



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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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

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Jerusalem office of a university media institute, shutting down the launch of an online media network and detaining employees. Plainclothes police shut down the launch of the Hona al-Quds news site in the al-Khalidiya neighborhood of Jerusalem's Old City, and confiscated equipment and files. Two employees -- Adel Ruished and Mohannad Izheman -- were detained, and guests attending the launch were blocked from entering. Employees were presented with an order signed by the Israeli minister

of internal security forbidding the event as a banned initiative of the Palestinian National Authority. The launch was intended to take place simultaneously with the institute's Ramallah office by Skype. Israeli police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said the facility was "closed until further notice," on suspicions of use for Palestinian official activity in Jerusalem. Maannews (April 3, 2012).

- The Israeli occupation army raided a number of stores and a barber shop in Kufeirat village, interrogated their owners and checked in their ID cards. The IOA also set up at the entrance of the village, stopped Palestinian cards and check the ID cards of the drivers. Owners of the raided stores are: Sa'id Fares, Muhammad Baker Ghazzawi and Nizar Hussein Ighbariya. Wafa (April 3, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Muhammad Anwar Muna, a reporter working for Al Quds Press agency, after raiding his house in Nablus city, north of the West Bank. The IOA also arrested resident Fadel Hamed Al Beitawi. PNN (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Central court extended the detention of Muhammad Shuman from Beit Hanina for further notice until the completion of judicial proceedings against him. Shuman was arrested under the pretext stabbing an Israeli soldier in the Tramway station three weeks ago. PNN (April 3, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army arrested Muhammad Fakhri Abdel Razeq Daraghmah (40 years) and Odai Radwan Sharori (19 Years) from Tubas Governorate and handed Resident Ziad Radwan Sharori a notification to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Salem Detention center. PNN (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped Governor of Jerusalem 'Adnan Al Hussein and Ahmad Al Ruweidi, advisor to President Abbas in the old city of Jerusalem during their raid to the Social work center affiliated to Al Quds University. The IOA detained the ID cards of both the Governor and the advisor without giving a justification and also detained the ID cards of some other people who were present at the site. Wafa (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Hasan Attiya Ibrahim Khadour (23 years) from Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city and took him to unknown destination after raiding his family house and messing with its contents. Wafa (April 3, 2012).

Israeli Settlers' violence

- "Jewish settlers who took over a house in Hebron's Arab area should be allowed to stay", comments, made by Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz, adding that similar actions, as long as they are done through the proper legal channels, should be encouraged. The comments came amid a debate within Israel's leadership as to the way in which the state should respond to Sunday's takeover. The Israel Defense Forces issued an eviction order on Monday for the settlers, according to which they had until Tuesday at 3:00 PM to evacuate the house on their own will, after which "the authorities will act to restore the building to its previous state." However, later in the day Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly asked Defense Minister Ehud Barak to postpone the evacuation, with officials in [Netanyahu's office](#) saying the premier asked Barak "to allow the settlers to pursue action through legal channels." [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\)](#).
- A Palestinian worker from Al-Ubeidiya village near Bethlehem was assaulted by a group of Israelis in West Jerusalem. Ahmad Younis Slayyim Ubeidiya, 43, was on his way to work in the Beit Yisreal neighborhood when a group of ultra-Orthodox Israelis attacked him. Ubeidiya was taken to Beit Jala public hospital with bruises and a fractured hand. Maannews & ARN (April 3, 2012).
- A number of Israeli settlers attacked resident Ahmad Rabay'a (42 years) and caused series injuries to him. ARN (April 3, 2012).

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation army bulldozers accompanied by officers of the Israeli Civil Administration raided Kherbit Um An Nir east of Yatta town and razed 50 dunums of lands planted with Olive and Alomnd trees. The bulldozers also destroyed the walls and barbed wires surrounding the land which is owned by Al Jbour and Abu Sweleh Families. The IO bulldozers also demolished two water wells owned by Issa and Muhammad Hussein Muhammad Al Jbour. Wafa (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 2 residential structures and a water collection system owned by resident Laila Jabra Atallah Khalilieh in Al Makhroun area west Beit Jala city. The IO bulldozers also razed 52 electric poles planted in the road leading to Al Makhroun and a paved road. DWG (April 3, 2012).

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers and under the protection of the Israeli Army raided Al Makhroun area west of Beit Jala city, razed

lands, uprooted and destroyed electric poles and cables, and demolished the house of George Khalilieh. PNN (April 3, 2012).

Expansion of settlement

- Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat announced that he intends to promote the establishment of a new Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. About 200 new homes are being planned for the new neighborhood, known as Kidmat Zion, on a plot of land claimed to be purchased by U.S. millionaire Irving Moskowitz, a longtime patron of Jewish settlers in East Jerusalem. That step is expected to come if and when the planning budget for the new neighborhood is approved during one of the next meetings of the Knesset Finance Committee. Kidmat Zion lies between the East Jerusalem Palestinian towns of Abu Dis and Jabal Mukkaber, close to the separation wall. The location is considered one of the most sensitive in East Jerusalem, due to its proximity to the building designated as the future home of the Palestinian parliament and its distance from other Jewish neighborhoods. The land is claimed to be purchased by ultra-Orthodox Jews from Mea She'arim around the turn of the 20th century, and by Moskowitz over the past few decades for the Ateret Cohanim association, an organization which brought in a number of Jewish families, who live alongside Palestinian families. [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\).](#)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Sabta area in Al Salam street in Hebron city and toured the area for some hours. PNN (April 3, 2012)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Bani Na'im village east of Hebron, fired Gas Bombs at Palestinian citizens and their houses without reason, causing a state of fear among. PNN (April 3, 2012)

Others

- An Israeli right-wing activist published an ad last week, calling for the aid of fellow activists in securing a court-ordered evacuation of a Palestinian family from its East Jerusalem home, following the police's refusal to do so. Israel Land Fund founder and director Aryeh King, is claiming that the 18-member Palestinian family illegally entered a housing compound in 2002, despite the fact that it was purchased by a British Jew about years 30 ago. Ruling on the case, a Jerusalem magistrate's court ordered the house be evacuated by March 1, saying the Palestinian family had to pay NIS 125,000 in damages. According

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- The Israeli Defense Forces has issued an eviction order for settlers who took over a house in the Arab part of Hebron last week. According to the order, the settlers have until Tuesday at 3:00 PM to evacuate the house on their own will, after which "the authorities will act to restore the building to its previous state." The security establishment has called the takeover a provocation, and says that the settlers' presence in the house constitutes a public disturbance. However, the move has won the support of some politicians. The settlers said they purchased

the property legally. Their representatives showed records of the deal, including money transfers, to Military Advocate General staff. The house is located in a closed military zone, but Jewish community activists come and go freely through the area. [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\)](#).

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