



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 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.*

*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 warplanes (IOA) shelled at agricultural lands east of Al Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Iraq Burin village south of Nablus city and clashed with its citizens. The IOA fired Gas bombs and many suffered Gas inhalation. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a peaceful demonstration held in Beit Ummer town in solidarity with Palestinian

prisoners. The IOA attacked and assaulted Palestinian citizens and international activists participating in the demonstration and hindered them from reaching their lands which are threatened of Confiscation. Wafa (May 20, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army Tanks (IOA) stationed at the borders east of Absan town east of Khan Younis city fired two artery shells at Palestinian agricultural lands. The shells caused the burning of the field crops of a number of lands planted with Wheat. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed "Bab Al Hadeed (the Iron Gate), one of Al Aqsa's Mosque main gates under the pretext of being stormed by Israeli settlers. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers closed all entrances leading to Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city with cement blocks and earth mounds under the pretext of making the way for Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' to march to Jerusalem to celebrate the so called "reunification of Jerusalem" day. Israeli soldiers also forced Palestinian store owners (whose stores are located on the main road (Hebron 0Jeruaslem road)) to close their stores and not open them during the settlers' march. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrances of Bani Na'im, Sa'ir and Halhul communities and hindered the entry and exit of Palestinian citizens from their communities to make the way for Israeli settlers who are marching for "reunification of Jerusalem" day. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the only entrance of Beit Kheran area adjacent to Karnei Zur settlement north of Halhul town with cement blocks and earth mounds for security pretexts. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- A Palestinian youth was injured near the Etzion Israeli settlement, between Bethlehem and Hebron. The soldiers then stepped on his palms to pose for pictures. The Israeli army claimed that the resident, identified as Salah Sghayyar, 18, attempted to stab an Israeli soldier, but "fell on his knife during a scuffle with the soldier". Yet, initial media reports indicated that the youth was shot, not stabbed, in the chest. As the youth was lying in the ground, heavily bleeding and unable to move, soldiers stepped on his palms and posed for pictures. The army and the police invaded the home of Sghayyar's father, in As-Salam Street in Hebron, searched it, and ordered the father and the mother to head to the Etzion military and security center for interrogation. IMEMC (May 20, 2012)
- A Palestinian youth was shot and wounded by Israeli military fire east of Al-Qarara town, east of Khan Younis city, in the southern part of the

Gaza Strip. The wounded resident, identified as Waheed Abu Zir, 22, was shot by a live round in his leg; the shots came from Israeli military towers east of Kissufim military Israeli military base. The soldiers also fired at random hitting a number of homes and properties in the area. Wafa & IMEMC (May 20, 2012).

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Salem Badi Deirstawi (40 years) after raiding his house in Al Bireh city in Ramallah Governorate. The IOA also raided a number of Palestinian houses in the city and bombed entrances. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ayham Rasem Abdel Wahed (16 years) at Damascus gate in Jerusalem city and took him to Al "Qeshla" detention and interrogation center in Jaffa Gate in the old city of Jerusalem. Wafa (May 20, 2012).

### **Israeli Settlers' Violence**

- More than 300 Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement escorted by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Asira Al Qiblya village and caused the injury of a number of Palestinians in the village. The injured Palestinians are: Nemer 'Asayra (24 years) and Ahmad Jibril (30 years). The settlers also set fire into Palestinian agricultural lands located in the vicinity of the settlement and hurled stones at Palestinian farmers who were in the area. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) torched Palestinian lands planted with Wheat and Barley in "Twemen" area in Yatta town. The lands belong to Yousif Abu Sabha. Wafa (May 20, 2012)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement, accompanied by Israeli occupation soldiers, police and ambulances chanted racist slogans during a march that was held by settlers to celebrate the so called "reunification of Jerusalem". The march started from Kiryat Arba' settlement and headed towards Jerusalem city, passing by Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. Wafa (May 20, 2012).
- Dozens of settlers stormed agricultural fields and uprooted olive and fruit trees in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The land belongs to Hammad Abdul-Hamid Sleibi. The settlers came from Bat 'Ayin settlement, north of Beit Ummer, and also sprayed racist slogans in the village. "Death to Arabs" and "Kahane was right", in reference to the founder of a far-right anti-Arab political party, were found on village property. Maannews (May 20, 2012)

## Others

- Marking Jerusalem Day, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that the Israeli capital will never be divided and that building in Jerusalem will continue. "We will protect Jerusalem," Netanyahu said. "Israel without Jerusalem is like a body without a heart. Our heart will never be divided again." "A nation willing to sacrifice its heart will convince its enemies that it is willing to give up on everything," he warned, and said that he does not believe that abandoning the Temple Mount to a different power will preserve the freedom of religion. "I know there are people who say that there will be peace if we only divide Jerusalem. I don't believe this," he said. "We will continue to build Jerusalem." [Haaretz](#) (May 20, 2012)
- The Israeli Government, in its meeting, in the Ammunition Hill (Giv'at Hatachmoshet), in Jerusalem decided to take steps to consolidate the settlements' program in Occupied East Jerusalem. The Government endorsed NIS 350 million to what it calls "Developing Public and Tourist sites in Jerusalem for the coming six years". The money will be dedicated to develop the infrastructure of the city in addition to rehabilitating main tourist sites and open areas for the sake of Israeli inhabitants and international visitors. [Al Quds](#) (May 20, 2012).