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The following table shows information on the numbers and types of Israeli violation in Occupied Jerusalem during April 2015:

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Violation of the right to Housing- Home Demolition

The Israeli occupation demolishes a four story building in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Wad Al-Juz

A staff from the occupation municipality accompanied by military dozers on April 14, 2015 demolished an under construction building in the area of Wad Al-Juz on the claim of “unlicensed construction. The building was reported to be of four floors (1200m² each) and that it belongs to Citizen Akram Abu Shalbak.

The owner told Land Research Center the following:

“I established this building on October 2014 to start a business of house selling and leasing. And because of the high fees and the stalling the municipality impose, I decided to build without a permit. At time of construction, employees from the municipality came to the location, photographed the building, delivered us a stop-work order and asked us to approach the municipality court where we were later delivered a demolition order on the structure.

We objected to the order twice, the latest of which was on April 14, 2015 that is when the building got demolished.

At dawn, a massive force from Israel Police and two dozers came to the place and closed all roads to the targeted buildings. Minute later, the dozers embarked on demolishing the building, leaving losses estimated of 1000,000 NIS.”



Rubbles of the demolished building

Demolishing a “residential caravan” in Beit Hanina

The occupation municipality’s bulldozers demolished on April 14, 2015 a residential caravan in the neighborhood of Al-Ashqarya in Beit Hanina north of Jerusalem.

It is reported that the 40-square meters residential caravan is owned by Mohammad Shweiki where his workers reside.

Shweiki explained that the caravan has been sitting there for the past two years and the demolition came without prior notice. The forces raided the caravan and removed part of the furniture and then demolished it.

Shweiki also pointed out that the occupation municipality demolished his house twice before. The first demolition was 10 years ago while the second was 8 years; note that he continuously tried to obtain a building permit to build on his land but the municipality claims that the land is classified as “green” where building is prohibited.

It should be marked that the neighborhood of Al-Ashqarya witnessed the demolition of many houses due to its presence nearby the colony of Rekhis Shufat, which overlooks the area. New construction or annexation of houses is totally prohibited in the area; any act of building is met by demolition.

Violation of the right to Housing- Demolition threats

Demolition orders in the Silwan neighborhood of Ein AL-Luzzeh

The occupation municipality in Jerusalem on April 15, 2015 served demolition orders on residences and under construction structures in the neighborhood of Ein Al-Luzzeh, south Al-Aqsa mosque.

Eyewitnesses said that a staff from the occupation municipality accompanied by policemen and Special Forces served the orders on some houses and structures that are still under construction.

It should be marked that the orders were issued without a name references, meaning that the orders are unaddressed to specific people.

Demolition orders in the neighborhood of Wad Al-Juz

The occupation municipality in Jerusalem on April 19, 2015 served Citizen Aref Al-Tutanji an administrative demolition order on his house in the neighborhood of Was Al-Juz

Aref explained that a staff from the municipality accompanied by an army patrol delivered him the demolition order two days ago. Aref's attorney managed to delay the demolition of the house, which is already evacuated.

The demolished house was of 65m² in area. It was built 15 years ago to be home for the Tutanji family (12 members) including his newly married brother.

Confiscation of solar panels in al-Khan al-Ahmar- occupied Jerusalem

A massive force from the Israeli occupation army accompanied by a military dozer on April 01, 2015 raided the area of al-Helo Bedouin community in al-Khan al-Ahmar, east Jerusalem , imposed a closure and forced residents out in the cold without any previous warning.

The Israeli occupation authorities confiscated 13 solar cells that the residents of the community used to generate power and lighting. Noteworthy, the cells were gifted by an international funding body.

The occupation justified the confiscation under the pretext of the solar cells being illegally installed in areas classified as military closed zones. The chairman of the Bedouin community Mr. Ayed Jahalin told an observer from Land Research Center that the occupation did not serve them any previous confiscation notice on the solar cell and that it did not deliver any confiscation minute after the incident.

It should be marked that 13 Bedouin families consisting of 78 members including 38 children are the main beneficiaries from the confiscated cells.



