s permanent residency status with the approval of the justice minister and after consulting with an advisory committee to be set up by the interior minister. The interior minister’s decision can be appealed by filing a petition to an administrative affairs court. MK Amir Ohana (Likud), who had submitted a private member’s bill similar to the government bill, said, “It would have been better if this bill hadn’t happened, but this bill emerged following a High Court ruling that overturned the decisions of five interior ministers from numerous parties.” He said the court’s ruling “undermined the public’s trust in the Supreme Court because the law already said that the interior minister could rescind a residency permit at his discretion, but the court said that definition was too broad. Who thinks that convicted

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- Israeli army will soon start to install new surveillance cameras with modern technology on settlement roads in the West Bank. These cameras were planted on roads near Ramallah to be tested, noting that this move falls in line with the Israeli army's attempts to thwart future attacks. According to the website, the army, through these cameras, can easily identify people as well as cars' number plates and their owners. (ROTTER 7 March 2018)
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from young men — women, children and old people are exempt — who aren't suspected of a crime or who have a police record. Soldiers who took part in the activity say the aim is to obtain as many details about the people they detain as possible. The checkpoints operate in the early morning, when large numbers of Palestinians are on the way to work, further exacerbating the usual rush-hour traffic jams. The soldiers at each checkpoint must submit at least 100 completed forms for each shift, while the quota for the foot patrols is 30. Soldiers in compulsory service, not to mention soldiers doing reserve duty, have bridled at the new policy, questioning the invasion of privacy that it entails as well as the disturbance to daily life. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hinted on several occasions about Israel's use of "big data" to foil terror attacks. But until now the information was scraped from social media and signals intelligence by the army's Unit 8200 and the Shin Bet security service. The outgoing chief of Central Command, Maj. Gen. Roni Numa, spoke about the Israel Defense Forces dealing with "lone-wolf assailants." "In the past three years we have dealt with changes in the Palestinian arena," Numa said. "In addition to organized terror and spontaneous terrorism we've learned to deal with for dozens of years, we've had to find a solution to 'inspired terror.' During this period intelligence and operative tools were developed. Since the outbreak of the recent terror wave hundreds of intentions to carry out attacks were detected and thwarted." Ron Zaidel of Breaking the Silence said this was "ratcheting up the surveillance of the general Palestinian population." "It seems this is a project to set up an extensive databank. Another example that ruling millions of Palestinians requires us to improve the soldiers' methods in order to deepen the occupation and protect the settlements," he said. Meretz party Secretary General Mossi Raz said "the IDF is again using practices of intimidation and threats over civilian population, creating an illegal reserve of personal details. Instead of our children serving the IDF they are carrying out policing jobs that would put dark regimes to shame." The IDF said its forces were carrying out inspections in the West Bank as part of "an operative perception and to prevent error, while attempting to disrupt the residents' routine in a minimal way. The detained drivers are asked a few questions, used for security needs. In contrast to the report, there is no quota the soldiers have to fill." ([Haaretz](#) 8 March 2018)

- Palestinians who are fighting evictions in East Jerusalem have complained for years about cooperation between the Justice Ministry and groups trying to settle Jews in the capital's Arab neighborhoods. The Palestinians say this coordination has reached new heights over

the past year and a half. A Haaretz investigation has found that during this period the Justice Ministry's office of the administrator general transferred responsibility for its East Jerusalem portfolio to a different unit at the office, one headed by an official named Hananel Gurfinkel. Gurfinkel, the head of the economic unit, is a member of Education Minister Naftali Bennett's Habayit Hayehudi party; he has also set up a nongovernmental organization to help prevent the takeover by ostensible "foreign entities" of state property in East Jerusalem. He has called on Israelis to fight the "Arab conquest" of Jerusalem. Gurfinkel, who lives in the Jewish Nof Zion neighborhood in the heart of Jerusalem's Jabal Mukkaber neighborhood, is responsible for a long list of efforts to evict Palestinians and transfer the homes to right-wing nonprofit groups. Palestinian families and their lawyers say that since Gurfinkel received his new responsibilities, pressure has increased for them to move, with Jews replacing them. In addition, the administrator general's office hired attorney Moshe Segal without a competitive bidding process. Most of Segal's clients are right-wing groups that have interests in certain decisions by the administrator general's office. ([Haaretz](#) 9 March 2018)

