



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 April 2015

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) opened fire at Palestinian land and houses, east of Al Fakhari area, east of Khan Younis town, south of Gaza strip. (Pal Today 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at AS-Sudaniya shore, northwest of Gaza strip. (Maannews 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched three Palestinians houses in Faqqu'a village, northeast of Jenin city. The

targeted houses are owned by: Melad Masad, Hussam Jaber Barakat and Osama Ibrahim Abu As'ad. (RB2000 20 April 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in several areas in Jalbun and Silat Al Harithiya villages in Jenin governorate. (RB2000 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out military trainings near Al Jalama village, north of Jenin city. (RB2000 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a non-violent protest to support the Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli Jails, at Huwara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at participants. (Wafa 20 April 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their houses in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Baha Ahmed Al Abbasi (19 years) and his brother Mohammad (17 years), Mohammad Nasser Al Abbasi (20 years) and Mohammad Waled Kastero (19 years). (SilwanIC 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Yazan Yasri Abu Isninah (22 years), Ashraf Shukri Al Fakhouti (22 years) and his brother Sharef. (ARN 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Ibrahim Mustafah Taqatqih (25 years), Eid Ahmed Taqatqih (27 years), Hussam Kamal Taqatqih (26 years) and Shawqi Nasser Taqatqih. (Al-Quds 20 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their houses in Husan village, west of Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Mus'ab Daoud Ash-Sha'er (13 years), Amir Mohammad Za'oul (15 years), Abdalla Tareq Shousha (15 years) and Abed Al Aziz Hamamrah (15 years). (Wafa 20 April 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) toured in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al-Aqsa mosque, carried out provocative actions and chanted anti Palestinian slogans. (Pal Info 20 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Efarm settlement and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented a Palestinian farmer from working in his 10 dunums

of land in Batten Al Ma'asi area, south of Al-Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (ARN 20 April 2015)

Other

- Palestinians going to court to demand their land in Jordan Valley. Vast tracts of Jordan Valley land owned by petitioners was given to settlers long ago. The High Court of Justice is to hear petitions Monday by Palestinians seeking the return of land they own near the Jordanian border and which was given to Jordan Valley settlers to cultivate. In 1969, two years after the occupation of the West Bank, the army declared the area between the Jordan-Israel border and the nearby security fence to be a closed military zone barred to Palestinians. According to Israel Defense Forces documents, the area in question is made up of about 5,000 dunams (1,250 acres) of private Palestinian land registered in the Jordanian land registry. In the 1980s and 1990s, the state allocated these lands to the World Zionist Organization, after an aide to the defense minister, Uri Ben-On, decided in 1981 that that they could be cultivated. In issuing this decision, Ben-On ignored an opinion by the Justice Ministry that prohibited the cultivation of private Palestinian land. Over the years there has been a sharp rise in the cultivation of Palestinian land by Israeli settlers. Aerial photographs published by the Civil Administration show that in 1997, 2,380 dunams of private Palestinian land was cultivated and in 2012, that figure had risen to 5,064 dunams. The lands are mostly used for date plantations. In January 2013, Haaretz revealed that the land had been given to settlers, and thus this fact became known to the heirs of the Palestinian owners, who petitioned the High Court in October 2013. The state tried to reach a monetary settlement with the petitioners, but they turned down the offer. The state claims that the heirs did not present the required inheritance documents and that such a long time has gone by that the reasons for the transfer of the land to Jordan Valley settlers cannot be traced. In any case, the state argued, the fact that the settlers have had possession of the land for so many years "cannot be ignored." The State Prosecutor's Office also said the matter is political and should be presented for discussion before the next government. ([Haaretz](#) 20 April 2015)