



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 20 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- At least one Palestinian was injured and another was detained by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) during events in the Jerusalem area in support of hunger-striking prisoners. A march set off from the center of the village of Abu Dis in the occupied West Bank Governorate of Jerusalem in solidarity with some 1,500 Palestinians currently forgoing food for the fourth day in a row to denounce incarceration conditions in Israeli custody. As the march approached the illegal Israeli separation wall -- which cuts off occupied East Jerusalem from the rest

of the West Bank -- near al-Quds University, Israeli soldiers fired tear gas and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters, injuring a Palestinian youth in the face with a rubber-coated steel bullet, while at least 11 people suffered from excessive tear gas inhalation during the clashes. The IOA interrupted the sit-in, taking pictures of the protesters before detaining Nour al-Shalabi for allegedly shouting "inciting" slogans. (Maannews 20 April 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) dismantled a tent in support of the mass hunger strike in the Issawiya neighborhood of East Jerusalem, firing sound bombs at demonstrators. (Maannews 20 April 2017)
- A number of Israeli military vehicles launched a limited incursion into the eastern areas of Gaza's central governorate. Six Israeli military bulldozers rolled into eastern al-Bureij camp before they headed southwards. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation soldiers stationed at the Herodion military base illegally established on land of Beit Ta'mar east of Bethehem city pumped sewage water into the neighboring agricultural lands which are planted with olive trees in the area of "Ein Al Jdal. The level of pumped wastewater reached to about 30 cm. Land owners had previously filed a case against the Israeli army base , which was established in 2002, to stop the process of pumping wastewater, and the court ordered that the army pump it once every four days, but the Israeli Army did not comply with the court order and continued pumping wastewater deliberately into the lands of Palestinians in the village, depriving a number of farmers from entering their land, and causing the destruction of a large number of olive trees. (PNN 20 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian houses in Ash Sheikh Sa'ed village southeast of Jerusalem city, among which, the house of Martyr Suhaib Mashahra, was raided. The IOA also confiscated a number of Palestinian cars in the village. (WAFA 20 April 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron identified as Muhammad Samer Ayyash Ikhlayyil, a 38-year-old resident of the village of Beit Ummar, at the Hizma checkpoint in the Jerusalem Governorate as he was heading back from work, while Mahmoud Abu Hashhash was detained in the al-Fawwar refugee camp. (Maannews 20 April 2017)

- Israeli Prison Service (IPS) authorities raided Section 14 of Ofer prison in the central occupied West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, conducting searches that lasted several hours. The IPS raided the section and destroyed the personal belongings of Palestinian prisoners. The raid came as an estimated 1,500 Palestinian prisoners across Israeli prisons entered the [third day of the “Freedom and Dignity” mass hunger strike](#). (Maannews 20 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped another Palestinian called Diya Qasido in Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem after a violent raid on his home. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- In Qalqilya, an Israeli military force stormed the city and Azzun town, kidnapped a citizen and brutalized others. The detained citizen is a university student called Saji Abu Adaba. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- In Ramallah, Israeli occupation soldiers broke into and ransacked the house of martyr Anas Hammad in Silwad vilage and confiscated 450 shekels and 50 Jordanian dinars as well as a school bus which the martyr’s father works on. 11 private vehicles were also seized during the IOA campaign in Silwad. The Israeli soldiers raided other homes in the village and kidnapped an ex-detainee called Mahmoud an-Najjar. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at dawn kidnapped a young man from his home in Balata al-Balad suburb, east of Nablus city in the West Bank. Israeli troops aboard military vehicles stormed the suburb and kidnapped Obadah Duwaikat, a student at an-Najah University. Israeli soldiers encircled the house of Duwaikat before raiding it and then bundled him into an armored detention vehicle and drove away. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped Muntassar al-Shanar after they kept chasing him down for days. The detainee was transferred to the Israeli Petah Tikva detention center pending his questioning. The Israeli forces extended his remand for eight days. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped head of Beit Ummer Association for Orphans Care, Ahmad Muhamamd Abdel Qader Al Omari, 63, after raiding his house and searching it. Al Omari was transferred to Etzion military camp. (ORIENTBETHELHEM 20 April 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Wastewater from the illegal Israeli settlement of Ariel has been leaking onto surrounding Palestinian lands in the central occupied West Bank Salfit Governorate. The settlement’s sewage pipeline had been leaking

since Tuesday night, “drowning” nearby Palestinian agricultural lands. Olive trees and other plants on the lands have already been damaged, leading residents to fear of larger scale agricultural and environmental damages should the leaks continue. (Maannews 20 April 2017)

- Israeli settlers, escorted by Israeli military forces, stormed at daybreak Kafal Haris village, east of Salfit, in the northern occupied West Bank. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) blocked Palestinians’ access out of and into Kafal Haris at the same time as they allowed Israeli settlers to defile holy Islamic sites and perform sacrilegious rituals. The settlers broke into the holy shrines of Joshua Ben Nun and al-Kifl, where they carried out a round of sacrilegious rites and chanted fanatic slogans. (PALINFO 20 April 2017)
- A 17-year-old girl sustained injuries as she was ran over by an Israeli settler in Tekoua’ village, southeast of Bethlehem. The girl sustained light to moderate injuries. (PNN 20 April 2017)
- Israeli settlers renewed their incursions to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city via Bab Al Magharbah (Al Mughrabi Gate) escorted by the Israeli Occupation Police. The settlers carried out provocative tours in the courtyards of Al Aqsa Mosque. (Wafa 20 April 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- The Jerusalem Municipality bulldozers started bulldozing the lands between Ramot and Ramat Shlomo settlements, north of Occupied Jerusalem, in the villages of Shuafat, Lifta, Beit Hanina and Beit Iksa in a prelude for the establishment of a sport stadium, platforms, playgrounds, parking lots and squares for the Jewish Olympic Games, Maccabiah. Tenders were announced before the Jewish holidays during the past two weeks in preparation for these games which will be launched on the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Jerusalem from 1st June to the end of July 2017. The Jerusalem Municipality announced tenders specially for the Maccabiah Games to bulldoze the Palestinian lands located between street No. 443 and Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road and assigned them to 16 companies including Arab ones. The Maccabiah projects are closely linked to other settlement projects on the lands of Shuafat, Lifta, Beit Hanina and Beit Iksa including building 750 settlement units close to the highway in addition to expanding Ramat Shlomo settlement with 1,400 settlement units on the lands of Shuafat. ([PALINFO](#) 20 April 2017)

Other

- Israeli authorities held increasing numbers of Palestinian children in solitary confinement for longer periods in 2016, for interrogation purposes. Defense for Children International - Palestine collected affidavits from 161 West Bank children detained by Israeli forces and prosecuted under the jurisdiction of Israeli military courts during 2016. Of these children, 25 were held in solitary confinement for interrogation purposes for an average period of 16 days, a 23 percent increase over the previous year. The longest period of isolation for a child that DCIP documented in 2016 was 29 days. In 2015, DCIP documented a total of 15 children held in solitary confinement by Israeli authorities for interrogation purposes. The 25 children were all boys aged between 15 and 17 years old, including 17 children aged 17 years, 5 children aged 16 years, and three children aged 15 years. For more information, click to read full report: ([DCIP 20 April 2017](#))