- In Israel's capital, a wall twists and turns for a total of 202 kilometers (125 miles). On the one hand, this concrete snake embodies the occupation; at the same time it offers a sense of security. Between these two poles, reality sometimes assumes an absurd dimension. This year marks the 15th anniversary since construction of the wall began – a project conceived as a security need that was aggrandized into a highly potent political instrument. Its multiple aspects are reflected in the diverse names that have attached themselves to it: "security barrier," "separation fence," "the wall" and, the official designation, the "Jerusalem envelope." Its advocates focus on what they describe as its primary advantage: security. As proof that the wall is doing its job, they note the dramatic decrease in the number of suicide attacks that have occurred in Israel since the idea was first approved (43 such attacks in 2002, zero suicide attacks in 2012). Critics of the barrier maintain that its underlying purpose is demographic: the de facto annexation to Israel of as much territory as possible, including the fewest possible number of Palestinian inhabitants. The wall's existence, they argue, will make it even more difficult for the two sides to ever reach an agreement. In support of this claim, they note that only 15 percent of the 470-km route of the entire fence (not just the Jerusalem section) coincides with the Green Line, while the other 85 percent cuts into Palestinian areas. ([Haaretz](#) 10 March 2018)

- Administrative Detainees, held by Israel without charges or trial, will start a gradual hunger strike this coming April, demanding basic rights guaranteed by International Law. The Administrative Detainees will continue to boycott the Israeli military courts, especially since these courts have predetermined rulings, and neither the detainees, nor their lawyers, can have access to the alleged “secret files” against them. (IMEMC 12 March 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 22 Palestinian, including a woman and two of her children in addition to a female university student, from their homes in several parts of the occupied West Bank. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Ibtisam ‘Obeid, Jerusalem. Waseem ‘Obeid, 15. (Ibtisam’s son), Jerusalem. Sa’adi Wisam Rajabi, 12, Jerusalem. Mohammad Maher Ghazzawiya, 13, Jerusalem. Nader Mazen Moheisin, 17, Jerusalem. Yousef Mohammad Darwish, 15, Jerusalem. Mohammad Shokri Hammad, Jerusalem. Wajeih Haitham Khatib, 17, Jerusalem. Ezzat Hazeen, Jerusalem. Mahmoud al-Lowzi, Jerusalem. Osama Naim Hamad, Jerusalem. Hafeth Hisham Sharif, Hebron. Mosallam Qawasma, Hebron. Obeida Issa Asafra, Hebron. Laith Rasmi Asafra, Hebron. Ola Marshoud (university student), Hebron. Montaser Araishi, Hebron. Adel Qar’awi, Hebron. Ahmad al-Arabi, Hebron. Dirar Hamadna, Hebron. Ezzeddin Rashad Jabr, Ramallah. Ali Omar Farhan, Tulkarem. (IMEMC 13 March 2018)
- The Palestine Liberation Organization’s National Bureau for the Defense of Land and Resisting Settlements said in his latest report that the Israeli government is continuing its Judaization policy in Jerusalem and Hebron and continues to provide more grants for settlement outposts The weekly report issued by the bureau continued , that the silent ethnic cleansing policy, has approved by the Israeli Knesset last week in the second and third readings an amendment to the so-called “Entry into Israel” law, in accordance with a proposal presented by the government, and Likud MK, Amir Ohana, which allows the Israeli Interior Minister to withdraw or revoke the status of “permanent resident” due to lack of loyalty. The amendment specifically targets the Palestinian Jerusalemites and the West Bank citizens, who have married Palestinian women living inside the Green Line, exploiting the US president’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel, and to transfer US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem upcoming May. The Israeli “Peace Now” movement has recently uncovered 4 settlement schemes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood,

