

Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine 16 April 2020

he daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats the occupied Palestinian territory, in 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 against Palestinian civilians violence and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- The Israeli security summoned Palestine TV correspondent in Jerusalem, Christine Rinawi, for interrogation at the infamous Russian Compound police station in West Jerusalem. Israeli security service, known as Shabac, called her today and ordered her to appear at the Russian compound police station in the evening. The Shabac has shut down Palestine TV office in Jerusalem on December 6, seized all cameras and equipment and barred its employees from doing any work for the TV. Its staff were also detained and held for several hours. (WAFA 16 April 2020)
- Israeli police summoned for questioning Sheikh Omar Kiswani, the Director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem. In recent months, Kiswani was summoned several times by the Israeli occupation forces for questioning. The director of the Islamic Waqf Council, Abdul-Azim Salhab, was also recently summoned for questioning. (WAFA 16 April 2020)

Other

Israel has detained 1324 Palestinians since the start of this year, including 210 minors and 31 women. In addition, 295 Palestinians were placed in administrative detention without charge or trial for periods that can run into several years. Since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease, Israel detained 357 Palestinians in March, including 48 minors and four women. Of the total 5000 Palestinians currently incarcerated in Israel, there are 41 women prisoners and 180 minors. In addition, 26 prisoners have been in jail since before the signing of the Oslo accords between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel in 1993, with 51 prisoners incarcerated for more than 20 years, including 14 who have been in jail for more than 30 years, and 541 prisoners serving one or multiple life terms, the highest is for Abdallah Barghouti with 67 life terms. Among the 5000 prisoners, there are 430 Palestinians held in administrative detention and 13 journalists. (WAFA 16 April 2020)

The entire world has ground to a halt, but the Israeli military is carrying on its violent routine of occupation throughout the West Bank. From 1 March 2020 to 3 April 2020, Israeli security forces raided 100 homes in the West Bank and arrested 217 Palestinians, 16 of them minors. Forty percent of the individuals detained, and 60% of the minors, were arrested between 12 March and 3 April 2020 – after Israel and the Palestinian Authority had tightened restrictions on movement in the West Bank. B'Tselem field researchers documented night raids on 12 homes, eight of which belong to members of an extended family. In every case, soldiers forced their way in, waking the entire family. In some instances, the soldiers trapped all the members of the family in a single room while they turned the rest of the house upside down. Some of the raids lasted about three hours. Armed soldiers invading your home, an inherently violent affair - and in the middle of the night, to boot – is always terrifying. The "usual" terror is now compounded by the specific fear of contracting coronavirus from strangers who break into your home and stay there for some time. The fear does not abate once the soldiers leave. Every family whose home was raided continues to worry both for those who remain and for those arrested and taken away. The military's practice never to inform people where their loved ones are being held or when they will be released ramps up the anxiety. (BTSELEM 16 April 2020)