



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 22 May 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.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shelled what they alleged to be a Hamas military post located east of the al-Bureij refugee camp, in the central Gaza Strip. Israeli Arm stationed in military towers along the border reportedly opened fire at several points east of al-Bureij. No injuries were reported, and the youth were said to have crossed back into the Gaza Strip, unharmed. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained invaded many neighborhoods in Hebron city, and installed roadblocks on roads leading to Sa'ir and Halhoul towns, in addition to Hebron's northern entrance, before stopping and searching dozens of cars. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Qalqilia city, in northern West Bank before storming Wajeeh Habees apartment building and violently searching all its flats. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main roads leading to Ras Karkar village, west of the central West Bank city of Ramallah. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the home of Ali Mohammad Dar Zeid, from the al-Jalazoun refugee camp, north of Ramallah, and detained him. The IOA cuffed the young man, and started hurling insults at him, before beating him up. He was moved to the military base in Beit El settlement, where he was held for five hours, before he was moved to the al-Maskobiyya detention and interrogation facility in Jerusalem. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Firas Marar, 27, from Hebron, after stopping him at the Container Roadblock, north of Bethlehem, at 7 in the morning on April 18th. The soldiers stopped the young man at the roadblock, and frequently assaulted him, before detaining him and moving him to Etzion military base and security center, north of Hebron. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked several homes in the city of Hebron and the al-'Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, and detained five Palestinians. The detained Palestinians have been identified as Mohammad Sharabati and Hasan Fadel al-Mohtaseb, from Hebron city, in addition to Ahmad Ibrahim Jawabra, Yahya al-Hoor and Qussai Jawabra. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Amir Bassel Deeriyya, 18, from Beit Fajjar town, south of Bethlehem, after summoning him for interrogation in Etzion military base and security center. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained five Palestinians from their homes in the al-'Isawiya town, in occupied East Jerusalem. Dozens of soldiers invaded the al-Isawiya town, in the heart of Jerusalem, before storming and violently searching homes. The IOA detained Mohammad Jihad Oleyyan, Mohammad Zakariya Oleyyan, Wadea' Daoud Oleyyan, Fayez Mheisin, Mohammad Amer Mahmoud. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two children, identified as Mohannad Qara'in, 14, and Ahmad Morad, 15, from Bab al-'Amoud in Jerusalem in occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers cut down 700 grape trees planted in Halhoul, to the north of Hebron. Orchard owners were identified as the brothers Maher and Ismail Karja, Israeli settlers cut a total of 400 grape trees; 200 of each. The other 300 were owned by Younes Abu Arish and Walid Duhdel; 100 and 200, respectively. The trees were cut around dawn using an electric chainsaw. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)
- Israeli settlers, last week, cut down 300 grape trees in the Umm Sahali area, near the town of Halhoul. The trees were owned by Jahshin family. (IMEMC 22 May 2018)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) notified to demolish residential structures and a health clinic in Shua'b Al Butum area, east of Yatta, south of Hebron. The IOA handed Isma'il Ishaq Jabarin a demolition order targeting a residential room, and his brother Muhannad, was handed a demolition order targeting another residential room and a tin-shack, and Mohammed Abed Jabareen, a demolition order targeting another residential tent he owns, in addition to a health clinic that serves citizens in the area under the pretext of building without

obtaining proper licensing documentation from the Israeli Civil Administration. (Wafa 22 May 2018)

Expansion of settlements

- Some 300 new apartments are put to sale in the settlement of Beit El the West Bank as part of the Buyer's Price program—a government-backed apartment purchase lottery that offers land at below market prices for sale to construction companies who vow to offer the future apartments at the lowest possible price. The plan will be executed after a 10-year stalemate in construction in Beit El and is the biggest marketing move in the settlement since the Buyer's Price program was launched by Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon. The prices of the apartments offered for sale cost 20 percent less than similar apartments offered for sale in the market. The initial price for an 85 square meter apartment will be NIS 584,762, where as the initial price for a 100 square meter apartment will be NIS 676,514, and a 120 square meter apartment will be NIS 798,849. The apartments include a balcony, storage room, and parking. The program's goal is to transform the Beit El's southeast agricultural area to a residential neighborhood as well as unification and re-division of the lands, which will be allocated to building houses, public offices, commercial areas, routes, and a public open space. The plan is to build 296 housing units in five different complexes in Beit El, being the biggest and significant marketing move in the settlements since the program started. In the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim merely 44 housing units went on the market as part of the Buyer's Price program. The Civil Administration's Supreme Planning Council approved last October the marketing of 300 housing units—a promise Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had given Rabbi Zalman Melamed and Beit El's settlers five and a half years ago, after Beit El's Ulpna hill's houses demolition. No houses have been built over the past decade within the boundaries of the Beit El Council, despite repeated promises to build new housing units. Kahlon's decision to lead the marketing of the housing units in Beit El coincides with his political positions on Israel's right to annex West Bank settlements, and with the political stalemate in talks with the Palestinians. ([YNETNEWS](#) 22 May 2018)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed Bab al-Amud area (The Damascus Gate area) with iron barriers and closed the limestone staircase area where Jerusalemites sit as a kind of entertainment and strolling usually at night after leaving Al-Aqsa

Mosque. The closure included all the staircases area in the vicinity of Bab al-Amud area, leaving Palestinians with only a corridor that takes them to Bab al-Amoud area to enter the old city of Jerusalem. (Wafa 22 May 2018)

Other

- Nati Rom, a settler from the illegal outpost of Esh Kodesh, is urging Switzerland to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, after the United States, Guatemala and Paraguay all made the move. Rom's organization Lev HaOlam ("Heart of the World") turned to the Federal Democratic Union of Switzerland (EDU)—a minor political party—seeking their help in convincing the Swiss government to move the country's diplomatic representation in Israel to the capital. With the help of the EDU, Lev HaOlam submitted a petition to the Foreign Ministry in Bern, demanding to move the embassy. The petition was signed by some 20,000 people. "It's important to understand there are a lot of people who see the great hypocrisy in the treatment of Israel, and they won't have it," Rom said. "They support Israel, and the Lev HaOlam organization meets with them all the time. We hear voices, which are gaining in strength, of citizens from different countries who call for an end to the hypocritical treatment of Israel." In addition to the petition, the Lev HaOlam organization also sent the Swiss Foreign Ministry a care package from West Bank settlements, including oil, wine and chocolate. The EDU is a nationalist-conservative party, whose members say it has been working to move the embassy in Israel to the capital since the party's foundation in 1975. The party's core principles are based on the values of the Bible, and the party holds conservative positions on family, society and education. ([YNETNEWS](#) 22 May 2018)