



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 21 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

- One Palestinian teenager was detained from the Nablus Governorate as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) attempted to prevent worshipers from performing Friday prayers at the Beita crossroads south of Nablus city. The teen was identified as 16-year-old Muhammad Qassem Abu Mazen. Dozens of Palestinian worshipers from the villages of Beita, Osarin, Udala, and Aqraba had gathered at the crossroads to perform Friday prayers as a form of demonstration in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners. (Maannews 21 April 2017)

- Clashes erupted near Ofer prison west of Ramallah after dozens of Palestinians performed Friday prayers on lands of the Rafat village, which Ofer is built on, in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear-gas bombs, stun grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets to suppress the march, injuring some. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- Several Palestinians who had been banned from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque performed Friday prayers for the third week in a row outside the Lion's Gate, in protest of being banned from the holy site. The worshippers also expressed solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- In the city of Bethlehem, in the southern West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a solidarity march by firing tear gas at protesters, who marched from a sit-in tent outside the al-Azza refugee camp -- where dozens had gathered to perform Friday prayers -- towards Israel's illegal separation wall., carrying signs and chanting slogans in support of the hunger-striking prisoners. Several protesters suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- In the village of Kafr Qaddum in the northern occupied West Bank governorate of Qalqiliya, eight Palestinians and an Israeli activist were injured during their weekly march. A journalist, identified as Anal al-Jadaa, a reporter for Palestine TV, was among those injured during the march. The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the march that was held in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners on the ongoing mass hunger strike. The IOA shot rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas at protesters. Clashes erupted after the IOA raided homes in the village and used them as military posts to open fire at youths. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a 22-year-old Palestinian woman from occupied East Jerusalem for alleged "incitement" on her personal Facebook page. The woman would be presented to an Israeli court on Thursday to extend her detention following her interrogation. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- In collaboration with Israeli police, Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided a blacksmith workshop in Hebron city where they confiscated six lathes and closed the shop after claims of finding weapons. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- In the Hebron-area village of Beit Ummar, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and searched two gas stations around dawn. No detentions were reported. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized \$100,000 in addition to golden jewelry from the home of Khaled Ziyoud in Silat al-Harithiya village,

west of Jenin. The IOA stormed Ziyoud home and searched it thoroughly and confiscated 66,000 Jordanian Dinars (around 100,000 US dollars) that he got after reaching a family reconciliation agreement. Israeli officer who led the incursion threatened him that he would confiscate his house furniture in addition to the car if he refused to give him the money. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) fired at a disabled Palestinian young woman though she posed no threat to them. The shooting attack targeted the disabled Palestinian girl Manar Mujahed, aged 30, that left her paralyzed. The IOA opened fire at mentally-disabled Manar, from Occupied Jerusalem, on February 27, 2017, leaving her bleeding and crying for help as she rushed to her father to save her. The Israeli soldiers handcuffed the bleeding girl with iron chains at the hospital, where they found out that she was mentally disabled. Manar went back home on a wheelchair, after her health condition had taken a turn for the worse. She has become physically disabled and cannot stand on her feet as a result of the bullets that penetrated her thigh and hip. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided two schools east of Jerusalem and attacking their students. The IOA stormed in the morning Jawaharlal Nehru High School and Abu Dis Elementary School in Abu Dis town, east of Jerusalem, amid intensive gunfire and fired live ammunition at a student and injured him, and arrested another during the raids on schools. Several students and teachers also suffered from inhaling tear gas during the raids. The soldiers forced all students and teachers to evacuate the schools and prevented crews from the Palestinian military liaison office, the civil defense and the Abu Dis municipal council as well as relatives of students from going in. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the villages of at-Tayba, Rummanah and Zububa, west of Jenin city in the West Bank, interrogated citizens and set up roadblocks. The IOA interrogated citizens and raided homes in at-Tayba villages. The IOA also erected barriers on a road between the villages of at-Tayba and Rummanah, intercepted cars, checked IDs of passengers and questioned some of them. An Israeli military force was also seen combing the open area near the separation wall in Zububa town and another one set up a checkpoint on a road leading to al-Fahmah village in the vicinity of Zahrat al-Fanjan landfill, south of Jenin. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) closed the northern entrance to Azzun village in Qalqilyia Governorate and blocked the Azzun-

