



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 10 April 2014

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) assaulted and injured two Palestinians while they were working in a restaurant in Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem city. The Palestinians were identified as: Ali Musa At-Talhami and Majde Madboh. (SilwanIC 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and toured in Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. (Wattan 10 April 2014)

- Three Palestinian workers were injured after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at them while they were near Beit Hanun terminal, north of Gaza strip. (Maannews 10 April 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) around a Palestinian school in Burin village, south of Nablus city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (RB2000 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a number of tents in Al-Jawana area, east of Khirbet Tana in Beit Furik village, east of Nablus city. The tents funded by Palestine Red Crescent Society to the residents after the IOA demolished their houses few days ago. During the operation, the IOA issued a number of military orders and confiscated a number of agricultural tractors. (NBPRS 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) launched two missiles at an agricultural land, east of Deir Al-Balah town in Gaza strip. (Al-Quds 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian houses and land, east of Al-Qarar village, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. (Raya 10 April 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israel Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming their house in the old city of Jerusalem. The arrestees were identified as: Wessam Hamouda, Mohammad At-Tariaqi, Abdalla As-Sanjalawi and Imad Hamouda. During the operation, the IOA summoned dozens of Palestinians to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police. (SilwanIC & Al-Quds 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a number of Palestinian workers while they were working in Qaryut village, south of Nablus city. (Wattan 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud Abu Rafi'a (22 years) after raiding his house in Ayda refugee camp, north of Bethlehem city. During the operation, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fire teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Wattan 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ayman Mohammad Rasha'da after raiding his house in 'Arab Ar Rashayida village, southeast of Bethlehem city, and confiscated his personal laptop and mobile. (Maannews 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ala' Abu Shakhdem the Headmaster of Dar Al-Aytam school in Jerusalem city, after the IOA stormed the school. (RB2000 10 April 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians from Beit 'Awa village, west of Hebron city, after stopping them at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA at the entrance of the village. The arrestees were identified as: Mahmoud As'id Abu As'ad, Yousif Abd Al-Halem AbuAz'ad and his brother Mohammad (Al-Quds & Wafa 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their house in Jabal Abu Dhahir neighborhood in Jenin city. The arrestees were identified as: Mohammad Badir Mahmoud (21 years) and his brother Ahmed (22 years). (RB2000 10 April 2014)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem city and toured in its courtyard. (Safa 10 April 2014)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a military order to confiscate 984 dunums of Palestinian land in Khallit Al-Fahma, Al-Issiya, Az-Zaytouna and Al-Karmi areas in Al-Khader village and Nahhalin village, west of Bethlehem city. (NBPRS 10 April 2014)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers seized and razed one dunums of Palestinian land near Al-Jalamah terminal, north of Jenin city. The targeted land is owned by Abu Farha family. (Wattan 10 April 2014)
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 100 dunums of Palestinian land in Khallit Al-Qutton area, south of Bethlehem city, and uprooted a number of olive trees. The targeted land is owned by Iyad Sanad and Abu Khalid Sanad. (PNN 10 April 2014)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel to expropriate Palestinian land in order to build sewage treatment facility. The Civil Administration asked nearby villages to be linked to the sewage plant in order to justify the confiscation, but they refused. The Civil Administration intends to confiscate 180 dunams (44.5 acres) of land belonging to residents of the villages Ein Yabrud

