



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 naval forces, off the coast of Gaza, committed 17 violations against Gaza fishermen, during the month of March. Among those violations, opening heavy fire, unleashing waste water cannons and ruining fishing nets. The violations also included damaging two boats, belonging to two different fishermen from Gaza City. The recent amount of violations against fishermen came while Palestinian fishermen and many other categories of Palestinian workers, are coping with the spread of the coronavirus, worldwide, by following the precautions put forth by concerned health bodies, as many of those fishermen stay-in doors, to protect themselves. Fishing is the only source of income for fishermen to provide for their families, with the Gaza Strip having been subject to a crippling Israeli blockade, for 13 years now. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Kefah Hantouli from Jenin city in the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin after having broken into his home in the Kharouba neighborhood of Jenin. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- Israeli troops invaded the homes of Sami Alkilani from Ya'bad village and Fadi Abu Salah from Arraba village, which are parts of Jenin and detained them and have taken to unknown destinations. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dumped contaminated trash and spat on doors of vehicles and homes in the southern West Bank town of Beit Ummar at a time the Palestinians are trying to fight the spread of the deadly coronavirus pandemic. A large army force broke into a section of Beit Ummar located near the illegal settlement bloc of Gush Etzion and threw glares contaminated with an unknown substance, as well as trash, needles and used gloves between village homes. The IOA also spat on the doors of vehicles and homes, and insulted residents using racist terms, he said, raising concern that the soldiers intentionally want to spread coronavirus among the Palestinian civilians of that area. The IOA did the same near the house of freed prisoner, Fida Ikhilil, in the town where they spat at and insulted people in that area. (WAFA 6 April 2020)

- An Israeli court extended the detention of the Palestinian Authority's Jerusalem governor. The court issued a ruling extending the detention of Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith in line with Israeli intelligence's recommendation. The intelligence objected an earlier court ruling to release him. A day earlier, Israeli police raided Ghaith's house in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan before they detained him. Ever since he took office in early 2019, Ghaith was detained 17 times by Israeli occupation authorities. He is also banned from entering the occupied West Bank under the pretext of being in contact with the Palestinian leadership. (Wafa 6 April 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Armed Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian family in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron owned by Zeidan Alsharbaty, who lives in the Alshuhdaa St. in Hebron's downtown. Several armed Israeli settlers infiltrated onto the rooftop of his family home, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) were also present. The armed settlers vandalized water tanks and tore down a Palestinian national flag, before they replaced it with an Israeli flag. As the family attempted to intercept them, the settlers escaped towards the nearby Beit Hadasa settlement. As they were fleeing, they shouted angrily against the family, yelling insults at them. Alsharbaty and his family are now concerned that the attacking settlers might have poisoned the water inside the tanks on their rooftop." (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- Many Israeli settlers and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), invaded the town of Qusra, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The invading settlers came from Yesh Kodesh outpost, and attacked a few homes before residents of the Emergency and the Neighborhood Watch Committee intercepted them. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town and fired many live rounds and gas bombs at the Palestinians, leading to protests. It is worth mentioning that Israeli military bulldozers also invaded Palestinian lands in the area, and started bulldozing them, without proving any reasons for this violation. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ordered a halt on the construction of several Palestinian-owned structures in Khirbet Yarza in the Jordan Valley. The IOA handed a villager, identified as Salem Abu al-Tayyib, from Khirbet Yarza, east of Tubas city, a notice ordering him to stop the construction of his agricultural and residential structures including tents. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed notices to several villagers from al-Jiftlik, north of Jericho city, ordering them to halt the construction of agricultural and residential tents and to uproot their palm trees, citing *unlicensed construction* as a pretext for halting construction. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized a shipping container and tore down a stall in the Palestinian village of Khirbet Qalqas, south of Hebron city. The IOA escorted heavy equipment into the village, in the southern occupied West Bank, where the heavy machinery confiscated a shipping container and dismantled a stall for selling scrap, belonging to Palestinian resident, Mohammad Abu Sneineh. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)

Other

- Dozens of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails have gone on an open-ended hunger strike to denounce Tel Aviv's deliberate neglecting of their peers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Israel Prison Service (IPS) intentionally endangers the lives of Palestinian inmates by removing cleaning products from prisons' canteens and refusing to disinfect the prison cells or even conducting any tests on prisoners suspected of carrying the new coronavirus. The report cited 40-year-old Palestinian prisoner Fekri Mansour, who is behind bars in Shata Prison, as saying that Palestinian detainees are denied access to basic hygiene supplies and vital health care services. A number of Israeli jailers and interrogators and even Palestinian prisoners have tested positive for the virus. Israeli jailers did not wear protective gloves and face masks or take any other protective measures while dealing with Palestinian prisoners, and prison cells are small and almost packed with inmates, making social distancing hardly feasible. "To date, the occupation authority has not taken the necessary precautions to protect more than 5,500 Palestinian prisoners in its jails,

including women, the elderly, children and sick prisoners. (PNN 6 April 2020)

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