Jayyous road before spreading across nearby areas and embarking on brutalizing local residents. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided Khallet Makhoul in the northern Jordan Valleys and took photos of Palestinians' ID cards in the area. (Wafa 21 April 2017)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- In the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from Hebron city, and three from the village of Surif during overnight detention raids. The two Palestinians were detained from Surif, and identified them as former prisoner Taqi al-Din Jamal al-Hour and Baraa Hussein Hmidat. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Muhammad Mahmoud and Muhammad Atiya after raiding their homes in Al Isawiya town in occupied East Jerusalem. (Wafa 21 April 2017)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- 15 masked Israeli settlers attacking members of the Taayush organization -- an Israeli and Palestinian nonviolent direct action group, in the central occupied West Bank, while activists were assisting Palestinian shepherds. The Israeli settlers ran towards the activists and throw rocks and hitting them with clubs. Five of the activists were wounded, with one injured in the head. (Maannews 21 April 2017)
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers, escorted by armed Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Palestinian village of Kifl Haris in the central occupied West Bank Salfit Governorate, where they performed religious rituals throughout the day. Hundreds of Israeli settlers escorted by the IOA entered the village in groups, visiting Islamic shrines in the area, claiming that they were Jewish religious sites. Israeli settlers also set up a tent and portable toilet in the center of the village. The IOA Installed checkpoints at the entrance of the village around noon, preventing Palestinian traffic from passing through the village in order to "maintain a suitable atmosphere for settlers. ([Haaretz](#), Maannews 21 April 2017)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian child in Hebron leaving him suffering from different injuries and bruises. The 14-year-old Hassan Shaloudi was transferred to hospital after being brutally beaten by a group of settlers while on his way to school. The assault occurred when the settlers stopped Hassan and ordered him to open

his bag and to throw all its content onto the ground. The schoolboy was then beaten after he refused to do so. Hassan fainted and was left bleeding on the ground before being taken to hospital. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)

## **Expansion of settlements**

- Peace Now has learnt that presently a new outpost is being established. The outpost is located beyond the fence surrounding Adam settlement (aka Geva Binyamin), southeast from Ramallah and beyond the Separation Barrier. This is the first outpost that is being established since the Israeli government declared a new policy towards settlement construction. The policy stated that settlement construction would be limited to within the “built up area” or “the footprint” of a settlement and that creation of new illegal outposts would be prohibited. Needless to say is that by being constructed outside the fence of Adam, the new outpost is not only a new outpost, but also beyond the “built up area” of the settlement, regardless of the lack in a clear definition to what “built up area” means. The outpost is being built illegally, without approvals and permits. The outpost, built on public lands (“state lands”), is located within the lines of an “outline plan” (Plan No. 240/1). An outline plan, as opposed to a detailed plan, is a principal plan that is meant to set the guidelines for the detailed planning. This means that according to the outline plan, there cannot be any construction permit without the approval of another detailed plan. However, the location of the outpost was chosen carefully. By locating the outpost within territory of any existing outline plan it enables the responsibility for demolishing the structures upon the Binyamin municipal council, which is run by the settlers, rather than on the Civil Administration, the military body that is generally responsible for issuing and enforcing demolition orders in Area C. Binyamin Council is known for its support of outposts, financially and politically, and there are at least 18 illegal outposts within its jurisdiction. Currently the outpost includes 7 light structures, some that are still in the making. In order to reach the outpost, the settlers have erupted a road which connects to a locked gate in the fence of Adam settlement. Unlike most outposts, the residents of this outposts are seemingly not the typical settler ideological advocates. The outpost residents have claimed to Peace Now that they are establishing the outpost for economic reasons. However, regardless for the reasoning behind the outpost residents, the political implication of the outpost are the same. The headline of the report in Haaretz (Hebrew) which dealt with this story, has created the impression as if there is a

possibility of allowing Palestinians to live in the outpost. It seems that the flashy headline was due to a remark by one of the settlers. However, according to Peace Now's field visits and research, with quite certainty, there are no such indications that this is true. ([PEACENOW](#) 21 April 2017)

## Other

- Some 1,500 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails are going on a mass hunger strike for the fifth consecutive day in order to protest their dire detention conditions. The mass hunger strike, which started on April 17, comes in response to the mistreatment Palestinians have been subjected to in Israeli lock-ups. Striking detainees were moved to isolation sections in several jails and were held under very tough conditions after withdrawing their private properties other than cover sheets and clothes. 70 striking captives were transferred to Ramleh Prison, 40 others to Hadarim jail and 30 to each of Nafha, Rimon and Ashkelon jails. The IPS is still banning lawyers from visiting the hunger strikers in order not to document the violations perpetrated in Israeli jails. (PALINFO 21 April 2017)