Photos 1-2: the Bedouin community in al-Khan al-Ahmar

Colonial plans

Opening a new colonial road for the favor of Adam colony

Colonial expansion and lands takeover are on the occupation's core agenda. Consequently, Palestinian natural resources will be used to serve the Israeli expansion plans.

It should be marked that the Council of Settlements in the West Bank lately embarked on opening a new colonial road that links the colony of Geva Binyamin with the bypass road - leading to Jerusalem- through the lands of Jaba' village, northeast Jerusalem.

According to Land Research Center filed observation, the colonists-only road will be used for emergency in case of traffic in the bypass road leading to Jerusalem. Noteworthy, work on the road started by 2015 by full support from the Council of Settlements.

Geva Binyamin:

The colony was illegally established in 1983 , officially declared on April 11, 1984 and ratified on May 14, 1984. Adam is located 3km to northeastern part of Jerusalem.

The colony is planned to become a residential neighborhood that is related to Jerusalem; its population hit 28 colonists by 1984 and reached 300 ones by 1991. Population increased in synchronization with advertising new tenders to build 75 units inside the colony.

Adam colony is considered a cooperative relative to Gosh Emonim movement. The colony is named after General Yokta'il Adam who was killed in the town of Huwwara by Palestinian at time of Israel invasion to Lebanon.



Tender for building 56 colonial units in Nevi Ya'akov colony

The weekly newspaper Kol Ha'ir on April 19, 2015 said that the so-called Israel Land Authority published an advertisement awarding an Israeli company a construction tender.

The newspaper pointed out that the plan mentioned the construction of 56 residential units. Novi Ya'akov Company was awarded a tender to build 20 residential units in the colony of Nevi Ya'akov where the other 36 units are still to be determined yet.

Ratifying the construction of 142 colonial units in Jabal Abu Ghneim colony

The Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Civil Administration, following the recommendation of the government, ratified on March 30, 2015 the construction of 142 colonial units in the outpost of Har Homa that is founded in Jerusalem.

Israel PM Netanyahu issued, months ago, orders to push plans for constructing 1000 colonial units in the outposts founded in Jerusalem.

The plans included the construction of 660 units in Ramat Shlomo and 400 ones in Har Homa.

The Israeli government submits a tender for constructing 77 colonial units in Jerusalem

The Israeli government on April 27, 2015 published a tender to build 77 colonial units in east Jerusalem. The Ministry of Housing and Israel Lands Department explained that the tender is to construct 77 units in Nevi Ya'akov and Pisgat Zev outpost that are founded in Jerusalem

The Israeli occupation continues expansion works southeast Jerusalem

The Israeli occupation continued expansion works on Male Adummim colony that is located on confiscated lands from the towns of Al-Eizariya and Abu Dis, southeast Occupied Jerusalem. The works were reported in the construction of 100 units distributed on several buildings that overlook Jericho and Dead Seas from the eastern side of the colony.

Colonists' attacks

A colonist assaults a Jerusalemite child

A colonist assaulted on April 22, 2015 the 14-year old Radi Saeed Al-Doo in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The child's mother explained that that one colonist assaulted her son when he was riding his bicycle in Al-Wad Street in the Old City. The colonist pushed the child off the bicycle causing his head to hit a rock.

She added that her son felt dizzy and stayed lying on the ground until the ambulance arrived and transferred him to Al-Maqased hospital where he underwent the necessary check-ups; he only suffered bruises.

She pointed out that he son is suffering from several bruises and pains.

The child filed a claim against the settler at Al-Qishleh police station.

Colonists assault a cleaning employee in Jerusalem

Hebrew Chanel Ten played a horrific video of an attack against a Jerusalemite cleaning employee. Noteworthy, the attack was carried out by 15 colonists, who entered a restaurant founded in the city center and beaten the citizen up when they knew he was Arab.

The surveillance cameras recorded the incident, proving that the assaulted was innocent and did nothing to deserve such an attack.

Closures

The Israeli Forces on April 04, 2015 embarked on carrying out expansion works on Shu'fat checkpoint that is founded in the center of Jerusalem. This step was undertaken after demolishing 19 stores belonging to Al-Dajani family on December 03, 2014. Noteworthy, a segment of apartheid wall was established next to the demolished stores.