and Silwad, in order to build a facility for treating the sewage of the West Bank settlement of Ofra, according to the planning documents that were submitted to the Supreme Planning Council. The saga of Ofra's sewage plant has been going on since 2007. In Ofra's original building plan from the 1980s, which was never approved, an area was allocated for oxygenation pools, which were never built due to their proximity to the homes. As a substitute, in 2007 the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council began building the plant on land belonging to Palestinians from Ein Yabrud and Silwad – without any construction permit. In 2008 the landowners and Yesh Din – Volunteers for Human Rights, petitioned the High Court of Justice through attorneys Michael Sfard and Shlomi Zacharia, demanding that the facility be demolished. In reply to the petition, the state declared that it intended to issue a retroactive construction permit for it. The High Court ruled that the facility would not operate until it was approved. In order to prepare the site, the land must be confiscated. But according to the law, Palestinian land cannot be taken for the sole benefit of settlers. In order to confiscate the land it must also serve the Palestinian population. The Civil Administration turned to the nearby villages and suggested that they be linked to the sewage plant, but they refused. As a substitute the Civil Administration decided to build an cesspool with a pipe that would reach the sewage plant, and in which the Palestinians would theoretically spill the sewage from their homes. At the same time a criminal investigation was begun against regional council head Pinchas Wallerstein and his then-deputy and at present his successor, Avi Roeh. The investigation focuses among other things on the fictitious construction permit issued by the council that was given to the company that actually built the plant, as proof of the legality of the construction. The investigation file is on the table of the attorney general, who is supposed to make a decision. "The state repeatedly promised not to confiscate private Palestinian lands for the settlements, and here we are once again witnessing a massive confiscation plan of private lands for the benefit of the settlement of Ofra," said attorney Shlomi Zacharia of the Yesh Din legal staff, regarding the revelation of the plan. After Passover the Civil Administration was supposed to conduct a discussion about legalizing the facility. This discussion has been postponed for now. In advance of the discussion the relevant documents were submitted, and they indicate that the Civil Administration intends to confiscate 180 dunams, although the actual facility covers an area of about 20 dunams. The plan also reveals that the aforementioned cesspool is not included in the plan, and therefore the sewage plant cannot serve the Palestinians, even theoretically. (Haaretz 10 April 2014)

Other

- Bennett: Most lawmakers back West Bank annexation plan. Economy Minister tells Ynet that Israel should 'initiate' when it comes to the conflict, US is heading in the wrong direction. Economy Minister Naftali Bennett believes that the majority of lawmakers in Israel support his plan for the annexation of the West Bank settlement blocs, he told Ynet on Thursday, insisting that the US-brokered peace talks have reached their natural conclusion. "Why should we keep banging our heads against the wall?" Bennett asked in an exclusive interview to Ynet. "We've reached the end of the road with the negotiations. They're dead." The Bayit Yehudi party leader slammed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his public support for Palestinian statehood, which, Bennett said, had left Israel in a difficult situation. "(Netanyahu) made an historic and strategic mistake with his declarations on a Palestinian state, and now we find ourselves in this hole," Bennett said. Nonetheless, Bennett said, Netanyahu had expressed confidence in the former's plan for the annexation of the settlement blocs. "If the pressure from Likud-Beiteinu and Bayit Yehudi works out, it will be possible to move ahead and tell the nation that we are taking action. Abu Mazen (Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas) will see that time is against him." "There is an overwhelming majority of Knesset members and ministers in favor of annexing the settlement blocs," he said. "Hold a referendum and you will see the results. I don't think Netanyahu is in favor (of annexation), and I'm just presenting an alternative. Why keep banging your head against the wall?" Bennett accused Abbas of embarking on unilateral steps, while Israel had remained stuck. "The time has come to initiate," he said. "We are constantly on the defensive, and we should outline Israeli interests and implement Israeli sovereignty over the (settlement) blocs." The minister said his plan was designed specifically for this purpose, adding that the ultimate goal should be "sovereignty over all of Area C." This, he said, could be achieved in graduated steps. "We need to reduce the scope of the conflict - the Palestinians should govern and rule themselves." Furthermore, he said, Israel "should not give up on the option" of a merger between the Palestinians and the Kingdom of Jordan. This plan, Bennett said, was "a more realistic and practical one than the release of more terrorists and getting in return more missile attacks." Bennett conceded that there had been serious differences of opinion between US Secretary of State John Kerry and himself, and rejected Kerry's accusations that Israel had caused the current crisis in the negotiations.

"I have no doubt about his intentions," Bennet said of Kerry. "The United States is serious but is going in the wrong direction. The current process has failed." ([Ynetnews](#) 10 April 2014)

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