some of which include the evacuation of some Jerusalemites. According to the organization, 2 schemes include the demolition of the 5 Palestinian families' houses, and the construction of 3 settlement units, and another to demolish 4 Palestinian families' houses and to build 10 settlement units. As for the cooperation between the Occupation Ministry of Justice and the Settlement Organizations, a new officer, Hananel Gurfinkel was appointed for the "East Jerusalem File" as "Public Trustee," who explicitly calls for the expulsion of Arab students studying in the "Takhnon" to Gaza. He had set up an association working to prevent what he called "foreign entities from controlling state property in East Jerusalem." It is noted that, Gorenfikel lives in a Jewish settlement at the Jabal Mukaber. He is responsible for a series of evictions of Palestinian families and handing over their homes to right-wing settlement groups. He was also responsible for the displacement of Palestinian families as he was the manager of property that was under Jewish property until 1948. The majority of the properties that were abandoned in 1948 were Palestinian, but they can't get it back, in contrast, the Israeli law allows the Jews to possess the property. The "General Trustee" supports the efforts of the Ateret Cohanim Association in Silwan, which controls the Benbenci Waqf, under the pretext of being established 120 years ago. Other attempts to expel some 60 Palestinian families from the area to build a Jewish neighborhood is still there. In 2016, Gorenfikel established association named it "Bonneh Yerushalayim," at the Neve Tzion settlement in the Jabal Mukaber and registered it in the name of his wife. its goals are to encourage settlement construction in East Jerusalem and provide public spaces in Neve Tzion. As the AIPAC Conference started in Washington last week, the Israeli the Ministry of Strategic Affairs held a conference in support of the settlements hedd by Minister, Gilad Arad. The ministry called for "embracing the Judea and Samaria. Moreover, "the Elad Settlement Association revealed 11 new settlement projects that were approved in 2017 and 2018 to be implemented soon by various companies. Among the projects is a huge tourism project called "Omega Skiing", and a restaurant near the historic walls of the occupied Jerusalem. On the other hand, the settlement council "Matte Binyamin" spent about NIS 6,460,000. In 2013 – 2015, it got NIS 50,000,000 and other NIS 40,000,000 through the Ministry of the Interior to be used in illegal projects. Some of those funds were invested in large settlement outposts close to "Eli" settlement, and that at least 10 of the 24 council's projects were randomly set up in outposts that in violation of the Israeli law. The policy of Judaization and silent ethnic cleansing was not limited to

Jerusalem, but also extended to the Hebron city. In a new report issued by the OCHA, showed that the area known as H2 has been transformed into a “ghost town.” Worth mentioning here that the area was overcrowded and prosperous in the past, and that there are fears of displacing its 40,000 people in favor of 100s settlers, who live in several outposts. The report also tackled the amount of humanitarian and material damages suffered by the Palestinians. The report stresses that the policies and practices carried out by the occupation authorities under “security pretext” have affected the lives of Palestinians, where they are harassed by settlers and scrutinized at military checkpoints. Furthermore, Israeli study conducted by the left-wing Kerem Navot, showed that 40% of settler graves were built on private Palestinian land in the West Bank. The study revealed that there are more than 600 graves in more than 10 settlements built on private Palestinian land.. According to the study, there are also about 33 Jewish cemeteries scattered throughout the settlements, some of them are small and some others are big. Most of them are built on private Palestinian land near the settlements of Beit El, Ofra, Psagot, Ma’aleh Mishmash, Alon Moreh and Kiryat Arba, where the tomb of Baruch Goldstein, who carried out the Ibrahimi Mosque’s massacre. In a campaign called “embrace the bear, the occupation army recently began to collect information from Palestinians throughout the West Bank’s checkpoints, The army command asked the soldiers to erect the checkpoints, especially during the early hours of the morning, and to force the Palestinians to prepare security forms to find out where they work, where they live and other details, as well as a picture of their personal identity. (NBPRS 14 March 2018)

