



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 12 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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched three Palestinian houses in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. The targeted houses are owned by Ahmed, Anwar and Munir Khalil Thawabta. (RB2000 12 April 2015)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians from Beitillu village, northwest of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 12 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Issam Habes Rayan after storming his house in Beit Duqqu village, northwest of Jerusalem city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Al-Quds 12 April 2015)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (RB2000 12 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers living in Leshem settlement continued their work at an archaeological site located between Kafr Ad-Dik and Rafat villages in Salfit governorate. (NBPRS 12 April 2015)
- A 25 years old Palestinian was injured after an Israeli settler hit her by his vehicle near Bab Al Aboud area in Jerusalem city. (Al-Quds 12 April 2015)

Other

- **Elad management of City of David tunnel challenged in court. European-funded group calls involvement of Ir David Foundation a "dangerous political act."** Emek Shaveh, an organization of archeologists and activists dedicated to the role of archeology in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, petitioned the High Court of Justice on Sunday for the state to take over management of a tunnel that connects Silwan and the Western Wall from a right-wing NGO. The tunnel, which leads to the archeological site known as the Davidson Center and reaches the foundations of the Temple Mount, is managed by The Ir David Foundation (Elad), founded in the 1980s to acquire the former homes of Jewish families who fled Silwan after the 1936 riots. In a statement, Emek Shaveh described the foundation's management of the tunnel as a "dangerous political act" that will increase conflict in the capital. It added that the Antiquities Authority has overseen the digging of the tunnel since 2007. "Over the years, there is a constant transfer of Jerusalem's national and international heritage to right-wing organizations, which violates the pluralistic status and character of the city," Emek Shaveh said in a statement announcing its petition. "The excavation of the IAA [the Antiquities Authority] adjacent to foundations of the Temple Mount/Al-Aksa compound is a dangerous political act that could intensify international and interreligious tensions in the area." The ongoing excavation, the statement continued,

has allowed Elad to “reach the very foundations of the Temple Mount/Al-Aksa compound, to handle the tunnel’s preservation, and to manage the entry and exit,” giving it a “foothold at the Davidson Center. “In these circumstances, when actions undertaken at the compound may have far-reaching implications for the State of Israel and the Jewish people, it is extremely important to leave it to the exclusive management of the state.” On the basis of these principles, Emek Shaveh said, an agreement to transfer management of the Davidson Center to Elad was previously rejected by the state. Asked to comment on the petition, Ze’ev Orenstein, director of international affairs for Elad, issued a brief statement saying the organization will promptly respond in court to the allegations after reviewing its contents. “Upon receiving a copy of the petition, it will be studied by the organization, after which our response will be presented to the court,” he said. According to NGO Monitor, in 2013 Emek Shaveh received NIS 228,120 from Norway, NIS 94,329 from Switzerland, as well as indirect government funds from the Netherlands and Switzerland. (JPost 12 April 2015)

- Israeli resources revealed that, the Israeli Housing Minister, Uri Ariel, promised settlers to open Mount Ebal in front of the settlers to enable them to perform their prayers in the so-called "Joshua Ben Nun". According to the Israeli news, Israeli Authorities opened connections by public to enable settlers to reach the place without special permits, noting that Ariel vowed during a visit Friday to the mountain as well as a number of Israeli officials from the Knesset and the Antiquities Authority for tourist place allows all Israelis visiting the historic and sacred place for Jews. He will take the necessary steps with the Department of the army to allow the Israeli settlers to reach the place and pray in it, indicating that he would work to repair an easy way of running the movement towards him. (NBPRS 12 April 2015)