



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 28 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

- Several Palestinian youth were injured while dozens others suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation during clashes across the Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- A march set off from the Nabi Saleh village in northwestern Ramallah in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinians. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened live fire and tear gas cannisters on the protesters, injuring three Palestinians. The IOA were firing the **once-banned "tutu" ammunition** on protesters, which explode once they come in

contact with the body. One youth was injured in the head with a tear gas canister while two others were injured in the legs with tutu bullets. (Maannews 28 April 2017)

- Meanwhile, dozens of Palestinians suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation during clashes that erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) near the Ofer prison in western Ramallah and at the northern entrance of Silwad in eastern Ramallah. Three Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated bullets. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In Silwad village in Ramallah Governorate, a Palestinian was injured with live fire in the leg, while tens of others suffered from tear gas inhalation, as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired live bullets, rubber bullets, sound bombs, and tear gas canisters after violent clashes broke out in the area. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In the Sinjil village in northern Ramallah, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed all roads leading to the village and set up checkpoints at the main road adjacent to the village which connects the Nablus and Ramallah Governorates. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- At the Qalandiya checkpoint, which connects Ramallah with occupied East Jerusalem, Israeli forces suppressed a solidarity march with live fire and rubber-coated steel bullets leaving four injured with live fire shrapnel and two injured with rubber-coated steel bullets. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) also fired tear-gas bombs and stun grenades at youths as IOA closed the checkpoint and prevented all pedestrians and vehicles from passing. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Clashes erupted at the Beita crossroads south of Nablus city in the northern West Bank following Friday prayers. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired dozens of tear-gas bombs and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinians. More than ten Palestinians suffered from severe tear-gas inhalation while one youth was injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet. Among those who suffered tear-gas inhalation was a father of three prisoners, Hajj Ihsan Adili Abu Waddah. Citizen Jihad Ramadan was injured with a stun grenade in the leg. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In the village of al-Naqura, clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) following Friday prayers. Several Palestinians suffered tear-gas inhalation. Several trees in the village caught on fire from tear-gas bombs and stun grenades fired by Israeli soldiers. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In the Awarta village in southern Nablus, dozens of Palestinians took part in Friday prayers near the Huwwara Israeli military base. Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired dozens of tear-gas bombs at Palestinians

following prayers. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 28 April 2017)

- In the New Askar area of Nablus, adjacent to the Askar refugee camp, one Palestinian suffered tear gas inhalation during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) . (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened fire on a solidarity sit-in tent in the al-Arrub refugee camp in northern Hebron, causing clashes to erupt between locals and the armed IOA. The IOA raided the center of the camp, with Palestinian youths throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers who fired tear-gas, causing several to suffer from suffocation. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In the village of Beit Ummar in the north of Hebron, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) injured two Palestinians with live bullets and another with rubber-coated bullets after clashes broke out amid a solidarity march in the village. Five Palestinians also suffered from tear gas inhalation. One was injured with shrapnel from a live bullet in the chest, and two were injured with tutu bullets in their legs. The IOA took over the roof tops of 10 Palestinian homes in the village and turned them into temporary military posts and shot tutu bullets, rubber-coated bullets, and live ammunition at Palestinians. The IOA also sprayed waste water at Palestinians before retreating from the village two hours after the clashes broke out. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) dressed up as Palestinian civilians and detained five Palestinians while assaulting them near the Hebron governmental hospital during clashes that erupted in the area around the hospital. clashes had erupted from Bab al-Zawiya area and reached the area of the Hebron governmental hospital. The IOA fired a sound bomb at the hospital, causing the front glass door of the emergency section to shatter. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In southern Qalqilyia city, located in the northern West Bank, clashes broke out near an Israeli military checkpoint. Two Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation near the checkpoint. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Clashes broke out between Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and local Palestinians in the Qalqilyia-area village of Kafr Qaddum. Two Palestinians were injured in the village with rubber-coated bullets shot by the IOA. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- A tear gas canister shot by Israeli occupation army (IOA) amid clashes in Beita village in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus ignited a fire in a market in the village and burned down more than eight warehouses. The fire was caused by tear gas canisters shot

by the IOA at a warehouse that contained plastic and cardboard objects. Within a few minutes the fire was ignited in the warehouse, and later spread to more than eight other warehouses, causing all of them to burn down. One local merchant stated that the damages caused by the fire were estimated to be worth millions of shekels. (Maannews 28 April 2017)

