

# **ARIJ Daily Report**

Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)

P.O Box 860, Caritas Street – Bethlehem Phone: (+972) 2 2741889, Fax: (+972) 2 2776966 pmaster@arij.org | http://www.arij.org

## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 23 May 2014

The 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.* 

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

The daily report does not necessarily reflect ARIJ's opinion.

### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a Palestinian from Burin village, south of Nablus city, and injured him, while he was near the Israeli Bypass road near Yetzher settlement. (ARN 23 May 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. The IOA closed the main entrance of the village and prevented the participants from reaching to confiscate land. (Maannews 23 May 2014)

- Dozens of Palestinian international activists suffered gas inhalation, after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades. (Maannews 23 May 2014)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) near the Israeli jail of Ofra in Ramallah city. The IOA fired teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (Safa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases. The IOA arrested Adi At-Tamimi (21 years). During the operation, the IOA declared the village as "close military zone", and prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village. (Wafa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at a group of Palestinians while they were working in their land near the border fence, north of Beit Lahiya town, north of Gaza strip. As a resulted, 16 years old Palestinian was injured. (Wafa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) launched a missile at a group of Palestinians while they were at the eastern Part of Deir Al-Balah town in the central of Gaza strip. As a result a Palestinian was injured. (Maannews 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Al-Issawiya town in Jerusalem city, and assaulted Mohammad Musa Dari (48 years), his wife, son and daughter, and 2 others. During the operation, the IOA fired live and rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades at houses. (Maannews 23 May 2014)

### Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians from Gaza strip. (ARN 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Izzat Salhiya (55 years) after storming his house in Al-Bireh city. (Wattan 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Majde Mafrha after storming his house in Bir Zeit village, north of Ramallah city. (Wattan 23 May 2013)
- Undercover Israeli Army kidnapped Kamal Khire Bakir Abdeen (40 years) after raiding his house in Ras Al-Joura area near the northern entrance of Hebron city. (Wattan 23 May 2014)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Daoud Yousif At-Timizi after raiding his house in Halhul town, north of Hebron city. (Wafa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two Palestinians after storming their houses in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqilyah city. The arrestees were identified as: Riyad Shtiwi (40 years) and Fadi Jum'a. (Wafa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested four Palestinians after storming and searching their houses in Deir Nedam village, north of Ramallah city. The arrestees were identified as: Nour Taisir Diyab Araj (16 years), Ja'far Laith Al-Khafi Sofi (17 years), Khalid Hassan Abd Al-Hafid At-Tamimi (16 years) and Majdi Yousif Diyab At-Tamimi (20 years). (Wafa 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Jawdat Musbah Jawdat Al-Masri (35 years) after storming his house in Tubas city. (Maannews 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrestedAmjad Abd Al-Rahman Diriya (26 years) after raiding and searching his house in Aqraba village, southeast of Nablus city. (Maannews 23 May 2014)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Um Mohammad Abed from Al-Issawiya town in Jerusalem city while she was interviewing the Israeli Intelligence Police. (SilwanIC 23 May 2014)

### Erection of Israeli checkpoints

• Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the entrances of Sa'ir, Halhul, Yatta and Ad-Dhahiriya towns in Hebron governorate. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Wafa 23 May 2014)

#### Other

 'By unilateral steps, Netanyahu didn't mean evacuating settlements'. Officials at the Prime Minister's Office say Netanyahu did not suggest evacuating Jewish settlements when he told Jeffrey Goldberg Israel is considering unilateral moves. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not suggest evacuating Jewish settlements when he told Bloomberg that Israel is considering unilateral steps in the West Bank, senior officials at the Prime Minister's Office said on Friday. "The prime minister has no intention of evacuating settlements," the officials said. In the interview published earlier on Friday, Netanyahu told Jeffery Goldberg that "the idea of taking unilateral steps is gaining ground, from the center-left to the center-right." It was the second time in two weeks that Netanyahu had suggested political alternatives to negotiations with the Palestinians. The senior officials at the PMO said that in the wake of the breakdown of talks with the Palestinians, several Israeli officials have talked about alternative political plans. "The prime minister is currently considering the steps that can be taken with regard to the Palestinians," the officials said, "in light of the new situation that arose following the breakdown of talks and the reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah." They added that Netanyahu is consulting with party leaders on this issue. In the Bloomberg interview, Netanyahu observed that "many Israelis are asking themselves if there are certain unilateral steps that could theoretically make sense." However, he also remarked that Israelis consider the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza a failure, as "it created Hamastan, from which thousands of rockets have been fired at our cities." Netanyahu's comments won praise by Economy Minister and Habayit Hayehudi leader Naftali Bennett, who wrote on his Facebook page on Friday that he's "all for it." "We should impose Israeli law on the territories," he wrote. "We are pushing for the unilateral imposition of Israeli law on Gush Etzion, Ariel, the Jordan Valley Maaleh Adumim, Ofra, Alfei Menashe, the Ben Gurion belt, Shomron, Judea and Jewish settlement," Bennett wrote. "I will continue to push for that with all my strength until it happens. And it will happen." Justice Minister Tzipi Livni criticized Bennett for his comments, saying he is "trying to lead Israel in a dangerous direction of a bi-national country." Speaking on Channel 2, Livni said that "peace is not around the corner. It is hard to achieve but we can't give up just because Bennett or someone else said so." Livni added that Netanyahu was aware of her meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas last week. When asked about the meeting, Livni said: "I wanted to hear from him about things that happened during the negotiations. I made my position clear regarding his agreement with Hamas." Netanyahu's interview also drew criticism from PLO Executive Committee member and former negotiator Hanan Ashrawi, who said that any Israeli attempt to bypass negotiations with the Palestinians and unilaterally set borders for the West Bank "will only form the basis for a new conflict." "We don't believe unilateral readjustment of borders or crossing points is a solution," Ashrawi told Bloomberg in a telephone interview from Ramallah. "It will only create a reality that will backfire in the future." (Haaretz 23 May 2014)