



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 4 April 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 Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian houses in Um Al Sharayet area in Al Bireh town and messed with their contents. No arrests were reported. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Ziad 'Awad Tawfeek 'Alawna and Naser Abdel Karim 'Alawna in Jba' village in Jenin Governorate. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army jeeps (IOA) raided a communication shop in Al Haras area in Hebron city owned by Zaheda family,

surrounded the shop and inspected the ID cards of all the people who were present in the shop. ARN (April 4, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians from Ramallah and Al Bireh Governorate after raiding their houses and messing with the contents. The arrestees are: Ayman bu 'Arram, Yousif Hamayel, Hatem Abu Hayya and Abdullah Turki. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Hebron city and arrested residents Saleh Juweleis and Ali Al Haymuni. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Musa Abu Thweib in Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Hasan Al Khdour (30 years), a student at Hebron University, after raiding his house in Bani Na'im village east of Hebron and took him to unknown destination. ARN (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers arrested 4 Palestinians from Al Bayyada, Al 'Asida and Khallet Al 'Ein areas in Beit Ummer Town north of Hebron city. The arrestees are: The released Prisoner Muhammad Mahmoud Abbad Awad (22 years), the released prisoner Yousif Muhammad Kamel 'Awad (21 years) and Muhammad Yousif Khdeir 'Awad (15 years) and Muhannad Zuhai Mahmoud Al 'Alami (14 years). Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Majdi Jameel Al Aqhash (32 years) from Jenin city at Al Jalama military checkpoint. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities extended the detention of Hamas representative in the Palestinian parliament Hatem Qafisheh for six more months and for the fourth time on row. ARN (April 4, 2012).

Israeli Settlers' violence

- Israeli settlers of Avigel outpost established on lands of Um Al 'Areyes area east of Yatta town are carrying out expansion activities in the outpost to add new housing units despite a court's order to evacuate the site and give the land back to its original owners, Jabarin, Muhammad and Abu 'Arram families. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers have planted saplings on 2,000 square meters of land in the Ein al-Qassis area of al-Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The land belongs to Hasan Mousa Hasan, who had planted wheat

on the fields. Settlers planted the saplings in an attempt to confiscate more land. Maannews (April 4, 2012)

Erection of outposts

- The Head of the Committee for the Defense of Silwan, Fakhri Abu Diab revealed about a new settlement outpost located below the seven arches hotel at the foot of the Mount of Olives / Al-Tur overlooking the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City of Jerusalem. Abu Diab indicated that the security of the occupation was running a limited number of offices in this region, but turned in complete secrecy and by night work to a complete outpost located in the most sensitive areas in Jerusalem. Al Quds Media (April 4, 2012).

Others

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet that he is working to legalize the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El in the West Bank, along with three other illegal outposts in the territory. Netanyahu's comments come against the backdrop of a fierce government rift surrounding the evacuation order of settlers from a house in a Palestinian neighborhood in Hebron. The state had previously committed to evacuate the Ulpana outpost by May, but Netanyahu informed the cabinet that he had asked the Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein to find a solution that would legalize the outpost and prevent its demolition. Netanyahu said that in the near future, following the recommendations of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, he will ask the government to legalize the status of three other settlements in the West Bank – Bruchin, Sansana, and Rachalim. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).
- Shortly after the High Court of Justice rebuked the government for contempt of court for failing to evacuate the illegal outpost of Migron, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is back to his old habits since he told Defense Minister Ehud Barak not to carry out an evacuation order for a new settlement that was set up in the heartland of the Palestinian population in Hebron. Netanyahu is ignoring the West Bank military prosecutor's opinion, which stipulates that the settlers' presence threatens to disrupt the delicate status quo between the Israeli and Palestinian communities. In addition to warning of violence, the opinion stresses that the law in Judea and Samaria prohibits seizing real estate without the authorities' approval. The law states that even if the settlers bought the property, they may not use it without a permit from the Civil Administration. Netanyahu's inappropriate intervention shows he does not understand that the law in Hebron is not the law in Tel Aviv. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).

- The High Court recently denied the Husseini family's petition against building a Jewish neighborhood in the Shepherd Hotel compound in East Jerusalem, on land which they claim to own, thus paving the way for the extremist Moskowitz to establish yet another disputed neighborhood. Fifteen years ago, in Netanyahu's previous term as prime minister, (under pressure from the American administration) he ordered the settlers to evacuate Ras al Amud, a neighborhood Moskowitz had started building in East Jerusalem. Netanyahu maintained the evacuation "serves the unity of the holy city, the nation's unity and the continuation of the peace process." Alarming, the settlers' influence on the government has overpowered these interests. If Barak gives in yet again to the thugs and their political patrons, he will be accomplice to trampling peace and prostituting the rule of law. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).
- The Israeli Housing Ministry official allegedly behind state funding and assistance given to the Migron outpost in 2002-3 will not face criminal charges, after the State Prosecutor closed the case in January. Yair Rafaeli headed the Housing and Construction Ministry's Jerusalem district in 2002-2003. In those years, the illegal outpost Migron received massive government support, consisting of a plan to construct 500 housing units, pave a road, build sewage and electricity infrastructures, among other things. Haaretz obtained documents showing that Rafaeli had spurred and urged his office staff to assist the outpost. Following attorney Talia Sasson's report of March 2005, which detailed the state's involvement in setting up illegal outposts, police launched an investigation into the procedure leading to Migron's establishment. Rafaeli was the primary suspect in the case. In 2007 the case was passed to the State Prosecutor's Office, where it gathered dust for several years. In recent years police opened several criminal inquiries into illegal construction in the outposts, involving forged documents and illegal building permits and money transfers. All the inquiries were closed without pressing charges. An investigation into the construction of 50 buildings without permits in the Shiloh settlement is now taking place. The Justice Ministry commented on Monday, "The case was closed in January 2012. It took a long time to deal with the case due to its complexity. Finally it was decided to scrap it due to lack of evidence against some of the suspects, and due to lack of public interest regarding others." [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).
- The Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court in The Hague announced Tuesday that he rejected a complaint filed by the PNA against Israel for alleged war crimes during "Operation Cast Lead" in Gaza in 2009. The prosecutor explained that only states can file a complaint with the International Criminal Court. "The Palestinian Authority is only an observer at the United Nations and not a member state. The prosecutor's office noted that, for its purposes, the

recognition of "Palestine" by 130 countries and several international organizations, including UN organizations, was immaterial. The decision brings an end to a PNA bid launched on 22 January 2009 to gain defacto recognition by the ICC by granting the Hague jurisdiction over "the territory of Palestine." INN (April 4, 2012).

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