- In the central West Bank Salfit Governorate, the IOA raided Yasuf village in the eastern part of Salfit Governorate, where they raided the village council's office and confiscated surveillance camera recorders. The IOA confiscated recorders of surveillance cameras claiming they wanted to see movement on the street over the past few days. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Clashes erupted in the occupied East Jerusalem-area town of al-Issawiya after Israeli occupation Army (IOA) forces took down a sit-in tent set up in solidarity with [hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners](#). The IOA raided the village from several entryways before raiding the sit-in tent, shortly after it had been set up. The IOA then destroyed and confiscated the tent. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In Shu'fat refugee camp, clashes erupted at a military checkpoint at the entrance of the camp following a solidarity march with hunger-striking prisoners, who had entered their 11th day of strike. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- In the town of Silwan, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Ein Hilweh neighborhood and randomly fired stun grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. (Maannews 28 April 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stopped vehicles passing through the Israeli checkpoint at the southern entrance of Bethlehem and checked the IDs of Palestinian passengers. The IOA detained former prisoner Thaer Halahla, 38, after forcing him to exit his vehicle at the checkpoint. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Doha area of Bethlehem city and detained three brothers identified as Moussa, Malek and Hamadeh al-Zghari after raiding and searching their homes. (Maannews 28 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the al-Saff Street in the city and detained Naji Abed Hijazi, 43, after raiding and searching his home. (Maannews 28 April 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- Israel intends to build 15,000 new homes in eastern Jerusalem, the Housing Ministry said despite US President Donald Trump's upcoming [visit to Israel](#) as part of a new push for [Israeli-Palestinian peace](#). Israel views all of Jerusalem as its "eternal and indivisible capital," but the Palestinians also want a capital there. Housing Minister Yoav Galant told Israel Radio that his ministry and the Jerusalem Municipality had been working on the plan for two years, with proposals for 25,000 units, 15,000 of which would be in east Jerusalem. "We will build 10,000 units in Jerusalem and some 15,000 within the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. It will happen," he said. Saeb Erekat, the Palestinians' chief negotiator, said Israel's move was a systematic violation of international law and a "deliberate sabotage" of efforts to resume talks. "All settlements in occupied Palestine are illegal under international law," he said in a statement. "Palestine will continue to resort to international bodies to hold Israel, the occupation power, accountable for its grave violations of international law throughout occupied Palestine." Channel 2 news said an announcement on building could be made on "Jerusalem Day" which this year, according to the Hebrew calendar, falls on May 24. This year marks the 50th anniversary since Israel reunified the city during the Six-Day War, with a large number of celebrations planned. Trump's visit is expected to take place on, or shortly after, May 22. Speaking in an interview with Reuters, Trump said "I want to see peace with Israel and the Palestinians. There is no reason there's not peace between Israel and the Palestinians—none whatsoever." The US leader met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington in February and is to see Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the White House on May 3. In January, two days after Trump took office, Netanyahu said he was lifting restrictions on [settlement construction](#) in east Jerusalem, just as the city's municipality approved building permits for hundreds of new homes. During Barack Obama's presidency, Netanyahu's government came under repeated censure for construction in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem, despite the fact that Israel long since declared sovereignty over it. Under Trump, Netanyahu expected more of a green light to ramp up settlement building, but it hasn't been straightforward. While Trump has said he does not think settlements are necessarily an obstacle to peace, he did directly ask Netanyahu during a White House press conference in February to "hold back on settlements for a little bit." In 2010, Israel announced its intent to build homes in east Jerusalem during a visit by then-Vice President [Joe Biden](#), who condemned the plan. It caused

huge embarrassment to Netanyahu, who suspended the plan before reintroducing it in 2013. The east Jerusalem neighborhoods where building is planned are Givat Hamatos, East Talpiot, Ramot, Pisgat Zeev, Neve Yaakov, Ramot Shlomo, Gilo and Atarot. These areas extend in an arc from north to south around the eastern side of Jerusalem, forming something of a buffer with the West Bank. ([YNETNEWS](#) 28 April 2017)

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