



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 6 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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Israeli Arrests

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian child at a military checkpoint near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city in the southern occupied West Bank. The IOA detained Ahmad Idris Ghaith, 12, at the Israeli Abu al-Rish checkpoint. (Maannews 6 April 2017)
- seven Israeli bulldozers entered dozens of meters into Beit Lahiya from the Israeli Zikim military site along the border with the besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli drones were also flying above the area at the time. (Maannews 6 April 2017)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured a Palestinian with live ammunition on Wednesday in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The Palestinian was identified as Marwan Zakariya al-Asous, 28, from the northern West Bank Governorate of Nablus. Al-Asous was injured in the legs. (Maannews 6 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation authorities banned at least five Palestinians from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem for periods between 30 days and six months. Israeli intelligence detained and summoned several Palestinians from Jerusalem and issued orders banning them from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque, including two Islamic Endowment (Waqf) employees working at the holy site. Israeli intelligence delivered the orders to the Head of the Informaton department Tareq Marwan al-Hashlamun and Al-Aqsa guard Hamzeh Nimr, banning both from the holy site for six months. The Israeli occupation Authorities also detained Jamil al-Abbasi as he was leaving the mosque, transferred him for interrogation at al-Qishla police station, and gave him an order banning him from Al-Aqsa for four months. Several others were delivered orders banning them from Al-Aqsa for 30 days. Abu Asab was also summoned for interrogation. (Maannews 6 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Khalid al-Zir after raiding his house in Silwan, and released him later after giving him an order banning him from al-Aqsa for 30 days and imposing a 2,000 shekel (\$547) fine. (Maannews 6 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOF) kidnapped a Palestinian youth from southern Nablus after they aggressively beat him. The IOA stopped a car driving near a flying checkpoint set up on the main access road to Jama'in town, south of Nablus, and forced a Palestinian youth out of the car. The arrestee, who is reportedly a native of the nearby Ourif town, tried to flee but was chased down and violently beaten by the Israeli soldiers. (PALINFO 6 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation police kidnapped a Palestinian young man at a military checkpoint north of Hebron after searching the public car he was aboard. Israeli policemen set up a makeshift checkpoint near the military watchtower in Wadi Sa'ier area, north of Hebron, and embarked on stopping and searching passing vehicles. The soldiers forced passengers to leave the cars they were abroad, checked their IDs and detained some young men before they rounded up one of them and released the rest. The young man was identified as 22-year-old Hasan Shalalkeh. The reason for his detention is still unknown. (PALINFO 6 April 2017)

- Two Palestinian young men were kidnapped by an Israeli undercover unit from Jerusalem's town of al-Issawiya. The Israeli undercover unit kidnapped the two Palestinian youngsters Dhiaa Ubeid and Namer Mahmoud. Both detainees were transferred to Israeli detention centers in Occupied Jerusalem. (PALINFO 6 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) abducted, two former political prisoners from their homes in Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and summoned four Palestinians for interrogation. The soldiers invaded Beit Ummar from several directions, before storming homes and violently searching them, and abducted two former political prisoners, identified as Ahmad Yousef Ekhlayyel, 28, and Issa Ali Awad, 27. The soldiers also invaded and ransacked homes in the center of the town, in addition to Beit Za'ta area, and summoned many Palestinians, including an elderly man, for interrogation at the Etzion military and security base, north of Hebron. The summoned Palestinians have been identified as Yousef Hasan Ekhlayyel, 64, his sons, Aktham, 258, and Karam, 18, in addition to Hammad Ahmad Abu Mariya, 26. Clashes also took place between the invading soldiers, who fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many residents to suffer the severe effects of teargas inhalation, and local youths, who hurled stones at the military vehicles. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded, at dawn, several homes in different parts of Tulkarem governorate, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and abducted six Palestinians, after invading their homes and violently searching them. The IOA invaded and ransacked many homes, in various communities in the Governorate including in Tulkarem city, interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards, and abducted six. The abducted Palestinians have been identified as: Hani Adel Omar, 22, from Far'un village, south of Tulkarem, Ismael Ezzat Jaber, 24, from Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarem, Ramez Abdul-Hakim Oleyyan, from Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarem, Emad Mahmoud Masharqa, 30, from Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarem, Ahmad Al-A'raj, 26, from Thannaba area, east of Tulkarem, and Bassam Mer'ey, 46, from Thannaba area, east of Tulkarem. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Za'tara village, east of Bethlehem, and abducted Ahmad Za'al Sahouri, 23. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-Khader town, south of Bethlehem, and abducted Marwan Hussein Issa. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) abducted a lawyer, identified as Hussein Mahmoud Sheikh, 34, from his home in Marah Rabah village, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)
- Dozens of Israeli soldiers invaded Jenin refugee camp, in Jenin city, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, and abducted Islam Ali 'Azayza, 21. (IMEMC 6 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Mount of Olives Hotel in At Tur area in occupied East Jerusalem and arrested a Palestinian from Gaza who has been living in the Hotel for almost a month and undergoing medical treatment. (SAFA 6 April 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 49 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city via Bab Al Magharbeh (Al Mughrabi Gate) escorted by the Israeli occupation Police, carried out provocative actions and chanted Talmudic rituals. (Wafa 6 April 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem issued an evacuation order for three housing apartments in the Wadi Hilweh area of the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan owing to fractures and cracks formed at the base of the houses, as Israeli authorities continue work on a tunnel network expected to be used to provide services to Israeli settlers. The houses belong to Hamed Oweida, Abed Oweida, and Suleiman Oweida. Sixteen family members, including ten children, reside in the houses. Oweida family said that the Israeli tunnel-digging under their homes has increased over the past three days, adding that loud noises from the digging emanate for several hours, while the family could feel their houses shaking during the construction. The digging has caused severe damage of fractures and cracks in the walls and the bases of the houses. the Israeli authorities are creating a tunnel network for Israeli settlers, being constructed directly under the Oweida family's house. the Israeli authorities began work under the neighborhood in 2007. (Maannews 6 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) issued demolition notices against houses of Palestinian prisoners in Ramallah and al-Bireh twin cities, under the pretext of building without permit. An Israeli military force raided prisoner Bajes Nakhla's house in Jalazone refugee camp,

