



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 01 May 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) opened fire at a Palestinian child and injured him at the leg, while he was at the entrance of Peshgagot settlement, east of Ramallah city. (ARN 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian vehicle owned by Abu Hussen Az-Zeir, while it was parking in front of his house in Al-Abbasiya neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. (SilwanIC 1 May 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched a Palestinian house in Wadi Hilwa neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The targeted house is owned by Khalid At-Tawel. During the operation, the IOA assaulted and injured Um Qalawan At-Tawel and her daughter Laila (15 years). (SilwanIC 1 May 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Basa area in Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at Palestinians, causing dozens of suffocation cases. During the operation, the IOA invaded and searched two houses. (Wattan 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians, while they were near the border fence, east of Beit Hanoun town, north of Gaza strip. As a result, 18- years Palestinian was injured. (Wattan 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a number of marble stones from a Palestinian commercial store in Husan village, west of Bethlehem city. The targeted stones are owned by Mohammad Sabateen. (RB2000 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) forced Palestinian farmers to leave their land in Al-Khalila area, north of Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city. The Palestinians were identified as: Hani Abdalla Akhalil, Omar Mohammad Akhalil, Bassam Badwi Akhalil. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched several Palestinian houses in At-Tabaqa village, southwest of Hebron city. Four of the targeted houses are owned by: Mohammad Abu Atwan, Mufid Abu Atwan, Ma'mun Al-Atrash and Ikhaman Abu Atwan. During the operation, the IOA closed all the entrance of the village. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted four Palestinian workers while they were working in their land in Abud village, northwest of Ramallah city. The Palestinian workers were identified as: Salah Abd Al-Majed, Sami Tahir, Hussien Abd Al-Majed and Waleed Abd Al-Majed. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) staged 200 meters into Palestinian land, east of Al-Khaza'a town, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip, razed the land and opened fire at Palestinian houses. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed and searched four Palestinian houses in Marah Rabah village, south of Bethlehem city. The targeted houses are owned by: Khalil Abd Al-Rahman Ash-Sheikh, Yousif Abd Al-Karem Ash-Sheikh, Mohammad Ibrahim Ash-Sheikh and Sameh Thawabtih. (Wattan 1 May 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched several Palestinian houses in the old city of Nablus, Ras Al-Ein, and Krom Ashour areas in Nablus city. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- The Israeli Civil Administration submitted a building scheme in Al Quds Daily Newspaper for Public Review<sup>1</sup>. The Regional Plan No. 09/53/1601, basin number 28051, in Ash-Sharfa area in Beit Jala town in Bethlehem governorate. The plan determines the use of the land to marketing area. (Al-Quds 1 January 2013)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians after storming their houses in Al-Issawiya town in Jerusalem city. (ARN 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Deir Ibzi' village, west of Ramallah city. (ARN 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested three Palestinians after raiding their houses in Fara'ta village, west of Nablus city. (ARN 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Malek Wael Atta Al-Ja'bari after stopping him at Al-Container checkpoint, south of Jerusalem city. The IOA transferred the arrestee to unknown location. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Yousif At-Tamimi, Mohammad Abd Al-Ghafour Abu Hadid and his brother Ahmed, while they were at the southern part of Hebron city. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Ra'fat Shama after storming and searching his house in Kafr Ad-Dik village, west of Salfit city. (Wattan 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Amjad Nayf As-Sabah (20 years) after raiding and searching his family house in Tequ village, southeast of Bethlehem city. (Wattan 1 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Hithem Adib Hussien Adi (21 years) from Beit Ummer town, north of Hebron city, while he was near Beit Shemesh settlement (Wafa 1 May 2014)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers uprooted 50 olive seedlings in Khallit An-Nahla area near Wadi Rahal village, south of Bethlehem city. The targeted seedlings were identified as: Issa Ali Ziyad. (Wattan 1 May 2014)

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<sup>1</sup> It is the last step before approving the building scheme, after which, building permits and tenders may be issued

- Israeli settlers living in Kharsine settlement hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles driving at the Israeli Bypass road No. 60, in the part near to Kiryat Arba settlement. As a result, a number of vehicles were damaged. (Wafa 1 May 2014)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Joseph tomb, at the eastern part of Nablus city, and performed Talmudic rituals. Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the IOA, where the IOA fired teargas grenades at Palestinians. (Wafa 1 May 2014)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a 110 square meters house and water well in Wadi Al-Baqar “Khallit Ash-Sharbati” area, southeast of Hebron city. The targeted house and well are owned by Mohammad Shahada Al-Rajabi. (NBPRS 1 May 2014)

