



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 19 April 2017

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 naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Beit Lahiya in the northwestern Gaza Strip. Palestinian fishermen were forced to head back to shore "in fear for their lives," after Israeli forces opened fire at them. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- Four Israeli bulldozers coming from the Sufa military site east of Rafah city in southern Gaza passed the border area and razed and leveled lands near the border fence as drones were flying overhead. (Maannews 19 April 2017)

## Israeli Arrests

- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from the town of Beit Ummar during predawn raids. The IOA raided and searched several houses in Beit Ummar and detained two youths, identified as 17-year-old Muayyad Ayish Khalil Abu Maria and 17-year-old Qussawi Raed Sharif Abu Hashem. The IOA also raided and searched the house of 50-year-old Ahmad Khalil Abed Abu Hisham, and smashed the doors of his house. Israeli soldiers posted a notice ordering Abu Hisham to meet with the Israeli intelligence at the Etzion detention center for interrogation. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- In the Hebron area town of Yatta, two Palestinians were detained, identified as Muhammad Kamal Daoud and Muossa Jamal Daoud. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- Two Palestinians were detained in Hebron city, one of the detainees from Hebron city as Mustafa Obeido. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- A Palestinian was detained in the village of Beit Ula in the northwestern outskirts of the Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- Two Palestinians—Khalil Dandan and Maher Afana—were kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from Jerusalem's town of Abu Dis while Tawfiq Afana was kidnapped from al-Maliha village. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)
- Clashes flared up in Nablus shortly after seven Israeli military patrols stormed the city at the crack of dawn and scoured residential neighborhoods, most notably Rafidia, to the west. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)
- Another round of violent clashes rocked Qalqilya after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the city and carried out arbitrary combing operations. The Israeli army attacked the Palestinian anti-occupation youth with randomly-unleashed spates of teargas canisters, resulting in several suffocation cases. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians in Beit Jala in the southern Bethlehem Governorate for allegedly throwing Molotov cocktails at a border guard patrol near Tunnels street, a road that leads from Beit Jala into occupied East Jerusalem, secured by an Israeli military checkpoint that restricts movement for Palestinians to those holding special permits. No injuries were reported. The two Palestinians were from al-Duheisha refugee camp in south side of the Bethlehem Governorate. (Maannews 19 April 2017)

- The Israeli occupation authorities sentenced the Palestinian MP Ahmed Atoun to a renewable four-month prison-term, with neither charge nor trial. MP Atoun was kidnapped by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) from his family home in Ramallah on April 12. He has also been banned from Occupied Jerusalem, where he was born and raised, for over seven years. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers and Antiquity Authority staff members, escorted by police troops, stormed al-Aqsa Mosque—the third holiest site in Islam. Israeli policemen unlocked the Maghareba Gate at 07:30, paving the way for the morning break-in shift, and closed it at 11:00 a.m. 39 Israeli settlers and four members of the Israeli Antiquity Authority defiled the site. The Israeli police also seized the IDs of the Muslim worshipers while they allowed 533 non-Muslim visitors to defile the Mosque. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)

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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the occupied East Jerusalem town of Issawiya and destroyed iron gates leading to Palestinian commercial properties and farms, while delivering demolition and evacuation notices for a number of structures. Dozens of Israeli soldiers, escorted by bulldozers and municipality crews, raided the eastern area of the town before destroying the gates. Five gates, leading to a car wash and four Palestinian farms, were destroyed and confiscated. The gates belonged to the Abu Riyaleh, Dari, Mustafa, Dkeik, and Abu Snineh families. Families were not given any prior notice that Israeli forces would be targeting their properties. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- Four evacuation and demolition notices were placed on four other structures -- a car shop, car wash, and near Palestinian farms in Al Issawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Maannews 19 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed a Palestinian farm in al-Issawiya town, in Occupied Jerusalem. Israeli bulldozers, escorted by military vehicles, rolled into the area and demolished a ranch belonging to the Palestinian farmer Murad Ziad Mustafa. The demolition was reportedly carried out under the pretext of unlicensed construction. Prior to the demolition, a tough cordon was imposed by the Israeli police around the area. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Shu'ab Sir area south of Beit Ummer and notified to halt the construction of an 18-years old quarry owned by Yousif Abdel Aziz Abu Ayyash. The IOA also confiscated a machinery owned by Muhamamd Hasan Al Barbawi in the area and a bulldozers owned by Yousif Breighth. (WAFa 19 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kherbit At Tabban, Kherbit Al Fakheit and Kherbit Al Majaz in the southern Hebron hills, and took photos of Al Masafer school, clinic and a number of residencies in the aforementioned area. (WAFa 19 April 2017)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) approved the construction of 212 new settlement units in Pisgat Ze'ev and Ramat Shlomo settlements illegally built in occupied Jerusalem. Israeli radio said that the approved housing units are a part of a large settlement plan to be implemented during the new US administration era. Last month, the Israeli cabinet approved the establishment of a new West Bank settlement for settlers evicted from Amona, an outpost razed after the High Court of Justice ruled it had been built illegally on private Palestinian land. On Dec. 23, 2016, the UN Security Council voted in favor of a resolution demanding the halt of settlement activity by Israel in occupied Palestinian territory with the United States notably abstaining. (PALINFO 19 April 2017)

### **Israeli Closures**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed a main entrance to the village of Tell southwest of Nablus city in the northern occupied West Bank, providing no explanation for the closure to locals. An Israeli army patrol escorted military bulldozers to the southern entrance of the village, closing off the road with earth mounds. Israeli forces had recently set up several military checkpoints at a crossroads leading to Tell from its southern side, stopping Palestinians and searching their ID cards. (Maannews 19 April 2017)

### **Other**

- Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails are waging a mass hunger strike for the third consecutive day to protest their dire detention conditions. The mass hunger strike, which started as of April 17, comes in response to the mistreatment Palestinians have been subjected to in Israeli lock-ups. Some 1,500 prisoners joined the hunger strike to speak up against

the Israeli visit-bans, medical neglect, solitary confinement, and administrative detention. The hunger strike follow-up committee warned of a series of punitive measures opted for by the Israeli prison service (IPS) so as to crack down on the detainees and force them to throw in the towel. ([PALINFO](#) 19 April 2017)

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