



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 5 April 2017

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

- A 23-year-old Palestinian was critically injured with live fire during clashes Wednesday before dawn in the al-Duheisha refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Bethlehem Governorate, as Israeli occupation Army (IOA) conducted a detention raid in the camp. The IOA raided several houses in the camp, causing clashes to erupt between Palestinian youth of the camp and the IOA who opened live fire at youth, injuring Akram al-Atrash with three bullets. (Maannews 5 April 2017)

- Two armored Israeli bulldozers, three tanks and bulldozers, stationed at a military base across the border fence, invaded Palestinian agricultural lands, east of Jabalia, in the northern part of the coastal region, while Israeli planes also sprayed lands with toxins. The soldiers advanced approximately 300 meters into the lands, and started uprooting them, while firing many live rounds, forcing the Palestinians away, while military drones flew overhead. In addition, Israeli aircraft sprayed many areas of agricultural lands with toxins, in the eastern part of the besieged Gaza Strip, for the second consecutive day. The lands are planted with wheat, barley, Okra, melons, and several other types of plants that provided livelihood to many families. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) brutally attacked three Palestinians during their arrest. Detainee Ibrahim Abu Daya, 24, was violently attacked and beaten during his arrest and investigation process. Montasser Abdelhamid Za'eig, 24, was also attacked while being arrested and taken in a military jeep, while the detainee Saber Yahya Amour, 23, was violently beaten by Israeli forces during his arrest from his house in Takoa vilage, south of Bethlehem. The three detainees were all arrested on April 2. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- Israeli naval forces opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats off the northern coast of Gaza. No injuries were reported. (Maannews 5 April 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided al-Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem Governorate and detained four Palestinians, identified by locals as Mutasem Raqban, Ahmad Sarar, Ahmad al-Sarawi, and Akram al-Atrash, who was critically injured with three live bullets after clashes erupted during the raid. (Maannews 5 April 2017)
- In the Bethlehem-area village of Nahalin, southwest of Bethlehem city, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Omran Yusif Omran, Ibrahim Waleed Najajra, Adel Mahmoud Ghayatha, and Abd al-Karim Shakarna. (Maannews 5 April 2017)
- In the northern West Bank, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 23 year-old Amer Nahid Sarojji from the Tulkarem refugee camp. (Maannews 5 April 2017)

- The 35-year-old Luay Saabna and his 25-year-old brother Shafiq Saabna were detained from the Jenin-area village of Fahma in the northern West Bank. (Maannews 5 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested THE Palestinian national basketball team player, Hamza Abdullah, 22 from Far'oun village in Tulkarem governorate. The IO soldiers stormed the player's home, blew up its doors and wreaked havoc inside. His father and brothers were detained for a while before arresting Hamza and taking him to an unknown destination. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Palestinian worker Amer Ziyoud, 28, from Silat al-Harithiya village, west of Jenin city. The worker was rounded up while passing through Bartaa military checkpoint to the south of the village. (PALINFO 5 April 2017).
- Israeli soldiers invaded homes in Silwan town, south of Jerusalem city and abducted a young man, identified as Khaled az-Zeer, before moving him to an interrogation center. (IMEMC 5 April 2017).
- Several military vehicles invaded Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, also searched homes, and abducted 'Ayed Abu Ghosh, Salim Abu Ghosh and Salem Abu Ghosh. Salem is the father of Hussein Abu Ghosh, 24, who was killed by Israeli army fire, on January 25th 2017. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)
- Israeli soldiers invaded Fahma village, south of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, violently searched homes and abducted three Palestinians, including a local lawyer whose car was illegally confiscated. The three abducted Palestinians were identified as abducted Shafiq Mahmoud Sa'abna, 27, Salam Sa'abna, and lawyer Luay Ahmad Sa'abna, 35. The army caused excessive damage to the searched homes, and confiscated the car of the abducted lawyer, before moving the three Palestinians to an unknown destination. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)
- In Tulkarem, also in the northern part of the West Bank, the Israeli soldiers invaded homes in Tulkarem refugee camp, searched them, and abducted a young man, identified as Amir Srouji, 23. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers of the Israeli settlement outpost of Sidi Bouaz leveled a Palestinian land in Ein al-Qassis area in al-Khader town south of Bethlehem. The settlers used soil and rocks in order to level the

