



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 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.*

*The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian citizens in Al 'Aseeda area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The IOA fired Gas bombs at Palestinian citizens and students. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Yatta town south of Hebron city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses using sniffer dogs and carried out a thorough search. The houses of Mahmoud and Tawfeeq Mustafa Abu Fnar were the targeted during the Israeli raid.

The IOA forced residents of the two targeted houses to leave, detained them for about 5 hours and transferred their homes to military posts. Wafa (April 19, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian citizens at the entrance of Al 'Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city and fired Gas bombs at Palestinian citizens and students. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the northern entrance of Yatta town south of Hebron city, "Zeef Junction", and hindered Palestinian vehicles from going into and out of the town, which caused obstruction to the movement. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Ahmad Khader Abu Maria searching for his "wanted" son Qassam, messed with its contents and threatened Mr. Ahmad to hand his son to the Israeli Authorities at Etzion Detention center. Wafa (April 19, 2012).

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Muhammad Ash Shaf'I (34 years) after raiding his house in 'Izbat At Tayyah south of Tulkarem. The IOA also stationed at the entrance of Palestine Technical College – Khadouri, stopped some of its students while on their way to the college and checked their ID cards. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Ahmad Saber Mujahed Radwan (18 years) after raiding his house in Azzun village east of Qalqilyah and messing with its contents. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested six Palestinian residents in the West Bank, including one from Qalqilyah Governorate, 2 from Hebron Governorate, another from Tulkarem Governorate and one from Jericho Governorate. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Islam Hasan Yahya Basheeti from Beit Ula village west of Hebron city, a student from Hebron Polytechnique University, after raiding her family house. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Jihad Yousif Hasan 'Alqam from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city after raiding a number of houses in the town including his family house, and carried out a thorough search to the houses. The IOA took resident Jihad to Etzion detention center. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested resident Aysar Mustafa Muslamani (32 years) after raiding his parents house and messing with its contents in Tubas city, north of the West Bank. Al Quds (April 19, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three people at the entrance of Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and took them to unknown destination. The arrestees are: Muhammad Khalil Odeh Al Hamadi (17 years), Hakam Naser Abdel Hameed Al Alami (16 years) and Fadi Fayez Abu Fanous (15 years). Safa (April 19, 2012).

### **Israeli Settlers' Violence**

- Thousands of Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli soldiers entered the village of Kifl Haris. The soldiers erected checkpoints and occupied the roofs of several Palestinian homes in the village to provide security to Israeli settlers who were visiting Ben Nun shrine to perform Talmudic rituals, thinking that Ben Nuns Shrine has some Jewish connections. Israeli Soldiers detained Jalal Mahmoud Abu Ya'coub, 34 years, from his shop near the religious sites. Maannews & Al Quds (April 19, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers completely destroyed two Farms for vegetables and carried out provocative actions and insulted Palestinian farmers in Bardala village east of Tubas city under the pretext of drawing a Palestinian flag near a Jewish tomb. The two destroyed farms are owned by Haitham and Basem Hayel Sawafta. Al Quds (April 19, 2012).

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Um Sedra south of Ar Ramadeen village in Hebron Governorate orders to remove the Electricity network in the village within a week. It is worth mentioning that residents of Um Sedra received in March 2012 orders from the Israeli Civil administration stating the halt of work at the electricity network which provides 25 houses (200 people) in the village with electricity since 2006 along with a house, a water well and some other agricultural facilities. Al Quds (April 19, 2012).

### **Erection of Outposts**

- Some 20 homes that have been built in the Mitzpeh Cramim outpost during the past year could spark a similar coalition crisis to the one recently created by the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El, according to sources in the defense establishment. The prefabricated and permanent homes, in the outpost northeast of Ramallah, were all built on land that the state officially recognizes as being privately owned by Palestinians. Meanwhile, settlers have moved into the buildings at Mitzpeh Cramim. Construction in the outpost has

continued unhindered, despite the Defense Ministry's Civil Administration's orders to stop the work. The orders were issued in 2011. Israeli Defense sources said that the construction in Mitzpeh Cramim was illegal but admitted that no real steps had been taken to stop it. Mitzpeh Cramim is located some 700 meters away from the settlement of Kochav Hashahar. The outpost was set up in 1999 and almost all the buildings in it are on private land belonging to Palestinians from the nearby villages of Dir Jarir and Kafr Malik. It is defined as an illegal outpost in an influential report that was prepared by attorney Talia Sasson for the state in 2005. The new structures were set up by Amana, the settlement arm of the Gush Emunim movement. [Haaretz \(April 19, 2012\)](#).

## Others

- Israeli Coalition Chairman MK Ze'ev Elkin reminded the Israeli Knesset of past outpost political support. "The Ulpena neighborhood was promoted during the previous Netanyahu administration. Ehud Barak, as PM, provided residents with financial encouragement to purchase homes there, and Opposition Chairman Shaul Mofaz, as IDF CoS signed all the approvals. This government was elected for its policies, and we must support the residents who settled the land based on those policies." . [INN \(April 19, 2012\)](#).
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked the State Prosecutor's Office to examine whether a request can be lodged with the High Court to further delay the evacuation order of the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El, scheduled for May 1. The Ulpana neighborhood is comprised of multi-story buildings housing dozens of families. [Haaretz \(April 19, 2012\)](#).
- "Jewish settlers in Hebron have a right to live wherever they want," Israeli Knesset Member Miri Regev said during a visit to "Machpelah house" in the West Bank city on Thursday. The MK, who was accompanied by leaders of the Jewish community in Hebron and Kiryat Arba Council head Malachi Levinger, urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to implement the Hebron agreement. Settlers who set up a protest tent near the "Machpelah house" presented the lawmaker with documents they claim prove it was purchased legally. They asked Regev to act toward expediting the examination of the documents by the relevant authorities [Ynetnews \(April 19, 2012\)](#)