- The [2019 state budget](#) passed its second and third readings in the Knesset Plenum overnight Wednesday, enabling Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon (Kulanu) to breathe a sigh of relief after it was almost sabotaged by political A crisis that gripped the coalition over the last few weeks. The budget, which was at the heart of the coalition crisis, passed with 62 MKs backing it and 54 voting against it. As part of a [deal struck](#) on Tuesday evening to avert early elections, the United Torah Judaism (UTJ) party consented to backing the budget on condition that its IDF conscription bill designed to exempt Haredim from military service passed its preliminary reading in the Knesset. The controversial draft bill passed with a 59 MK majority, with 38 MKs voting against it, with no abstentions. Speaking at the Knesset Plenum ahead of the second and third readings, Kahlon said that he had lived up to his promise by bringing it to a vote. "A week ago, I said that the people of Israel would sit at the Seder night either with a budget or

without a finance minister. Tonight we can say that the people of Israel will sit for the holiday meal with a budget and with a finance minister," he said, referring to the feast of Passover. "I promised that the budget would pass at a predetermined time without threats and extortion—and I delivered," he added, boasting it would be "the most socially-driven (budget) the people of Israel have ever had." "This budget is for all citizens of the State of Israel, not for the coalition and not for the opposition," the finance minister proudly proclaimed. "It isn't for people who were born into money, and it isn't for a new or old resident. The budget reflects social values and national priorities. That has been my policy and that of the Finance Ministry since the first state budget at the end of 2015 to the present 2019 state budget. "I stood for the state budget passing because whoever harms it harms the citizens of the State of Israel." The largest sums of the budget are earmarked for defense (NIS 73 billion), education (NIS 64 billion), health (NIS 42 billion) and national insurance (NIS 46 billion). Another NIS 20 billion will be pumped into public transport and NIS 19 billion into the Ministry of Public Security. Both higher education and the Ministry of Welfare will receive a financial injection of NIS 11 billion each, while local authorities will receive NIS 6 billion and the Ministry of Housing will get a NIS 5.3 billion boost. As the recently resolved crisis deepened over the last few weeks and threatened to dismantle the coalition, Kahlon was unequivocal in his position, [stating](#) that if the budget—a hallmark of his economic policy—did not pass, he would not be able to remain in office. ([YNETNEWS](#) 15 March 2018)

- During the 1967 Six Day War, then-prime minister Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, secretary-general of the ruling Mapai party, wanted to move Palestinians from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank, according to recently released government documents from the time. The documents were presented by Hagai Huberman and Dr. Miriam Billig at a seminar on Thursday sponsored by the Institute for National Security Studies and the Katif Center. The seminar focused on a study by the two journalists on the perception of the Gaza Strip by the Israeli government since the establishment of the state. Huberman also presented proof that internal meetings took place toward the end of the war – attended by then-prime minister Levi Eshkol, Maj.-Gen. (and future president) Chaim Herzog, Eshkol's adviser in charge of communications with the Arab residents of the territories (and future ambassador to Egypt) Moshe Sasson, and Foreign Ministry employees Shaul Bar-Haim and David Kimhi – in which it was suggested to Eshkol, "The Arabs of the Gaza Strip be transferred to the Jordanian Kingdom." ([YNETNEWS](#) 15 March 2018)

