



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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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.

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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- Israeli navy and forces opened fire today at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the Gaza Strip and at farmers to the east of Khan Younis in two separate incidents. Israeli naval boats opened fire on fishermen despite sailing within the unilaterally designated fishing zone offshore Gaza City, causing damage to at least one boat. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed at military watchtowers along the Gaza perimeter fence to the east of Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, opened random fire toward Palestinian farmers as they were working in their own farms. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 19 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the homes of about 50 young Christian Palestinians in the old city of Jerusalem, and handed them fines, estimated at 5,000-shekels each on the pretext of celebrating the distribution of the holy light and not abiding by the Israeli instructions regarding COVID-19. (Wafa 19 April 2020)
- A young man was wounded during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA), which broke out near the annexation and separation wall, west of the Shweikeh suburb, north of Tulkarm. The IOA fired live bullets and tear gas canisters towards the Palestinians, wounding a 19-year-old man with a live bullet in the foot. (Wafa 19 April 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Under the protection of the Israeli occupation army (IOA), Israeli settlers living in Karmi Zur settlement hindered Palestinian farmers in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, from working on their lands. The settlers prevented Ibrahim Khalil Sabarneh, his family, and other farmers from working on and reclaiming their lands in Al Bouira area, an area of about 25 dunums, and warned them to return to that area again. (Wafa 19 April 2020)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- The Israeli “Regional Planning and Construction Council affiliated to the Municipality of Jerusalem revealed a settlement plan on the lands of Jabal Al Mukaber, south of occupied Jerusalem, with 410 settlement units, public facilities and a 100-room hotel, and to link the new settlement neighbourhood to the light rail network and the public rail network in the country until 2024. (NBPRS 19 April 2020)
- The Israeli “Regional Planning and Construction Council affiliated to the Municipality of Jerusalem deposited a plan in "Gilo" settlement, south of the occupied city of Jerusalem. The plan, which focuses on building 1300 new housing units, includes 100 thousand square meters for public buildings, 25 thousand square meters for commercial areas, 20,000 square meters for workshops, 15 square meters of open areas, and an area (83 dunums) northeast of the settlement to build up a school and a sports and cultural club. The plan includes the building of ten residential buildings with a height of 10-12 floors and seven towers of 25-35 floors that will constitute a substitute to the old tower consisting of about 290 housing units. (NBPRS 19 April 2020)