

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 1 May 2012

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and \or news sources.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Tanks fired at Palestinians houses in Khuza'a own east of Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip and injured Hamada Qdeih (24 years) in his shoulder. Wafa (May 1, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired at Al Waha TV crew in Al Faraheen area east of Khan Younis while on duty. The IOA also fired at Palestinian houses and Agricultural crops, which led to the burning of the crops. Wafa (May 1, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Beit Qad village east of Jenin city, set up a sudden military checkpoint at the village's entrance, stopped Palestinians' cars and checked in ID cards. No arrests were reported. Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Tanks (IOT) fired at Al Rayyes Mountain in At Tuffah neighborhood east of the Gaza Strip. Two missiles hit agricultural lands in that area. No injuries were reported. Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- Four Palestinians were wounded after undercover Israeli forces of the Israeli military broke into their home at midnight in the Qalandyia refugee camp, north of occupied East Jerusalem. The residents were pepper-sprayed and suffered concussions and bruises after being kicked and beaten by the soldiers. Wafa & IMECE (May 1, 2012)
- Five Israeli Tanks and Four Bulldozers staged 400 meters into Palestinians lands in Al Faraheen area east of Khan Younis among intensive shooting and razed agricultural lands and crops in the area. Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- Citizen Muhammad Jamal Odeh (18 Years) was seriously injured at Azzun Al Atmeh gate as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked and beat him. Al Quds (May 1, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden military checkpoint at Surra's village in Nablus Governorate and arrested Citizen Qais Ishtewi (20 Years) from Kafr Qaddum Village, a student at Isteqlal University in Jericho Governorate and took him to unknown destination. Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Aqbat Jaber refugee camp south of Jericho, stormed a number of houses and arrested Muntaser Yaha Al Akhras (17 years) and Muhammad Fathi Damu (18 years) after raiding their families' houses. Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed over four Palestinians citizens from Jalboun village east of Jenin city notifications to interview the Israeli Police Intelligence. The notified Palestinians are: Muhammad Fa'eq Abu Ar Rub (55 years), Mahmoud As'ad Abu Ar Rub (35 years), Jalal Abu Ar Rub (33 years) and Omar Abu Ar Rub (40 Years). Wafa (May 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Burin village in Nbalus Governorate at dawn, broke into and searched several homes, ransacking property as they went before taking the nine residents. The kidnapped Palestinians were identified as Bilal Eid, Yasser Eid, Imad Omran, Raed az-Zibn, Montaser Eid, Castro Qadous, Bashar Qadous,

- Bashir Qadous, and Mohammad As'ous. All abducted residents were cuffed, blindfolded and taken to the Huwwara military base, near Nablus. IMECE (May 1, 2012)
- The Israeli court decides to extend the arrest of 3 kids from Silwan until the 7th of May 2012, and 2 other youth until the 8th of May 2012. Regarding the other 5 arrested people, the court decided to delay the decision until the 6th of May 2012. The Israeli court also sent Amad Sarhan to a house arrest after paying 1000 NIS bail money. SILWANIC (May 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested Alaa Gayth, 12 years from Silwan city south of Jerusalem City. SILWANIC (May 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Hani Sarhan (14 years) and Taha Sarhan (10 years) from Silwan city in Jerusalem. Wafa (May 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Adnan Musa Al Julani (12 years) from Ath Thuri neighborhood in Silwan city and took him to unknown destination. Resident Adnan was later released after paying 500 NIS bail money. Wafa (May 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) renewed the Administrative Detention of Bassam Al Sa'di. Pal Today (May 1, 2012).

Israeli Settlers' Violence

 Around 100 Olive Trees were destroyed at the hands of Nahla'iel Israeli settlers in the village of Beit Illu west of Ramallah city. It is worth mentioning that this is the fourth time in 4 months that settlers of Nahla'iel settlement attack Olive trees in the village of Beit Illu. Wafa (May 1, 2012)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

• The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) along with members of the Jerusalem Municipality raided Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem, raided a number of houses and gave orders to demolish Palestinian houses in the neighborhood. The house of Jibril At Taweel was among the targeted houses in the neighborhood, as members of the Municipality of Jerusalem photographed the houses and asked about its area. Citizen Hisham Qara'een also received an order to carry out the demolition of his house. The IOA also raided a number of Palestinian houses in the neighborhood, of which, the following were known: the house of Ayed Hamdan Ayed and the houses of Fayez and Nader Abu Diab. Wafa (May 1, 2012).

• Israeli occupation authorities demolished a house and 13 electricity poles near Qalqilyah. The building, which was still under construction, lies at the entrance of Izbat At-Tabib village and belongs to Zidan Yaser Tabib. Israeli Occupation Bulldozers also removed 13 electricity poles used by neighboring Nabi Elyas village to power water well under the pretext of being built and erected without licenses from the Israeli Civil Administration due to their location in Area "C" which falls under the full Israeli control, according to OSLO II Interim agreement of 1995. Al Quds (May 1, 2012).

Expansion of settlement

Israel to advance plans for 1,100 hotel rooms in the Givat Hamatos neighborhood over the Green Line. The municipality has already approved the construction of 2,610 housing units in Givat Hamatos, which is located between the neighborhoods of Talpiot, Beit Safafa and Gilo, and another plan to build an additional 1,400 housing units is currently awaiting final approval. The city of Jerusalem submitted its plans for the hotel rooms to the Planning and Building Committee. The rooms are to be built in an existing dilapidated building. Al Quds (May 1, 2012).

Others

- Israel began building a wall along a 1-km (0.6 mile) -stretch of its border with Lebanon, saying the barrier was necessary to boost security for an Israeli frontier town across from a Lebanese village. An Israeli security fence already runs along the entire border but the military said defenses had to be bolstered with a 5-7 meter-(16-23 feet) high cement wall between the Israeli town of Metulla and the Lebanese village of Kila. "(The wall is) intended to prevent firing from the Lebanese side into the Israeli side. Ynetnews (May 1, 2012)
- Israeli Meretz MKs and party activists toured the Ulpana neighborhood of Beit El to protest against what they view as a disregard for a Supreme Court decision to demolish illegal structures in the area. The High Court of Justice had ordered the evacuation of the 30 homes in the West Bank outpost by May 1 because they were built on land classified as private Palestinian property, but granted a state appeal to postpone the demolition for 60 days. The MKs and activists stayed in the contentious neighborhood for around 20 minutes, taking photos and discussing the political situation. Meretz MK Zehava Gal-On said: "Just a few meters from us there is a blatant illegality and a disregard for the High Court of Justice. It would be

better for the police invest its forces in the evacuation of the houses, as per the order of the High Court, instead of stopping Meretz activists who have come to participate in protest." JPOST (May 1, 2012)

• Israel's military prosecution announced that no legal steps will be taken against those responsible for the killing of 21 members of the Samouni family during the 2009 Operation Cast Lead in Gaza. A letter was received by the human rights group B'Tselem from Major Dorit Tuval, Deputy Military Advocate for Operational Matters. Tuval said that the case has been closed after the investigation has found that the attack on the civilians, "who did not take part in the fighting," and their killing were not done knowingly and directly, or out of haste and negligence "in a manner that would indicate criminal responsibility." Haaretz (May 1, 2012)