- There is currently no need to establish new Jewish communities in the West Bank, the former minister and self-declared future prime ministerial candidate Gideon Sa'ar says. At the same time, Sa'ar supports annexing the territory where the existing settlements are located, and predicts that Israel will indeed apply sovereignty in those areas in less than a decade. "I think the settlements need to develop. We need to strengthen the existing communities and respond to their natural needs. I don't think that today there is a need to establish new settlements," Sa'ar told The Times of Israel, in a recent interview in the lobby of Jerusalem's King David Hotel. In this context, the former minister praised the informal agreement that Jerusalem reached with the US administration last year, which allows Israel to build an unlimited number of housing units within existing West Bank communities, but which curtails the expansion of settlements beyond their current municipal "footprint." "I don't support freezing the development of Israeli settlements," said Sa'ar, who himself resides in northern Tel Aviv. "These are communities that need to be allowed to live a normal life." That he currently sees no need to create new settlements in the West Bank does not mean he is ideologically opposed to the idea, he stressed. "But I think there are [existing] settlements, which have certain development needs," he said. "There are many things that were held up over the years. It's more important and proper to worry about the needs of existing settlements, which are manifold." ([TOI](#) 20 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 6 Palestinians from their homes in several parts of the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded and violently searched dozens of homes and interrogated many Palestinians before detain abducting 6 young men. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Mo'taz Okasha, Nablus. Nayef ash-Shami, Nablus. Ayman Abdul-Nasser Hdeib, Ein al-Sultan refugee camp – Jericho. Khaled Issa, al-Khader town – Bethlehem. Nafeth Ammar Abu Aisha, Hebron. Toqai Abboud Jawabra, Beit Ummar – Hebron. Islam Asafra, Beit Kahil – Hebron. (IMEMC 21 March 2018)
- AIPAC President Mort Fridman has sent supporters an email announcing the approval, by US Congress, of almost \$4 billion of US tax money to Israel, while cutting aid to Palestinians widows, orphans. The United States Congress passed major pro-Israel legislation as part of its Omnibus Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2018. This legislation includes many critical initiatives that will bolster Israel's security, including: \$3.1 billion for U.S. security assistance to Israel, to help our ally defend herself and protect her citizens; \$705.8 million for missile

defense programs, representing \$105 million more than last year's funding level and \$47.5 million for joint anti-tunneling technologies, a \$5 million increase from last year. The bill was also the vehicle for Congress to pass the Taylor Force Act, critical legislation that cuts funding to the Palestinian Authority if it continues paying terrorists or their families. (IMEMC, [YNETNEWS](#))

- Peace Now's annual report on settlement construction in 2017 in the West Bank (excluding Jerusalem) reveals 17% more building than the yearly average over the better part of the past decade. Of the new construction, 78% took place in isolated settlements beyond the Geneva Initiative border, a slight increase from 2016. Tenders published in 2017 reached a two-decade record high, while the new settlement of Amihai (for the Amona evictees) and three outposts were founded. The steady pace of construction and building deep in the West Bank attest to Prime Minister Netanyahu's steadfast abetting of the settlement enterprise. It is also apparent that the new U.S. presidency in 2017 had no marginal deterrent effect on these Israeli unilateral moves, which continue to inflict severe damage on Palestinians' way of life and on prospects for a two-state solution. Click here to read the full report, [\(PEACENOW 25 March 2018\)](#)
- Israeli authorities declared that a closure will be imposed on the West Bank and Gaza for eight days for the Jewish Passover holiday, starting Thursday until midnight April 7. The closure means entry into Israel for all Israeli-issued permit holders will be banned, except for humanitarian and medical cases. Meanwhile, Israeli Authorities intensified security measures in East Jerusalem, particularly around the Old City and at the main entrances of the city. (Wafa 26 March 2018)
- Israeli police in Jerusalem green-lighted a religious ceremony which involves the slaughter of a Passover lamb only "tens of meters" from the site where the Second Temple once stood. [Temple Mount activists](#) carried out the sacrifice for more than ten years now, but never before had the ceremony taken place so close on the Temple Mount. In 2015 a ceremony was held in a schoolyard in the Kiryat Moshe neighborhood of west Jerusalem, about four kilometers from the Temple Mount. In 2016, the ceremony took place on the Mount of Olives, about 1.5 kilometers from the Temple Mount. [Last year](#) it was held in the plaza of the Hurva Synagogue in the Old City's Jewish Quarter, some 400 meters from the Mount. On Monday, the ceremony is scheduled to take place at the entrance to the Davidson Center, also known as "Jerusalem Archaeological Park" which is located next to the Western Wall tens of meters from the site of the original temple. Last