Palestinian land. The land leveling aimed at setting up mobile house caravans for settlers in the area. (Maannews 5 April 2017)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished Palestinian residential tents and livestock shelters west of Salfit Governorate. The IOA demolished 3 residential tents housing the Shheibar homeless family in Abu al-R'eish area, between Deir Balout and al-Laban villages, west of Salfit. The IOA further knocked down six shelters for raising livestock and ordered the family to evacuate the other shelters in no more than a week's time. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) ordered a Palestinian citizen to stop the underway construction of a water well in eastern Bethlehem governorate. The Israeli antiquities authority handed over a stop-construction order, targeting a water well, to the Palestinian citizen Mohamed Ali Zawahra in Beit Ta'mar village east of Bethlehem city. The cease-construction notification was issued on account that the area falls under the Israel-run category. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed home demolition orders to two Palestinians of al-Hathalein family, Yaser and Adel, in Umm al-Khair village in Masafer Yatta. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- In Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron city, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided two locations in the town, then searched and wreaked havoc in two homes belonging to Mutasem and Ibrahim Breijiye. (PALINFO 5 April 2017)
- A Jerusalem family from Beit Hanina town, north of occupied East Jerusalem, demolished its own home, to avoid excessively high penalties and fines, imposed by the City Council, in addition to the extremely expensive bills it would pay, if the city demolished their property. The house was built fifteen years ago, and the property has been providing shelter to several persons. The family has no other option but to demolish its own home, because the bills the Council would send after demolishing the home would be as high as 250.000 Israeli Shekels. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)
- Fayez Abdul-Latif Ja'abees and his brother Suleiman had to demolish their homes, also to avoid the high fines and fees, after the City Council denied all appeals. The two homes were built three years ago, each of 150 square/meters, and housed sixteen Palestinians, including twelve children. (IMEMC 5 April 2017)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli military vehicles conducted a “limited incursion” onto lands in eastern Jabaliya in northern Gaza Strip, with Israeli military bulldozers leveling lands in the area. (Maannews 5 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army bulldozers leveled agricultural land in KHALLET AL QOTON and Jabal Abu Za’rour which resulted in the uprooting of Olive seedlings in the area owned by Abdel Hameed Mezher and Ahmad Abu Sror. The total leveled area is estimated at 100 dunums of land. (Wafa 5 April 2017)

Other

- The Jerusalem municipality and the Jerusalem Development Authority want to build a suspension bridge over the Ben-Hinnom Valley, between the neighborhood of Abu Tor and Mount Zion. The plan was presented Monday for discussion in the local building and planning committee. However, in light of opposition by City Councilwoman Laura Wharton (Meretz), the committee’s legal adviser instructed the discussion to be taken off the agenda because it had been submitted at the last minute and lacked information. The bridge, set to be 197 meters long, or about 650 feet, and 30 meters off the ground, is planned mainly for use by tourists. Most of it will be situated in the former no-man’s land that separated Israel and Jordan before the Six-Day War. “City officials are once again making a grab in the planning committee and pouring more public money into a project that will infuriate the international community. It’s a pity, because there is a great deal of serious work to do in Jerusalem and there is no reason to invest in turning the city into an amusement park,” Wharton said. Wharton added: “The Jerusalem Development Authority has already wasted much time and resources in this bizarre plan, thanks to the fact that Nir Barkat is still the city’s mayor on paper and at the same time, has been serving as [the authority’s] temporary chairman for the past three years. If Barkat keeps this up, he can at least give up the huge PR budgets and rely on the state comptroller to give him prominence.” The municipality said in response: “No political argument was raised in the meeting, because the area in question has been within the State of Israel since its founding. This is not a grab by anyone and the request [for discussion of the plan] was placed on the agenda because the committee is going on Passover recess.” The city added: The committee members asked for more time to examine the request, which was submitted a short time before the meeting, and so they asked to bring it to the next meeting. The legal adviser saw the request as reasonable and therefore recommended that discussion be postponed. In light of this, the committee chairman decided to

postpone the discussion. The bridge is part of the previous Jerusalem development plan and the municipality will continue to promote other plans in the area.” During the 19 years in which the city was divided, most of the area stretching from Jaffa Gate through the Ben-Hinnom Valley was completely abandoned and neglected, strewn with destroyed and crumbling buildings. ([Haaretz](#) 5 April 2017)

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