

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) stormed and searched 4 Palestinian houses in Zububa village, northwest of Jenin city. The targeted houses are owned by Samer As'ad Jaradat, Fadel Jaradat, Abed Al Fatah and Abed Al Karem Jaradat. During the operation, the IOA fired stun grenades at Palestinian houses. (ARN 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) staged few meters into the eastern part of Deir Al Balah town in the central if Gaza strip, razed land and opened fire at Palestinians. (Maannews & Al-Quds 21 April 2015)

- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats while they were sailing at Al Waha shore in Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian farmers while they were working in their land, east of Al Magahzi area in the central of Gaza strip and at Abu Samra area, northwest of Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Jabal Abu Ruman area in Hebron city and carried out military trainings. (Wafa 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinian children from reaching their school, which located near the Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians while they were near the border fence, east of Al Burij refugee camp in the central of Gaza strip. (Wattan 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Tarqumiya villag, northwest of Hebron city. The arrestees were identified as: Ali Awad Abed Ar-Rahman Fadafda and Sa'ed Mahmoud Sayed Ahmed. (Wafa 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Khames Abd Ar-Rahman Mohammad Al'ajlouni after storming him at Al Container checkpoint. (Wafa 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Abed AL Fatah Jamel Jawabrah (56 years) and his two sons; Taqi Ad-Diyn (25 years) and Ahmed (18 years), to interview the Israeli Intalligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming their house in Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ahmed Mohammad Manasrah (23 years) after raiding his house in Wadi Fukin village, west of Bethlehem city. (RB2000 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Dura town, west of Hebron city. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Ad-Dhahiriya town, south of Hebron city. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Az-Zubeidat village, north of Jericho city. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after stopping them at Huwara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. the arrestees were identified as: Ahmed Ghazawi Zaytoun (15 years) from

Balata refugee camp, and Mohammad Riad Said Hashash (16 years) from Aqraba village. (Maannews 21 April 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- An Israeli organization called Israeli settlers to storm Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city on the 23rd of April 2015, to celebrate the "Israeli Independence day" and to raise the Israeli flags inside the mosque. (NBPRS 21 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles while they were crossing Huwara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city. A number of vehicles were damaged. (NBPRS 21 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Joseph tomb, east of Nablus city and performed Talmudic rituals. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired metal and rubber bullets at Palestinians, causing the injury of Mohammad Hassan Sabateen (18 years), Muaz Tal'at Atta (21 years) and Ahmed Saleh (22 years). (PNN & PNN 21 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Immanual settlement uprooted 450 olive seedlings from Palestinian land in Deir Istiya village, north of Salfit city. (Maannews 21 April 2015)

Israeli Military Orders

• Israeli Occupation Authorities issued military orders to demolish two residential tents and an animal shed in Khirbet Al-Qawawis, east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The targeted structures are owned by Jubreen Musa Abu Aram. (Wattan 21 April 2015)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli bulldozers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) razed Palestinian agricultural land at Jabal Bateen Al Ma'si area in Al Khader village, southwest of Bethlehem city. Noted that "Jabal Bateen AL Ma'asi" area reach to 800 dunums of land. (Al-Quds 21 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed roads links between Bethlehem and Hebron governorate. The IOA declared the names of the road and the time that the road will be closed. (Orient Bethlehem 21 April 2015)

Other

 Israel's High Court blasts state for giving Palestinian-owned land to settlers. Court Vice-President Naor: 'I don't understand how this could happen,' when hearing that state in 1990 gave Palestinian-owned land to settlers. Following a blunt verbal attack on the state's actions over the course of decades, the High Court of Justice ordered it Monday to show cause why it should not return land in the Jordan Valley to its Palestinian owners, and why those owners should not be permitted to cultivate it. The approximately 5,000 dunams (1,250 acres), located along the border with Jordan, was given in the 1990s to settlers for cultivation. In January 2013 Haaretz revealed that the Palestinian owners of the land had been banned from the area by military order. High Court Vice-President Miriam Naor and Justices Daphne Barak-Erez and Menahem Mazuz were sharply critical of the state at the hearing. "I don't understand how this could happen," Naor said. According to the state's attorney, Roi Shweiki, the state did not know how the land came to be transferred because it happened a long time ago. Barak-Erez asked: "If this is a military zone and people can go in to cultivate it, why can't the owners go in?" Mazuz said: "The situation here is in fact clear. You admit that this is private land. You admit that the transfer to Ayala Smith [the settler cultivating the land] ostensibly went against the decision of the Ministerial Committee for Security. So the state's first obligation is to return the situation to its rightful state." The heirs of the Palestinian owners 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's representatives told the court last week that they do not know why the land was given to the settlers and could not present a position until the issue was brought before the government. Smith's attorney, Harel Arnon, said the state believed "one injustice cannot be corrected by another." The attorney for the petitioners, Wissam Asmar, said: "A major step has been taken to recognize the right of the owners, whose rights have been trampled by the settlers." (<u>Haaretz</u> 21 April 2015)

Israel's Population Grows 2% Over 2014 to 8.345 Million. Independence Day census: 176,000 babies were born and 32,000 people immigrated in 2014; Israel now has 6.251 million Jews. Israel's population stands on the eve of Israel's 67th Independence Day at 8.345 million people, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) stated Tuesday - compared to just 806,000 in 1948. Of the 8.345 million, 6.251 million are Jews (74.9% of the population); 1.73 million are Arabs (20.7%); and 364,000 (4.4%) are defined as "other" (non-Arab Christians, other religious sects, and atheists according to the population registry). Since 2014, Israel's population grew by 162,000 - a 2% increase. Israel's population grew by about -162 thousand, an increase of 2.0%. During this period, 176,000 babies were born; 44,000 people died; and 32,000 people

immigrated. In 2014, about 75% of the Jews were "native" - born in Israel - compared to only 35% in 1948. In 1948, Israel only had one city with more than 100,000 residents - Tel Aviv-Yafo. Today, 14 cities number more than 100,000 residents. Six cities number more than 200,000 residents: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Haifa, Rishon LeZion, Ashdod and Petah Tikva. (Israeli National News 21 April 2015)