Sukkot, police approved holding the “water libation ceremony” at the Davidson park, but the event attracted a limited audience. This time, the Passover sacrifice is expected to draw hundreds in attendance. The high point will be the slaughtering of a goat, whose blood will be shed by priests at the foot of an altar and its flesh burned. According to Temple Mount activists, the Passover sacrifice is one of the most important in the Torah. Monday’s sacrifice is however not supposed to replace the actual Passover sacrifice, which according to religious law can only be held on the Temple Mount on the eve of Passover. While the tradition of holding a Passover sacrifice as close as possible to the Temple Mount has been organized underground for years, promoters now enjoy the support of religious and political personalities. These include Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem Aryeh Stern, as well as prominent rabbis Yaakov Meidan, Dov Lior, Shmuel Eliyahu, Israel Ariel and Uri Sherki. “The Temple Mount has been in our hands for 50 years now and we are trying to do everything to move ahead and perform the commandment of the Passover sacrifice in the place intended for it. All the temple exercises are a key branch in the activities of the temple organizations,” said a statement from the organizers. “In the meantime, until the holding of the proper ceremony on the Temple Mount properly approved by authorities, the 10th of the [Hebrew month of] Nissan has become a day of celebration for thousands when each year the pre-Passover sacrifice exercise takes place. With longing, a call and a demand, as well as practical preparation for the moment the government allows the Passover sacrifice to be properly offered, on its right date and its right place on the Temple Mount,” the organizers concluded. ([Haaretz](#) 26 March 2018)

- The Israeli army presented data on Monday to a Knesset panel which show that more Arabs than Jews live between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River. According to Civil Administration's deputy commander Col. Haim Mendes, five million Palestinians live in the [West Bank](#) and the [Gaza Strip](#). This figure does not include the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, or the 1.8 million [Israeli Arabs](#). According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, as of September 2017 some 6.5 Jews live in Israel. The data presented by Mendes at a session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee is based on figures compiled by the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics. The reliability of the bureau's data has been questioned in the past, and Israeli security services usually refrain from relying on it. Right-wing lawmakers who attended the session claimed that the data was false and said Mendes did not present a document supporting it. The committee therefore has asked the Civil

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- Acting at [the request of Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon](#), the National Planning and Building Council exempted the U.S. government from permitting requirements to enable the relocation of its embassy from

Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May. That will allow work to proceed on a building in Jerusalem’s Arnona neighborhood that now houses a U.S. consular section and will be repurposed as a temporary embassy. The approval comes a week after Kahlon said he would use his authority to arrange to waive the building permit. The work includes the construction of a 3.2-meter-high wall and an additional road as an escape route from the embassy, to satisfy U.S. security required. When the prospect of the permit exemption was first raised last week, it prompted opposition from legal experts who claimed that the law on which the Finance Ministry was relying only applies to projects of national importance. The uses exempted from the permit are to be only temporary, they claimed. For her part, the head of the national planning authority, Dalit Zilber, said: “The national council considered the planning aspects of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem at the hearing. In light of the fact that the request [for the permit exemption] does not exceed the existing planning framework, the council decided unanimously to recommend the rapid advancement of [the transfer of the embassy to Jerusalem](#) on the date on which it had been planned.” Since it was enacted in 2013, the law providing the exemption has been resorted to 12 times, applying to infrastructure projects that the government was seeking to build quickly, including an earthquake warning system, temporary electricity facilities and a fuel line and dam project for the Sea of Galilee. At Tuesday’s hearing on the plans for the new embassy, ministry officials said the embassy’s relocation to the consular building in Arnona was temporary. They said the escape road would be integrated into a neighborhood road, making the resort to the statutory exemption well-founded. U.S. President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital in December and announced that the American embassy would be moved to the city, [breaking with other world powers](#). Trump’s reversal of decades of U.S. and broad international policy was welcomed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a “historic decision,” but it drew criticism from around the world and outraged Palestinians, who want a capital for their own future state in eastern parts of the city. Israeli authorities have said the embassy will opened on May 14, the 70th anniversary of the state’s establishment, according to the Gregorian calendar. [Independence Day is celebrated in Israel](#) according to the Hebrew calendar; this year it starts on the evening of April 18 and ends the following evening. “We will not allow needless bureaucracy to hold up the transfer of the American embassy to Jerusalem, Israel’s eternal capital,” Kahlon said in a ministry statement. “This is a strategic diplomatic move for Israel and the planning agencies under me will do whatever is necessary to

