



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 03 April 2015

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.*

*The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in Silwad town, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of three people. (Wattan 3 April 2015)
- Clashes erupted between Palestinians and the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) at Ein Al- Louza neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets, and teargas and stun grenades at

Palestinians and houses, causing dozens of suffocation cases. (SilwanIC 3 April 2015)

- Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem and the Israel Ministry of Tourism escorted by the Israeli company for buses and Trains declared that the new project “Tourist Train” will tour inside the old city of Jerusalem and near its southern wall, on the eve of “Passover” holiday. According to the declaration, the train will travel for 30 min, starting from Hebron gate, west of the old city, through the Armenian and Jewish neighborhood then it will reach to the Walling wall “Western wall”. (SilwanIC 3 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Bilin village, northwest of Ramallah city. The IOA fired rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades, causing dozens of suffocation cases and the injury of Kefah Mansour (33 years). (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)
- Five Palestinians were injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in An-Nabi Saleh village, north of Ramallah city. The IOA fired live and rubber bullets and teargas grenades. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)
- Majf Abu Khalid (23 years) was injured and dozens suffered gas inhalation after the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the weekly non-violent protest against the segregation wall and settlements in Kafr Qaddum village, east of Qalqiliyah city. The IOA used live and rubber bullets, teargas grenades and wastewater to attack Palestinians. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinians, houses and land, east of Abbsan and Al-Khaza’a towns, east of Khan Younis city, south of Gaza strip. As a result, four Palestinians were injured. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) prevented Palestinians from organizing “Land festival” in Umm Ar-Rihan village, west of Jenin city. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested five Palestinians after storming their houses in Ath-Thawri neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The arrestees were identified as: Hani Shwiki (27 years), Bassel Shwiki (20 years), Mahmoud ‘Ashour (16 years), Amjad Shwiki (16 years) and Tawfiq Shwiki (17 years). (SilwanIC 3 April 2015)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mahmoud As-Sa'di from Jenin city after stopping him at a sudden checkpoint erected by the IOA near the Dead Sea. (Wattan 3 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Mohammad Anas Khalililia (25 years) after storming his house in Jaba village, southwest of Jenin city. During the operation, the IOA fired teargas and stun grenades inside the house. (ARN 3 April 2015)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Israeli settlers living in Beit 'Ayin settlement uprooted 100 olive trees from Palestinian land in Al- Jab'a village, southwest of Bethlehem city. (Mawwal 3 April 2015)
- Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a number of Palestinian houses in Yanun village, southeast of Nablus city. During the operation, the IOA arrested two Palestinians, identified as: Riad Aqil Bani Jaber and Qatebah Khalil Rabee. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected military checkpoints at the entrances of Beit Fajjar village, south of Bethlehem city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. (Al-Quds 3 April 2015)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) erected a military checkpoint at the entrance of Yabad town, west of Jenin city. The IOA stopped and searched Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. During the operation, the IOA detained dozens of Palestinians, one of them was identified as: Hassan Ahmed Abu Bakir. (Wattan 3 April 2015)

### **Other**

- Construction in Gilo draws political condemnation. The building of 708 Jewish homes commenced this week in a forested area of the southern Jerusalem neighborhood. Construction for 708 Jewish homes commenced this week in a forested area of the southern Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo, which is over the 1949 Armistice Line, drawing the ire of both Palestinian activists and environmentalists on Thursday. According to Ir Amim, a left-wing NGO that focuses on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Jerusalem, government bulldozers have begun uprooting trees to make room for the homes approved by the Construction Ministry one year ago in the neighborhood's northwest.

Arguing that last year's announcement to build in Gilo while US Secretary of State John Kerry was in Israel helped derail peace talks, the NGO said this week's groundbreaking proves that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has no intention of agreeing to a two-state solution. Meanwhile, east Jerusalem Portfolio holder and Meretz city councilman Dr. Meir Margalit described the timing of the construction, which coincides with the PA's membership to the International Criminal Court, as ludicrous. "To do this during this specific period, when the PA is going to the International Criminal Court in Geneva, proves that someone in the government is crazy to do this now," said Margalit. "It will only add more motivation to present lawsuits against Israel." "The government never has good timing when it builds settlements," he conceded. "But to do this when the PA enters the Criminal Court shows that they are completely out of touch." When the ministry announced the approval of the Gilo tenders last April, Aviv Tatarsky, a researcher at Ir Amim, contended that the construction was intended to block the contiguity of a Palestinian state. "The units are part of over 4,500 units approved since 2012, and if realized, tenders like this would cut off Bethlehem from east Jerusalem," he said. "It's not just building beyond the Green Line, this kind of construction dramatically changes the facts on the ground." The groundbreaking comes one week after the planned construction of some 1,500 apartments in the capital's southeastern Har Homa neighborhood were frozen, and two days after preliminary plans for the construction of 2,200 Arab housing units in the capital's southeastern Jebel Mukaber neighborhood were approved by the Interior Ministry's District Planning and Building Committee. Right-wing city councilman Arieh King condemned both the freeze and approved Arab expansion as a "de facto means" of changing demographic facts on the ground. "When the government and municipality are approving thousands of apartments for Arabs, and at the same time are freezing new developments for Jews, what they are doing is changing the demographic status of Jerusalem," he said earlier this week. The Construction Ministry has repeatedly denied that the Gilo approval is politically motivated. ([JPost](#) 3 April 2015)