

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.

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

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing the injuru of Rami Al-Rimawi. (Wattan 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a Palestinian house in Dura town, west of Hebron city. The targeted house is owned by Akram Amran. (Safa 4 April 2014)

- Israeli Occupation warplanes launched a missile at a Palestinian land, east of Gaza city. Two Palestinians were injured. (Wafa 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation warplanes launched a missile at an open area in Jabaliya town, north of Gaza strip, causing the damaged in a Palestinian shop. (Wafa 4 April 2014)
- Dozens of Palestinians were suffered gas inhalation after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians while they were praying at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. (Wafa 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqilyah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wafa 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian vehicle owned by Rateb Jabour, while he was at Al-Fahes area, east of Hebron city. (Wafa 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians while they were near the border fence, east of Khan-Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Paltoday 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Al-Masara village, south of Bethlehem city. (Maannews 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Deir Al-Hatab village, east of Nablus city, and fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians and houses. Two Palestinian vehicles were damaged. (Maannews 4 April 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near Ofar jail, west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of 4 people. (Al-Quds 4 April 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Murad Atiya (17 years) and his brother Mohammad (20 years). (SilwanIC 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Sabri Ibrahim Sabri Awad (19 years) from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, while he was in Jerusalem city. (Wattan 4 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian while he was near the border fence, north of Gaza strip. (Safa 4 April 2014)

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Abidah Za'tari (22 years) from Hebron city, after storming his student house in Az-Zababida village, southeast of Jenin city. (Wafa 4 April 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers attacked and injured Mohammad Ahmed Radi Ibrahim (33 years) while he was working in his land at the eastern part of Urif village, south of Nablus city. (Maannews 4 April 2014)
- Israeli settlers invaded Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city and assaulted Palestinians, causing the injury of 4 people. The Israeli settlers hurled stones at houses and vehicles and sprayed pepper gas at Palestinians. (Maannews 4 April 2014)
- Israeli settlers living in Sde Boaz outpost uprooted 300 grapes trees and demolished a part of an agricultural room in Al-Khader village, west of Bethlehem city. The targeted trees are owned by Sobeh family. After the settlers leave the area, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed it and detained the ID cards for dozens of Palestinians and decaled the area as "close military zone". (Al-Quds 4 April 2014)

Other

Jerusalem panel approves controversial City of David visitors' center. Right-wing Elad group proposes 16,600-square meter building as gateway to City of David. The Jerusalem Regional Planning and Building Committee approved the construction of a controversial visitors' center for the City of David just outside the Old City walls. The committee heard objections to the huge project for eight hours before approving it Thursday evening. Residents of Silwan, where the center will be located, claimed the large structure, which is intended for serving tourism and educational services for the City of David National Park, does not take the needs of local residents into consideration. Architects and public figures claimed the plan violates the principle of not building tall buildings near the walls of the Old City. Archeologists complained of the expected harm to important archeological finds at the site. But after a short discussion, the committee decided to approve the proposal, though it did set a number of conditions. The proposal was submitted by the Elad association, the right-wing group that administers the City of David National Park, and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, and has the support of the Jerusalem municipality. The plan calls for the construction of a museum, visitors' center and auditorium in the area known as the Givati parking lot, some 20 meters from the Old City wall and 100 meters from the Western Wall. It will also constitute a new gateway to the City of David National Park. The building is to be 7 meters tall and cover 16,600 square meters. Beneath a planned parking lot, finds discovered at the site in recent years are to be preserved and made accessible. "The Jerusalem Regional [Planning] Committee heard the objections to the Kedem Center plan in Jerusalem and thought that the plan to build the visitors' center will aid in exposing the important archeological finds to the broader public and serve as a focus for tourism that will help in developing the city of Jerusalem," read the Interior Ministry's announcement of the approval. The committee decided to reduce the size of the built-up sections of the project and to require the height of the building not exceed the level of the street above it near the Old City wall, to fit in better with its surroundings. The roof of the building, as well as the passages to the lower level, will be open to the public and the preservation of the archeological finds must be guaranteed - all before a building permit can be issued. (Haaretz 4 April 2014)

Israel Sanctions PA Following Unilateral Move. Israel suspends highlevel contacts with PA, restricts transfer of communications equipment to Gaza. Israel on Thursday informed the Palestinian Authority (PA) of a series of punitive measures against it, following the PA's request to join 15 international conventions. According to Kol Yisrael radio, these measures include a suspension of high-level contacts between ministers and CEOs, and any contacts with the PA will now be led by the Coordinator of Government Activities in Judea and Samaria, Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai. It was also decided to freeze the implementation of 3G cellular technology in PA-assigned areas and stop the transfer into Gaza of communications equipment belonging to the PA cellular phone company Watania. Another punitive measure is a freeze on promotion master plans for new communities in Area C. Israel is looking into further sanctions on the PA, according to Kol Yisrael. On Wednesday night, the UN's special envoy on Mideast peace had <u>confirmed he received requests</u> from PA officials to join international conventions and treaties, including the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, the convention on the rights of the child, the convention against torture, and the one against corruption. The PA's ambassador to the UN <u>later threatened</u> that the PA could join up to 550 international treaties and conventions, including the International Criminal Court. On Thursday, Justice Minister Tzipi Livni, who has been the Israeli negotiator in the peace talks with PA, announced that the fourth and final batch of terrorist releases has been officially <u>cancelled</u> due to the PA's unilateral move. "New conditions have been created, and Israel cannot free the prisoners of the fourth batch," announced Livni. (Israel National News 4 April 2014)