north of Ramallah, and handed his wife an order notifying the demolition of her 600-square-meter house.

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed two demolition notices to the released prisoners Abbas Qara'an and Rami Ishtewi from al-Bireh city under the same pretext. Abbas Qara'an said in an interview with Quds Press agency that an Israeli force stormed his house in Jabal al-Tawil area and threatened to demolish it, claiming that part of his house is located in Area C which is under full Israeli controlled according to the Oslo accords. He added that the notice gives him a three-day time limit to object in court, noting that he received another demolition notice three years ago without the Israeli court issuing a final decision in this regard. Qara'an, a released prisoner who spent seven years in Israeli jails and three years in the Palestinian Authority's prisons, affirmed that the Israeli occupation uses building without a permit as an excuse to target the Palestinian prisoners. He said that the house of the released prisoner Rami Ishtewi, which is located next to his house, received a similar notice, noting that both houses are close to Psagot settlement which was illegally built on Palestinian lands east of al-Bireh. He pointed out that his house was licensed few years before the occupation of the West Bank in 1967 and that he obtained the necessary licenses to expand it in 2002. (PALINFO 6 April 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Three Israeli bulldozers escorted with The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed KHALLET al-Nahla area and leveled an agricultural land under the pretext of being a "state land." Several olive trees were also uprooted during the raid.

Expansion of settlements

- A bid was put forth by Israel's Western Wall Heritage Foundation to establish the infrastructure of the so-called Haliba Judaization project in Occupied Jerusalem. The bid suggests to construction of a two-story building covering up to 4,000 meters and comprising exhibition halls and a guest room. The projected bid will be built in an area located just dozens of meters away from the southern wall of holy al-Aqsa Mosque. The Beit Haliba project falls in with Israel's western wall plan, in reference to a scheme targeting the historic Buraq Wall. Beit Haliba plan was advanced by the fanatic Israeli rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz who pushed for transforming the Buraq Square into a space for holding Jewish parties. (PALINFO 6 April 2017)

Other

- The Israeli Knesset approved [Amendment 109 of the Planning and Building Law](#) by a margin of 44 to 33. The Law is expected to bring reforms in enforcement against the widespread phenomenon of illegal building. Prime Minister Netanyahu said that the Law will lead to a historic level of equality. "The government which I head has invested, and continues to invest more than any other [previous] government in the Arab sector in order to close the existing gaps - in education, wages, culture, as well as health." Israeli Arabs want to be a part of the State of Israel, they want to be a part of the prosperity of Israel's economy, they want to be a part of the future of the State of Israel, of all the citizens of Israel, and therefore we are investing like no government before us has done. We want the integration of the Arab public into the State of Israel, but that also means integrating with the laws of the State of Israel." "We are making a historic 'repair' today that enables equal enforcement of building laws. We are doing this not only with respect to the Arab sector, but are increasing enforcement in all parts of the land and for all citizens of the country," he asserted. "One state, one law, one enforcement. This is what we did today, and I thank you for the passage of this important law," the Prime Minister concluded. The Regavim organization, which deals with land ownership issues and works to fight illegal building in Israel, said in response that "this is one of the most important laws passed by the Knesset in recent years. It is likely to bring about a revolution in the struggle of enforcement authorities against illegal building, which has been a 'state plague' for decades." "We hope that law enforcement authorities will utilize the tools granted them by the Knesset today, actively and wisely, strengthening the sovereignty of the State of Israel over all its land - especially in the Negev and Galilee," the organization said. ([INN](#) 6 April 2017)