### **Israeli Military Orders**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out military orders to demolish two barracks and a stable in Um Rukba area, south of Al-Khader village, west of Bethlehem city. the targeted barracks and stable are owned by Osama Salah, Imad Al-Sarfandi and Mahmoud Yacoub Da’do’. (Wafa 1 May 2014)

### **Israeli Closures**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main entrance of Khursa village, southwest of Hebron city. (Wafa 1 May 2014)

### **Other**

- PM to push for law declaring Israel nation-state of the Jews. Planned new Basic Law will respect minority rights, Netanyahu vows; proposal likely to shake up governing coalition. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday that he would advance new legislation in the Knesset to anchor Israel’s status as the nation-state of the Jewish people, saying that opposing such recognition would eventually undermine the countries very right to exist. “It is my intention to submit a Basic Law to the Knesset that would provide a constitutional anchor for Israel’s status as the national state of the Jewish people,” he said at an event to mark Israel’s Independence Day in Tel Aviv. The new Basic Law would respect the rights of non-Jewish minorities living

in the country, in accordance with Israel's Declaration of Independence, Netanyahu said. Israel has no constitution, but the Supreme Court has declared that Basic Laws have the same standing as one. Jerusalem's demand that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state has been one of the major sticking points in the latest round of peace negotiations, with Netanyahu saying he will never sign an agreement without it and the Palestinians refusing adamantly. Even outside the framework of peace negotiations, Netanyahu's plan is likely to cause controversy, as some 20 percent of Israel's population is not Jewish. "The Declaration of Independence sets, as the cornerstone in the life of the state, the national Jewish identity of the State of Israel. To my great regret, as we have seen recently, there are those who do not recognize this natural right," Netanyahu said, referring to the Palestinians' refusal to even discuss recognizing Israel as a Jewish state. "They seek to undermine the historic, moral and legal justification for the existence of the State of Israel as the national state of our people." Speaking to reporters at Independence Hall, where David Ben-Gurion declared the State of Israel 66 years ago, Netanyahu said he was confident that "the most basic component in our life as a nation will receive constitutional status similar to the other main components that are the foundation of our state, as determined in the basic laws." ([Time of Israel](#) 1 May 2014)

- Israel Population Now 8.2 Million - 75% Are Jewish. Since last Independence Day Israel's population has grown by a whopping 157,000, and now totals 8,180,000. Since last Independence Day, the Central Bureau of Statistics said Thursday, Israel's population has grown by 157,000, and now totals 8,180,000. Jews account for 75% of that total, with the Jewish population standing at 6,135,000. There are 1,694,000 Arabs in Israel (Muslims and Christians), as well as 351,000 "others" - non-Arab Christians and members of other religions - constituting 4.3% of the population. Since last Independence Day, 178,000 new babies were born in Israel, while 42,000 people died. A total of 24,000 immigrants came to the country. Currently, about 75% of the country's residents were born in Israel. In 1948, the CBS said, there was just one city in Israel with a population greater than 100,000 - Tel Aviv. Today, 13 other cities have joined that list, with six cities - Tel Aviv, Haifa, Rishon Lezion, Jerusalem, Petach Tikvah, and Ashdod now having over 200,000 residents. ([Israel National News](#) 1 May 2014)
- Israeli ministry working to allow Jews to pray in Al-Aqsa. A senior official at Israel's Religious Affairs Ministry has revealed that his ministry was working on new regulations aimed at allowing Jews to pray in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Al-Quds (occupied East

Jerusalem), Israeli media has reported. "Whoever is permitted by his primary rabbi to ascend to the Temple Mount [the term used by Jews to refer to the compound] should and may ascend to the Temple Mount and pray there," Deputy Minister Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan said in a video message shown at a Tuesday conference held to discuss construction of a Jewish temple on the site on which the Al-Aqsa Mosque now stands. "We have set regulations to arrange prayers on the Mount," Ben-Dahan was quoted as saying in his message by the Israel National News website. "I expect and trust that the prime minister and the Israeli government will adopt these regulations, give them legal standing, and allow any Jew who wants to ascend to the Temple Mount and pray there, to pray there," he said. Ben-Dahan also criticized the "discrimination" associated with the site, noting that only Jews were forbidden to pray inside the compound. The conference, held under the theme "Returning the Temple Mount," was organized by extremist rabbi Yehuda Glick. For Muslims, Al-Aqsa represents the world's third holiest site. Jews, for their part, refer to the area as the "Temple Mount," claiming it was the site of two prominent Jewish temples in ancient times. Israel occupied Al-Quds during the 1967 Middle East War. It unilaterally annexed the holy city in 1980, claiming it as the capital of the self-proclaimed Jewish state in a move never recognized by the international community. Palestinians accused Israel of waging an aggressive campaign to "Judaize" the holy city with the aim of effacing its Arab and Islamic identity. (FOIA 1 May 2014)