

ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 5 April 2012

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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli occupation tanks shelled at the eastern and northern parts of Ash Shuja'iya area and at the eastern part of Jabalyi and Beit Lahia towns. Wafa (April 5, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation army prevented crews of the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture from opening an agricultural roads east of Raba village east of Jenin, confiscated two bulldozers and some other equipments owned by the Ministry under the pretext that the area is classified as "Nature Reserve" and is located in Area "C". The IOA also

- detained the drivers of the bulldozers and took the equipments to the Jordan Valley..
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities will celebrate the opening of a new Police station in the Mount of Olives area near Al Aqsa Mosque in the presence of the Israeli minister of internal security affairs. ARN (April 5, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) arrested 20 Palestinians from Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah after raiding the village and a number of houses. The arrestees are: Riad Muhammad Shtewei (38 years), Thaer Shtewi (38 years), Ibrahim Muhammad 'Amer (25 years), Hikmat Shtewi (35 years), Harb Jum'a (18 years), 'Alqama Jum'a (24 years), Mahmoud Jum'a (17 years), Ahmad Abdel Qader (17 Years), Salam Barham (20 years), Yousif Shtewi (17 years), Qais Jum'a (16 years), Raslan Jum'a (25 years), Waseem Shtewi (22 years), Aws 'Amer (23 years), Mujahed 'Amer (22 years), Sabri 'Atta (22 years), Tareq Taha (19 yers) and Mahmoud Sabri Shtewi (19 years). The IOA also caused damages to the house of 'Atta Sabri. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Muhammad Qasem Barham (20 years) from Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyia city and took him to unknown destination. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation army (IOA) detained residents Mustafa Khaled Abdel Jabbara abu Baker and Mustafa yousif Abu Baker at the Iron Gate installed at Ya'bad's western entrance. The IOA took the two Palestinians to Mevo Dotan settlement and detained them for almost an hour and a half. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested resident Shafeeq Al Qawasma (64 years) after raiding his house in Hebron city. The IOA took resident Qawasma to unknown destination. ARN (April 5, 2012).

Israeli Settlers' violence

- The Israeli settlers and under the protection of Israeli occupation army attacked a number of Palestinian farmers in Wadi Yanun near Aqraba town southeast of Nablus city. The IOA arrested one of the farmers who were present at the site and confiscated the keys of one of the tractors. Wafa (April 5, 2012)
- Israeli settlers of Ramat Yeshai settlement and other settlers from Kiryat Arba' settlement attacked Palestinian houses in Tel Ar Rumeida area, chased residents with Molotov cocktails and hurled stones at them. Settlers' attacks caused the burning of a house owned by Seder

- Family and a car owned by Qfeisha family. Settlers also beat a child from Al Taweel family. These attacks came to prevent the evacuation of Abu Rajab house which was taken over by settlers two days ago. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Peni Hever fired live bullets at Palestinian farmers while they working in their lands in Al Hamra area near the settlement and made holes to the wheels of the cars and the tractor at the site. Maannews (April 5, 2012).

Expansion of settlement

Israel's Housing Ministry published tenders for the construction of hundreds of new housing units in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Har Homa, located beyond the Green Line. The five tenders published by the ministry include 827 new housing units, most of which, 632, are to be part of a new section of the neighborhood called Har Homa Gimel, which is slated to be built on an empty hill. The new construction will significantly expand Har Homa to the south and east, bringing it closer to Palestinian towns Beit Sahour and Nuaman. Har Homa Gimel is actually a new neighborhood being presented as part of an existing neighborhood, adding that its construction would make the existing disconnect between Bethlehem and Jerusalem permanent. Another tender to build 180 housing units in Giv';at Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city Haaretz (April 5, 2012)

Others

• Israel's Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz said in an interview with religious daily Makor Rishon that during his term, assistance to settlement in the West Bank and in the Golan rose significantly. Steinitz said that the assistance came because of his deep feeling "that in recent years settlements were discriminated against due to considerations stemming from international pressure and the fact that certain organizations were not investing in settlements in the territories out of fear that such a step would damage their fund-raising ability." Steinitz said that "we had to compensate the settlements for the damage done by the (construction) freeze and the slower pace of building – I am very proud of this." He added that he also "had the privilege to contribute much to the Ariel cultural center which was stuck for years because of budgetary problems, and to the Kiryat Arba cultural center." According to Steinitz, the ministry is now assisting the construction of a cultural center in Ma'aleh Adumin. Haaretz (April 5, 2012)