

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 05 May 2014

 \mathbf{T} he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, in the 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched several areas in Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of the town. (Safa 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched several Palestinian houses and stores in Al-Yamun, Silat Al-Harithiya, Kafr Dan and Ti'nnik villages in Jenin governorate. (RB2000 5 May 2014)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Bethlehem city. The arrestees were identified as: Ala' Khadir Al-Hrimi (23 years) and Said Amjad Hassan Odeh (21 years). (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) summoned Mahmoud Karim Odeh to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Gush Etzion settlement bloc, after storming his house in Ad-Dhuheisheh refugee camp, south of Bethlehem city. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Yahya At-Tahan (22 years) and assaulted his uncle after storming their house in 'Asira Al-Qibliya village, south of Nablus city. (Al-Quds & RB2000 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from Nablus city. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian after raiding his house in Beita village, south of Nablus city. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Malik Sohaib Al-Ja'bari after storming his house in Hebron city. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Kharush (25 years) after storming and searching his house in Tulkarm refugee camp, north of Tulkarm city. (Wafa 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian from 'Abud village, northwest of Ramallah city. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested a Palestinian journalist; Majdulin Hasuna (24 years) from Beit Imrin village, north of Nablus city, after stopping her at Al-Karama terminal. (RB2000 5 May 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. During the operation, the IOA stopped Palestinians at the entrance of the mosque and detained their ID cards. (Paltoday 5 May 2014)
- Israeli settlers called to hold a Talmudic demonstration on the 6th of May 2014 to celebrate the "Independent day". The demonstration will start from Bab Al-Khalil (one of the master gate of the Old city of Jerusalem) to the Western wall, and they intend to storm Al-Aqsa Mosque and perform Talmudic rituals in its courtyard. (RB2000 5 May 2014)

Erection of Israeli checkpoints

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Idhna town, west of Hebron city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Al-Quds 5 May 2014)

Other

Ruling brings bulldozers closer to green Jerusalem valley. Franciscan Order claims Ein Karem project will infringe on freedom of religion, while residents fear damage to landscape. The High Court of Justice rejected a petition last week to intervene in the construction of a huge pumping station in the valley near the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ein Karem. The petition was filed by residents of the neighborhood, a coalition of public organizations, Christian religious orders and the Jerusalem municipality. The planned pumping station is to be built near the agricultural school in Ein Karem, and is part of the project for construction of a fifth water pipeline to the capital, a huge infrastructure project that is intended to meet the capital's water needs in coming decades. The residents claimed that the Mekorot water company and the planning authorities did not examine alternative locations for the pumping station. They argued that the proposed site would further damage the already marred landscape of the area. In addition, the Franciscan Order's Custodian of the Holy Land claimed the new complex would damage religious freedom and international commitments Israel has made to the Vatican, since the station would border the property of two monasteries. The complex includes a large pool 70 meters in diameter and 15 meters high, an electrical substation, and a pumping station. It will spread over 25 dunams (approximately 6.25 acres) in one of the most environmentally sensitive and beautiful areas around Jerusalem. The cost of the project is estimated at 2.5 billion shekels (\$725 million dollars) and in the future will quintuple the amount of water that can be supplied to the city and surrounding area. The project also includes a 13-kilometer tunnel under the Judean Hills. Mekorot and the State Prosecutor's Office told the court that any delay would likely cause serious problems in supplying water to the capital starting in 2018. Justices Miriam Naor, Yoram Danziger and Uri Shoham accepted the state's position and ruled that the decisionmaking process was satisfactory. "In any case, the question of the reasonable placement of the pumping station is mostly a planning question that is within the area of expertise of the planning authorities," wrote the justices. "While it is possible to understand the feelings of the petitioners who are fearful of the fate of the important and pretty Ein Karem area, the petition in its entirety does not provide a justification for intervention in the respondents' decisions," ruled the High Court. (Haaretz 5 May 2014)