

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 23 April 2019

I he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats occupied Palestinian territory, the the in 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

 Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed an archaeological site in <u>Sabastia</u> village, in the northern occupied West Bank district of Nablus, on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed the archaeological site, for a second day in a row, under the protection of heavily armed Israeli forces. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up military checkpoints at all three entrances to Sabastia archaeological site, west of the village, and prevented Palestinian residents from reaching the area. The IOA sealed off the village under the pretext of easing access for hundreds of Israeli settlers to the archaeological site, in order to hold celebrations for the Jewish holiday of Passover. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians, including the head of the Al-Aqsa Mosque's Islamic Museum, in occupied East Jerusalem. The IOA detained Arafat Amro, the head of the Islamic Museum for Archelogy in Al-Aqsa Mosque, as he was leaving the holy site through Bab an-Nather and took him to an interrogation facility. Arafat was released in a 10.000 Shekels bail, after several hours of interrogation, and received an order barring him from Al-Aqsa Mosque and its compound where he works, for fifteen days. Furthermore, the IOA also detained a young man from Jerusalem, who remained unidentified after repeatedly assaulting him, causing various cuts and bruises. The IOA struck the young man on the head of face, causing severe bleeding, and took him to the Police station in the Salahuddin Street. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. They were identified as Hassan Ziyad Awad, Khader Muhammad al-Haroub, Hassan Yasri al-Haroub, and Hamza Yousef Hamdan. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)
- In the southern West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, five Palestinians were detained. They were identified Louay Ibrahim Abu Mufreh, 21,

Majdi Naij Abu Mufreh, 23, Mujahed Yousef Taqatqa, 16, Qusai Khaled Abu Salem, 24, Omar Hassan Salah, 34. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)

- In the central West Bank Governorate of Ramallah, two Palestinians were detained by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The two were identified as Sameh Fouad Lidadweh and Ahmad Nasser Abu Ali. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)
- In the central West Bank Governorate of Jericho, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained one Palestinian identified as Adi Faeq Tahan. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Salfit, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians, identified as Hamza Yacoub Radad and Wael Mahmoud Shaqir. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)
- In the northern West Bank Governorate of Jenin, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians, identified as Muataz Abu Maala, al-Hareth Abu Maala, Alaa Kamil, and Aysar Hussam al-Arqawi. (IMEMC 23 April 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

• The Israeli police commissioner in occupied Jerusalem, along with dozens of Israeli settlers, stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, under armed protection by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and police, for the fourth day of the Jewish holiday of Passover, also known as Pesach. Some 237 Israeli settlers stormed the compound through the Moroccan Gate since the early hours of Sunday and throughout the afternoon. Israeli police commissioner in Jerusalem, along with officers in the Old City of Jerusalem raided and toured the compound. Israeli settlers also attempted to perform religious rituals and prayers inside the compound, while dozens prayed at the Chain Gate, one of the Al-Aqsa gates. (Maannews 23 April 2019)

Israeli Closures

• Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed an archeological site in the Sabastiya village in the northern occupied West Bank Governorate of Nablus, on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed the archaeological site for a second day in a row under the protection of heavily armed Israeli forces. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up military checkpoints at all three entrances to Sabastiya and the archaeological site, west of the village, and prevented Palestinian residents from reaching the area. The IOA

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