



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 May 2016

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) attacked a non-violent protest in Deir Istiya village, north of Salfit city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases and the injury of a 9 years old Palestinian girl. **During the operation, the Israeli settlers escorted by the IOA, tried to attack Palestinians.** (Raya 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and settlements in Nilin village, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians

and their houses and land, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the torch of tens of olive trees in Karm Al Haja area, south of Nilin village. (ARN 20 May 2016)

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. During the clashes, the IOA assaulted Palestinians and arrested Khalil Raid Abu Taiyah (17 years). (RB2000 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched a number of Palestinian houses in Ar-Rashayida village, southeast of Bethlehem city. Three of the targeted houses are owned by: Ali Mohammad Rashayida, Bassam Rashayida and Nayf Rashayida. (RB2000 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and Settlements in Bilin village, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, and teargas and stun grenades, causing a number of suffocation cases. (Orient FM 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the Segregation wall and Settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA fired teargas grenades, causing tens of suffocation cases and the injury of two Palestinians. (Al-Quds 20 May 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the border fence, east of Ash-Shuja'iyah neighborhood, east of Gaza city. The IOA fired teargas grenades and live bullets, causing the injury of a Palestinian. (Al-Quds 20 May 2016)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the border fence, east of Al Burij refugee camp, in the central of Gaza strip. The IOA fired live bullets and teargas grenades, causing the injury of a Palestinian. (PNN 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land at Johr Ad-Dik and Al Malika areas, southeast of Gaza city. (Al-Quds 20 May 2016)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from At-Tur town, south of Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mustafah Ahmed Abu Al Hawa (12 years) and Mohammad Sameh Alayan (10 years). (SilwanIC 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after stopping him at the entrance of Al Eaziriya town, east of Jerusalem city. (Pal Today 20 May 2016)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Arafat Abidat (16 years) after raiding and searching his family house in Jabal Al Mukabir town, south of Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after storming his house in Bani Na'im village, east of Hebron city. (PNN 20 May 2016)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Shufat refugee camp, north of Jerusalem city. (PNN 20 May 2016)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers living in Nekodim settlement escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in Jubbet Adh-Dhib village, east of Bethlehem city. (Orient FM 20 May 2016)
- Israeli settlers tried to attack Palestinian farmers while they working in their land in Talfit village, south of Nablus city. (PNN 20 May 2016)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

- Israel to Upgrade West Bank Checkpoints, Shortening Wait Time. Defense and finance ministries agree to move, which will cost \$78 million. The government is to upgrade the checkpoints between the West Bank and Israel, so that more Palestinians will be able to enter Israel for work. The Defense Ministry said the move, which will cost some 300 million shekels (\$78 million), will also shorten the amount of time Palestinians must spend waiting in line to get through the checkpoints. Thousands of West Bank Palestinians pass through each checkpoint every day, in order to reach their workplace in Israel. Altogether, some 60,000 Palestinians have permits to work in Israel. However, to ensure that they make it through the checkpoint in time to reach work, they must get up in the wee hours – since they usually wait at the crossings for hours, in very crowded conditions, until it's their turn for a security check. Palestinians frequently complain about the long delays, overcrowding, heat and other unpleasant conditions, and these problems have also been reported in the media. Consequently, Israel's finance and defense ministries set up a task force to try and solve these problems. Defense Ministry data shows a steady rise in the number of people crossing through these checkpoints in recent years. In 2015, for instance, over 11 million Palestinian crossings into Israel were recorded, up from just eight million the previous year. The Defense Ministry said the upgrade was the joint initiative of Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon and Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, in cooperation with Israel's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories. But it has support from

virtually the entire coalition, up to and including one of the most right-wing cabinet members: Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Uri Ariel (Habayit Hayehudi). Just last month, Ariel said in a radio interview that the way Palestinians were forced to stand and wait for hours “without shade or water” was “a disgrace and shame on Israel and the defense establishment. “You should see how [Palestinian laborers] stand waiting to enter Israel,” he continued. “People stand there in subpar conditions, in the summer in the heat; in the winter in the rain. What prevents us from fixing this? What, 50 million shekels is our issue”? ([Haaretz](#) 20 May 2016)

Other

- The Israeli Civil Administration submitted a building scheme in Al Quds Daily Newspaper for Public Review¹. The Regional Plan No. (235/2/4/1), Mandate scheme RJ/S/יִרְשׁ and 235/2, parts of basin number 9 in Shu’bat Dib area, parts of basin number 1 in Ras Abu Zaytoun area, parts of basin number 8 in Al Matawi area in Ras Karkar village in Ramallah governorate, and parts of basin number 5 in Al Matawi’ area in Deir ‘Ammar village. The plan change the status of land from agricultural area to residential area, public buildings, commercial and industrial areas, road networks, and open area. (Al-Quds 20 May 2016)

¹ It is the last step before approving the building scheme, after which, building permits and tenders may be issued