



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 11 April 2018

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

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a school with tear gas canisters in Nahalin town, to the west of Bethlehem. The IOA raided the town, particularly the school area, and surrounded Nahalin Secondary Boys School. The IOA fired a barrage of tear gas canisters at the school, causing panic among the students and a number of suffocation cases. Residents attempted to take their children from the school, but were prevented by the IOA. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, before searching homes, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (MEMC 11 April 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs and concussion grenades, at dozens of youngsters who protested the invasion, and hurled stones at the army jeeps. (MEMC 11 April 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) broke into Sebastia, north of the West Bank, to provide protection for hundreds of settlers who stormed the town's archaeological site, triggering clashes. The IOA entered the town to facilitate entry of three busloads of fanatical Jewish settlers to the archeological site, where they performed religious rituals. Residents confronted the settlers and the IOA who fired tear gas canisters at Palestinian homes and schools, causing a number of residents and school children to suffocate. (MEMC 11 April 2018)
- An Israeli army sharpshooter shot and seriously injured a young Palestinian man with a live round in his neck, after the army attacked protesters near the border fence, east of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The IO soldier who shot the Palestinian was stationed, along with other army sharpshooters, behind the huge sand hills the army created along the border fence. (MEMC 11 April 2018)
- Israeli snipers deployed at the border fence in northern Gaza opened fire at two Palestinians and injured them. One was hit with live ammunition in the leg. His injury was described as moderate. Another Palestinian man sustained injury in the thigh by Israeli snipers, where he was described in moderate condition. (Wafa 11 April 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- In Qalqilia, in northern West Bank, several Israeli army jeeps invaded Azzoun town, east of the city, searched homes and detained a teenage boy, identified as Yassin Rajeh Shbeita, 16, in addition to Bassam Nabil Hussein. (MEMC 11 April 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched many homes in Tal village, southwest of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, before detaining two young men, identified as Luay Hassan al-Bahti and Ma'rouf Bassel al-Hindi. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)
- In Hebron in the southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Bani Neim town, east of the city, searched homes and detained an elderly man, identified as Oleyyan Mohammad Khalil, and his wife. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and searched homes in Doura town, southwest of Hebron, and detained a former political prisoner, identified as Ahmad Abdul-Majid Ibreiwish. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded several alleys in the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched several homes, and summoned Hadi al-Wahsh, for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center, south of the city. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)
- Several Israeli army jeeps invaded Beit Rima town, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. The IOA fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs at local youngsters. (IMEMC 11 April 2018)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli artillery shelled agricultural lands and a location to the east of Gaza City, while tanks and bulldozers infiltrated the area. Israeli military vehicles infiltrated the border to raze land in the area. Israeli artillery fired four shells at open agricultural lands near the border without causing any injuries. Israel said the shelling came in response to targeting Israeli military vehicles with explosive devices planted near the border fence. (Wafa 11 April 2018)

Other

- Israel denied entry of Ghanaian Member of Parliament Ras Mubarak to attend a conference planned in Ramallah. Mubarak, from the NDC's

Kumbungu party, was invited by the Palestinian Authority to give a speech at an Islamic conference in Ramallah planned to open on Wednesday. Israeli authorities had issued a permit for him to enter the occupied Palestinian territories through the Allenby border crossing with Jordan. However, when Mubarak arrived at the border, Israeli authorities, which controls entry into the occupied territories, did not allow him. (WAFA 11 April 2018)

- Settlers praying in the middle of a road serving about a dozen Palestinian villages, along with prolonged security checks by soldiers, are for all intents and purposes blocking the road for thousands of Palestinians living west of Ramallah. Road 450 connects the villages of Bitilu, Deir Ammar, Jamala, Ras Karkar, Jania and others to communities northwest of Ramallah and to the northern West Bank. After a Palestinian man from Kaubar murdered three members of the Salomon family in their home in the settlement of Halamish in July, the army closed the road to local Palestinian traffic, which was redirected to a path leading from the road to the village of Deir Nizam. This restriction forced Palestinians to make a large detour to reach their destinations. The order was extended a few times until December 24, but as the result of legal measures taken by local residents through human-rights lawyer Neta Amar Schiff, the closure order was not extended after that, and since then this part of the road is also officially open to Palestinians. However, right after the Salomon murders, residents of Halamish built an outpost on the east side of the road and declared it a new neighborhood of the settlement. At the edge of the road, just south of Halamish, a sign was put up in Arabic reading: "The area where you are now is under the control of the Jews. Entry by Arabs to this area is completely prohibited, danger of death!" The sign, which was not put up by Israel's Civil Administration, is often taken down but soon replaced. In recent months, an army unit stationed at two military roadblocks on the road — one next to the outpost and the other a few hundred meters south of it — has conducted prolonged inspections of Palestinians and their vehicles at the roadblocks. According to testimony given to Amar Schiff, the soldiers do not make do with checking identification and opening the trunk or the hood of the cars, but make the passengers turn off the engine and get out of the vehicle. Sometimes they stop people from talking on their cellphones. According to reports, sometimes a car will be allowed through the first checkpoint but not the second one. Even before these reports reached Amar Schiff, on a number of occasions students taking the bus to Bir Zeit University were ordered off the bus. Soldiers frisked male students and searched the bags of female students.

As a result, students began asking the drivers to take the detour, to avoid the humiliation of the prolonged inspections and the body searches. Individuals who said they tried arguing with the soldiers reported being subjected to even longer delays or being turned back at the first checkpoint. Sometimes when Israeli cars go through the checkpoint, soldiers will order Palestinians to wait on the shoulder of the road. Palestinians who gave statements to Amar Schiff on their experiences declined to give their names, out of fear of retaliation by soldiers. A few reported that they asked the soldiers why they were treating them this way, and said the soldiers told them outright it was so that Palestinians would take the detour (through Deir Nizam). In addition, a few months ago, settlers began praying on Saturday morning in the middle of the road between the outpost and the settlement. On Passover the prayers were also held in the interim days of the weeklong holiday, thus blocking the road to Palestinians for several hours for each day. Although the Israel Defense Forces Spokesman's Office told Haaretz that the prayers were not authorized by the army, soldiers were present to guard the worshippers. Thus during these hours the road was blocked completely to Palestinian traffic. (On Friday the worshippers demanded that the Haaretz photographer not take pictures because of the holiday.) Haaretz asked the IDF spokesman if this did not constitute a breach of the order of the general of command barring the extension of the travel restriction to Palestinians on this road. In a response, the army said it endeavors to maintain public order and security in the Halamish area and the road near the settlement. "This includes conducting inspections on the road from time to time, while attempting to minimize harm to the travelers' routine. Claims of extreme behavior during the inspections are not known, and they will be checked if details are provided." The statement said that prayers held on the road described by Haaretz in its query had not been authorized by the army, adding, "The security forces are working to maintain order on the road and disperse gatherings that disrupt traffic." The closure of a few hundred meters of road 450 to Palestinians will enable it to become an "interior" road between Halamish and the outpost built to its east, which is constantly expanding. The eastern part of road 450 is already blocked; Palestinians have not been allowed to use it since the beginning of the second intifada, in October 2000; it has become an interior road for the settlements of Talmon, Dolev and Nahliel. ([Haaretz](#) 11 April 2018)