

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 17 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

- A Palestinian farmer (Hussein Shenyu) was moderately injured in his leg as the Israeli Occupation Army stationed at the military towers fired live bullets at agricultural lands in Khuza'a town east of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip. Maannews (April 17, 2012).
- Four Young Palestinians were injured and many suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the demonstration held in solidarity with the Palestinian Prisoners near Ofer Military camp established illegally on lands of Ramallah

Governorate. The IOA declared the area as closed military zone and fired Gas bombs, rubber bullets and wastewater at demonstrators. Wafa (April 17, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three young Palestinians from Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city. The arrestees are: Muhammad Taher Jum'a while trying to access Nablus-Qalqilyah checkpoint, 'Aqel Mahmud Ishtewei (24 years) and Muhammad Mahmud Ishtewei (20 years). The IOA also stopped Palestinian cars on the checkpoint and carried out thorough search to the cars. Wafa (April 17, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinian People, including a woman, in Hebron city. The arrestees are: Imad Ahmad Abu Hashem (22 years) and Muhammad Yaser Za'aqeeq (19 years) while on their way to work at Beit Ummer town main entrance. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) also arrested a woman (21 years) in Hebron city allegedly for hiding a knife with her. Paltimes (April 17, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ayyad Jamal and Ibrahim Ata Al Hreimi from Al Saff Street in Bethlhem city and took them to unknown destination. Wafa (April 17, 2012)

Israeli Settlers' Violence

• The Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement let go more than 200 sheep into the Palestinian fields which are planted with Wheat and Barley in Al Kharrouba area east of Yatta town and caused destruction to it. Wafa (April 17, 2012).

Israeli military orders

• The Israeli Civil Administration handed resident Muhammad Musa Mughnam from Kherbit Susiya south of Hebron city military orders to demolish his two residential tents. Wafa (April 17, 2012).

Expansion of settlement

 Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informed Likud ministers that he had approved plans to legalize three West Bank settlement outposts. Following the recommendations of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, Netanyahu told a meeting of Likud ministers that he will ask the cabinet to approve the status of the Bruchin, Sansana and Rachalim, respectively. Several of the ministers also asked Netanyahu for updates regarding the Ulpana neighborhood of Beit El, which was slated for evacuation by May. <u>Haaretz (April 17, 2012)</u>

Others

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem renews its demand to demolish the Mughrabi Gate Bridge in Jerusalem's Old City. Both the Municipality of Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall legacy fund advanced to the Israeli sub-committee for planning and building at the municipality to obtain a preliminary approval for the demolition of the bridge and build a new bridge. The Office of Netanyahu was also informed of the demand in order to obtain his consent to demolish the bridge. Wafa (April 17, 2012).
- Israel Police is establishing a new unit to enforce demolition and evacuation orders served to scattered Bedouin villages in southern Israel, in order to deal with "trespassing into state lands." The unit, which will be made up of 200 police officers, will be established in cooperation with the Prime Minister's Office to enforce Israeli land laws in the Negev. The unit's establishment follows a government decision reached last August (2011), in which Minister of Internal Security Yitzhak Aharonovich was granted permission to begin deploying the officers beginning August 1, 2012. Israel Police's Southern District has yet to announce an official plan of operation, which will be charged with evacuations and demolitions. The unit will operate alongside the Interior Ministry, the Israel Land Administration, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Prime Minister's Office among others. Haaretz (April 17, 2012)