The expansion works on the checkpoint aim to increase its capacity to become of four entry lanes in addition to expand the school buses' space. Workers dismantled the road blocks and added a new pedestrian lane at the entrance of the checkpoint.

Shu'fat camp was raided by hundreds of Israeli soldiers where snipers took locations at the roofs of high buildings. Minutes later, the forces surrounded "Al-Cola" building and other ten stores and embarked on demolishing them.

It should be marked that the demolished stores were established since 2004. Shops included used items stores, vegetable shop, car maintenance workshop, butcher shop and some stores belonging to Al-Dajani family. Israel Supreme Court ordered Al-Cola building and its 800m² facilities demolished on the claim of "security purposes" despite being founded since 1963.



Structures of AL-Dajani family being demolished

The Israeli occupation closes the entrance of Hizma town

On 13 April 2015, at approximately 7:00 A.M., the military sealed off both entry points to the village and prevented vehicles from leaving the village, claiming that residents of Hizma had thrown stones at the road. At the northern entrance, soldiers placed concrete blocks with a sign reading: “To residents of the area: Several of you are responsible for carrying out riots and disturbances of the peace, which resulted in the erection of this barrier. Do not cooperate with them! Stop these actions, which harm your daily lives. For your welfare, and to restore quiet and security to your area, send us any information you have on these disturbers of the pace and their activity in your area to this number: 072-2587990 or to the following email address: Makeitstop2015@gmail.com. Abu Salam, Israel Defense Forces Headquarters”.



The sign at the entrance

Citizen Muntasir Al-Khatib , who works in Ramallah, told Land Research Center the following:

“We got blocked and I can’t use my car to travel to Ramallah; I don’t want to use the tight sub-roads that pass through houses and small neighborhoods but I decided to travel by public transportation, which is also not an easy task but this is what I only got after the Israeli government closed both entrances of Shu’fat”

Restricting the freedom of movement of 7,000 people, the majority of whom have nothing to do with the stone-throwing, constitutes collective punishment; as such, it is prohibited under international law. Such restrictions always take the heaviest toll on the most vulnerable members of society, whose mobility is limited to begin with, and on all residents’ income and daily lives

By that, Israel is turning such towns into big prisons to harass their residents, not caring about emergency cases and the mobility of ambulances.

Closing the entrance of Isawiya and a street in Al-Tur with cement blocks

The occupation authorities on April 27, 2015 closed “Suleiman Al-Farisi” Street in the village of Al-Tur and the eastern entrance of the village of Isawiya with cement blocks.

The head of follow-up committee in Al-Tur explained the ““Suleiman Al-Farisi” Street is considered the main street of “Khallet Al-Ein” where 3500 people live and there are two schools in the street (elementary with more than 1200 students). Also, there is the cemetery of Mount of Olives and “Suleiman Al-Farisi” Mosque which is one of the main mosques in the area and Mount of Olives Club.

Mohammad Abu Hummos, member of follow-up committee in Isawiya, explained that the occupation forces partly closed (sides only) the entrance of the village and pointed out that the partial closure is more like a full closure because it will lead to heavy traffic jams in the street that is used by hundreds of vehicles daily. The closure also made it very hard on busses to go and out of the village.



Eastern entrance of Al-Isawiya closed by cement blocks



Entrance of Al-Tur town- Suleiman Al-Farisi Street

Land Research Center sees that closures are blatant violations of international laws and conventions, some of which are:

Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”.

Article 5: “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”.

Article 9: “No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile”.

Article 13: Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. In particular, no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation.”

Article 9: “Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention. No one shall be deprived of his liberty except on such grounds and in accordance with such procedure as are established by law.