accommodate the schedule being demanded.” The planning permit waiver for the embassy will be good for three years, the Finance Ministry statement said. Building a permanent embassy could take several years. Israel has expedited construction permits to enable temporary quarters for the U.S. Embassy to open in Jerusalem as planned in May, the Finance Ministry said. “Initially, the interim embassy in Arnona will contain office space for the ambassador and a small staff,” a U.S. embassy official in Tel Aviv said. “By the end of next year, we intend to open a new embassy Jerusalem annex on the Arnona compound that will provide the ambassador and his team with expanded interim office space,” he said, adding that a search for site for the construction of a permanent embassy had begun. The permanent embassy is expected to be housed in the adjacent building that had been the Diplomat Hotel and currently provides housing for 450 elderly immigrants. The lease for the housing of the elderly residents expires in 2020, although at this point no alternative accommodations have been found for them. In the past, other sites in Jerusalem had been suggested for the embassy including a lot that the American government already owns known as the Allenby compound. ([Haaretz](#) 28 March 2018)

- Only Christians over the age of 55 will be allowed to enter Israel from the [Gaza Strip](#) to pray at Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre during Easter, according to a document issued by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories. Five hundred permits have been issued for the holiday, as compared to 700 for Christmas, but sources in Gaza say that the age restriction means that only about 10 percent of the quota will be filled. According to Christian clergy in Gaza, who say the limitations are unjustified, only about 120 Christians meet the age criteria and many will not be able to travel without relatives who are under the age limit. George Anton, a Christian community activist from Gaza, said that no permits for Easter have been issued so far. Easter, also known as the “great feast,” is the most important holiday on the Christian liturgical calendar in the Middle East, as opposed the West, where Christmas takes precedence. Catholics and Protestants will celebrate Easter on Sunday, while the Orthodox churches will mark the holiday two weeks later. Anton told [Haaretz](#) that there are about 1,200 Christians living in Gaza (as opposed to 1,313 documented by a Vatican delegation in 2014). Similar age restrictions were imposed in the past, he said. For the Easter holiday in 2015, following the war in the Gaza Strip the previous year, entry to Israel was barred for people age 16 to 35. However, after church leaders in Israel and abroad intervened, the restriction was

lifted and 850 permits were issued. According to COGAT, restrictions are eased during Muslim and Christian holidays as part of the policy to encourage religious activities of all faiths. But in Gaza, news of the relaxed restrictions are usually made public late, and responses to permit applications are often given too late or are turned down with no reason given. In a video posted on COGAT's Facebook about three weeks ago, the day the quota was made public, an Israeli army officer named Alaa Halabi asked Gaza residents who had received permits for Christmas and had not yet returned to do so immediately. Halabi warned that their failure to return would "impact the ability" of COGAT "to take steps ahead of Easter." Sources in Gaza believed that a few dozen people did not return after leaving the Strip for Christmas. The COGAT document did not reveal the reason for the age restrictions but the office confirmed the age restriction and did not deny that it was a punitive measure. "The State of Israel is a sovereign state that has the right to decide who enters it," the response stated. "Foreigners have no inherent right to enter Israel, including Palestinian residents of Gaza." It was decided to issue permits only to those over 55 "In light of the recurring phenomenon of Palestinians who took advantage of the permit to remain in Israel illegally" and "as part of the actions to limit illegal presence in Israel," COGAT said. Lawmaker Aida Touma-Sliman of the Joint List asked Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan to change the entry conditions so that all Christians would "be able to exercise their basic right to freedom of religion." Touma-Sliman said she has not yet received an answer. "Israel boasts to the whole world that it is a safe place for all religions. But in fact it continues to harm the Palestinian Christian population," the lawmaker said. She added that the age restriction "constitutes more proof that Israel has never left Gaza and continues to control everything that happens there." Following requests for action from Gaza, the nonprofit organization Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement demanded in a letter to COGAT that the age restriction be lifted and that the number of permits for the holiday be increased. "There is no justification for arbitrary impairment of freedom of movement and religion," Gisha wrote, "certainly not a dialogue of threats. This is another example of collective punishment of the residents, and generally the punitive and arbitrary nature of Israel's permit regime with regard to Gazans." ([Haaretz](#) 28 March 2018)