Attacks on religious sites

Arresting and isolating worshipers from Al-Aqsa mosque:

The following table illustrates the names of Jerusalemites isolated from Al- Aqsa mosque:

Name	Date	Isolation	Detention\ arrest	Remarks
Mohammad Al-Shalabi	2015/04/29	1		Detained right after exiting Al-Aqsa mosque and isolated for 6 months from it.
Su'ad Oubeidye	2015/04/29	1		Isolated for 4 months with a 1500 NIS fine
Iman Abu Sunaina, Su'ad Oubeidye, Ikram Ghazzawi and Salwa Ghazzawi	2015/04/27		4	Arrested from AL-Aqsa mosque
Alaa taha, Sumayya Taha and Tasnim Ayyashi	2015/04/26	3		Isolated from Al-Aqsa until June 10, 2015 with a 500 NIS fine. If not compelled to the isolation order, the affected will pay a 5000 NIS fine
Tahir Al-Sheikh Khilail, Mohammad Ibrahim and Tamir Shala'ta	2015/04/24	3		Isolated for ten days form Al-Aqsa mosque with a 500 NIS fine
Taha Shawahna (69) and Khair Shaimi	2015/04/21	2		Isolated for 30 days from AL-Aqsa
Hanan Abu Sunaina and Fatina Hussein	2015/04/03	2		Arrested from Al-Aqsa gates and isolated for 15 days from the mosque
Mohamamd Al-Rukun, Jihad Taha, Sufian Jadallah, Fadi Al-Ju'ba and Yousef Abu Shushih	2015/04/03	5		Bailed out with 750 NIS under the condition of a one week home detention.
Total		17	4	

Extensive calls to break into Al-Aqsa Mosque during the days of “Passover”

On the eve of the “Hebrew Passover”, the Jewish extremist groups “Alleged temple organizations” called to carry out daily break-ins to Al-Aqsa Mosque during the “Passover” holiday from Sunday 5/4/2015 until Thursday 11/4/2015.


Last Thursday, the organization o “Returning to the Temple” disseminated and hung flyers on the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque that requested Muslims to leave their Mosque.

The flyers which were distributed in both Arabic and Hebrew called to empty Al-Aqsa Mosque on Thursday afternoon in order to carry out the Hebrew Passover’s offerings inside the Mosque.

In a related matter, the “Alleged Temple” organizations officially requested the police to do the Passover’s offerings inside Al-Aqsa.

They requested to allow them to bring in their offering’s tools and equipment to the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock at least once a year. The document was signed by nearly 300 extremists and also mentioned that preventing them from brining in the Passover’s offerings is a big sin resulting in heaving punishment.

The Israeli Minister of Housing and Construction “Uri Ariel” sent on April 14, 2015 a letter to the Prime Minister and asked to him to immediately stop all renovation works inside the Dome of the Rock under the pretext of “damaging the monuments of the alleged Temple”.



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The press conference also condemned the statement made by the Israeli Minister of Housing and Construction and also condemned the Israeli Authority's policy of isolating Marabouts from Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Break-ins on Al-Aqsa mosque during April 2015 were reported as follows:

- April 01, 2015: the Israeli occupation allows tens of colonists inside of AL-Aqsa compound
- April 02, 2015: the occupation reinforces closures on the city, sets up checkpoint in the roads leading to Al-Aqsa mosque and denies worshipers entry to the mosque
- April 04, 2015: the occupation bans nurse Zahra Qaos from entering Al-Aqsa mosque
- April 06, 2015: the occupation assaults worshipers at Hutta gate and allows colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound
- April 08, 2015: the occupation assaults worshipers and allows colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound
- April 7 the occupation allows tends of colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound
- April 14, 2015: the occupation bans worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa compound and assaults them
- April 19, 2015: the occupation bans worshipers from entering and allows colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound
- April 21, 2015: colonists break into Al-Aqsa compound amidst intense protection of Police and Intelligences services.
- April 22, 2015: the occupation bans worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa compound and assaults them
- April 23, 2015: banning female worshipers (who station at Al-Aqsa) from entering Al-Aqsa compound
- April 26, 2015: Israeli Police assault worshipers and allow colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque
- April 28, 2015: the mayor of Jerusalem breaks into Al-Aqsa mosque accompanied by Israeli policemen
- April 29, 2015: the occupation bans worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa compound and assaults them
- April 30, 2015: the occupation shuts down the gates of AL-Aqsa mosque in the face of worshipers