- A total of 4,780,978 people live in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem by the end of 2017, according to statistics announced by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

- which include the results of the most recent population census. (Wafa 28 March 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained thirty one Palestinians from their homes, after the IOA invaded and violently searched them, in several parts of the occupied West Bank. One of the detained Palestinians, Nuwwar Bassam Tamimi, 16, is mentally challenged. The detained Palestinians have been identified as: Omar Abu Latifa, Qalandia refugee camp – Jerusalem. Ali Mheisin, Jerusalem. Mohammad Abdul-Rauf Mahmoud, Jerusalem. Baha' Kanaan, Jerusalem. Ahmad Abu Shammala, Jerusalem. Mohammad Majdi Atiya, Jerusalem. Mohammad Zakariya Oleyyan, Jerusalem. Anas Sa'ad 'Awwad, Awarta – Nablus. Yassin Sabah, 'Orif – Nablus. Anas Akif Eshteyya, Nablus. (IMEMC 29 March 2018)
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 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) installed roadblocks in several parts of the occupied West Bank, stopped and searched dozens of cars, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 29 March 2018)
 - In a rare interview directly criticizing the Palestinian leadership, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman indicated that the White House's patience with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is running out, noting that if Abbas refuses to negotiate with Israel and the Americans, others will. "If Abu Mazen is not interested in negotiating, I am sure that someone else will want to," Friedman said, referring to Abbas by his moniker. "If Abbas creates a vacuum, I am convinced that someone else will fill it, and then we will move forward [with the peace process]," Friedman continued, in an interview with the weekly religious-Zionist newspaper Shevi'i. Parts of the interview were released on Wednesday; the full interview will be published on Friday. ([TOI](#) 29 March 2018)

- The Israeli ministerial cabinet held a special meeting to discuss the expected mass Palestinian protests, especially in the Gaza Strip, to commemorate Palestinian Land Day. The Cabinet decided to significantly increase military deployments, in addition to using live fire and shoot to kill orders “if the Palestinians breach (or approach) the security fence” in the besieged coastal territory. The Israeli preparations also include various parts of the occupied West Bank, especially in areas close to its illegal settlements and military bases. Israeli officials have publicly stated that Israeli settlers will be urged to carry their weapons in the area around the protests – despite these settlers having a documented history of excessive violence against Palestinian civilians. The Israeli army said that its soldiers will use live ammunition, even if it means serious casualties among the Palestinians “should they approach or breach the border fence” in Gaza. (IMEMC 29 March 2018)
- Palestinians across the occupied West Bank launched a general strike shuttering all businesses and institutions in solidarity with the protesters in Gaza and in mourning of the 16 Palestinian civilians who were killed by Israeli forces in Gaza commemorating the 42nd anniversary of Land Day, when six Palestinian protesters were gunned down by Israeli forces in 1976, as they were protesting the Israeli government confiscation of thousands of dunums of Palestinian land. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called for the general strike and a national day of mourning, which included all official and private institutions, primary schools and universities. (Maannews 31 March 2018)